



THE COBOURG PROBIAN

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The Probus Club of Cobourg and District

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Next Meeting: November 17th, 2005



President's Message by Bob Spooner

It is my sincere wish in the coming months to give you some profound quotes from famous people that impact most of us, although perhaps indirectly. But as most of us are grandparents, we can perhaps relate and maybe we will pass them on.

My first quote comes from billionaire Bill Gates; when speaking to a high school graduating class he said:

"Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity – your grandparents had a different word for Burger flipping – they called it 'Opportunity'". Look for quotes each month in this newsletter. **Bob.**

Club Program

November 3rd (meeting)	Remembrance Day program – Vignettes of War Years - special program to commemorate Remembrance day
November 17th (meeting)	Bob Irvine – the History of the Cobourg Concert Band
November 17th	Lunch – after the meeting at the Mill - see below.
November 23rd	Interclub Bonspiel – Interclub curling bonspiel at Dalewood more below
November 24th	Shaw Festival – Bus Stop. Lunch at Oban Inn. \$106. More below.
December 1st (meeting)	Bells of Christmas – Wendy Taxis. Everyone is asked to wear red or green and bring a donation to the food bank.
December 16th	Christmas Party – Dinner, Entertainment, prizes. At the Lion's Centre. \$40.00 each. More below.
January 5th (meeting)	Randy Bird – Horse trainer and promoter of "Save the Mustangs"

Other Club Notices

December Meetings

There will **NOT** be a meeting on **December 15th** – the Christmas party is the next day. The next newsletter will be December 1st.

Participation in Committees

If you are new to the club, the best way to meet new people is to participate in a committee. There will be committees for the Christmas party, the BBQ, the Car Rally and Golf and now is the time when committees for 2006 are formed. And you don't **have** to be new to participate!

Probus Lunch

Join us for Lunch at **THE MILL** after the meeting on November 17/05. Lunch is at 12 noon.

The menu will be a choice of:

1. Chicken Caesar Wrap with a salad **or**
2. Black Angus Steak sandwich with fries or salad

Coffee or tea is included.

\$15.00 all inclusive. Cash Bar. Dessert is extra.

Please book with Bert MacMillan.



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Other Events in Cobourg

Northumberland Orchestra and Choir

27th Concert Season 2005/ 6

Your local Orchestra is celebrating Mozart's 250th Anniversary, along with the rest of the world this season. The first concert on Sun. Nov. 20th 3.00pm at the Capitol theatre in Port Hope provides a feast of music celebrating Mozart's city of Vienna, and uses six other composers to provide a suitable background.



See Joe Howieson 905 372 4159 for tickets

Second Annual Mixed Inter-Club

Bonspiel November 23rd, 2005



There are three Cobourg teams now signed up for the second annual mixed Inter-Club **Curling Bonspiel** at **Dalewood Golf & Curling Club**.

Clubs from nearby towns will be challenging our Cobourg teams with games starting at 8:45 a.m.

Spectators are welcome to come and watch the action. Lunch may be ordered from the menu, if desired.

If you have never watched a curling game this is your chance. See the "old pros in action"!!

Warren Harvey, Convenor.

Doctor Cloud – Speaker, Oct. 20th

The weather never ceases to fascinate us and our speaker piqued our interest with his considerable knowledge and expertise about the vagaries of our local climate. Colin Banfield was born in Wales and moved to Newfoundland where he was a climatologist at Memorial University in St John's. Over a 31-year career period, he studied extensively the climate and weather of that province, particularly the winter storms affecting eastern Newfoundland.

Colin moved to Cobourg in 2001 and finds our climate quite different from that on "The Rock". He has become increasingly interested in local weather patterns and explained how and why our weather differs from the weather just north of us. In the spring and summer a cool lake breeze, generated by the warm land mass, reduces the local temperatures by several degrees – this explains why our spring flowers are always several weeks later than in Toronto. The lake effect also explains why we get fewer and less severe thunderstorms than Peterborough.

Colin showed many beautiful slides which illustrated the weather conditions he described - rime frost, mist rising off the lake in winter, dramatic clouds over the Northumberland Hills and bright sunrays across the beach.

Known to his friends as Dr. Cloud, Colin was introduced by Jackie Hick. Colin is the leader of the local hiking club and almost had his name changed to Dr. Cloudburst after leading his fellow hikers into a torrential rainstorm in the Northumberland Hills.

Our speaker was thanked by Gloria Blake.

Jackie Hick.

Christmas Party

This will be another fantastic event – and it's only next month! Friday, December 16th to be exact - and the location is the Lion's Centre.



There will be a complete turkey dinner with all the trimmings, gourmet desserts, tea/coffee and wine.

And the **Raffle** will have **two** prizes:

1. VIA First class tickets for 2 anywhere in the Windsor to Quebec City Corridor
2. A Candlelight dinner for 2 at the Woodlawn Inn.

Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5

Also lots of lucky draw prizes – keep your ticket!



For Entertainment, we will have

The Bernard sisters and

the

Big Easy 7 Band (right).



5:30pm Social 6:00pm Dinner

Tickets are \$40.00.

Town Crier

At the October 6th meeting, Tom MacMillan filled us in on the inside story of what it's like being a town crier.



But first he demonstrated by announcing the 60th wedding anniversary of Pat and Don Gummer.

Tom has been Town Crier for Cobourg since about 1988 as well as being the Drum Major for the Concert Band and many other volunteer activities.

In response to a question he said that he only has the one uniform but Bert makes repairs and adjustments as required.

CAR RALLY

The 2005 Car Rally was held on October 13th and despite a light rain all morning, it was one of the best Car Rallies yet.



The start was at the Big Apple and organized by a cheerful group led by Godfrey DeLisle with his Newfie rain hat.



Instead of collecting information along the route, we had tasks at each of the four stops.

Lunch was at the Bay of Quinte Golf Club and a feature was the cakes made specially for the occasion. One of the tasks each car was asked to do was to write a poem about the rally. Our



master of ceremonies, Leon Silk, read them all out to lots of applause and laughter.

Then Bev Silk handed out prizes to each car with the winners receiving the trophy and the cash collected (Cash? long story - ask anyone who went!).

Christmas - 2005



We will be celebrating Christmas at our December 1st meeting. Don't forget to wear red or green and bring a donation to the Food bank.

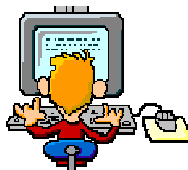
No meeting on December 15th.

Editor's Corner

There are quite a few photos in this edition – for more see our web site

www.probusnorthumberland.com then look on the Cobourg News Page.

Note our new monthly feature below – a calendar of all our events. Cut it out and put it on your fridge!

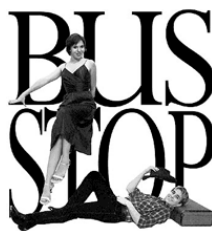


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Shaw Festival November 24th



The shimmering tale of an unlikely group stranded in an all-night diner during a Kansas Snowstorm.

Departing at 7:00 am, trip includes luxury coach to Niagara on the Lake, then lunch at the famous Oban Inn followed by the matinee performance of Bus Stop at the Royal George Theatre.

Estimated return time to Cobourg is 7:30 pm.
\$106.00 all inclusive.

November 2005 - Probus

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Meeting Remembrance Day program	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day	12
13	14	15	16	17 Meeting Bob Irvine Concert Band - Lunch	18	19
20	21	22	23 Bonspiel	24 Shaw Festival 7:00am	25	26
27	28	29	30			

December 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Meeting Bells of Christmas	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Christmas party 5:30pm	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Christmas	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve