



THE COBOURG PROBIAN

10th Anniversary Year

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

Next Meeting: August 18th, 2005

President's Message by Ray Hiller



Summer time and the living is easy – it ain't cheap but it's easy. Come winter and you want some summer weather, it will cost big bucks and necessitate leaving home and heading south. So, along with your friends and family, enjoy the outdoors now.

Next winter, with rising gas prices, you might have to take out a second mortgage , just to fill your tank.

Enjoy the "Picnic in the Park" and the Barbecue.

Ray.

Club Program

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| July 7th (meeting) | Speaker – Mark Peacock – Ganaraska Conservation Authority – 25 years after the flood and how it changed conservation. |
| July 14th | Picnic in the Park – at Cobourg Lawn Bowling Club. Pot Luck – bring a dish (with food in it!). Also bring your own plate, cup and cutlery. After lunch, members will be able to bowl or play bridge. |
| July 21st (or 22nd) | Concert at Westben, Campbellford – "Bring him Home", Broadway Homecomings. A celebration of musical homecomings from Broadway and the worlds of Opera. 2.00pm. Car Pool. \$25.00. For more, see below. |
| August 11th | Barbecue – 6 clubs combined BBQ at Roseneath Fairgrounds. 2:00pm to 5:30pm. More information below. |
| August 18th (meeting) | Speaker – Cathy Oberholtzer - The Cobourg Archives. |
| September 26th | Inter-Club Golf at Ashbrook – morning start – last day for tickets is September 16 th - more below. |
| October 13th | Car Rally – morning start finishing with Lunch. Tickets \$30 and now on sale. More below. |
| October 28th | Arsenic and Old Lace – Dinner theatre at Best Western – Comedy - \$30.00 includes dinner, show all taxes and services – see below for more. |

Summer Meeting dates

There will be no meetings on July 21st or August 4th. Meetings will be held on July 7th and August 18th with the usual schedule resuming in September.

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Membership Renewal

Membership fees of \$36.00 may be paid at:

- Meeting July 7th (*May be Post dated Sept 15th*)
- Meeting August 18th (*May be Post dated Sept 15th*)
- Meeting September 1st (*May be Post dated Sept 15th*)
- Meeting September 15th – last chance!

Summer Barbecue

The six Northumberland Probus clubs will be getting together to make one big barbecue party.

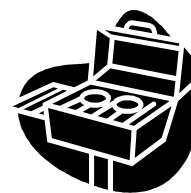
Where: Roseneath Fairgrounds - home of the famous Roseneath Carousel (which will operate for us). Free Rides 2:30 till 3:30.

When: Thursday, **August 11th**. 2:00pm to 5:30pm.

Prices: \$15.00 Members, \$17.50 guests \$7.50 for kids under 12.

Games & Entertainment:

As well as the Carousel, there will be organized games and live Entertainment by the **Tweed Twangers** (on right – also, music sample on our web site).



Northumberland Players Presents:

Arsenic and Old Lace

Friday October 28th at the Best Western

The Classic of comedies, Arsenic and Old Lace will provide a laugh filled evening. There is never a dull moment – it is practically mayhem and by the end you are convinced that everyone is at least a little insane.

\$30.00 including dinner, show, all taxes and service.

CAR RALLY

The 2005 Car Rally will be held on the 2nd Thursday in October which is October 13th. It will be a morning rally with lunch at the finish.

No skill required! No timing involved – just a little navigating and questions to test your power of observation – lots of fun.



Tickets are \$30 and will be for sale at all meetings until September. Non members welcome. Get your tickets soon to avoid disappointment. Cheques only please.

“Bring him Home”, Broadway Homecomings

**Westben
Theatre,
Campbellford**



July 21st or 22nd at
2.00pm

Celebrate favourite musical homecomings from the worlds of opera and Broadway including "Bring Him Home" from Les Mis.

\$25.00 - No Bus – Car Pool with other members. For more details see Mary Ryan.

Northumberland Probus Clubs

Interclub Golf Challenge

Monday, September 26 2005 (rain Date Sept. 29th) at Ashbrook Golf Club (Dale Road East of Highway 28).

9 Hole Shotgun Tee off at 9.30am (assemble at 8.30 a.m.)

Best **Club average** score wins. (Worst Club takes home "Loo"Sers Trophy). Plus lots of Prizes



Prices:

Golf, Putting competition & Lunch **\$40.00**

Putting competition & Lunch only **\$20.00**

(Cheques only. Made out to Cobourg Probus)

Cut off date Friday September 16, 2005

Advise if you wish to reserve a **Cart \$7.50 per person**

For Tickets Contact:

Malcolm Wardman - 905 377 1930

Participating will be the following Probus Clubs: Cobourg, North Shore, Port Hope, Northumberland, Brighton, Colborne, Peterborough.



A big **thank you** to all the volunteers for the Waterfront Festival on the July 1st weekend.

Lorne Patrick Golf Tournament

The tournament took place on a hot humid day (June 13) but the 28 golfers enjoyed themselves. We were joined by 20 additional members for a roast beef lunch which was far more tasty than our normal menu of hamburgers etc.

The trophy winners were:

Pug Heenan, Ron Fraser, Ross McKie, Bill Stinson

Runners up:

Mary Buckley, Elaine Elliott, Lou Levto, Jim Stewart.

Most honest: Joanne Domine, Jim Domine, Stone Avery, Larry Flood.

Closest to pin: Ladies - Joanne Watters; Men – Hal Jacobsen.

Lucky Spot: Ladies: - Shirley Martin; Men – Ross McKie.

Putting contest: John Waiters

The following **Committee** provided great assistance:

Joanne Domine, Malcolm Wardman, Bob Stothart, Pug Heenan, Helen Donaghey, Shirley Fraser, Bill Duncan, Bill Johnson, Russ Donaldson.

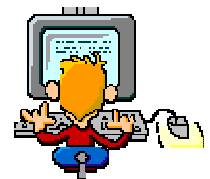
Special thanks to:

Bill Johnson for providing 36 sleeves of golf balls courtesy of his son-in-law John Hutchison who sells golf supplies. This enabled us to give a Sleeve to each golfer.

Cobourg Creek Golf Club for providing four complementary green fees which were given to the winning foursome. Also for their assistance in organising the event. **Hal Jacobsen**

Editor's Corner

I am always looking for Probus news items to add and if you have something, I'd be pleased to publish it. But items must be Probus related – anything else is "optional" and is only included if it's short and there is space available.



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Probus Members Speak Out

On Thursday June 2nd our keynote speakers were none other than our own Mary Korol, Leon Silk, and Basil Fox.

Mary Korol

Mary presented a short talk on her recent trip to England. Air Transat provided the transportation and for only \$30 extra Mary was afforded the privilege of selecting her seat in advance. Why does the travel industry always have its hand on our pockets? The tour guide was a spry 84 year old by the name of Joan Hill; she is a walking machine!

Highlights of the trip included London's Wheel with its 32 glass pods, The Tank Museum and a walk thru the battle trenches. Next it was off to Plymouth and a tour of the 1620 Mayflower, the homestead of Winston Churchill and finally a walking tour of historic Exeter.

Mary concluded with a few local news items from the other side. These included an update on a social phenomenon called "Hoodies" which is a teenage clothing fad and finally the Brits reaction to Tony Blair's winning a third term. It's too bad that her 5 minute deadline came so soon because she was just about to get into happenings at Happy Hour each day. I'm sure if we twist her arm she will do another five minutes on that subject alone.

Leon Silk

Leon's oral essay was entitled: "*How A City Boy Became A Farmer or How To Get Rich With Beef Cattle*"

First you start with 26 acres of grass in beautiful Grafton. That's followed by hiring a drover to purchase eight steers for you. Next you put the new steers in the 26 acres of grass and presto they get fat and you sell them for millions.

Unfortunately no one told Leon that train whistles that blow all day long as the freights pass his property will spook the cattle. In fact, the whistles were so effective, Leon's prize steers were AWOL in less than a day. Now the search was on. Salt blocks were strategically placed with little affect. The cattle were lost and they didn't know their way home. In fact, they were so lost they roamed the lush fields of Northumberland County for two and a half months. They were fattening up nicely! Not even a rodeo crew could round them up.

Finally a local farmer spotted the herd on his property and they were eventually shot and butchered. Now Leon was faced with selling

3000 lbs of choice beef in 10 days. Needless to say prices were good and many friends helped him out; and that's how you get wealthy being a farmer.

Basil Fox

Basil's talk was entitled "*Why I Came To Canada*". I thought writing this summary was going to be a breeze because Basil's answer was plain and simple "WORK & MONEY".

Basil hails from "*Old Ireland*". When he finished his formal education at the prestigious private High School Of Dublin at the tender age of eighteen he was ready for the business world and he had a lust to travel. His father had other ideas and convinced him to stay put until he was 21.

He accepted a position as an apprentice in an International Company and finished his training by scoring in the top three percentile of a class of 40 trainees. This was followed by a posting in the Nottingham area of England where as a pastime he played soccer.

At the ripe old age of 21 he was off to Canada with the princely sum of 40 British pounds in his back pocket. He arrived on a cold November day and the rest is history. He was immediately attracted to the financial industry where he spent 40 years and wrapped up a very successful career as Senior Vice President for Ontario and the Maritimes. Also included in the mix was a move to PEI where he was appointed to his company's Senior Board.

He is married to a lovely Scottish nurse; he has 4 kids and 8 grand kids. It was obvious how Basil feels about his adopted country as he wrapped it up with this.... "I love Ireland but God Bless Canada." **Russ Donaldson**

Hint from the School of Experience

If your Visa or other card with a magnetic stripe is in a pocket or purse near a magnet, it won't work in bank machines!

George Buntin

2005 Elections

Our club holds elections each year in September and this year we need to fill the positions of **Vice President** and **Recording Secretary** (all others are on a 2 year term).