

#### **GANARASKA VALLEY PROBUS CLUB NEWSLETTER**

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## Summertime, and the livin' is easy...



### EUCHRE GROUP PIZZA PARTY

Our very popular euchre group wrapped up the season with a pizza lunch hosted by Maggie and Reg Colborne in their fabulous backyard.



John Ferguson, Joyce Prince, Frank Henderson and Don Newington



Mary Poppins a.k.a. Joan O'Grady keeping cool with her parasol



One of the yummy cakes



Carolyn Williams and Betty Curtis keeping cool with their fabulous hats



Mike O'Grady and Sam Rawson taking time off from the golf course



## 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



June 21<sup>st</sup> was our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual golf tournament and, despite the sweltering heat, 36 of our members turned out for a fun afternoon of golf at Cobourg Creek Golf Course followed by a delicious dinner at The Mill. Ray Williams organized this very successful event with the help of Sam Rawson, Diane Haynes and Carolyn Williams. Many thanks to all of you for your hard work.



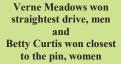
The winning team: Gail Chadwick, Mike Jenkins, Linda Popham and Garry Chadwick



The "most honest" team: Reg Colborne, June Gibson, Lois Frizzell and Sylvia McMcMahon



Maggie Colborne won the high tension play off in the putting contest against Lorna Turner







Other winners were Diane Haynes, straightest drive, women; closest to the target was Mike Jenkins, men and Gail Chadwick, women. The men were not good enough to win a prize for closest to the pin as there was not a man in the whole group who could hit the green!



As a rookie golfer, I had no idea that fishing would be involved. Ray Williams fishing a teammate's ball out of Cobourg Creek while I wished I could just jump in to cool off.



Ron Frizzell celebrating his birthday with teammate Diane Haynes

#### Golf Tournament continued .....



Enjoying some cold ones after the game – Lynda Britton, Mike O'Grady, Sam Rawson and Verne Meadows



Lois Frizzell, Sharon Rathbone, Tom McMahon, Carolyn Williams, Reg Colborne, June Gibson and Sylvia McMahon, Leo Spicer and Maggie Colborne in the background

A special thank you to Diane Haynes' husband, Tim, for donating all the golf balls for prizes and also to Garry Curtis who generously donated prizes as well. Thank you everyone for making it such a great day.

### Some great golf quotes from Bob Hope

I'd give up golf if I didn't have so many sweaters.

I get upset over a bad shot just like anyone else. But it's silly to let the game get to you. When I miss a shot I just think what a beautiful day it is. And what pure fresh air I'm breathing. Then I take a deep breath. I have to do that. That's what gives me the strength to break the club.

Golf is my real profession. Entertainment is just a sideline. I tell jokes to pay my greens fees.

If you think golf is relaxing, you're not playing it right.

I've been playing the game so long that my handicap is in Roman numerals.



# PORT HOPE AREA INITIATIVE

At our June 14 meeting, we had the pleasure of welcoming, two representatives from the Port Hope Area Initiative Management Office of Atomic Energy of Canada. Glen Case Director of Safety Design, who has been a resident of Port Hope for almost 40 years, gave a slide presentation to provide a current update on the progress of the clean up and the status of the Port Hope Project. Glen was assisted in his presentation by Sandy Holmes, the Public Information Representative for the Port Hope Area Initiative Office for the past 10 years and also a longtime resident of Port Hope.



**Glen Case and Sandy Holmes** 

Glen gave an overview of the history of the project and then gave detailed information about the key sites in and around Port Hope. He explained about the strict controls surrounding safe transportation of waste material along designated routes to a long term waste facility. Glen also told us about the Property Value Protection Program and answered many questions at the end of his presentation. It is certainly a huge project and we thank Glen and Sandy for their very informative presentation.

# ARE YOU TRAVELING IN CANADA THIS SUMMER?

If you are traveling and you would like to check out other Probus groups across the country, Gail Chadwick has available a book entitled "Membership Directory of Probus Clubs of Canada".

Happy Trails



# HIGHWAY OF HEROES TRUE PATRIOT LOVE

At our June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, Pete Fisher gave us a presentation about his book, **Highway of Heroes, True** Patriot Love. Pete is a photo journalist with Northumberland Today, a division of Sun Media. Through part of his regular duties in 2002, Pete got caught up with the emotion of the repatriation of the first four Canadian soldiers killed in Afghanistan as the procession travelled along the 401 to the Coroner's Office in Toronto. That was when the idea for a book on the Highway of Heroes was born. Pete was instrumental in getting the stretch of highway between Trenton and Toronto renamed the Highway of Heroes in 2007. In 2009 Pete began his fight for a coin to commemorate the Highway of Heroes and his vision was realized in 2011 when the Royal Canadian Mint agreed to develop a collector's edition coin commemorating the fallen in Afghanistan.



Pete Fisher

Pete's book represents an extraordinary tribute to every one of our fallen heroes and their families. With this book, Pete has achieved a remarkable tribute to the spontaneous expression of gratitude for our fallen heroes by Canadians from across the country. He showed us a very moving slide presentation of many of the photographs he had taken along the Highway of Heroes. Pete explained how the writing of the book for him was a journey of extreme sadness mixed with pride. I think these same emotions were felt by those of us who stood on overpasses in our community as these young men and women made their final journey home.



One of the many pictures from the book

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Liam and Barbara O'Kane

We moved to Newcastle in June 2007 when we bought a lakeside condo. Liam is originally from Northern Ireland and has been in Canada since 1966. Barb grew up in Toronto and has been working her way east beginning in 1981 when she moved to Scarborough. She spent most of her working life as a legal administrative assistant and has recently retired from her job of almost 24 years with the same senior partner at a large downtown Toronto law firm. Liam has not yet fully grasped the retirement lifestyle and continues to work as a consultant for Ellis Don. Together we have enjoyed travelling to Mexico, the Caribbean, Cuba, the UK, China, and Africa, as well as numerous road trips, and look forward to many more travel adventures. We are very proud of our blended family of 3 sons and a daughter and take great delight in our only grand-daughter, Alex, who is 20 months old. Liam is an avid golfer and member at Black Diamond Golf Club. Barb enjoys theatre, reading, line dancing and generally getting into trouble with her great "gal pals". Many thanks to our friends, Lorna and Elaine, for introducing us to Probus – we look forward to the many new adventures!

## Life really is about how you handle Plan B

Plan A is always my first choice ... the one where everything works out.
But more often than not, I find myself dealing with the upside-down version where nothing goes as it should.
It's at this point that the real test of my character comes in ... Do I sink or do I swim? Do I wallow in self-pity or do I simply shift gears and make the best of the situation? The choice is mine.
Life really is about how you handle Plan B.



## MORE FUN IN THE SUN

#### JUNE 15 APPIES AND DRINKS

Lois and Ron Frizzell hosted the June appies and drinks event at their lovely home in Penryn Village. It was a warm summer day and we were able to enjoy the many wonderful appetizers both inside in the shade and outside in the sunshine.



**Susan Gaudion and Pat Rawson** 



Just a few of the yummy appetizers



Ray Williams, Wilson Gaudion and George Grimes



Shady Ladies: Lois Meadows, Lynda Britton, Carolyn Williams, Carol Sterling, June Gibson, Laurel Shaw, Sylvia McMahon

## ROVERS NIGHT OUT AT BOBBY C'S



Many thanks to Joan O'Grady for organizing a great evening on June  $19^{th}$  at Bobby C's in Bowmanville. This was the last Rovers' Night Out until the fall.



Gwen Logan, Charlie Dobbie, Bruce Britton, June Gibson, Lynda Britton and Mike O'Grady



The Rowdy Table - too many to list. You know who you are!



Charlie Dobbie and Gwen Logan sharing an after dinner drink out on the deck. Ahh - Isn't that sweet!



### KEEP THOSE BERRIES FRESH

Here's a tip I recently read and will definitely try. Berries are delicious but they're also delicate. Raspberries in particular seem like they can go mouldy very quickly. There's nothing worse than buying or picking raspberries only to look in the fridge the next day and find that fuzzy mould growing on their insides. Well, with fresh berries now in farmers markets, here's a tip on how to keep them fresh!

#### Wash them with vinegar!

When you get your berries home, prepare a mixture of one part vinegar (white or apple cider probably work best) and ten parts water. Dump the berries into the mixture and swirl around. Drain, rinse if you want (although the mixture is so diluted you can't taste the vinegar) and pop them in the fridge. The vinegar kills any mould spores and other bacteria that might be on the surface of the fruit, and voila! Raspberries will last a week or more, and strawberries go almost two weeks without getting mouldy and soft. So go forth and stock up on those delicious little gems, knowing they'll stay fresh as long as it takes you to eat them.



#### COLONEL GREG SMITH IN AFGHANISTAN

In January of this year, Greg Smith, son of Probus member Ron Smith, gave our group an impressive presentation prior to his deployment to Afghanistan. Ron has shared this photo with us of Greg enjoying some well deserved "R&R" in Afghanistan.



## LUNCH BUNCH AT WOODLAWN

Yet more eating and drinking! Our Probus group certainly does it well. Our last Lunch Bunch event until the fall was held on June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Woodlawn in Cobourg. With all these eating events finishing until the fall, what will we do??!! A huge thank you to Maggie Colborne, assisted by Reg of course, for organizing all our lunch bunch gatherings this year. Great locations, great food and, of course, great company. Here's to more great lunching in the fall.



Maggie & Reg Colborne, Laurel & Bob Shaw



Helen Hannah, Betty Curtis, Larry Squire, Lesley Ewert and Garry Curtis



Lynn Bradshaw, Joan Bebee, June Gibson, Gwen Logan and

## SHARE THE WEALTH WINNED

June 14. Gwen Logan won \$53.00. June 28.

Wilson Gaudion won \$46.50.



## JULY/AUGUST CREWS

#### **CATERERS**

July 12

Captain Carol Patterson Helpers Anthony Skinner

Julie & Marcel Rondeau

August 9

Captain Charlie Dobbie Helpers Gwen Logan Roger Ingram

Lacey Ingram

**GREETERS** 

Georgina & Bryan Rose July 12 Dorothy & Cliff Donaghue August 9

**Summer Meeting Reminder:** There is only one meeting in each of July and August.

#### SAVOURY MUSHROOM APPETIZERS

Carolyn Williams brought these delicious appetizers to Lois & Ron Frizzell's Appies and Drinks in June. Carolyn is kindly sharing her recipe with us.

2 tbs margarine

8 oz. Sliced mushrooms (or more)

2tbs finely chopped onion

1 tsp lemon juice

1 tsp Worcestershire sauce

8 oz can Pillsbury Crescent Dinner

1/4 tsp garlic salt 2 (3 oz.) package cream cheese softened 1 tbs sesame seeds, toasted 2tsp chopped chives

Heat oven to 350F. In medium skillet, melt margarine. Stir in mushrooms, onion, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce and garlic salt; cook until mushrooms are done.

Unroll dough into 2 long rectangles. Place in ungreased 13x9 inch pan; press over bottom to form crust. Bake at 350F for 10 minutes. Remove from oven; spread cream cheese over dough. Top with mushroom mixture; sprinkle with sesame seeds and chives.

Bake at 350F for 8-12 minutes or until crust is golden brown. Cool 5 minutes; cut into squares or triangles. Serve warm. Garnish as desired. Makes 14 appetizers.

Tips: To make ahead, prepare, cover and refrigerate up to 2 hours; bake as directed above.

To reheat, wrap loosely in foil; heat at 350F for 12 to 15 minutes.

## SHOW ME THE MONEY!!



As mentioned in an email to everyone on June 25th, in accordance with our By-laws, the annual membership fee of \$40 is payable on July 1st. Mike O'Grady will be accepting payment by cheque payable to "Ganaraska Valley Probus Club" at our meetings on July 12 and August 9. To ensure continuation of your membership, all membership dues must be paid by August 31st. Only fully paid-up members will be permitted to vote at our Annual General Meeting to be held on September 13, 2012.

The other issue mentioned in the June 25th email is that, as you may know, our monthly newsletter is posted on the Probus website which is available on the internet and always includes photographs of members at various events. When you pay your annual dues this year, Mike O'Grady will ask you to sign a waiver giving permission for your photograph to appear in our newsletter from time to time. If you have a confidentiality issue and do not wish your photograph to appear in our newsletter, please let Mike know and we will ensure your photograph is not included in any future editions of our newsletters. If this is the case you will not be asked to sign the waiver and the information will be held in confidence.

The Management Committee thanks you for your cooperation regarding the above two matters.

### **UPCOMING SPEAKERS**

July 12. Brian Bowden will speak to us about raising llamas and using their wool.





August 9. Dave Adams will talk to us about Five Counties Children's Centre, working with children with disabilities and advances in equipment used in helping the children.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS...**

#### **APPS & DRINKS**

July 19. Lynda and Bruce Britton's home on Rice Lake, Bewdley. 2 till 5. Limit 40.

#### 4<sup>TH</sup> LINE THEATRE

July 26 at 6 p.m. "Queen Marie" a musical comedy based on the extraordinary life of Cobourg-born Marie Dressler. For those of you who have ordered a picnic from Baxter Creek, the food will be delivered to the 4<sup>th</sup> Line picnic area at 4 p.m. to allow plenty of time to eat before the 6 p.m. performance.

#### **SUMMER PICNIC**

August 23 at Irwin's Farm. 11.30 a.m. onwards. Please do not arrive before 11.30 a.m. as we will be busy setting up. Lunch will be provided by the same caterers as last year – Hayden Taylor. \$15 for members, \$17 for non-members.

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

September 13. Details to follow.

#### **CAR RALLY**

September 20. Mark the date on your calendar. More information to come.

## BUS TRIP TO STRATFORD

We have been invited to join the Northshore Probus Club to see the 2 p.m. matinee of the musical 42<sup>ND</sup> STREET on Saturday October 13, 2012. Supper will be at the restaurant, Angie's Kitchen. This is an all-you-can-eat roast beef and roast chicken dinner served family style with platters of meat and vegetables on the table. Good Mennonite food. Dessert is assorted pies. There will be a stop for lunch but you will need to pay yourself.

Bus to pick up in Colborne, Cobourg and Port Hope.

The cost for the bus, theatre and supper, taxes and tips will be \$145.00.

Please see Ray Williams if you are interested in this trip.



## **ONGOING EVENTS & contacts**

#### PUB NITE

Join us for dinner, conversation & drinks.

Last Tuesday of the month 6:00 PM at the Beamish House
Coordinator: George Grimes 905-885-1594

#### **ROVERS**

Second Tuesday of each month. Different locations and coordinators as announced at meetings.
Contact: Joan O'Grady 905-885-1018

#### **APPIES & DRINKS**

Bring an appetizer and your own drinks
Coordinator: Marilynn Dunne 905-786-2549

#### **EUCHRI**

Euchre will restart in September.

Coordinators: Garry & Betty Curtis 905-885-5304

#### **LUNCH BUNCH**

After the second meeting of the month. Will restart in September.

Coordinator: Maggie Colborne 905-885-1722

#### **BOWLING**

Bowling will restart on Monday September 10. Coordinators: Georgina & Bryan Rose 905-797-3415

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