



# THE PRO-BUZZ

**FEBRUARY, 2009**

## PROBUS BOWLING RESULTS - Feb. 2, 2009

A fun morning of bowling with a total of approximately 104 bowlers attending from 5 clubs: Port Hope, Ganaraska, Cobourg, Northumberland and Northshore. The lanes were fast and the tension was palpable in the air, as each club put forth their best champions to try to wrest the trophy finally from the grim hands of Northumberland, and to avoid at all costs the most dreaded seat in the house ...

When the dust had settled and the scores were tabulated the results were:

Hi single Ladies: Georgina Hegemeyer ---175 Northshore  
Hi single men: Russ Donaldson ----- 240 Cobourg  
Hi triple Ladies: Hope Pearce----- 485 Northumberland  
Hi triple Men: Jerry Moran----- 603 Northumberland

Hi Team: Pat Robertson, Marian Wakely, }  
Helen McDonald, Jerry Moran, } Northumberland  
Barry Hollis }



A new feature was added this year with team handicapping.  
Club rankings:

- 1) Port Hope
- 2) Ganaraska
- 3) Northumberland
- 4) Cobourg
- 5) Northshore

Many thanks to the Port Hope club for their efforts in organizing the day, and thanks also to Wilson Dow, from this club, for his able assistance.

Following the bowling, the group went to the Royal Canadian Legion in Cobourg, where a very enjoyable lunch was served.

P.S. And yes, Sonja Poppke did win one of the 50/50 draws

Reported by: Barry Hollis



**PRO-BUZZ MASCOT**

## MEETING SPEAKERS

**Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Bob Pearson – PowerPoint Presentation on “Routes to Learning Canada”.**

**Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Maureen Williams, Andrea Woodland, and Jessie - Therapy Dogs through St John Ambulance.**

**Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Linda LaLiberte - The Ganaraska Forest - Merits of the Forest and New Construction in Progress.**

**Provided by: Ron Templer**

## COMING EVENTS

**Ski Trip** – Malone, New York – Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> – See Danny Robertson for details and reservations.

**Andre Rieu** – Air Canada Center – Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – Still trying to obtain tickets – If tickets become available, are you interested?

**Spring Fling** – Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – Colborne Keeler Center – Cobourg Probus Club will host this event – \$35 – Speaker is William Thomas, a humourist, who is a radio and TV commentator and author.

**Golf Trip** – Monday and Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of May – The location will be Buckhorn – Fred Cooke is the Organizer – More detailed information will be available at our meeting on Thursday, February 12th.

**Provided By: Verna Templer**

## LUNCH BUNCH

**Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> – Cancelled this month due to the Valentine’s Luncheon.**

**Note: Captain George’s Fish and Chip Restaurant gave us two \$20 gift certificates, which will be used as draw prizes at our Valentine’s Meeting on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Reported by: Marcie Polson**



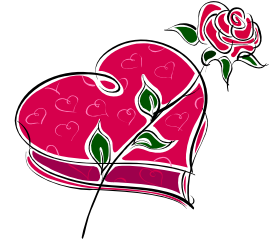
### WINTER Poem

It's winter in Canada And the gentle breezes blow  
Seventy miles an hour At thirty-five below.  
Oh, how I love Canada When the snow's up to your butt  
You take a breath of winter And your nose gets frozen shut.  
Yes, the weather here is wonderful So I guess I'll hang around  
I could never leave Canada I'm frozen to the friggin' ground!

## IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL MALE MEMBERS



Just a reminder, so that you don't forget Valentine's Day, this Saturday. Any thoughtful gesture and/or gift to your spouse, or significant other, will pay major dividends. If you ignore this reminder, you will pay dearly, mark my words.



## BOWLING IN NORTHUMBERLAND

*I haven't bowled in years- I'm too old to bowl- I can't bowl.*

*Balderdash - these are mere excuses. Bowling is alive and well in Northumberland. Northshore Lanes in Northumberland mall has seventeen leagues of various descriptions actively bowling throughout the months of September to May. Let me tell you about one such group who is active there - they are The Lakeshore Seniors Bowling Club which has been going since 1982.*

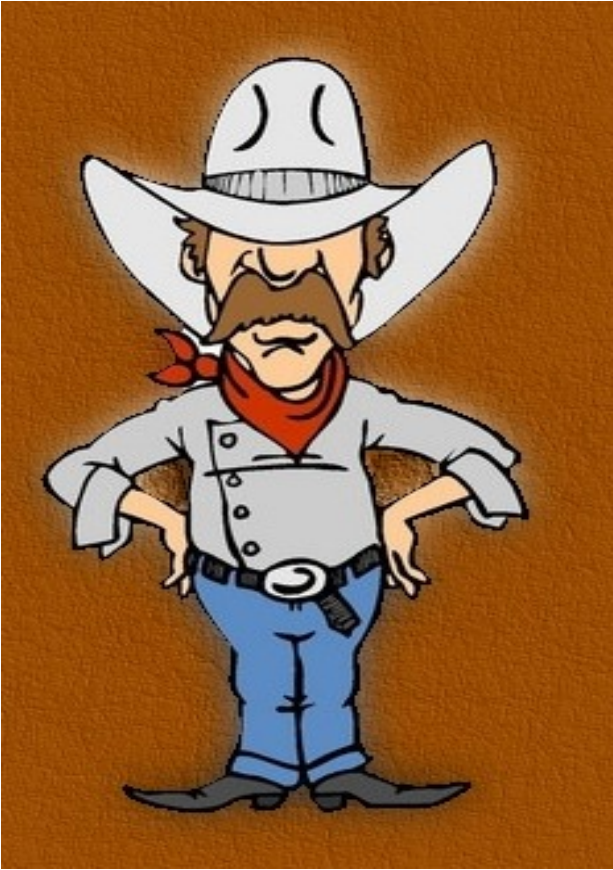
*They are a group of approximately 100 individuals, ranging in age from their 50s, to some who are well into their 90s; our own Bill Patterson is an example. They meet every Wednesday for an afternoon of bowling beginning at 1:30 pm, with fun and friendship being the main agenda. If you can rack up a few points, by winning a few games, well that is a bonus. The teams are handicapped in such a manner that any one team has the opportunity to win it all. At the end of the season we wind up with a banquet where prizes are given out and team standings are announced.*

*As an added attraction, we have rival meets throughout the year with neighbouring leagues; Campbellford, Lakefield and Trenton, to name a few, which allows us to get out and meet new people. It also allows us to sample some excellent food that is prepared for after the bowling is finished*

*Sound like fun? It is! Interested in joining? Contact Wilson Dow or Barry Hollis, who will put you in contact with the appropriate persons.*

*Prepared by: Wilson Dow*

## Subject: An Old Cowboy



An old cowboy sat down at the Starbucks and ordered a cup of coffee. As he sat sipping his coffee, a young woman sat down next to him. She turned to the cowboy and asked, "Are you a real cowboy?" He replied, 'Well, I've spent my whole life breaking colts, working cows, going to rodeos, fixing fences, pulling calves, bailing hay, doctoring calves, cleaning my barn, fixing flats, working on tractors, and feeding my dogs, so I guess I am a cowboy.'

She said, "I'm a lesbian. I spend my whole day thinking about women. As soon as I get up in the morning, I think about women. When I shower, I think about women. When I watch TV, I think about women. I even think about women when I eat. It seems that everything makes me think of women."

The two sat sipping in silence. A little while later, a man sat down on the other side of the old cowboy and asked, "Are you a real cowboy?" He replied, "I always thought I was, but I just found out that I'm a lesbian."

## BLESSED CANADA



On the sixth day God turned to the Archangel Gabriel and said: 'Today I am going to create a land called Canada. It will be a land of outstanding natural beauty. It shall have tall majestic mountains full of mountain goats, and eagles, beautiful sparkling lakes bountiful with bass and trout, forests full of elk and moose, high cliffs over-looking sandy beaches with an abundance of sea life, and rivers stocked with salmon.'

God continued, 'I shall make the land rich in resources so as to make the inhabitants prosper. I shall call these inhabitants Canadians, and they shall be known as the most friendly people on the earth.'

'But Lord,' asked Gabriel 'don't you think you are being too generous to these Canadians?' 'Not really,' replied God 'just wait and see the winters I am going to give them.'

Provided by: Ron Templer





# CALLING ALL LADIES LIVING IN NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY WHO WERE BORN IN 1939

**EVENT: LUNCH TO TAKE PLACE IN EARLY JUNE**

**PLACE: COBOURG**

**WHY: TO CELEBRATE OUR 70<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAYS!!**

Alma, Bert, Donna and Kathy, don't plan to let this anniversary of their birth slide by quietly! They would like to invite all ladies in Northumberland County who were born in the historical year of 1939 to come on out and celebrate with them!

A lunch is being planned, to take place in early June, in Cobourg – location to be determined by the number who contact us and wish to attend the party.

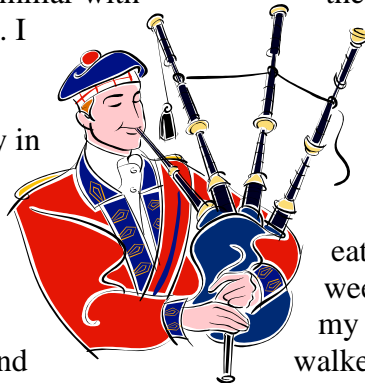
Call Alma at (905) 372-5839 or Bert (905) 372-6548 for more information or email [adraper8@cogeco.ca](mailto:adraper8@cogeco.ca). Let us know by March 31<sup>st</sup> so date and location can be finalized

**Editor's Note:** This is not a Probus event per se; however, the organizers, and all the ladies who have indicated an interest to-date, are members of Northumberland Probus Clubs.

## THE BAGPIPER

As a young bagpiper, I was asked by a funeral director to play at a grave-side service for a homeless man, without family or friends. The funeral was to be held at a cemetery way back in the country, and this man would be the first to be laid to rest there. As I was not familiar with the backwoods area, I became lost; and, being a typical man, did not stop for directions. I finally arrived an hour late. I saw the backhoe and the crew who were eating lunch, but the hearse was nowhere in sight. I apologized to the workers for my tardiness, and stepped to the side of the open grave, where I saw the vault lid already in place. I assured the workers I would not hold them up for long, but this was the proper thing to do.

The workers gathered around, still eating their lunch. I played out my heart and soul. As I played the workers began to weep. I played, and I played, like I'd never played before: From My Home & The Lord is my Shepherd to Flowers of the Forest. I closed the lengthy session with Amazing Grace and walked to my car.



As I was opening the door and taking off my coat, I overheard one of the workers saying to another, I never seen nothin' like that before, and I've been puttin' septic tanks in for twenty years!

Provided by: **Doug and Jennifer Lloyd**

## ...THE PERFECT MARRIAGE by Red Skelton

1. Two times a week we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays; I go on Fridays.
2. We also sleep in separate beds. Hers is in California , and mine is in Texas .
3. I take my wife everywhere.... but she keeps finding her way back.
4. I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary. 'Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!' she said. So I suggested the kitchen.
5. We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.
6. She has an electric blender, electric toaster and electric bread maker. She said 'There are too many gadgets, and no place to sit down!'. So I bought her an electric chair.
7. My wife told me the car wasn't running well because there was water in the carburetor. I asked where the car was. She told me, 'In the lake.'

### valentine's wish



*A Woman has strengths that amaze men.  
She can handle trouble and carry heavy burdens.  
She holds happiness, love and opinions.  
She smiles when she feels like screaming.  
She sings when she feels like crying, cries when  
she's happy and laughs when she's afraid.  
Her love is unconditional!  
There's only one thing wrong with her:  
She sometimes forgets  
what she is worth...  
Pass this on to every beautiful  
Woman you know.  
I just did!*

***A Valentine's wish  
for all the girls in  
Probus --- from all  
the guys --- never  
forget---***

Provided by: **George Lawrence**