



*Photos by Ron Frizzell & Eric Blaikie*

On May 12, we had the pleasure of having **Blake Holton** as our speaker. He brought along his canoe, a marvel of Norwegian technology.



After having paddled most of the rivers and lakes in Algonquin Park, Blake and his friend Jay Sherwin decided they wanted to attempt something wilder where they would have to depend solely on their wits and experience. Enter the Thlewiaza River - a river known by very few. While doing research on the subject, they found that even bush planes don't fly there. That's about as wild as it gets!

Two others joined them on this adventure. They were met by an Inuit chap from Nunavut at Arviat, the closest point to their ultimate destination. It was here that they discovered that Farley Mowat had paddled the Thlewiaza. What's more, the chap gave them a set of Farley's hand-drawn charts to use if they ever needed them. When their GPS broke down, the charts came in very handy indeed.

They found a man with a plane but no pilot to fly them to their destination. Instead, they ended up with an aluminum outboard packed to the gills with their gear. Little did they know what was to come...



(Photo of the four adventurers taken from speaker's slides.)

Way past the tree line and 18 hours later, they arrived at their starting point...or so they thought. The mosquitoes and black flies were rife which meant they had to wear mosquito suits but the hungry flies ended up inside their garments! They then found they had to portage over huge rocks and shoot rapids to get to the Thlewiaza River. Upon arrival, they were awed by the size of this immense river. Unbeknownst to his mates, Jay had brought a bottle of single malt, some Yukon Jack and Cuban cigars! They feasted, dodged grizzly bears and encountered bad weather during their expedition on this great lake. At the end of their journey, Blake used his satellite phone to find someone to pick them up in a bush plane for the return trip to Churchill. It was quite a shock to get back to civilization after 2 and 1/2 weeks in that faraway place. They were grateful for Farley's notes which were always correct, proving he had indeed paddled No Man's Lake.



The amazing Norwegian "Ally" canoe weighing 51lbs.

# Spring Fling - 2011

Photos by Betty Curtis

On May 18 at the Evinrude Centre in Peterborough was held the annual Spring Fling 2011. Some **580 Probus members** from various clubs in southeastern Ontario took part in the festivities.



The head table members were piped in much to the appreciation of the crowd. After the welcome and presentations were done, guest speaker James Raffan took the stage. He is one of Canada's foremost authorities on the North, the wilderness and the canoeing tradition. He is also the curator of the Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough. He regaled us with his delightful sense of humour and many stories of his experiences searching out canoes for the museum all over the world.

Raffan is a fellow and former governor of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, and has served as chair of the Arctic Institute of North America. He is also a recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, and is the author of several books.



**Speaker James Raffan**

Following some prize-giving, a delicious lunch and great desserts, we were entertained in the truest sense of the word by members of the Leahy Family.



**The 4 Leahy children (ages 4 to 9) and their parents**

When is the last time you saw a step dancing, fiddle-playing 4 year old?? The four children played and danced like pros! Mother on the keyboard and Dad on the fiddle gave a memorable performance which was loudly appreciated by everyone.

Unfortunately, our club didn't win anything this year...none of the grand prizes, not even a 50/50!



**Helen Hannah and Marilyn Dunne**



**Charlie Dobbie and Lorna Turner**

# Hobby Day Hobby Day

On Thursday, May 26 we held our 3<sup>rd</sup> Hobby Day. Thanks to organizers Steve Snell and Willy Jakobi, we had an interesting and eclectic mix of hobbies such as Felicity King's beautiful paintings – both watercolours and oils; Ron Smith gave us great tips on how to “Dig up our Roots” with his presentation on Genealogy. Who knew member Ron was distantly related to George Washington??

Dave Broughton is Past-President of the Historical Lighting Society of Canada. His presentation on ‘Ephemeras’ (meaning: *things that exist or are used or enjoyed for only a short time.*) was both unexpected and fascinating. Who would have thought oil lamps could reveal so much of life in Victorian times.

Last but certainly not least was Yvonne O’Neill, our constant knitter! Yvonne’s presentation was so interesting and surprising when you think of all that the fleece of a sheep can be mixed with to become a garment! (With a lot of hard work and time in between shearing and the end results!) Some of the more esoteric blends included wool & milk, wool & soy, wool & musk ox (\$97 per 100gms!) and many, many more. Many members felt the presentations were too short at 12 minutes each.



Dave Broughton



Family pastime by the light of the oil lamp

Photo courtesy of D. Broughton's website  
[www.Sirlampsalot.com](http://www.Sirlampsalot.com)



Yvonne at her spinning wheel



This bag contains the fleece of 1 sheep & weighs 2200gms.



Ron Smith and his Genealogy presentation



A small selection of Felicity King's paintings

## Last Year's Canada Day Parade

Pres. Garry is looking for volunteers for this year's parade on July 1<sup>st</sup>!!



Decorating the wagon last year



George Grimes and best friend 'Aiden' led the parade in

## PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THESE DATES FOR OUR SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE

June 9 & 23

July 14

August 11

September 8 (our AGM) & 22

## **50-50 WINNERS**

May 12

Georgina Rose won \$48.50!

May 26

Brian Board won \$48.00!

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## SUMMER CREWS

### *CATERERS*

Captain:

Ken O'Neill

June 9

Joan Little  
Rosalie & Willy Jakobi

Captain:

Eileen Mountain

June 23

Julie Joyce  
Helen Hunt  
Sylvia & Tom McMahon

Captain:

Gwen Logan & Charlie Dobbie

July 14:

Linda Popham  
Barb Tiffin  
Gail Chadwick

Captain:

Georgina & Bryan Rose

August 11:

Linda Popham  
Lois & Ron Frizzell

### *GREETERS*

June 9

Georgina & Brian Rose

June 23

Charlie Dobbie  
Gwen Logan

July 14

Dorothy & Cliff  
Donaghue

August 11

Barb Tiffin & Carole  
Elliott

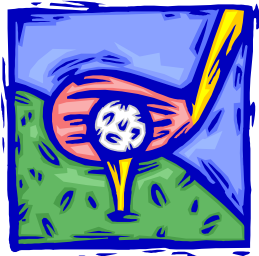
If unavailable to attend please find a substitute.

# UPCOMING EVENTS . . .

## ROVERS NIGHT OUT

**Tuesday, June 14** – At 6:00pm - The Cat & Fiddle in Cobourg. Max: 25 people. Sign up sheet at meeting.

**Steve Snell** (Organizer pro tem)



## 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Thursday, June 16** – at the Port Hope Golf & C.C. 18 hole Best Ball at 1pm followed by dinner at the Penryn Mansion.

**Cost: golf/cart/meal \$60.00 (a cart is required.)**

**Cost: cart/meal: \$35.00 (if Golf Club member)**

**Cost for meal only: \$20.00 Bar opens at 5pm.**

**Dinner at 6pm. Choice of salmon or steak.**

**NB:** In case of rain (thunder/lightning or heavy rain), and we cannot complete the round, a rain check will be issued to each golfer based on the number of unplayed holes, and on the day of the tournament the time of the dinner will be moved forward.

**Betty Curtis: 905-885-5304**



## WESTBEN CONCERTS AT THE BARN

**Thursday July 21** at 2 p.m. "Broadway at the Barn". Dinner following at 5 p.m. at Christ Church Anglican, Campbellford. **Tickets will be distributed by Elaine Simmons at the June 23rd meeting together with maps and car-pooling arrangements.**

**Elaine Simmons: 905-987-3734**

## LUNCH BUNCH

**Thursday, June 23** at Rhino's in Bewdley. Max: 40 Last Lunch Bunch until September. Sign up at meeting.

**Maggie Colborne 905-885-1722**

## APPIES & DRINKS

**Friday, June 24.** At Lynda and Bruce Britton's in Bewdley. From 1:30pm to 6pm.

Max: 35 people. Sign-up and directions at meeting.

**Marilynn Dunne**



## CANADA DAY PARADE

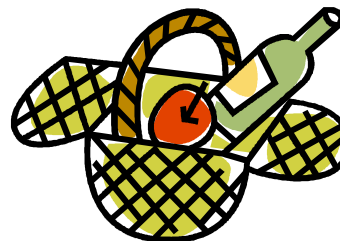
**Friday, July 1st**

**On Thurs. June 30**, wagon decorating at John & Joyce Ferguson's son, 6852 – 7<sup>th</sup> Line, RR2 Campbellcroft.

**On Friday, July 1st**, meet at **10am** at Bramley St. & Ridout St. Parade ends at Memorial Park.

Bring a picnic or buy from vendors on the spot. More information at June 9 meeting.

**Garry Curtis**

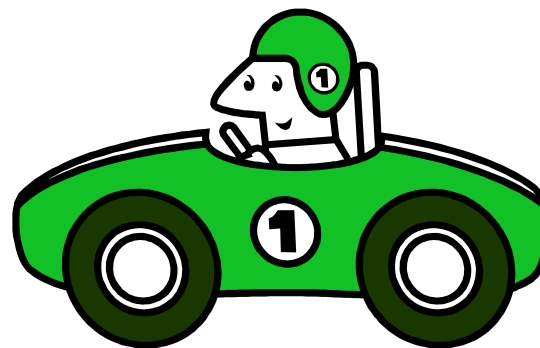


## ANNUAL PICNIC

**Thursday, Aug. 25** – at Irwin's Farm. Same caterer as last year! (Remember the delicious pies??)

Cost to be determined.

**Carolyn Williams**



## CAR RALLY

**Thursday, Sept. 29.**

Rain or shine

**Cost will be confirmed later.**

Roast Beef lunch!

Start getting your groups together now!

More information to come...

**Barry McMahon/Don Newington**

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS FOR JUNE & JULY

June 9: Richard Tyssen will be speaking on solar energy.

**June 23:** Lola Reid Allin has travelled extensively in Latin America, including Mexico, Guatemala and Belize. She is an accomplished writer and photographer. Her photographic work has even appeared in National Geographic. Lola will be speaking and sharing with us a small portion of her vast experiences.

**July 14:** Caroline Thornton operates a successful Standardbred stable near Elizabethville. She will be talking to us about her experiences as a horse breeder.

## **PUB NITE**

Tuesday, May 31 at the Beamish. It was a good turnout! There were over 20 members present. The noise level was as per usual---Very HIGH!! Everyone had a good time!



## ONGOING EVENTS & CONTACTS

### PUB NITE

Join us for dinner, conversation & drinks.  
Last Tuesday of the month  
6:00 PM at the Beamish House  
Coordinator: George Grimes 905-885-1594

### APIES & DRINKS

Bring an appetizer and your own drinks  
Coordinator: Marilynn Dunne 905-786-2549  
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### EUCHRE

Last Euchre on Tuesday June 7 until September  
Coordinator: Lois Meadows 905-885-6715

### LUNCH BUNCH

Last Lunch Bunch on June 23<sup>rd</sup> until September 22.  
Coordinator: Maggie Colborne 905-885-1722

### BOWLING

Bowling will start up again next September.  
Coordinator: Ken O'Neill 905-885-4872

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