



# THE COBOURG PROBIAN

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The Probus Club of Cobourg and District  
P.O. Box 63, Cobourg, Ontario K9A 4K2

Next Meeting: June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006



## President's Message by Bob Spooner

Congratulations to our ten year members – there will be more pins awarded to those who were absent when we made the presentation – these will be done at future meetings. Hats off to our members who attended Colborne Club's Spring Fling. There were over 90 from our Club! Do not forget our tree planting service July 13, 2006 at the Marina area followed by our pot-luck lunch at the Lawn Bowling Club. Watch for more info on the Summer Sizzler and the Car rally.

*Quote: To stay youthful, stay useful. Anonymous*

**Bob**

## Club Program

- June 1<sup>st</sup>** (meeting)      The **St. Mary's High School Choir**
- June 15<sup>th</sup>** (meeting)      Folk Singer **Aengus Finnan**
- June 22<sup>nd</sup>**      **Walking Tour of Grafton** – Escorted by Doreen West & Alma Draper. 10:30am. More below.
- July 13<sup>th</sup>**      **Tree Planting** (10:30am near Marina building) and **Picnic in the Park** at the Cobourg Bowling Club (noon).
- July 20<sup>th</sup>** (meeting)      **Peter Delanty** – History of Cobourg Street Names
- July 26<sup>th</sup>**      **Andrew Lloyd Webber Tribute** at WestBen. \$25.00 (organize your own travel)
- August 3<sup>rd</sup>**      **Summer Sizzler** – Victoria Park – 3:00 to 7:00pm – Traditional BBQ with Entertainment. \$10.00
- Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>** (meeting)      **Paul Macklin** – Life in Ottawa

## Car Rally

This year's Rally will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2006.

Tickets will be on sale starting with the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Prices are \$30.00 for Members and \$35.00 for non-Members.



## Summer Meetings

Note that there are fewer regular meetings in July and August: July 20<sup>th</sup> and August 17<sup>th</sup> only. The Probian will publish on those dates.

## Committees and Executive

Quite often there will be opportunities to **really** participate in the club by joining a committee or the executive. Not only do you get to meet people but you have more fun!

At right is the program committee at their **wrap-up party!**



## Current Executive

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The names of all 2006 **committee members** have now been published over the last several issues. These are always available on our web site: [www.probusnorthumberland.com](http://www.probusnorthumberland.com) then go to *About Us* and select Cobourg.

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## **LORNE PATRICK GOLF 2006**

### **Committee**

Hal Jacobson	377-1538	Chair
Russ Donaldson	372-7044	
Ross McKie	377-0722	
Jim Stewart	372-5576	
Malcolm Wardman	377-1930	

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## **Christmas Party**

Per John MacFarlane's eloquent plea, please remember the Christmas party **Silent Auction.**

Donations may be submitted to **Angie Poirier** or **Don Porter.**



## Other Probus Events

**July 26<sup>th</sup> Andrew Lloyd Webber Tribute** at WestBen. \$25.00 (organize your own travel)

**August 16<sup>th</sup> Senior's Jubilee** "sparkling variety shows" at Roy Thompson Hall – Buffet Dinner – Coach provided - \$72.00

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### **Walking Tour of Grafton. Thurs June 22**

Escorted by Doreen West & Alma Draper. Meet in Haldimand Township Parking Lot at 10:30am sharp. One hour leisurely walk on fairly flat terrain. Guided tour by Doug Johnston.

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## **Elizabeth Kellogg**

On May 18 Elizabeth Kellogg, who is a member of the Willow Beach Field Naturalists and the North American Bluebird Association, spoke to the club about bluebirds. It was a wonderful talk illustrated with beautiful slides. There are three species of bluebirds. It is the **Eastern Bluebird**, which inhabits most of the eastern part of North America that we sometimes see. This bird is migratory, arriving here in the spring. For some years the population of bluebirds was in decline in the County of Northumberland because of habitat destruction, but now, thanks in large part to the work and dedication of volunteers the population is quite healthy.

The bluebird is described as a secondary cavity nester, meaning that it makes its nests in holes and cavities made by others – woodpeckers and of course volunteer birders who build nesting boxes. Rotten tree stumps also make desirable homes. The bluebird likes wide open grassy spaces with plenty of insects to eat. So people who clear their woodlots and use chemical spraying on the land make life particularly difficult for the bluebird.

The bluebird has a host of competitors. Starlings out compete them for nesting holes; house sparrows are small enough to get into their nests and are particularly nasty because they kill bluebirds and eat their eggs. Then, of course there are raccoons and squirrels who also like them for all the wrong reasons. The recovery of the species in this area has been largely due to volunteers who have built nesting boxes. Elizabeth showed slides of various nesting box designs each with their own approach to predator deterrence. Her enthusiasm and knowledge of the subject made for a fascinating speech.

Elizabeth was introduced by *Jackie Hick* and thanked by *Bill Logan.* *Mike Hick*

## Picnic in the Park

Following the dedication of the memorial tree, this will be a Pot Luck Lunch at noon, on July 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the Lawn Bowling club in Victoria park.

Everyone is asked to please bring an item to share, and also, bring your own plate, cup and cutlery.



Hot and cold beverages will be supplied.

If members would like to drop off their food donation at the clubhouse before going over to the tree planting, the club will be open, and we can accept the items early if folks would like that.

Afternoon activities will include Lawn Bowling (instruction available) - any board game you wish to bring - or if you prefer, just sit and socialize.

No admission fee, but 50/50 draw tickets will be sold.

**Come join the fun !**

*Shirley Fraser*

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### PICNIC IN THE PARK 2006 - Committee

Shirley Fraser	372-8891 Chair
Bruce & Jean Campbell	377-0779
Basil & Jean Fox	377-8497
Ron Fraser	372-8891
Lea Hoskin	372-6253
Marilyn McMillan	372-9275
Doreen Pettit	373-8852

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## Dinner Theatre

Northumberland Players presents:

### Barefoot in the Park

A hilarious adaptation of Neil Simon's comedy that takes place in 1967 about a buttoned-down, straight arrow young lawyer, Paul Bratter who's wound a little too tight and his new wife Corie, who is an effervescent free spirit and won't let anything disturb her romantic bliss with Paul. In their highly passionate relationship, they learn to live and love in a laughably small fifth floor walk-up Greenwich Village apartment in New York.

**Date: October 27<sup>th</sup> Tickets: \$30.00** includes dinner, show, all taxes and service.  
Contact Dorothy Allen at 905 372-5658

## Spring Mixer

On Wednesday May 17, 2006, Probus Colborne organized the first **annual Regional Spring Mixer**. Members of all clubs in the region attended including Peterborough, Port Hope, Cobourg (3 clubs), Brighton, and Trenton.

The venue was **Colborne's Keeler Centre** and over 500 Probus members participated.

The program consisted of socializing, entertainment, a key-note speaker and lunch. Coffee and snacks were also available and a cash bar was provided at lunch time.

The speaker was **Steve Paikin** (right), host of two programs on TV Ontario, and author of 3 books.

Entertainment was provided before and after Steve's talk - the performance by the choir from the local high school was particularly appreciated.

Buffet lunch was provided by the Keeler Centre's staff and proved to be of a high standard. The dessert was an innovative chocolate "fondue"!

All through the event, people took the opportunity to talk to friends, old and new.

Many attendees commented that it was one of the best events they had been to and was exceptional value.

Next year's event will be organized by the **Northshore Probus Club**. The date, venue and program for the 2007 event will be announced as soon as they are available.

For more photos, go to the News page of our web site [www.probusnorthumberland.com](http://www.probusnorthumberland.com)



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### Sixth Annual Lorne Patrick Golf Tournament

**Day/Time:** June 19th 2006, 8:30 am

**Place:** Cobourg Creek Golf Club, Ontario St., @ Elgin St, Cobourg

**Cost:** 9 holes, putting challenge & lunch \$45.00 (**prices updated**)

**OR**

Putting challenge & lunch \$25.00



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### Probus Clothing

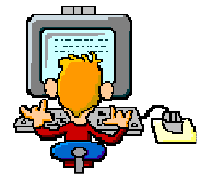
Probus Clothing will be available at Meetings on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. June says "Bring your cheque book"!

## Other Events in Cobourg

June 10 – **Busker Festival** King St  
 June 24<sup>th</sup> – **Highland Games** in Donegan park  
 June 28 – **Snowbirds Airshow** 5:30pm  
 June 30 to July 2 – **Waterfront Festival** by  
 Rotary and Lions Clubs  
 July 2 – **SkyHawks** 11:00am  
 - Plus performances at Victoria Hall and  
 elsewhere. Too many to list!

## Editor's Corner

Summer is here and there are so many things to do that we have fewer meetings. Only one in each of July and August.



And when you get a chance, have a look at the photos from the Spring Mixer on our web site:  
[www.probusnorthumberland.com](http://www.probusnorthumberland.com)

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**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

### June 2006

				<b>1 Meeting</b> St. Mary's Choir	2	3
4	5	6	7	<b>8</b>	9	10 Busker Festival
11	12	13	14	<b>15 Meeting</b> Aengus Finnan	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 <b>Grafton Walk</b>	23	24 Highland Games
25	26	27	28 Snowbirds Air Show	29	30 Waterfront Festival	

### July 2006

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2 Waterfront Festival	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	<b>13 Tree Planting &amp; Picnic in the Park</b>	14	15
16	17	18	19	<b>20 Meeting</b> Peter Delanty	21	22
23	24	25	26 <b>WestBen Theatre</b>	27	28	29
30	31					