



THE PRO-BUZZ

JUNE, 2008

SPRING FLING

On May 28th, the Probus Spring Fling was held at the Jack Burgher Complex, hosted by the Port Hope Probus Club. Over 700 people attended, and it was a most successful get-together.

Here are some of the highlights from this meeting. There were 17 clubs represented as follows: Brighton, Peterborough and District, Port Hope (the host club), Ajax, Belleville, Colborne, Ganaraska Valley of Port Hope, Probus Club of Northumberland, Probus Club of Cobourg and District, Cobourg North Shore, Whitby, Whitby West, Lakefield, Lindsay, Oshawa, and Quinte West (Belleville).

We arrived at 9 AM to a delicious breakfast of buns, cookies, fruit, tea, coffee and juice. Many old friends renewed friendships, and made new ones from all the clubs that were represented. We were welcomed by the Past President of Probus Canada, Beth Hickerson, and she gave us some interesting information, which you might enjoy. There are 194 Probus Clubs across Canada, and 137 of these are in Ontario. Of these 71 are combined clubs, 35 are men only, and 31 are women only. She told us this is the largest gathering of Probians to ever take place at one time and in one place across Canada. We think we done ourselves proud.

We also met our new Director of District 1, Peter Doyle, who is replacing our own beloved Stone Avery. Incidentally, we have 7 Probus Clubs in Northumberland County.

Our guest speaker was Marina Nermat who authored her book, "Prisoner of Tehran", in which she told of her 2 years in an Iranian Prison, and the unspeakable torture she endured. She was a wonderful speaker, and had a very frightening story to relate, in a challenging acoustic environment, which included a powerful and heartfelt tale of faith and survival, which captured world wide attention following its publication in 2007.

It was a highly successful meeting enjoyed by all. Kudos to Port Hope for their meticulous organization of this large event.

Reported by: **Don Kerby and Ron Templer**

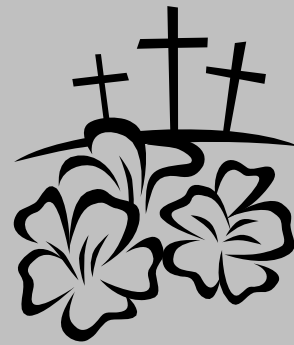


PRO-BUZZ MASCOT

THEY WILL BE MISSED

Diane Maggs 1946 – 2008

Barbara Meyer 1932 – 2008



COMING EVENTS

Golf Tournament – Monday, June 23rd – Roxburgh Glen Golf Course (formerly Larchmere) – First Tee-off Time @ 9:00 AM – Greens Fees \$16 – Fred Cooke is the Organizer.

Picnic in the Park – Thursday, June 26th at 11:00 AM – Lawn Bowling Club House - If planning to bowl, wear flat, soft-soled shoes – Bring dishes, cutlery, and a “pot luck” food dish for the first course or desert.

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

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

Barbeque – Thursday, August 28th – Bill and Everil Aills’ 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, June 12th

Peter Stokes – Architect - Restoration of Victoria Hall during the Seventies – Wonderful Speaker and famous for his work in many corners of the World. This should be especially interesting for our members, who are new to Cobourg, and do not know the history of the Grand Old Lady of King Street.

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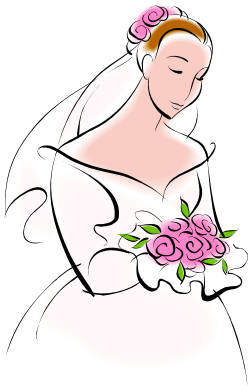
Picnic in the Park – No Speaker

Thursday, July 10th

Barbara Keenan – Big Brothers and Big Sisters

Provided by: **Ron Templer**

There Goes The Bride



About 50 Of our members went to the Park Theatre on May 16th and 17th to see "There Goes The Bride" starring our own Betsy Stanley, and Betsy and her 'Husband', certainly were the stars of the show WAY TO GO BETSY. The theatre is as it was as a movie theatre, which several of us will remember, only the seats are far more comfortable and roomy. The stage was lovely and the show moved along very quickly.

We should support the Park Theatre. They are bringing in shows of interest to people of our age, and many also of interest to the young people of our area, which is needed.

So Christine Wilson has recommended that we go to see an upcoming production called LOVE LIST, which is coming to the Park on July 24th. Christine saw this show in Mexico and says it is the funniest show she has ever seen. And the same actors are doing the Cobourg show. Listen for more information at our meeting.

Reported by: Verna Templer

Having a Bad Day????

The average cost of rehabilitating a seal after the Exxon Valdez Oil spill in Alaska was \$80,000. At a special ceremony, two of the most expensively saved animals were being released back into the wild amid cheers and applause from onlookers.

A minute later, in full view, a killer whale ate them both.

There now, Feeling Better?

Provided by: **Pamela Jackson**

THIRTY FIVE NORTHUMBERLAND PROBUSCIAN OLD FOGIANS INVADE COBOURG CREEK GOLF COURSE

The police were not called because the thirty five, less than young drivers, were not drinking --- at least not until after the ninth hole.

May 12th was the first outing of the NFPOFGA at Cobourg Creek. There was a shotgun start, even though there was no question or threat of terrorism.

All the aged natives started from their pre-assigned tees, and converged on the Mill Pub for lunch, --- some absolutely gasping for liquid refreshment and socializing. Lunch, liquid and solid, was partaken of and enjoyed by all. Of statistical note, Ted Jex was the most profligate with his entrance fee, with a score of 42. Collectively the group used at least 2200 shots to get to the pub!!!! This seemed to be a great start to the NPOFGA season.



Prepared by: **Ian Rogerson**

GOLFING AT SALT CREEK - MONDAY, MAY 26TH

Thanks to the 32 golfers that showed up on a damp and rainy morning. As the morning progressed, the sun came out and it got warmer. I even managed to take my sweater and jacket off.



The scores ranged from 32 to 38, and the winning team was; Michael Hanlon, Ted Jex, Frank Crowley, and Danny Robertson.

Hope everyone had a good time, I did, lots of fun.

Lunch was at the Warkworth Golf Club, unfortunately we were not there, but heard the food was good and so was the service.

Thanks again all you hardy golfers for coming out.

Reported by: **Mary Davies**

SENSIBLE OBSERVATIONS

"Bigamy is having one wife/husband too many. Monogamy is the same."
--Oscar Wilde

"Suppose you were an idiot. And, suppose you were a member of Congress. But I repeat myself."
--Mark Twain

"Our bombs are smarter than the average high school student. At least they can find Afghanistan."
--A. Whitney Brown

Provided by: Pamela Jackson

GOLF TRIP TO GANANOQUE - JUNE 4TH, 5TH, AND 6TH

The golfing gang returned from our golf outing in Gananoque. There were no losers, just winners, but some were more winners than others.

The two golfers with the best scores were; Pat Robertson & George Lawrence

The best team for 9 holes was;.....Barb Lawrence, Norm Davies, Fred Cooke, & Errol Markle.....who won ball caps from Shelter Valley Pines and Smuggler's Glen. The best team for 18 holes was;.....Errol Markle, Verna Templer, Eric Carleton, & George Lawrence.....who won 9 holes of golf at Shelter Valley Pines or Roxburgh Glen.



Winners for the longest drives were;.....Everil Alls & George Lawrence, and closest to the pins were;.....Pat Robertson & Doug Lloyd.

The black ball team winners were;.....Doug Lloyd, Barb Lawrence, Catherine Alexander, & Ian Rogerson.....lost at the 11th hole.

The big winner, that required no golfing skill at all [pulled her number out of a hat] was;.....Anne Margles who won 18 holes of golf (with cart) at Salt Creek

I want to thank; Fred Cooke and George Lawrence for all their help on the course, Bill & Everil Alls and Danny & Pat Robertson for their hospitality, and Fred Cooke and Roland Alexander for the golf packages.

Prepared by: **Doug Lloyd**

Editor's Note: On behalf of all the golfers and two non-golfers, we wish to express our appreciation for all the time and effort Doug expended making this golf trip so enjoyable.

SOME THOUGHTS OF THE FAMOUS!!

I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap.
- - Bob Hope

Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year.
- - Victor Borge

We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress.
-- Will Rogers

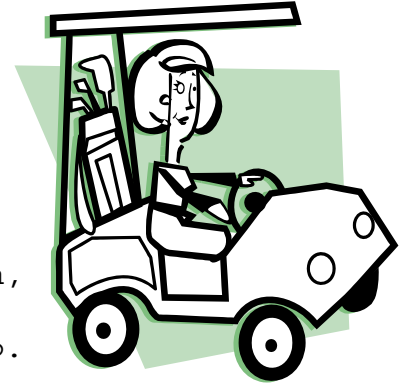
UNEXPECTED PLEASURE FROM GOLFING

Two women were playing golf. One teed off and watched in horror as her ball headed directly toward a foursome of men playing the next hole. The ball hit one of the men. He immediately clasped his hands together at his groin, fell to the ground and proceeded to roll around in agony.

The woman rushed down to the man, and immediately began to apologize. "Please allow me to help. I'm a Physical Therapist and I know I could relieve your pain if you'd allow me," she told him. "Nooo, no, I'll be all right. Just give me a few minutes," the man gasped.

He was in obvious agony, lying in the fetal position, still clasping his hands at his groin. At her persistence, however, he finally allowed her to help.

She gently took his hands away and laid them to the side, loosened his pants and put her hands inside. She administered tender and artful massage for several long moments and asked, "How does that feel?" He replied, "It feels great, but I still think my thumb's broken."



Provided by: **Mary Davies and Doug Lloyd**

NEVER CHOKE IN A SOUTHERN RESTAURANT

Two hillbillies walk into a restaurant. After ordering their cornbread and beans, they talk about the latest addition to their junkyard business.

Suddenly, a woman at a nearby table, who is eating a sandwich, begins to cough. After a minute or so, it becomes apparent that she is in real distress.

One of the hillbillies looks at her and says "Kin ya swallar?". The woman shakes her head no. "Kin ya breathe?". The woman begins to turn blue and shakes her head no.

The hillbilly walks over to the woman, lifts up the back of her dress, yanks down her drawers, and quickly gives her right butt cheek a lick with his tongue. The woman is so shocked that she has a violent spasm, and the obstruction flies out of her mouth. As she begins to breathe again, the hillbilly walks slowly back to the bar.

His partner says, "Ya know, I'd heerd of that there 'Hind Lick Maneuver', but I ain't never seed nobody do it."

Provided by: **Pamela Jackson**