



THE PRO-BUZZ

OCTOBER, 2007

A MESSAGE FROM OUR IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

One of our members told me recently that the only office he'd run for is past president. I haven't been in the job long enough yet to know whether I'm going to enjoy it. But I tell ya, the year leading up to it was a real blast. And that was due to the help and kindnesses of the other officers, and of our noble volunteers, and of all the members. I had help with everything.

You wonder where I got those excruciating stories that opened and closed each meeting? I didn't make them up, you know. Most came by e-mail, some from as far away as Victoria, B.C., (those being from that other past president, Pam Jackson). Sometimes I'd find them delivered by hand, surreptitiously, to our mailbox (I suspect another past president, Errol Markle; in fact, I'm almost sure it was him, as the stories were printouts from Ruth Markle's e-mails).

When proceedings began to flag, I could always count on Verna to fill precious minutes and everybody's date books while I gathered myself, and wondered which of the Poppkes would win the 50-50 that week.

Barry Hollis said his task as vice-president was to make the president look good. But our treasurer, to whom he is, at time of writing, related by marriage, refused to unlock club funds for personal grooming. So there he failed miserably.

In all else, as I'm sure you realize, he showed championship form, always to hand with sage advice, rescuing me from my excesses (though I still think Britney Spears would have been a hit at our Christmas Party) and, above all, watching my back.



PRO-BUZZ MASCOT

Submitted by: Michael Hanlon

Editor's Note: Thank you Michael for an enjoyable and entertaining year as our President.

COMING EVENTS

Dinner Theater Friday, November 2nd – Best Western Hotel – Maggie’s Getting Married - \$30

White Christmas Show Wednesday Afternoon, November 21st, and Friday Evening, November 23rd – Sony Center for the Arts.

Christmas Party Thursday, December 13th – Lion’s Center

Andre Rieu Concert Saturday, December 15th – Roger’s Center - show and bus trip will cost \$125 – All tickets are now sold – See Verna Templer if you wish to be on a waiting list for cancellations.

Dirty Dancing Show Wednesday, May 14th - \$120.

Provided By: Verna Templer

MEETING SPEAKERS

Thursday, October 25

Rob Doliver - Captain of the Coast Guard Station – Speaking on his experience with the Coast Guard.

Thursday, November 8

Catherine Barber – Editor-in-Chief of the Canadian Edition of the Oxford Dictionary, and is also an Author – Known as the “Wordlady” – Has spoken to over 20 Probus Clubs.

Thursday, November 22

Barbara Keenan – Speaking on the Merger of Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

Provided by: Ron Templer

DEFINITION OF OLD

First you tell your friend that you are having an affair
Then your friend asks you "Are you having it catered?"
That, my friend, is the definition of OLD!!!!

Provided by: Pam Jackson

2007 CAR RALLY REPORT

The 2007 Car Rally was held on Thursday, October 11, starting at the Cobourg Lions Centre, and ending at the Odd Fellows Hall in Port Hope. There were 26 cars entered, and 26 cars finished the rally, although a couple took wrong turns and needed help to find their way. We threw in the truck roll-over just to make it more interesting.

The winners were: 1st Car #24 ... Anna Langley, Jean Docherty, Carole McDowell, and Dorothy Dawson
2nd Car #3 ... Ted & Helen McDonald, and Gord & Majorie Saunders
3rd Car #5 ... Al & Sonja Poppke, and Larry & Cindy Jones
Last Car #11... Alan & Christine Wilson, and Nellie & Wilson Dow



Prizes ranged from engraved coffee mugs and coffee (1st), to Kleenex and maps (last).

Marg, Marjorie, Wink and I want to thank all those who helped, in particular, Everil and Bill Alls, who helped get us started, kept us on track, and helped with the marking. Also, thanks to the staff at the Odd Fellows Hall for a great dinner.

Thanks also go out to CAA for the bags, Jason at Shelter Valley Pines for the golf cart prize, and the Taggett's at the Sunoco Station on White Street for the car-washes.

We look forward to participating in the next car rally, and whoever organizes it don't hesitate to ask.....the Alls for help. They do a great job!



Reported by: Doug Lloyd on behalf of the committee of;
Marg Curtis, Marjorie Mayer, Jennifer Lloyd, and Doug Lloyd

GOLF'S WORST FOURSOME

1. MONICA LEWINSKI
2. O. J. SIMPSON
3. TED KENNEDY
4. BILL CLINTON

WHY YOU ASK

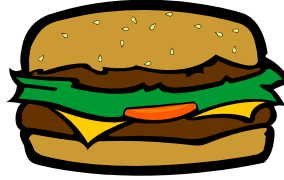
Well, you're going to love this!

1. MONICA IS A HOOKER
2. O. J. IS A SLICER
3. TED CAN'T DRIVE OVER WATER, AND
4. BILL CAN'T REMEMBER WHICH HOLE HE PLAYED LAST

BBQ - AT SAUNDERS' - AUGUST 23, 2007

THE BBQ WAS A GREAT SUCCESS - despite the fact that in the morning, the heavens opened for the first time in weeks, sending a deluge beyond belief.

The guys who volunteered to prepare the BBQ area were colourful lightning strike on the Saunders' TV tower, telephone service. They were probably quite happy to get the powers that be that not one worker was fried during the



surprised to witness a knocking out their home, dry off, and thank sudden strike.

Surprisingly, by the time Probus members & guests began to arrive around 3 p.m., the sun, and hot, humid weather had returned.

Games were played and/or watched, BBQs fired up, corn husked & boiled in cauldrons big enough to have been used during the famous Salem, Mass. witch trials.



A LARGE THANK YOU to all the volunteers who made this day possible --- collecting the donated BBQs, setting up, guiding cars to parking spots, collecting tickets, selling 50/50, cooking meat & corn, serving tea, coffee & cake, supplying hors d'oeuvres, & cleaning up. Also, thanks to David Denny & his granddaughter for the last minute run to M & Ms for extra canopies, & Frank Crowley for returning same to the Port Hope store, next day. To the social committee of; Verna Templer, Barb Rusk, Marilyn Wood, Marg Madsen, Birdeen Kerby, & Carol Lynn, a sincere thank you for all you did to pull everything together.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU - DON AND HELEN SAUNDERS for graciously allowing us to congregate on your beautiful property these past years.

Forgive me, if I've forgotten anyone - I appreciated everyone's participation - without you, it would not be possible.

Reported by: **Betsey Stanley**

GREAT SIGNS!

At a Tire Shop in Milwaukee : "Invite us to your next blowout."

On a Plastic Surgeon's Office door: "Hello. Can we pick your nose?"

At a Towing company: "We don't charge an arm and a leg. We want tows."

On an Electrician's truck: "Let us remove your shorts."

In a Nonsmoking Area: "If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action."

On a Maternity Room door: "Push. Push. Push."

At an Optometrist's Office : "If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

On a Taxidermist's window: "We really know our stuff."

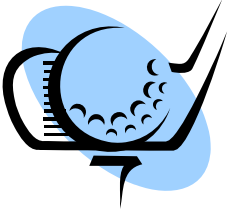


Provided by: Pam Jackson

GOLF --- GOLF --- AND MORE GOLF

EIGHTH GOLF OUTING – MONDAY, AUGUST 27TH

Marilyn Wood and Lynn Wallace organized the golf outing at the Cobourg Creek Golf Course, which was a scramble format. Thirty golfers turned out to enjoy a perfect day....not too hot with a little breeze blowing.



The team with the lowest score consisted of Dorothy Dawson, Fred Cooke, Stan Maggs and Al Wilson. The husband and wife duo of Dianne and Stan Maggs were closest to the pins on the 3rd and 5th holes. Lunch, beer and fellowship followed on the patio. Congratulations were extended to Everil and Bill Alls who recently celebrated their 39th Wedding Anniversary. We all look forward to our next outing in a couple of weeks.

Submitted by: Lynn & Marilyn

Sept. 17 at Salt Creek

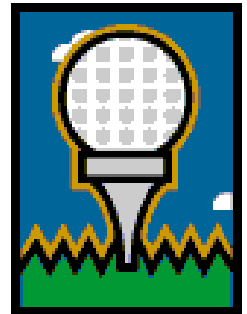
It was a cool morning when Norm & I left Brighton at 8AM. The temp was 7C, and there was frost on the roof tops.

By the time the 24 golfers were ready to start, it had warmed up, and everyone was taking off their jackets. In fact, it turned out to be a beautiful day for golfing.

Closest to the pin on #5 hole was Barry Hollis, and on the 6th hole was Barb Lawrence. The winning team at 33 was; George Lawrence, Fred Cooke, Frank Crowley, & Norm Davies.

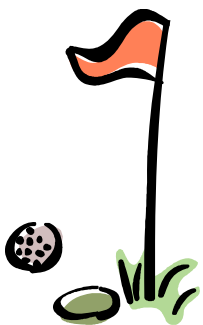
Lunch was at Warkworth, and about 18 of us showed up. Had a great time.

Lots of good weather for some more golf, don't you think?



Reported by: Mary Davies

Golf at Pine Ridge - Monday, September 24th



The penultimate contest of the year for the intrepid Probus golfers was held at Pine Ridge Golf Course.

A beautiful day for weather, and aside from some club organizational difficulties, all enjoyed the event. Although we may not have set any scoring records, some few of us distinguished themselves including Joan Hanlon and Roland Alexander who managed the closest to the respective pins.

Competition could not have been closer with the winning teams captained by (who else) , Diane and Stan Maggs, ending tied for the bragging rights of the day. Although it was suggested that the contest be settled by coin toss, gentlemen always that he is, Stan bowed to his good lady in a gesture of good sportsmanship.

Reported by: Barry Hollis

PROBUS NORTHUMBERLAND FUN GOLF GROUP

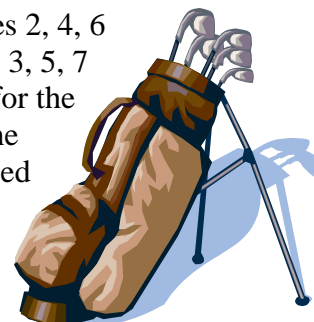
October 15th

Twenty-four golfing enthusiasts participated in the final, official game of the 2007 season at Shelter Valley Pines Golf Club.

Despite overcast skies, and the very occasional droplet or sunbeam, the weather was ideal for golf, especially appreciated by the mountain goat types who relish pulling carts up hill and down dale....as observed by their fellow enthusiasts from the luxury of their golf carts.

The organizer of this event, Roland Alexander, created a new rule: putting on holes 2, 4, 6 and 8 was to be “one hand on the putter” while “no putter was allowed” on holes 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9, where a driver or one iron (or similar to it) was to be used. This “new rule for the day” is a good illustration of what is meant by “fun golf.” By the way, getting to the winners and the also-rans: Bill Alls (you know, the tallest tree in the forest) managed to sink three putts using one hand.

Rather than give credit to the lowest scoring team, it was decided to acknowledge the highest scoring team which we are sworn to secrecy not to divulge.



Golfers then headed for lunch and a few brews at “The Bullpen” (west end of Grafton on highway # 2).

Thanks to all our golfers, our organizers, and supporters, for another splendid season of friendship and fun golf.

Submitted by: Roland Alexander

NEW GOLF RULES FOR SENIORS

These are the rules I now play by, but they only apply to seniors. The AARP Negotiates with the USGA to Modify the Rules of Golf for Seniors.

Rule 1.a.5

A ball sliced or hooked into the rough shall be lifted and placed on the fairway at a point equal to the distance it carried or rolled into the rough with no penalty. The senior should not be penalized for tall grass which groundskeepers failed to mow.

Rule 2.d.6 (b)

A ball hitting a tree shall be deemed not to have hit the tree. This is simply bad luck and luck has no place in a scientific game. The senior player must estimate the distance the ball would have traveled if it had not hit the tree and play the ball from there.

Rule 3.b.3 (g)

There shall be no such thing as a lost ball; the missing ball is on or near the course and will eventually be found and pocketed by someone else, making it a stolen ball. The player is not to compound the felony by charging himself or herself with a penalty.

Submitted by: Stan Maggs

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