



THE COBOURG PROBIAN

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The Probans Club of Cobourg and District

P.O. Box 63, Cobourg, Ontario K9A 4K2

Next Meeting: March 19th, 2009

Vice Presidents' Message:

Today as I sit at the computer it is the first of March –it is cold but the warmer weather is on the way. We will *get the April showers to bring us May flowers.* I predict we will have a nice spring – you can count on it!

The Snowbirds will soon be packing up and making the long drive home. We will see all the tanned faces and bodies and hear how they had a lovely, wonderful and warm winter. We can brag about being REAL Canadians – how we beat all that SNOW, ice and cold – snow up to our armpits if you're tall. Since the C\$ is down to around .80 it will not have been a cheap winter. We stayed behind and got Spring Fling pretty well organized and many other Probans activities – golf, Summer Sizzler, Christmas Party, etc. under way. Now it's their turn to get involved.

It has been a tough winter for a lot of us. The season is just starting to change. Spring brings us warmer weather with the showers, flowers and birds. Let's get moving, throw off the shackles and yoke of winter. It is time for all of us to rejuvenate ourselves as the weather does. Start smiling and enjoying life. We've got lots to do.

Jim & Joanne Domine

SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

MAR. 5th John Winkworth

Scotland

MAR. 19th Elizabeth McGuinty

Shelter of Hope

MAR. 25th THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Going to Hot Stove Café. See Audrey Levtoy for tickets.

APR. 2nd Michael Newiham
Orchestra Leader/Conductor

APR. 16th Richard Tyssen
Sustainable Growth in Cobourg

APR. 24th DINNER THEATRE “The affections of May” Only if you see this romantic comedy will you find out which way May’s affections between her two suitors will go. See Dorothy for tickets.

May 7th Judge John Bark
Humorous Experiences in Court

MAY 21st Clare Wade
Minister at St. Peters Church
Travel Experiences

MAY 20th SPRING FLING
Lots of fun and frolic, lunch and more, Keeler Centre, Colborne

JUNE 4th Terry Stanley OPP
Driving Skill Review

JUNE 18th Sheila Burns
Donkey Farm Update

JULY 2nd Heather Stubbs
Comfort Zone – Keeping Your Cool Under Stress

WHEN YOU’RE DOWN IS NO TIME TO QUIT

When life handed Art Wright a lemon he decided to make lemonade. His inspiring talk of his recovery from a near-fatal auto accident near Whitby in 1976, which left him with two artificial legs and the possibility of not being able to manage his horse farms again, was devastating. After six months in hospital, he knew he had to have a goal to keep on with life.

You'll see Art at Roseneath Fair and probably several others, riding his favourite stallion while wearing seat belts in barrel racing competitions. He qualified to go to Augusta, Georgia, in 1999 and 2000, where 1,200 to 1,600 horses run. In 1992, his cutting horse won the Supreme Championship.

Last May, he ended up shattering one leg, he also needed a hip replacement and doctors told him he'd never ride again but that didn't stop him and at 245 pounds, he placed 2nd in a race. He met his wife, Elaine, barrel racing at Roseneath Fair and together they make a great 'team' (no pun intended). Art gives a lot of credit to Elaine for their success and being able to continue with his love of life. Elaine has riding students ranging in age from 4 to 81 years.

They also operate a 150-acre farm at 122 Campbell Road which is directly south from Dartford. They have a portable school and have sleigh riding parties, probably hay rides too, food and comfort stations available. Sounds like a great outing for us older folks! If you want more info, go to healyfalls.com

Art was introduced by Marie Chisholm and thanked by Jim Domine.

SMOKE ALARMS AND MORE

Smoke alarms must be installed on each level of a home, including the basement to avoid a \$240. fine – or worse. The basement alarm should be on the ceiling next to the stairs and there should be one near the sleeping and cooking areas of the home. The alarms should be vacuumed every six months and should be replaced every 10 years. If people have disabilities, firemen will help with installation. Families should have a meeting plan in case of fire to insure everyone is safe and accounted for and no one should re-enter the home for any reason.

Carbon monoxide detectors should be installed in the home's fuel-burning equipment areas and near sleeping areas, at knee-height. All detectors should be installed and maintained or replaced according to manufacturer's instructions. These warnings are for ANY fuel burning equipment whether it's fireplaces, dryers, water heaters, wood, liquid fuels or coal.

In case of 911 calls, it is wise to obtain from the Fire Department a lock box to install outside your front door with your key inside. Firemen have the only key to this box and your information. Cost of this sturdy box is \$95 and you are responsible for installation. Might save having your front door smashed in case of emergency.

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES BOB HOPE May 29, 1903 – July 27, 2003

(Contributed by Ross Adams)

When Bob turned 100 years of age he stopped to comment on his life changes in the last thirty years.

ON TURNING 70 – ‘You still chase women but only downhill’.

ON TURNING 80 – ‘That’s the time of your life when even your birthday suit needs pressing’.

ON TURNING 90 – ‘You know you’re getting old when the candles cost more than the cake’.

ON TURNING 100 – I don’t feel old. In fact I don’t feel anything until noon. Then it’s time for my nap’.

ICE

Ice is a short form for “In Case of Emergency” and is a concept that is catching on. Many people carry cell phones and in many cases of accident or illness, these telephones come into the hands of Emergency Service Personnel, who at some point will be trying to determine of whom the victim would want notified about the situation. But the particular cell phone contains many names and numbers. Who to call? A listing of the person you would wish to have called under “ICE” could give the emergency worker the information required. If more than one listing, use ICE 1, ICE 2, etc. “ICE – In Case of Emergency”!

WELCOME BACK, RANDY

Our Feb. 18th meeting welcomed back, well-known Randy Bird from Harwood. Randy trains all kinds of horses with all kinds of bad habits to being what the owners expected. Horses come to his stables from all over Canada and the U.S. His training is in no way abusive, he gains their confidence and they are soon performing as expected.

After training the domestic breeds, he decided to rescue some mustangs from the U.S. who were slated for slaughtering. These horses were born and lived in the wild all their life, never having seen a barn or equipment, much less human handling. After a few days at Randy’s farm, he had them eating from a pail and accepting Randy’s petting and have now graduated to being harnessed, rode or hitched to a cart. Randy says the mustangs are much more appreciative of special care and treats than our domestic breeds.

Some of the mares gave birth to foals shortly after becoming “Canadians,” - the first mustangs born in Canada. A DVD, “Quiet Man, Quiet Horse” was produced a few years ago and “Mustang North” is now being produced on DVD. If you’re a horse lover, you won’t want to miss seeing these productions of a well-known local man and his way with horses.

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