



THE PRO-BUZZ

OCTOBER 2013

2013-2014 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Our returning vice-president, Lynn Ramsay, Chair of the Nominating Committee, proposed the following slate of Executive Officers and Committee Chairs for 2013-2014. This slate was unanimously approved by the membership and is effective today.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

- President: Jamie Doolittle
- Vice President: Lynn Ramsay
- Secretary: Linda Nash
- Secretary Mgmt. Mtgs: Marg Denny
- Treasurer: Norma Stoffers
- Ex-Officio Non-Voting Adviser to the President: Errol Markle



COMMITTEES & CHAIRPERSON(S)

- Membership: Dianne & Gord Graham
- Speakers: Harry Nash
- Social: Marilyn Csefko
- House Liaison: Stan Maggs
- Share the Wealth: Winnie Gerrow
- Golf Group: Danny Robertson
- Sunshine/Greeters: Pat Hawkins
- Pro-Buzz: Bob & Carol Petter and Gary Bennett
- Lunch Bunch: Marion Boys & Lynn Ramsay
- Ride Committee: Doreen & Brian Scott
- Photography: Heather Jansen
- Singles' Club: Louise Barraclough



- Scrap Book: Patricia Noble
- Purchasing: Gladys Maggs
- Auditor: Shirley Erskine

KIRKFIELD LIFT LOCK CRUISE

On September 11th, 48 Probus members and guests set out on a cruise to the Kirkfield lift lock. Some folks went up to Fenelon Falls on Tuesday and spent the night in local accommodations while many brave souls got up early on the morning of the cruise and had a lovely early morning drive to Fenelon Falls. The weather was beautiful and everyone arrived at the dock promptly on time. Captain Randy departed a bit earlier than scheduled to allow a very leisurely cruise across Cameron Lake to catch the first locking into Balsam Lake at 10AM. This would allow us lots of time to do the trip to Kirkfield and be back in sufficient time to catch the last lock back to the dock at 3:30PM.



We had a few minutes to wait for the lock to open and when we pulled back from the blue line to prepare to enter the lock the Kawartha Spirit hooked her rudder on some sunken object and snapped a rudder cable. This meant we wouldn't make this lock. Captain Randy hastily made the necessary repairs in time for the next locking, but by then, it was 11AM, thus jeopardizing getting back in time for the 3:30 lock. Would this mean we would have to swim back across Cameron Lake?

The cruise across Balsam Lake was very pleasant and the water and scenery were ideal for cruising. We entered the canal to take us to Kirkfield during which time the crew served a very delicious lunch of stuffed chicken breast with veggies and rice followed by chocolate cake for dessert. At Kirkfield, the operators were awaiting our arrival and we entered the lock chamber, which is approximately 15 metres in the air with only a gate between us and the wild blue yonder. Eeks!! All went smoothly and we were lowered to the water of the canal below. We made a 3-point turn in the canal and re-entered the lift lock chamber again to be lifted back up to the return channel, ever mindful that a 3:30 deadline loomed large at Rosedale.

As we began our return to Fenelon Falls, Captain Randy began to push the old boat along up through the canal and out onto Balsam Lake where only the power boats could keep ahead of us. We sped across Balsam Lake at the breakneck speed of about 10 miles per hour and arrived at the Rosedale lock in a blaze of glory at 3:25 PM. PHEW! We made it! Nobody needed to swim!

Before disembarking, Jamie thanked Captain Randy and the crew for a very pleasant day, promising to see them next year when they move the Kawartha Spirit over to Stony Lake. I know Verna heard that and she will be on that one for next year. Stay tuned...

Upon arrival at Fenelon Falls, we stopped for a photo-op and then went our separate ways. What a wonderful time and what a pleasant way for friends to share a day. Thanks to Jan Lundbohm and company for organizing a very restful outing.

Submitted by Maura McGeachy & Wilson Dow

GOLFING NEWS

September 16th at Shelter Valley Pines

On Monday, September 16th, eleven golfers braved the threat of rain and a very cool morning to play the front nine. Thankfully, it did not rain and the sun finally broke through to make it a more pleasant morning. Golfers played 9 holes, scramble format, and enjoyed lunch afterwards.



The winners were the team of Bill Alls, Jean Crowley and Jim O'Shea with a round of 36.

Longest drive for ladies was Anne Margles and for men was Michael Hanlon.

Closest to the pin for both ladies and men was "nobody".

We were pleased to have "nobody" playing with us.

Submitted by Don Tapscott

PROBUS GOLF WIND-UP AT COBOURG CREEK

The final Probus Golf Group event of the season was held on Monday, September 30th hosted by Jamie Doolittle and Jim O'Shea.

Weather was ideal and nine four person teams nicely filled the nine hole course.

The golf was up to our usual high standard and competition was fierce. Winners were as follows:

Team prize: Jamie Doolittle, Pete Csefko, Everil Alls, Barry Hollis.

Closest to pin: Ladies: Verna Templer
Men: Ted Jex

Closest to target: Ladies: Barb Rusk
Men: Frank Crowley

Putting Contest: Stan Maggs.

After golf, we were joined for dinner in the Clubhouse by a further sixteen members. A good time was enjoyed by all in a friendly and convivial atmosphere.

Awarding of prizes was handled by Jamie, as only he can. See next page for details.

Submitted by Jim O'Shea.

GOLF SPONSORS FOR FINAL OUTING - 2013



The Probian golfers wish to thank our own members Anne Gordon, Verna Templer, and Sam Oliver for their contributions to our annual closing event. We are also extremely grateful to Ken Stoker for all of his assistance, as well as the following local sponsors for their contributions to our prize table:

Ken Stoker	Cobourg Creek Golf Course
Jason Vanderwel	Shelter Valley Pines Golf Club
Paul Douglas	Ashbrook Golf Club
Gary Alex	Pine Ridge Golf Club
Jean Peters	Salt Creek Golf Club
Don Rolph	T.D. Canada Trust
Jennifer McMurtry	Bank of Montreal
Les Andrews	McDonald's
Chris Waller	Casey's Grillhouse
Linda Marr	The Buttermilk Café
Don Owen	The Oasis Bar & Grill
Simon Lam	Red Lantern
Vince Nunes	Swiss Chalet
Mike Travis	Bitters & Grapes
Sean Thomas	Thomas Pontiac Buick GMC
Greg Hannah	Hannah Vehicle Services
Rick Riley	Genedco
Carl West	Quadrus Investment Services
Mike Perry	Re/Max Lakeshore Realty
Peter Bisciglio	Peter's Barber Shop
David Austin/Richard Rye	Stanley's Fish & Chips
Georgina Morrison	T.D. Canada Trust, Mortgage Specialist
Steve & Christine Smith	East Side Mario's
Werner Frei	The Matterhorn Restaurant



Submitted by Jamie Dolittle

NATIONAL AIR FORCE MUSEUM OF CANADA



On September 17th, a beautiful sunny morning, approximately 30 of our members visited the National Air Force Museum in Trenton to learn about Canadian military aviation and how it evolved into today's modern air force. Upon entering the main exhibition hall, we were struck by the commanding presence of the world's only authentically restored Halifax bomber. After retrieving the aircraft, found under 750 feet of Norwegian water, dozens of dedicated volunteers worked more than ten years to complete the restoration project - a true "labour of

love". There are also a number of other aircraft in this area, each with a story to tell. The museum also houses countless artifacts, which are beautifully displayed.

Outside, in the RCAF Memorial Airpark, we boarded the mighty Hercules, one of the real workhorses of the armed forces for a guided tour, including Harry Nash in the cockpit. This area is also home to hundreds of "Ad Astra Stones" which honour service in the air force. Throughout our tour the dedicated volunteers helped bring history to life. Afterwards we enjoyed a delicious lunch at Tomasso's. Many thanks to Harry Nash for organizing this great outing.

Submitted by Cynthia & Larry Jones and0 Harry Nash



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Dinner Theatre: We will be attending *Don't Dress For Dinner* at the Best Western on November 1st. Tickets are \$40 each. Please sign up with Marg Hannah and Marilyn Wood at the break.

Christmas Party: Our annual Christmas Party will take place on Thursday, December 12th at the Lions Centre. It is being organized by Barbara Jean & Bordon Taylor, Marilyn & Bob Harris and Diana & Joe Flynn. Tickets will be available on October 24th. Cost is \$40 for members and \$45 for guests.

Les Miserables: Many people have indicated an interest in attending this theatre production being held at the Princess of Wales Theatre in Toronto. Please sign up with Verna if you are interested in this outing.

COMING EVENTS

SOCIAL by Verna Templer

Nov. 1st *Don't Dress for Dinner* – Dinner Theatre at the Best Western *

Date TBD *Les Miserables* - Princess of Wales Theatre, Toronto

Dec. 12th Christmas Party *

* Note: Details regarding the above are provided on the previous page.

THE LUNCH BUNCH by Marion Boys & Lynn Ramsay

Oct. 24nd East Side Marios

Nov. 28th Stanley's Fish & Grill

THE SPEAKER'S CORNER by Gladys & Stan Maggs

Oct. 10th Chris Worsnop – Chairman, Vintage Film Festival

Oct. 24th David Newlon – Travels in the Arctic

Nov. 14th Remembrance Day – a tribute to Veterans

Nov. 28th Ossie Tee – Bird Watching in Northumberland

Dec 12Th No speaker - Christmas Party

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