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President's Message

When I wrote the January letter I couldn't believe that I was looking out of my window at green grass. Well it is February and I am still looking out at green grass. It has, indeed, been a very strange winter.

I am so glad that our club will be able to accept the invitation to participate in the 2012 Probust Inter Club Bowling. Some members, who are unable to bowl, will join in the fun at the Northshore Bowling Lanes on Monday, February 13th to cheer on our team. Hopefully we will not be the recipients of the toilet seat. Following the games, lunch will be served at the Cobourg Lion's Centre. It will be a good opportunity to meet and enjoy the company of fellow Probustians from other Clubs.

It was mentioned at the January 3rd meeting that the Northumberland Council of Probust has been working with Probust Centre- Canada for some time to make sure that individual clubs are well and properly covered by insurance.

General Liability: At present there is no coverage if a Probust member sues another member for personal injury resulting from an incident occurring at a members home during a Probust activity.

At present Directors and Officers of the Probust Center-Canada are covered. The policy does not cover the Directors and Officers of individual Probust Clubs.

Therefore, the Probust Centre-Canada Board of Directors at its December 12th Board meeting unanimously approved the following motions.

1. Probust Canada's General Liability Insurance should be placed with Catlin effective January 1st, 2012, at the annual premium of \$17,500.00 (note – member versus member protection will be provided through the cross liability provision in the Policy)
2. The Directors and Officers Insurance for Probust Canada's Board of Directors should be placed with Encon effective Jan.1st, 2012 at an annual premium cost for 2012 of \$300.00.
3. Probust Canada will develop a communications plan with Integro and Encon to offer Directors and Officers Insurance to all Probust Clubs in Canada on an individual Club basis, at an annual premium cost of \$300.00 per Club.

Your Management Committee will be discussing number 3 as soon as we receive the Liability Insurance Certificate from Catlin. This is information that I felt that the membership should have.

Now I want to wish you all a Happy Valentine's Day.

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CATHARINE RAMSEY

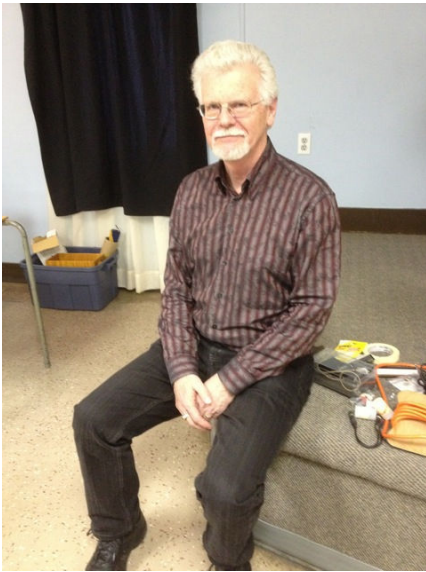
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SPEAKERS' CORNER

**JANUARY 3 – PETER BOLTON
INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE CEMETERIES OF PORT HOPE**



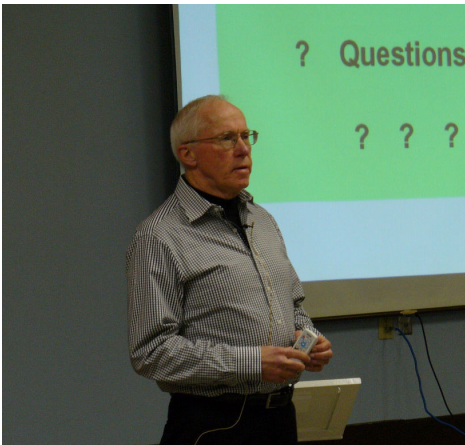
Peter Bolton gave an interesting presentation on how three cemeteries in Port Hope were closed and relocated.

He discussed the difficulty in identifying those buried in the no longer used and not kept up cemeteries. Many of the gravestones and markers were partially destroyed or missing because of age, erosion and neglect.

This meant searching old cemetery records, local newspaper obituaries and census records some of which were suspect in terms of accuracy.

For those interested in viewing some documents which give an insight into life in early Port Hope, visit Peter's web site at: <http://www.nhb.com/hunter/>

**JANUARY 17
BARRY WALKER – THE NEW COMMUNITY RADIO**



Barry's presentation was well prepared and very clear about what Small Town Radio has so far achieved and its hopes for the future.

The preliminary work has been going on since 2009 when this idea was first born from a feeling that there is a need for a service of this kind for the West Northumberland Area. After much work and overcoming many roadblocks finally in February 2011 an application was presented to CRTC. This was tabled on July 18 and was approved on November 10, 2011.

STR is a not for profit organization which will be community owned and controlled. This will be our radio airing views on happenings in our community and which should be of interest to most residents.

This is a much needed service and much now depends on getting enough volunteers and sufficient funds to get CFWN-FM up and running by Fall 2012 and to make their slogan "Heartbeat of our Community" a reality

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FRASER WANTS YOUR BIOGRAPHIES

In January Fraser read the biographies he had received and it was fun trying to guess who the writer was. Since then – although he has asked several times – no biographies have been given to him. He really wants these and would truly appreciate it if you would take a little time to write yours and give it to him – no matter how short he will make it readable and we can continue with this program which helps us to get to know each other better.– so please? Let's inundate him with them while he recovers from his broken arm!!

Greetings from Kamloops BC Probus!

I was very interested to read your Newsletter, although not many names were familiar except for Owen and Dorothy Lent. We lived in Port Hope in the 1940s and Owen was a great friend. In 2009, after 40 years in Victoria where we briefly belonged to a Probus Club, my wife Anne and I moved to Kamloops where our son John is Assist. School Superintendent. A new Probus Club was started here in 2009, when we had been in town for 2 months . Anne and I being the only ones who had been in a Probus Club before, I was conscripted into becoming the founding President. The club now has about 8 thriving special interest groups and 100 members.
Best wishes from Probus , Kamloops! Frank Churchley fchurchley@shaw.ca

** Frank picked up our December Newsletter which as usual was published on the Northumberland Probus web-site and I was very pleased to receive this from him. We have since shared information about Special Interest Groups

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

As mentioned, I have been talking to Frank about their Special Interest Groups and at get togethers over the holidays I also had a chance to talk with several neighbours who are members of our sister Club – the Ganaraska Club – and got more information about their special interest groups.

Like them we have been having “Appies and Drinks” and that has been really very successful and much enjoyed by all who attended. However, since Sue and Al’s get together in September we unfortunately have had no host volunteers.

Both the Kamloops and the Ganaraska Clubs have Lunch Groups. At the Ganaraska the Co-ordinator, who can be one person or a group, checks with a restaurant as to price and available space and at the first meeting of the month gives details as to where and how much – the date for lunch is usually the date of the second meeting of the month. Those who are interested sign up and the co-ordinator then gets back to the restaurant confirming date and number – the Ganaraska calls this “The Lunch Bunch” and usually has between 35 to 40 members attend.

The Ganaraska also has Pub Nights. The co-ordinator changes regularly – all that is necessary is to check with the Pub as to a suitable date – they use the Beamish frequently and have also been to Harry’s. Once members know the date and time those interested sign up – I hear that these are usually very successful.

The Club in Kamloops has a book group, a walking group, card group and more, but one that is not likely to get much interest from us - a Snowshoeing group!

Possibly the Lunch group and the Pub Nights are gatherings that would find a lot of interest in our Club – all that is needed to get them started is volunteer(s).

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KEITH PICKETT WELCOMES NEW MEMBER DIANE CONDUIT



Diane was born in Toronto and spent her early days there and in the surrounding areas. She has also lived in Vancouver, California, England and Montreal where she met her husband and started her family. She has a great fondness for that city and as her daughter now lives there she visits frequently. Her son lives and works in Toronto.

Diane returned to work when the children reached the age of relative independence and worked for several years as an Associate with a Management Consulting firm and then as a self-employed Sales Trainer. She is “now happily unemployed”

Diane came to Port Hope in 2011 and hopes this is her last move. Her interests include golf, quilting, ballet, travel, history and most things “old”. She tries never to miss *Jeopardy* and is addicted to puzzles and sometimes even finishes them. She has a weakness for shoes but most of all she loves good food in the company of good friends

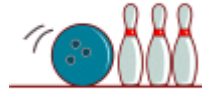
SPECIAL EVENTS – CATHARINE RAMSEY

FEBRUARY 13 – INTER CLUB BOWLING

NORTHSHORE BOWLING LANES – COBOURG

\$10 for 3 games + 50c for shoe rental

Lunch (optional) \$18 - Lions Centre, 157 Elgin St.E, Cobourg



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MARCH 13 - ST. PATRICK'S PUB NIGHT

- THE BEAMISH

- Further details to follow

CO-ORDINATOR – TERRY BELL



Happy St. Patrick's Day

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MARCH 21 - CANADA BLOOMS

- \$57 per person
- Includes admission, transportation to and from the Direct Energy Center
- Departure 9.15 AM
- Arrangements through Marlin Travel
- CO-ORDINATOR – PAULINE CARRICK



PROGRAMS – FRASER CARR AND SHIRLEY KANE

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| February 7 | Pam Tate "How Long Did It Take You To Paint This Picture?" |
| 21 | Kevin Fast "World's Strongest Man" |
| March 6 | Peter Fisher – Journalist and Author of "Highway of Heroes" |
| 20 | To Be Announced |

CATERING – ANNE SHIELDS

FEBRUARY CAPTAIN CATHARINE RAMSEY

- 7 Pat Buchan, Margot Agnew, Eileen Rose, Ruth Roy
- 21 Margaret and Alan McCready, Betty Collins, Carolyn Minion

MARCH CAPTAIN JANE MC CLUSKEY

- 6 Grace Lees, Joyce Lees, Marguerite Doritty, Fran Campbell
- 20 Joann Henderson, Jeanne Kaiser, Shirley Robinson, Charmion Dennys

APRIL CAPTAIN BARBARA MOORCROFT

- 3 Marg and Murray Dillon, Lynn Liddell, George Watson
- 17 Bob Moorcroft, Sue Speirs, Shirley Kane, Lois Hueston

GREETERS – BARBARA WINFIELD

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| February 7 | Judy and Vern Johnson |
| 21 | Una and Erik Norenus |

Remember to give Catharine Ramsey all your info for the March Patter as I will be away – thanks. Carolyn