

# Pro-Buzz

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## **IT'S ENOUGH TO MAKE YOUR TOAST CURL**

After Archie McGeachy piped all 12 Probus rinks onto the ice at Dalewood Golf and Curling Club, our curlers went on to bring home one of the most coveted trophies in the game's long and boring history. And at our Nov. 24 meeting, Erroll Markle proudly took to the stage with our latest prize: the Burnt Toast Award. "I'm sure we won it for our commitment to fun and games," Erroll said. "Everyone had a load of laughs at our expense." The award, a magnificently crafted combination toaster and radio, was given for no specific achievement but at the discretion of the donor, former Probus Cobourg president June Harvey. Our two teams of curlers -- competing against curlers from the Cobourg, North Shore, Port Hope, Peterborough, Oshawa and Brighton Probus Clubs -- were Roland Alexander, John McDougall, Stan Maggs, Erroll Markle and Gary Shaw, Cecilia Casteels-Geens, Marie Van Dusen, George Lawrence.

## **WHO'S THAT GUY UP ON THE ROOF?**

Around these parts it could very likely be Mike O'Grady, who's inspected more homes than a dog has fleas. Few of us want to buy a new home before having an expert pick it apart. Mike O'Grady will be our speaker this morning to tell us how he does it. And speaking of dogs, our first meeting of 2006 (on Jan. 12) will feature a therapy dog (guaranteed flea-less) led by Maureen Williams. Also up there on our stage live (and also flea-less): our own Larry Jones.

## **AND WHO'S GOING TO TAKE HOME THE TOILET SEAT?**

Five-pin bowling's equivalent of Wimbledon, the Superbowl and the Tour de France all wrapped up in one takes place Jan. 23 at Northshore Lanes. On that epic day our bowlers take on bowlers from Cobourg, North Shore and Port Hope Probus Clubs, with the prized "Loo"sers toilet-seat at stake. Probus Northumberland's highly skilled bowlers traditionally win the whole darn thing and come away with the trophy that's far less comfortable.

## **NOW HERE'S A COINCIDENCE...**

Our book club furrows its brow following the Jan. 26 meeting to discuss D.B.C. Pierre's novel, Vernon God Little. And guess what: the Lunch Bunch will, at that very same moment, settle themselves into the sofas and armchairs at Meet at 66 King St. E. for their monthly noon repast. After Vernon God Little, the readers move on to David Berger's *The Time In Between*, winner of this year's Giller Prize. The date set for that discussion is Feb. 24.

## **BARB MEYER, SANTA'S HELPER**

Those of you lucky enough to attend this year's Christmas Party (at about the same time the Rolls will be dropping off the Pro-Buzz staff at Balmoral's front door) are in for an extra treat: your very own Probus Northumberland cook book. Barb Meyer says all those sitting down to dinner at the Lions Community Centre next Thursday evening will be given a copy, fresh out of the oven. Or hot off the presses. Whatever.

**... AND YOU THOUGHT YOU'D SEEN THE LAST GOLF STORY THIS YEAR**

After all the adulation and adoration from their fellow golfers, not to mention the envy and resentment, Alan Wilson and Roland Alexander are now being showered with awards for their holes-in-one on neighbourhood golf courses. The awards were delivered thanks to the efforts of Fred Cooke, who cajoled and coerced Calloway, the renowned makers of golf equipment, into marking our pair's achievements. Al scored his hole-in-one on the sixth hole at Salt Creek and Rollie made his on the seventh at Shelter Valley Pines.

**FOR ONE GLORIOUS SHINING MOMENT, THE ENTIRE  
STAFF OF PRO-BUZZ  
PUT RANCOUR AND ILL-FEELING ASIDE TO JOIN AS ONE  
AND WISH ALL OUR READERS  
A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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