



THE PRO-BUZZ

JULY, 2008

HAPPY CANADA DAY

Once again we enjoyed perfect weather for our participation in the Cobourg Canada Day Parade. Our group was led by our three daring “Mobile Marauders” – Millie Hill – Peter Loader – and “rookie” Paddy McIlroy on their scooters. Millie’s job was to ride herd on Paddy, as she has given up trying to keep track of Peter. Our Flag bearers this year were Marilyn Wood, Jerry Moran (who kept asking – “are we there yet?”), Wilson Dow and myself. Don Jones was next with our big Probus sign, and two very excited grand-children.

Then came the club banner carried by Anne Grant and Ann Hollis and escorted by our indomitable marchers Theresa Smith (our V.P.) – Marjorie Jones – June Loader – and Jean Crowley.



Bringing up the rear, and keeping us moving, was Bill Alls in his “convertible”, accompanied by the lovely Maura McGeachy, who kept photographing everyone’s back-side. We’ll have to move her up closer to the front next year.



It is appropriate, I believe, that we recognize some of the stalwarts, who have done yeoman service in past years, and who now find it difficult to handle the longer march. Marg and Jens Madsen, Al Poppke, Ron Bushby, and Verna Templer come to mind, and I’m sure there were many others if only my memory banks worked better. It is a tribute to our club that new volunteers come forward each year so that we can continue to contribute to the celebration of our Country’s Birthday.

Organized and Reported by: **Errol Markle**



COMING EVENTS

West Ben Campbellford – Friday, July 25th at 2:00 PM - \$28 – See Marilyn Wood.

4th Line Theater – Friday and Saturday, July 18th and 19th @ 6:00 PM – Last Green Hill - \$20 Friday and Saturday, August 15th and 16th @ 6:00 PM – School House - \$20 – See Marg Madsen.

The Love List – Thursday, July 31st, Saturday, August 9th, and Saturday, August 23rd – Park Play House - \$14

Barbeque – Thursday, August 28th – Bill and Everil Alls' Estate – Organizers are Barbara and George Lawrence, and Jennifer and Doug Lloyd – More details to come.

The Jersey Boys – Wednesday, September 17th – Toronto Center for the Performing Arts (formerly the Ford Center) - Price will be around \$120 – See Barb Rusk with a partial payment of \$50.

Car Rally – Late September or Early October – One of our newer members, Sam Elliott, has agreed to organize this popular event, and is looking for members to assist him - More details to come.

Note: Verna is still looking for a Chairperson for the Christmas Party on Thursday, December 11th.

Provided By: **Verna Templer**

MEETING SPEAKERS

Thursday, July 10th

Barbara Keenan – Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

Thursday, July 24th

Pete and Marilyn Csefco – Pete plays the guitar and Marilyn sings – This will be a pleasant morning of Music.

Thursday, August 14th

Cheryl Richeson – Teaching the Blind

Thursday, August 28th

Annual BBQ at the Everil and Bill Alls' Estate

Provided by: Ron

Templer

PICNIC IN THE PARK

On Thursday June 26th our picnic in the park was once again held at the Lawn Bowling Club in Cobourg.

The day was beautiful with sunshine and a nice breeze keeping away unwanted bugs. We had a terrific buffet with everything imaginable - salads, a variety of meats and pickles, home made bread and desserts that were unbelievable. You name it. We even had a cake decorated with the Probus crest. We sat at tables with tablecloths. What a way to have a picnic. Even hot tea and coffee.



Before and after lunch, lawn bowling was enjoyed (with lessons) for all who were interested. Of course, plenty of visiting and even a game of bridge was enjoyed.



Eileen Wilkinson and her helpers are due a big **Thank You** once again! They sure have the routine down to a science to make it run smoothly. Thanks Folks.

For those who missed our picnic I would suggest you put it on your calendar for next year and don't miss it. Where else could you get such a Banquet for only bringing your favourite dish?

Reported by: **Carol Ann Johnson**

TICK REMOVAL

Tick Removal! Tick Removal! (tis the season) Please forward to anyone with children, grandchildren, pets, everyone!! A School Nurse has written the info below -- good enough to share -- and it really works!!

I had a pediatrician tell me what she believes is the best way to remove a tick. This is great, because it works in those places where it's sometimes difficult to get to with tweezers: between toes; in the middle of a head full of dark hair; etc.

Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball, and let it stay on the repulsive insect for a few seconds (15-20), after which the tick will come out on its' own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away.

This technique has worked every time I've used it (and that was frequently), and it's much less traumatic for the patient and easier for me. Unless someone is allergic to soap, I can't see that this would be damaging in any way. I even had my doctor's wife call me for advice, because she had one stuck to her back and she couldn't reach it with tweezers. She used this method and immediately called me back to say, 'It worked!' Please pass on: everyone needs this helpful hint.

Provided by: **Carol Ann Johnson**

THIS SHOULD PLEASE OUR FEMALE MEMBERS

Three men were hiking through a forest when they came upon a large, raging, violent river.

Needing to get to the other side, the first man prayed: 'God, please give me the strength to cross the river.' Poof! God gave him big arms and strong legs and he was able to swim across in about 2 hours, having almost drowned twice.

After witnessing that, the second man prayed: 'God, please give me strength and the tools to cross the river.' Poof! ... God gave him a rowboat and strong arms and strong legs and he was able to row across in about an hour after almost capsizing once

Seeing what happened to the first two men, the third man prayed: 'God, please give me the strength, the tools and the intelligence to cross the river.' Poof! ... He was turned into a woman. She checked the map, hiked one hundred yards up stream and walked across the bridge

Moral : If at first you don't succeed, do it the way your wife told you!

Provided by: **Maura McGeachy**

PROBUS GOLF, MONDAY, JUNE 16

On June 16, 31 golfers arrived at Shelter Valley Pines for a morning of PROBUS GOLF.

After all the scores were tallied, Team #1 (Fred Cooke, Rolland Alexander, Barb Rusk and Marian Boys), and Team #8 (Danny Robertson, Marilyn Wood and George Lawrence) tied with a 35. Pat Robertson had low ladies score with a 40 while 3 guys tied with a low score of 39 - Danny Robertson, Fred Cooke and George Lawrence. Longest drive for ladies was Everil Alls, and closest to the pin for ladies was Barb Lawrence. Longest drive for the men was George Lawrence, and closest to the pin for the men was Geoff Coleman.



Definition of PROBUS GOLF...great weather, great fellowship, good food, cold beer, lots of laughs and who cares about the scores.

Organized and Reported by: **Barb and George Lawrence**

SENSIBLE OBSERVATIONS

"Everybody's got to believe in something. I believe I'll have another beer."

--W. C. Fields

Do you know why they call it "PMS"? Because "Mad Cow Disease" was taken.
--Author Unknown, presumed deceased

Provided by: **Pamela Jackson**

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 23/08 @ 9:00 a.m.
Roxburgh Glen Golf Club
Shotgun Start. Nine Holes of play your own ball.

Low Gross Scores for the day was "44"
This score was shared by Ann Grant,
Stan Maggs & Gord Saunders.

Men's Longest Drive - Eric Carleton
Lady's Longest Drive - Ann Gordon
Men's Closest to the Pin - Fred Cooke
Lady's Closest to the Pin - Joan Hanlon



Special **"Thank You"** to **Stan Maggs and Donna Cooke** for their help.

Organized and Reported by: **Fred Cooke**

SUBJECT: SIAMESE TWINS

Siamese twins walk into a pub in Ontario and park themselves on a bar stool. One of them says to the barkeeper, 'Don't mind us, we're joined at the hip. I'm John, he's Jim. Two Molson Canadian beers, draft please'.

The barkeeper, feeling slightly awkward, tries to make polite conversation while pouring the beers. Been on holiday yet, lads?' 'Off to England next month,' says John. 'We go to England every year and hire a car and drive for miles, don't we, Jim?' Jim agrees.

'Ah, England!' says the barkeeper. 'Wonderful country...the history, the beer, the culture...'_ 'Nah, we don't like that British crap,' says John. 'Hamburgers & Molson's beer, that's us, eh Jim? And we can't stand the English - they're so arrogant and rude.'

'So why keep going to England?' asks the barkeeper. 'It's the only chance Jim gets to drive.'

Provided by: Pamela Jackson

HAVING A BAD DAY????

A woman came home to find her husband in the kitchen shaking frantically, almost in a dancing frenzy, with some kind of wire running from his waist towards the electric kettle. Intending to jolt him away from the deadly current, she whacked him with a handy plank of wood, breaking his arm in two places. Up to that moment, he had been happily listening to his Walkman.

There now, Feeling Better ?

Provided by: **Pamela Jackson**

A PASTOR'S DILEMA



A pastor's wife was expecting a baby, so he stood before the congregation and asked for a raise?

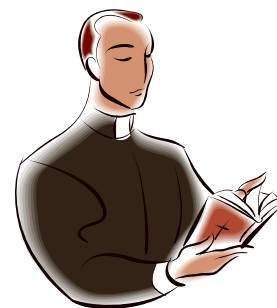
After much discussion, they passed a rule that whenever the preacher's family expanded, so would his paycheck. After 6 children, this started to get expensive and the congregation decided to hold another meeting to discuss the preacher's expanding salary.

A great deal of yelling and inner bickering ensued, as to how much the clergyman's additional children were costing the church, and how much more it could potentially cost.

After listening to them for about an hour, the pastor rose from his chair and spoke, "Children are a gift from God, and we will take as many gifts as He gives us."

Silence fell on the congregation.

In the back pew, a little old lady struggled to stand, and finally said in her frail voice, "Rain is also a gift from God, but when we get too much of it, we wear rubbers."



The entire congregation said, "Amen."

GOLF GROUP RESULTS – MONDAY, JUNE 30TH



--- Only 23 golfers made it out to Pine Ridge G.& C. Pity to those that didn't! Too much Pre Canada Day Celebrating?? It was a beautiful day, and the golf course was in pristine condition.

Cathy Alexander was closest to the pin for the ladies, and Bill Alls for the men on hole # 2. Monica Hewson had the longest drive for the ladies, and George Lawrence for the men on hole # 6. The team of George & Barb Lawrence, and Donna & Fred Cooke had the low team score of 39. Second was the fearsome threesome of; Rolly Alexander, Joan Hanlon, and Bill Alls with a 40.

Organized and Reported by: **Everil and Bill Alls**

SOME THOUGHTS OF THE FAMOUS

By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher.

-- Socrates

I never drink water because of the disgusting things that fish do in it.

-- W.C. Fields