



THE PRO-BUZZ

APRIL 2012

Spring has arrived, Easter celebrations are over, our snow birds are returning from the south, and now it's time for ... GOLF!

NORTHUMBERLAND PROBUS CLUB GOLF GROUP

Golf season will be here soon, and we plan to continue the activities of our Golf Group. This will be our twelfth season, and last year 80 of our members participated. This is a unique opportunity to have some fun playing golf, while getting to know your fellow Probus members better.

The following information is provided for the benefit of our new members, which should provide them with a better understanding of our golfing activities.

1. Our emphasis is on ***FUN GOLF!***
2. We play 9 holes of golf on the Monday morning that follows each of our Probus meetings.
3. We play as teams of four people, using the "Scramble Format" for about half of our outings, and other formats for the remaining outings.
4. We play at eight different golf courses.
5. The time and place of our golf outings are announced at our Probus meetings.



There is no obligation to attend every golf outing, just whenever it suits you. Arrangements are sufficiently flexible so all we need is a show of hands at our Probus meeting, of those planning to golf with us on the following Monday.

If you wish to join our Golf Group, or have any questions, I will be available at our Probus meeting on Thursday, April 26th. I look forward to golfing with many of our members again this summer.

Submitted by: Danny Robertson



HATS OFF TO JAMIE DOOLITTLE



We would like to send a big THANK YOU to Jamie for giving so generously of his time for the past three years in his role as Pro-Buzz editor.

With his characteristic wit, humor and attention to detail, Jamie has kept us informed of the various activities and upcoming events of Probus Club Northumberland through 36 issues of our newsletter. Thanks also go to the regular contributors and all those who have submitted reports of special events, articles of interest and amusing stories. Appreciation also goes to Ron Templer for his ongoing assistance and advice to Jamie.

In addition to his duties as Pro-Buzz editor, Jamie has been an active contributor to other Probus events over the past several months. These include being on the organizing team for the Annual Closing Field Day of Golf and the Car Rally in September, as well as the Valentine's Day Celebration in February. More recently, in his role as vice president of our Club, Jamie has been chairing our meetings while our president is on vacation. As Jamie is always quick to point out, he is ably assisted and supported in all of these endeavors by his wife, Carol.

With Jamie's busy schedule, we are happy to assume his editorial responsibilities. As we take on our new roles as editors of Pro-Buzz, we invite you to continue to submit articles, comments, ideas and suggestions for your newsletter. We would especially like to hear from you if we have erred, or omitted any information that you deem to be important.

Please provide us with your submissions, either in writing at a Probus meeting or by forwarding them by email to cpetter@cogeco.ca

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NIAGARA FALLS MINI BREAK

April 17 to 19, 2012 (2 nights)

The Holiday Inn, located at 5339 Murray Street, has blocked off 15 rooms for Probus Northumberland (5 extra rooms in case others decide to come). The total cost is \$345.68 for two people and \$235.04 for one. These prices include meals as outlined below, as well as all taxes. Both breakfasts and one dinner are at the Holiday Inn and one dinner is at the Skylon. Upon registration at the Hotel, you will receive certificates for free wine tasting at two local wineries (be sure to ask at the front desk).

Amenities at the Hotel include a gym, indoor pool, whirlpool and sauna. The Fallsview Casino is directly across the road from the hotel and the Falls are a short walk away. There is an outlet mall within a short drive. The Skylon is beside the hotel's parking lot and parking is free.

Dinner has been reserved for April 18th at the Skylon for 7:00 p.m. The time can be changed if the group prefers an alternate time. For those who have already signed up, I will provide a copy of the menu choices for the breakfast and dinner meals, plus the toll free number to call with credit card information. If you have questions or require additional information, please call me at (905) 377-2436.

Submitted by: Jan Lundbohm

CABARET

On Friday evening, March 2nd, Probus members enjoyed a social time at the Beamish House, where they met before attending the theatre production of Cabaret at the Capitol Theatre.

The story of Cabaret takes place in Berlin at the end of 1929, at a time when the values of liberal democracy in Germany clashed with the ascent of the Nazi Party. The production is true to the 1929 era in setting, costume and style, yet has an Emcee who transcends time.

Michael DiFrusco was excellent in the role of contemporary narrator, wearing costumes which spanned nearly 80 years. The sets were changed seamlessly as two love stories unfolded to the backdrop of the burlesque inside the theatre, and political strife outside the cabaret. Although some members found the production a little long, all agreed that the acting and singing were superb.

Our thanks go to Verna for organizing the dinner and tickets for the show.

Submitted by: Shirley Erskine



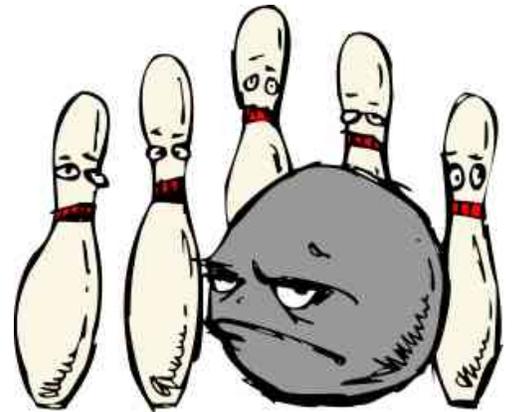
PROBUS BOWLING RESULTS

On February 13th, a total of 93 bowling Probians comprised of members from the Cobourg, Ganaraska, Northshore, Northumberland and Port Hope Probus Clubs converged upon the Northshore Lanes for a morning of friendship and bowling. The atmosphere was friendly but the competition was fierce as we all tried to avoid wresting the dreaded toilet seat from the hands of last year's winners. When the hard work was over and the scores tallied, the results were:

Ladies' High Single: Mary Potter, Northshore – 198
Men's High Single: Ralph Stoffers, Northumberland – 228
Ladies' High Triple: Sharon Rothbone, Ganaraska – 522
Men's High Triple: Barry Hollis, Northumberland – 582

High team was from Ganaraska: Bruce Britton
Wilson Gaudion
Ken O'Neil
Marcel Rondeau
Ray Williams

Club Rankings: 1. Cobourg
2 Northshore
3 Ganaraska
4. Port Hope,
5. and **finally** the dreaded toilet seat landed in the hands of the Northumberland Club ... **until next year!**



Following the bowling, the group proceeded to the Lion's Community Centre where an enjoyable lunch was served. A very special thank you goes out to our friends at the Northshore Club for a fine job organizing this year's event.

Are you ready for next year?

If you missed the fun of joining in this year's interclub bowling because "I haven't bowled in years" or "I can't bowl very well", do not despair. Help is on the way. Bowling is flourishing at the Northshore Lanes in Cobourg and there is always space available for new bowlers. We are a group of approximately 100 seniors who meet weekly (Sept. – April) for a Wednesday afternoon of bowling where fun and friendship is the main objective, not to mention the exercise one gets.

We have rival meets throughout the year with neighbouring leagues which allow us to get out and meet new friends. It also allows us to sample some excellent food which is available following the bowling.



Sound like fun? It is! Join now and be ready to help us recapture **OUR** winner's trophy next year. Contact Winnie Gerrow at (905) 373-7435 or Fred Cooke at (905) 372-8014 if you are interested in playing in this league.

Submitted by: Wilson Dow



A fifty-ish woman was at home happily jumping on her bed and squealing with delight. Her husband watched her for a minute and asked, "What's the matter with you? Do you know how ridiculous you look?"

The woman continued to bounce on the bed and said, "I don't care, I just came from having a mammogram and the doctor says that I have the breasts of an 18 year old."

The husband said, "And what did he say about your 60 year old ass?"

"Oh, he didn't say anything about you."

THE LUNCH BUNCH

Twenty-two of our members met at East Side Marios after our last meeting on March 22nd. As usual, the staff made us feel so welcome and the food was great. There was lots of fun and laughter which added to the enjoyment of the meal.

We all received a prize on payment of our bills, one being a \$10.00 discount on the next visit to East Side Marios so I'm sure that they'll be seeing some of us back there soon. Their slogan is "BUDDA BOOM BUDDA BING" which I understand, translates to "HURRY ON BACK Y'ALL"

Submitted by: Marcie, Doris & Vivian



An old man approached a young stranger in the post office and asked, "Sir, would you address this postcard for me?" The young man gladly did so and then offered to write a short note for the old fellow.

Finally, the stranger asked, "Now, is there anything else I can do for you?" The old man thought a moment and said, "Yes, at the end could you add, 'Please excuse the sloppy handwriting' ".



COMING EVENTS

SOCIAL by Verna Templer

April 20th: Oaklahoma – 8 p.m. at Victoria Hall. To date, we have 65 going to this show. There are still seats available today at \$23.50 each – cheques payable to Town of Cobourg. See Marilyn Wood at the break to purchase tickets.

Apr. 17-19: Niagara Falls – See newsletter article on page 3 for details.

May 2nd: War Horse – Princess of Wales Theatre, Toronto. Instructions concerning bus etc. will be given out at our next meeting on April 26th.

May 4th: Dinner Theatre – The Dining Room at the Best Western. Cost is \$40.00 for dinner and show. Tickets available today and at the next meeting.

July 20th or 21st: 4th Line Theatre – Sign the sheets if you wish to see this show so I'll know whether we have enough people to get the reduced rate. This show is about Marie Dressler, Cobourg's own movie star.

THE LUNCH BUNCH by Marcie, Doris & Vivian

April 26th The Matterhorn

May 24th Swiss Chalet

Sept. 27th Oasis

THE SPEAKER'S CORNER by Anne Grant

April 12th: John Hassan – CEO Port Hope Community Centre

April 26th: George Leger – Fare Share

May 10th: Breakfast – Barry Hollis and his Band

May 24th: Trevor McDowell – Avro Arrow

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