



THE PRO-BUZZ

OCTOBER, 2008

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

A very large "THANK YOU" to the membership, for your confidence in me, to become your President for the year 2008 / 2009.

I am only your President. I need each and every one of you to help me make this one of the best years. With the executive and committees we have, I know this will happen.

If you have any suggestions, or complaints, PLEASE speak to me. I will try to see that it happens. If I do not hear from you, I will assume you are happy with the progress of your club.

I wish to welcome everyone on board. I am looking forward to a very successful year.

Theresa Smith

RURAL RAMBLINGS OR NORTHUMBERLAND PROBUS CAR RALLY

Wasn't that a hoot! Beautiful weather, great friends, colourful scenery, a pleasant breakplace (sans loo) and good food - all adds up to a whole lot of fun and frivolity! Nearly 90 Probians and friends took to the hills of Northumberland to discover what a great area we live in. They worked the roads and all came to roost at Campbellford Legion (some sooner than others!).



The winning team was; **Chris and Alan Wilson, and Wilson and Nellie Dow.** (How did they find the correct route??)

Whoever would have thought that "RT" could be mistaken as 'Right Turn' when it really meant 'Road Twists' (and that's our story and



we're sticking to it!). But does 'LT' mean "are you **Lost Too**" and **TL** means '**Totally Lost**'? Anyway we hope that you all had fun - despite the unintentional slips or '**Turns**' of events. Thanks to all who helped - and you who participated. Sam, Carol and Bob - we had fun too.

Organized by: **Sam Elliot**
Reported by: **Bob Croft**



MEETING SPEAKERS

Thursday, October 9th

Don Missen and his dog Quest – Will speak on Sniffer Dogs at the Toronto Airport.

Thursday, October 23rd

To be announced later.

Thursday, November 13th

Jane Osmond - A travel tour through Africa.

Provided by: Ron Templer

COMING EVENTS

Golf Group - Closing Golf and Dinner – Tuesday, October 14th starting at 3:00 PM
– Cobourg Creek Golf Course and The Mill Restaurant – Golf and Dinner
\$45 – Dinner only \$25 – See September Edition of the Pro-Buzz for more
details.

Dinner Theater - Thursday Oct 30th - Best Western - Show is called "Any
Wednesday" and is reported to be very funny - \$33.75 - See Marg Madsen
and Barb Rusk.

Sound of Music – Wednesday, November 12th – Princess of Wales Theater- Bus
leaves the Lions Centre at 11.30 - Matinee starts at 1.30 PM - Lunches
available at \$5.00 each - Dinner at the Hot House Café - \$120.00
- See Birdeen Kerby and Betsy Stanley.

Christmas Party – Thursday, December 11th – Lions Center - Organizers are Doreen
and Joe Cardinal – More information and tickets available in
November.

Provided By: **Verna Templer**

ANCIENT TELEPHONE NETWORKS

After having dug to a depth of 10 meters last year, Scottish scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 100 years and came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 100 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the Scots, in the weeks that followed, English scientists dug to a depth of 20 meters, and shortly after, headlines in the English newspapers read: 'English archaeologists have found traces of 200-year-old copper wire and have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network a hundred years earlier than the Scots.'

One week later, 'The Kerryman,' a southwest Irish newsletter, reported the following: 'After digging as deep as 30 meters in peat bog near Tralee, Paddy O'Droll, a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely nothing. Paddy has therefore concluded that 300 years ago, Ireland had already gone wireless.'

THE HAPPY PHARMACIST

A lady walked into a pharmacy and spoke to the pharmacist. She asked, 'Do you have Viagra?'

'Yes,' he answered.

She asked, 'Does it work?'

'Yes,' he answered.

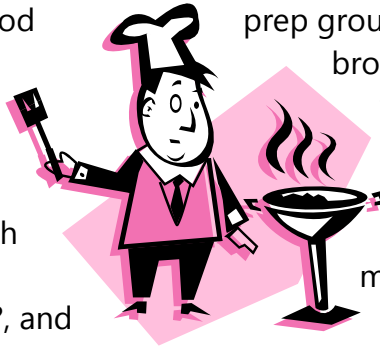
'Can you get it over the counter?' she asked.

'I can if I take two,' he answered.

Provided by: **Pamela Jackson**

THE ANNUAL PROBUS BARBECUE

Nature was kind to us; the rain held off until we were all cleaned up! Our annual barbecue, held on August 28th, carried on with great success thanks to Barb and George Lawrence, and their hard-working committee---Donna and Fred Cooke, Jennifer and Doug Lloyd, and Everil and Bill Alls. Lots of work and organization contributed to this day. Special thanks to the "grounds crew", the cooks (of both corn and barbecue), the food clean-up crew, and the folks who also to Sam Elliot for supplying club banners and the Canadian



prep group, the games' co-ordinators, the brought the delicious appetizers. Thanks the tents. Everyone enjoyed Errol's flag.

Everyone enjoyed socializing with acquaintance of new Probus interesting games--magnetic darts?, and

old friends, making the members, playing some very eating, eating, eating.

A great day was enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks again to everyone for their help. It would not be a success without all of you contributing to the many tasks. Until next year.----

Reported by: **Everil Alls**

A very special "THANK YOU" to Bill and Everil Alls for offering the use of their beautiful estate for our BBQ.

A WRITER WITH A PROMISING FUTURE

A College class was told they had to write a short story in as few words as possible. The instructions were: The story had to contain the following three things:

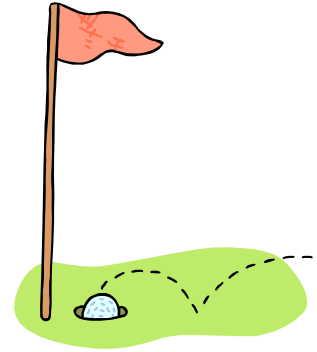
1. Religion
2. Sexuality
3. Mystery

Below is the only A+ short story in the entire class.

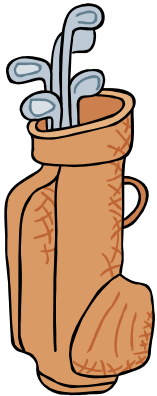
"Good God, I'm pregnant; I wonder who did it."

N.P.O.F.G.A OUTING ON TUESDAY SEPT. 2ND AT ROXBURGH GLEN GOLF COURSE.

Five foursomes enjoyed the wonderful weather for a round of golf on a course which is noticeably improved each time we play there. The course itself: tees, fairways and greens, were in very good shape. The efforts of much work by the owner and grounds crew are starting to show results. There has been a lot of work done on drainage, ease of access to tee boxes, as well as esthetics, such as the installation of very classy benches at each tee area.



The introduction of a new water hazard on hole # 4 (a pond, no doubt part of the drainage improvements) was largely unnoticed or certainly not adversely commented on.



Lunch and friendly reviews of rounds, as well as general jokes/banter, which will not be included here, were enjoyed on the new extended patio—you had to be there to enjoy the subtleties and nuances of the day.

Thanks to Marg Madsen for sorting us out at the beginning of the morning, and we are sorry she and Jens were unable to play. Next time!!

Organized by: **Marg and Jens Madsen**
Reported by: **Ian Rogerson**

BECAUSE EVERYONE IN CANADA LIVES IN AN IGLOO.

Now that Vancouver has won the chance to host the 2010 Winter Olympics, these are some questions people from all over the world are asking. Believe it or not these questions about Canada were posted on an International Tourism Website. Obviously the answers are a joke; but the questions were really asked!

Q: I want to walk from Vancouver to Toronto - can I follow the railroad tracks? (Sweden)

A: Sure, it's only four thousand miles, take lots of water.

Q: Can I bring cutlery into Canada? (England)

A: Why? Just use your fingers like we do.

Q: I have developed a new product that is the fountain of youth. Where can I sell it in Canada? (USA)

A: Anywhere significant numbers of Americans gather.

Q: Will I be able to speak English most places I go? (USA)

A: Yes, but you will have to learn it first.

GOLF AT SALT CREEK ON SEPT. 15TH



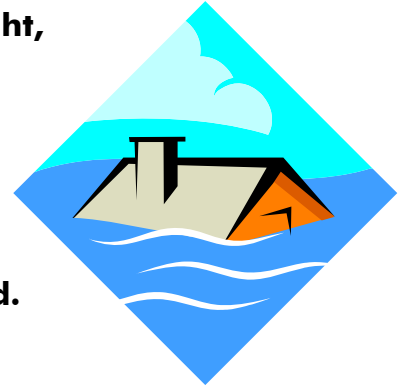
"Hey" ?? Where were all the hearty golfers this AM? Did "IKE" scare you off? Really guys it wasn't that bad. A bit of rain on the way, but believe it or not, 8 hearty souls teed off at 9:15 AM. They were Ted, Marilyn, Everil, Bill, Lynn, Ian, Norm and yours truly.

The weather was just fine, not too hot, not too cold, just right, and we had a good time.

Low score was Ted Jex at 43.

Seven of us went to Warkworth for lunch and enjoyed it.

**Hosted by: Ted Jex & Marilyn Wood.
Reported by: Mary Davies**



SENSIBLE OBSERVATIONS

1. "I think that's how Chicago got started. A bunch of people in New York said, 'Gee, I'm enjoying the crime and the poverty, but it just isn't cold enough. Let's go west.'" --Richard Jeni
2. "My Mom said she learned how to swim when someone took her out in the lake and threw her off the boat. I said, 'Mom, they weren't trying to teach you how to swim.'" --Paula Poundstone
3. "You can say any foolish thing to a dog, and the dog will give you a look that says, 'My God, you're right! I never would've thought of that!'" --Dave Barry
4. "If a woman has to choose between catching a fly ball and saving an infant's life, she will choose to save the infant's life without even considering if there is a man on base." --Dave Barry
5. "My parents didn't want to move to Florida , but they turned sixty and that's the law." --Jerry Seinfeld
6. "If life were fair, Elvis would be alive and all the impersonators would be dead." --Johnny Carson

Provided by: **Pamela Jackson**

THE SECRET OF LONGEVITY

The following men were considered some of the worlds most successful of their day. Now, 85 years later, what ultimately became of them?

1. The president of the largest steel company, Charles Schwab, *died a pauper.*
2. The president of the largest gas company, Edward Hopson, *went insane.*
3. The president of the NYSE, Richard Whitney, *was released from prison to die at home.*
4. The greatest wheat speculator, Arthur Cooger, *died abroad, penniless.*
5. The president of the Bank of International Settlement, *shot himself.*
6. The Great Bear of Wall Street, Cosabee Livermore, *also committed suicide*

However, in that same year, 1923, the PGA Champion and the winner of the most important golf tournament, the US Open, was Gene Sarazen. What became of him?

He played golf until he was 92, died in 1999 at the age of 95. He was financially secure at the time of his death.

The Moral: Forget work. Play golf.

Provided by: **Ron Templer**

GOLF GROUP OUTING – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th



Another fun golf day was held Monday, September 29th, at Shelter Valley Pines, with a scramble format, and run by Lynn Wallace and Barb Rusk. The most very honest golfers were; Donna Cooke, Barb Lawrence, Lloyd Margles, and John Ellery. Low score winners were; George Lawrence, Ian Rogerson, Marilyn Wood, and Barb Rusk. Longest drive for the men on number 6 hole was Barry Hollis. Closest to the pin on No. 4 was Barb Rusk. George Lawrence announced that the prize had been upgraded to a free trip to New York City. The weather was cool, but overall, a great day, and a few of us stayed for lunch.



Organized by: Barb Rusk and Lynn Wallace
Reported by: Barb Rusk

Expensive Outing

When I got home last night, my wife demanded that I take her someplace expensive.... so, I took her to a gas station..... and then the fight started....

Provided by: Doug Lloyd