



THE PRO-BUZZ

JULY 2010

PROBUS AND THE 2010 CANADA DAY PARADE

Once again, Probus Club of Northumberland participated in the annual Cobourg Canada Day Parade. This year, unfortunately, no-one from the other local Clubs joined us.

Our troops were led by our “mechanized” unit of Millie Hill, Paddy McIlroy and Mavis Brown, a friend and neighbour of Millie. I foresee this unit growing as more of our members get into the “scooter” mode of travel.

Proudly holding our Country’s Banners high, our Colour Party featured Sue Lanctot, Doug Lloyd, Jamie Doolittle and on loan from the Cobourg Police Volunteers, Brian Scott. Carrying our Club’s identifying banner were our own “Banner Broads”, Anne Grant and Verna Templer. Our marchers were Marg Curtis, Marjory Jones, Marilyn Wood and myself.

Our President Danny Robertson was not able to ride in Bill Alls “Classic Limousine” this year and so we substituted our “Ëx” and “Next”, Theresa Smith and Marie Van Dusen. Our Multi-Club Probus Sign was again proudly borne by Don Jones with his young co-pilot, granddaughter, Teagan Jones.

Our Parade participation was again made possible this year by a wonderful group of Volunteers. We are most decidedly a part of our Community.

Errol Markle



P.S. Rumors have been flying around Cobourg that Michelle Obama may have been involved in our parade. Whispers were heard up and down the street. If anyone can confirm this please advise Marie Van Dusen a.s.a.p.

From the Speakers Corner:

July 8th.....David Rumble....speaking on Heraldry

July 22nd.....Picnic in the Park

August 12th....Doug Ireland..Plants Manager of Coveright Surfaces Canada Inc

August 26th....BBQ at the Alls

submitted by Ron Templer

While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, 'The tooth fairy will never believe this!'

COMING EVENTS

4th Line Theatre

Eldorado, The Port Hope Play
Friday July 16th
Pick up your tickets today.

Broadway at the Barn, Campbellford,

Friday July 23rd
Friday July 30th
Pick up your tickets today.



The Warrior Emperor

China's Terracotta Army
At the ROM, Toronto
Hear further instructions at
the July 8th meeting.

Picnic in the Park

On our meeting day, Thursday
July 22nd, at the Lawn Bowling
Greens at 11AM. Instruction will be given by some
of our lawn bowling members. Pot Luck lunch. Bring
your favourite main course or dessert. Leave it with our
volunteers, who are also members of the Lawn Bowling Club, and they will
prepare the table. Bring your own
dishes and cutlery. If bowling bring soft soled shoes.
After lunch try your luck at bowling, be an onlooker or play cards. Enjoy the
comradship, the park, and
the food.

The BBQ

August 26th at the home of Everill and Bill Alls.
Providing we have some volunteers to organize the event.
We have all the instructions from other years to make
the task easier for you. So step up and volunteer
today.

submitted by Verna Templer

LUNCH BUNCH

We had lunch at the Oasis after our meeting on June 24th with 27 members
in attendance. The food and service were great. We all managed to get
seated on the patio, which was a bonus as the day was warm and sunny.
So considering we had the four biggies – good food, good service, good
weather and good company – it was another successful 'lunch bunch'.

There will be no lunch bunch in July and August, but keep September 23
open for lunch at Frenchies after our Probus meeting.

Doris Rasmussen and Marcie Polson



A MATH CHALLENGE FOR ALL OF US FROM VERNA TEMPLER...

Take your age and multiply x 2...add 5 , multiply by 50 then subtract 365, then add the loose change in your pocket under a dollar...then add 115. Are you ready....

The first 2 figures in the answer are your age and the last 2 figures are the change in your pocket.

Verna says, " Figure it out yourself."

One of our newest members, Linda Robertson, is sharing some information with us after receiving her membership envelope from Betsy. Linda has lived in Northumberland for 12 years after retiring six years prior to moving here. She is presently at 107-145 Third Street, K9A 5X1 and her telephone # is 377-9190. After working in a bank and for the government, Linda loved being a stay-at-home mother. She enjoys walking, line dancing, spending time with family and friends and has agreed to help us with functions in the future. Thank you, Linda.

GOLF GOLF GOLF GOLF GOLF GOLF GOLF

On Monday June the 14th, 41 **Probusian Golfers**, braved a beautiful sunny morning at Shelter Valley Pines, to participate in PROBUS golf. We played a modified Shambles format and the winning team consisted of **Bill Aills, Donna Cooke, Carol Lynn and Jeff Coleman**. The individual outstanding champions were....Closest to the pin, ladies, **Anne Gordon** and men, **Jamie Doolittle**. Longest drive, ladies, **Diana Flynn** and men, **Jim O'Shea**. Congratulations to all.

After golf, 43 members ventured into the country to **Danny and Pats** home for a BBQ. The weather was sunny, the food was GREAT, the beer was cold, and the fellowship was typical probus. Now raise your hand if you did not have a great time. Once again sincere thanks to **Pat and Danny** for offering their home, great food and drinks for our golf group. We really do appreciate it.

Submitted by Barb & George Lawrence

The Northumberland Probus Annual Golf Tournament was held at Shelter Valley Pines Golf Club on Monday June 28th with a very skilled and competitive group of 45 golfers attending. After a night of heavy rain and a 40% forecast for more during the day, we were blessed with clearing skies and sunshine. The scramble format, with a shot gun start provided a 12.00 noon completion in order to satisfy our hunger with a BBQ lunch. Our thirst was quenched with an assortment of soft drinks and beer. The foursome of Chris Tidy, Nancy Thomas, Ann Margles and Danny Robinson won the team honours. The players demonstrating individual skills included Ann Gordon and Ralph Stoffers for Ladies and Mens longest drives. and Cathy Alexander and Gary Thomas for closest to their respective pins. Following the main awards a series of draws were held for a prize table filled with assorted donated gifts. Your committee Gary and Nancy Thomas, Murray and Lesley Waller have enjoyed chairing the tournament for the past two years. Thank You.

Submitted by Murray Waller



PLEASE NOTE

Sign up NOW for the SHELTER VALLEY PINES, 2nd ANNUAL PROBUS INVITATIONAL.....

FRIDAY, JULY 23RD @ 9:00 A.M. FORMAT: 4 PERSONS MIXED SCRAMBLE
AT LEAST ONE LADY PER GROUP

9 HOLES, LUNCH, AND PRIZES FOR \$35. OR \$44. WALKING OR RIDING

AT LEAST ONE PROBUS MEMBER PER GROUP.

CARTS ARE LIMITED. CALL JASON AT 905-349-3427.

Golf Poem.

In My Hand I Hold A Ball,
White And Dimpled, And Rather Small.
Oh How Bland It Does Appear,
This Harmless Looking Little Sphere.
By Its Size I Could Not Guess,
Of The Awesome Strength It Does
Possess.
But Since I Fell Beneath Its Spell,



I've Wandered Through The Fires Of Hell.

My Life Has Not Been Quite The Same,
Since I Chose To Play This Stupid Game.

It Rules My Mind For Hours On End,

A Fortune It Has Made Me Spend.

It Has Made Me Curse And Made Me Cry,

And Hate Myself And Want To Die.

It Promises Me A Thing Called Par,

If I Hit It Straight And Far.

To Master Such A Tiny Ball,

Should Not Be Very Hard At All.

But My Desires The Ball Refuses,

And Does Exactly As It Chooses.

It Hooks And Slices, Dribbles And Dies,

And Disappears Before My Eyes.



Often It Will Have A Whim,
To Hit A Tree Or Take A Swim.
With Miles Of Grass On Which To Land,
It Finds A Tiny Patch Of Sand.
Then Has Me Offering Up My Soul,
If Only It Would Find The Hole.
It's Made Me Whimper Like A Pup,
And Swear That I Will Give It Up.
And Take To Drink To Ease My Sorrow,
But The Ball Knows ... I'll Be Back
Tomorrow.

**Stand proud you noble swingers of club and
losers of balls**

**A recent study found the average golfer
walks about 900 miles a year.**

Another study found golfers drink, on



average, 22 gallons of alcohol a year.

That means, on average, golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon.

Kind of makes you proud. Almost feels like a hybrid.

Tom was visiting his grandparents. His Grandpa called Grandma every cute name in the book. When she was in the kitchen, Tom leaned over to Grandpa and said, "I think it's nice you still call Grandma all those pet names." "To tell you the truth," Grandpa replied, "I forgot her name about three years ago."

AGE IS A PRIVILEGE

The 98-year-old Mother Superior from Ireland was dying.

The nuns gathered around her bed trying to make her last journey comfortable.

They tried giving her some warm milk to drink but she refused it.

One of the nuns took the glass back to the kitchen as she remembered there was a bottle of Irish Whiskey received as a present the previous Christmas.

She opened it and poured a generous amount into the warm milk.

Back at Mother Superior's bed, she held the glass to her lips.

Mother drank a little, then a little more and before they knew it,

She had drunk the whole glass down to the last drop.

"Mother," the nuns asked earnestly, "please give us a word of wisdom before you die."

Struggling, she raised herself up and said, "Don't sell that cow."

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At the May 13th meeting, 134 members and guests celebrated the 10th anniversary of Northumberland Probus with a birthday breakfast. The Lions' Centre staff served us a wonderful selection of French toast with syrup, bacon, sausages, home fries and scrambled eggs. To top it all off, there were also two delicious cakes - one raspberry and one lemon - made by Mary from the Columbus Centre. Thanks to everyone who came to help celebrate and special thanks to Betty-Lynn Maxton and Andrena Nicol for helping collect names, money and "ticking" everyone off as they came in the door.

Fran Marsh

10th Anniversary Celebration

One of the factors contributing to the success of Probus Northumberland, and we stress it is only one factor because this club has so much going for it, has been the consistently high quality of our Club Leadership. Actually, this really should not be a surprise when you consider the great Gene Pool we have from which to draw. Our Past-Presidents are and were very dedicated and capable and coupled with good Management Committees ensured positive results.

Here are our Past-Presidents and their years in office:

<i>Ron Templer</i>	<i>2000-2001</i>
<i>Pam Jackson</i>	<i>2001-2002</i>
<i>Roy Thorneycroft</i>	<i>2002-2003</i>
<i>Errol Markle</i>	<i>2003-2004</i>
<i>Jan Shaw</i>	<i>2004-2005</i>
<i>Eric Carleton</i>	<i>2005-2006</i>
<i>Michael Hanlon</i>	<i>2006-2007</i>
<i>Barry Hollis</i>	<i>2007-2008</i>
<i>Theresa Smith</i>	<i>2008-2009</i>

We are also proud to have 57 current members who have been with us continuously since the Spring of 2000 and they are:

<i>Catherine and Roland Alexander</i>	<i>Dianne Lauder</i>
<i>Janet Burgess</i>	<i>Alan and Vi Levitt</i>
<i>Gillian and Ronald Bushby</i>	<i>Jens and Marg Madsen</i>
<i>Eric and Jo Carleton</i>	<i>Anne and Lloyd Margles</i>
<i>Margaret Connell</i>	<i>Errol Markle</i>
<i>Gwen Crawford</i>	<i>Maura and Archie McGeachy</i>
<i>Bob Croft</i>	<i>Bill Patterson</i>
<i>Mary and Norm Davies</i>	<i>Hope and Floyd Pearce</i>
<i>Ed and Marg Godowa</i>	<i>Al and Sonja Poppke</i>



Anne Gordon
Anne Grant
Bob and Marilyn Harris
Pat Hawkins
Agnes Hendry
Ann Hollis
Nancy and Ted Jex
Carol Ann Johnson
Cynthia and Larry Jones
Birdeen Kerby

Danny and Patricia Robertson
Ian Rogerson
Theresa Smith
Barbara-Jean and Bordon Taylor
Ron and Verna Templer
Rena Thorneycroft
Marie Van Dusen
Eileen Wilkinson
Alan and Christine Wilson
Cecil and Teresa Yanta

Submitted by Theresa Smith and Errol Markle

A Prayer for Seniors....

*“Lord, thou knowest that I am growing older. Keep me from becoming talkative and possessed with the idea that I must express myself on every subject. Release me from the craving to straighten out everyone’s affairs. Keep me from the recital of endless detail. Give me wings to get straight to the point. Seal my lips when I am inclined to tell of my aches and pains. They are increasing with years and my love to speak of them grows sweeter as time goes by. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be wrong. Make me thoughtful but not nose-y, helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom and experience it does seem a pity not to use it all, but thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.
Amen.”*

Submitted by Marcie Polson

My wife, Carol, loves to quote the following which were both said by Eleanor Roosevelt. “A woman is like a teabag. You don’t know how strong she is until you put her in boiling water.” And “I once had a rose named after me, and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalogue: no good in a bed, but fine up against a wall.”

Honourary Life Membership Presentations

For the very first time in our Club’s history, we were pleased to be able to confer Life Memberships on two of our members. There is no need to recount all that Ron and Verna Templer have contributed to our club and its successes. The fact remains that it would be hard to imagine our Club without these two being involved in our regular activities.



Our Chair of the Membership committee, Betsey Stanley, made the presentations to Ron and Verna Templer to well-deserved applause. Both Verna and Ron expressed their appreciation of the honours they were given.

The wording on the plaques is as follows:

Probus Club of Northumberland

Honourary Life Membership

Presented to:
Verna Templer

Ron Templer

In Recognition of Your Dedication to the Successful
Development of the Probus Club of Northumberland
Over the Past 10 years, Thanks for your
Valued Contribution to Your Club and
Its Many Programs and Activities, May
You Continue to Enjoy Your Participation
In Probus for Many More Years.

Presented this 13th day of May, 2010.

Danny Robertson, President

Marie Van Dusen, Vice President

Thanks to Dorothy Dawson, Sue Lanctot, Errol Markle and Betsey Stanley for your submissions

A hearty welcome to our four new members who joined our ranks in May. They are: Daisy Gould, Lynda Robertson, Reg Fulford, and Chris Tidy. We look forward to you becoming involved in your club.

The Speaker's Corner

June 10th Les Brittain. The Art of auctioneering

June 24th Stephen Peacock and Gord Ley. The new Seniors Centre

July 8th David Rumble. David was highly recommended to us by one of the other clubs. He is coming from Peterborough to speak about Heraldry.



July 22nd No speaker due to picnic in the park

Submitted by Ron Templer

Coming Events

July 16th4th Line Theatre. The show is Eldorado. The Port Hope play. Tickets are \$23.00. Today is the last call for tickets.

July 22ndPicnic in the park. Once again in Victoria Park with a chance to master lawn bowling or a least give it a try. This is a pot luck so bring your own dishes and something to share with others.

Be sure to listen to Verna today for more late breaking news..Warrior Emperor/ China's Terra cotta Army

Submitted by Verna Templer

The Lunch Bunch

On Thursday, May 27 our lunch bunch enjoyed a very tasty lunch at Dalewood Golf and Curling Club. A very nice touch was a pre-arranged menu at each guest's table-setting welcoming the Northumberland Probus Club.

Dalewood is known for its good home-made soups which were on the menu. A few of us chose the split pea & ham soup and thoroughly enjoyed it. I overheard that the veggie spring rolls were very good too!

The day was sunny and warm, a perfect time of year to enjoy the beautiful landscape from the dining area with our congenial Probus group.

Submitted by Doris Rasmussen, Marcie Polson, e-mailed by Vivian Foster

And Look What's Next
Probus Club Lunch/Brunch
On the Patio At The Oasis
June 24th 12:00 35 persons



ENTRÉE

CHOOSE 1

CHICKEN CAESAR

Romaine Hearts with a Grilled Chicken Breast

PIZZETTA AND SALAD

Pizza Oven Baked herbed flatbread with Mushrooms, Caramelized Onions and Asiago cheese

SIRLOIN BANQUET BURGER

Bacon and Cheddar Cheese Lettuce and Tomato served with Fries

CHICKEN AND MUSHROOM CREPE

With a light white wine herb sauce

COFFEE, TEA OR POP

Price \$15. Plus taxes and gratuity

Whether or not you are a senior you will understand this one, if you deal with seniors this should help you understand them a little better, and if you are not a senior yet.....God willing, **someday you will be.....**

The \$2.99 Special

We went to breakfast at a restaurant where the 'seniors' special' was two eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast for \$2.99..



'Sounds good,' my wife said. 'But I don't want the eggs.'

'Then, I'll have to charge you three dollars and forty-nine cents because you're ordering a la carte,' the waitress warned her.

'You mean I'd have to pay for not taking the eggs?' my wife asked incredulously.

'YES!!' stated the waitress.

'I'll take the special then,' my wife said.

'How do you want your eggs?' the waitress asked.

'Raw and in the shell, ' my wife replied. She took the two eggs home and baked a cake..

**DON'T MESS WITH SENIORS!!!
WE'VE been around the block more
than once!**

GOLF...GOLF...GOLF

Salt Creek
May 17, 2010



A lovely day and 34 golfers dreaming of that elusive birdie began the 2010 Northumberland Probus season.

Danny R. hit the ceremonial ball (generously provided by George L.) remarkably well considering it grew a very long pink tail on impact.

The team of Murray & Leslie Waller/Fred & Donna Cooke tore up the course with a sizzling score.

Pat Robertson and Brian Salley showed the way for distance, while Norma Stoffers and George Lawrence gave lessons in accuracy.

Submitted by Barry Hollis

Our Buckhorn Trip...May 31st-June 2nd

Ian Rogerson and John Ellery did a splendid job of arranging our annual spring golfing outing. A special thank you to you both for all your work. Danny Robertson expressed our thanks beautifully.

Monday: 22 people showed up in sweltering weather to test the course at Katchiwano. We all had a fun time. One of our newest members, Chris Tidy, had the low round of the day with a 45. Well done Chris. After a rousing social hour and dinner, Jeff Coleman led an impromptu and robust sing-along of 1st and 2nd world war era songs, much to the staffs' amusement and our enjoyment. Cards and hockey game viewing followed.

Tuesday: 18 holes: 3 teams of 4 opted for a scramble format and 3 teams of 4 played their own ball. Men's longest drive-John Ellery; ladies- Everil Alls. Ladies' closest to the pin-Verna Templar; men's-Gary Thomas. Stan Maggs mastered the course with a low round of 87 with an unmentionable on the last hole. Way to go Stan. After dinner most people enjoyed music recorded by John Ellery for dancing and listening.

Wednesday: 7:30 A.M. for breakfast, but no one told the cook! Plus no-one at the front desk! Oh well, after frantic calls, we didn't get the eggs benedict but the crusty scrambled eggs were washed down with 4 cups of coffee.

Those that didn't go missed a perfect day for golf on the Tuesday and some great stories and lies in the evenings.

submitted by Bill Alls

OUR ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT Monday June 28th/2010



Our annual event will be held on the above date and we hope all golfers will come out and have a good time.

Shelter Valley Pines. Prices: \$17.00 walking, \$26.00 riding Format: Scramble, possible shotgun start. Tee time: 0900 hours BUT please be at course at least 30 minutes earlier.

SIGN UP: At break time either today or June 24th. You will be signing to walk or ride and you should also indicate your main meat and salad preference on the same sign up sheet. Cash or cheques made out to Northumberland Probus Club would be appreciated.

Questions to Murray or Lesley Waller at 905-349-2138 or Gary or Nancy Thomas at 905-372-1166.

Hope to see you there!!

Submitted by Nancy Thomas

Chris Tidy, who joined our group last month, is sharing some information with us under the "This is Who I am" segment. He retired four years ago and moved to Port Hope. He is residing at 95 Augusta Street L1A 1H1 with a telephone # of 905-885-8338 and his e-mail address is popsdela@ymail.com. After careers of printing sales and management plus heavy equipment operations, he is now happy reading, playing bridge and golfing. We know the latter is true after his sizzling 45 at the Katchiwano Golf Course. He is happy to volunteer when Probus needs help with an event.

In Memorium: David Denny May 16, 2010

Your editors suggest you pick up a copy of June's Snap Newspaper.. You might be in it.

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