



# THE PRO-BUZZ

**SEPTEMBER 2013**

## ANNUAL BARBEQUE

It was a dark and stormy morning, but by the time the hordes ascended to the Alls' hilltop estate north of Cobourg, the scene was bathed in sunshine.

While some of our numbers were busy in the kitchen fixing salads, Fred Cooke was outdoors counting arrivals ("about seventy," he replied later when asked for an accurate head-count) and Jim O'Shea was directing limousines to their parking spots.

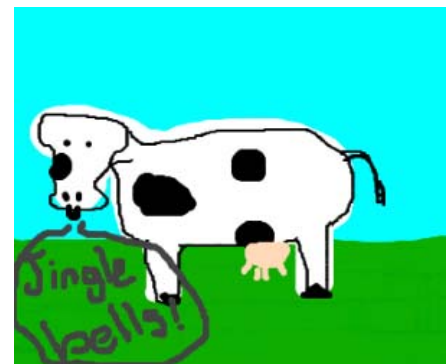
Up on the hill, joy and banter reigned while June Loader and Dorothy Dawson busied about selling draw tickets, and the shuckers were busy stripping corn. Barry Hollis stirred the pot, bringing the water to a rolling boil while Danny Robertson, Don Johnson and Fred Cooke began firing up the barbies. The ladies delivered the salads to the palatial garage in which Bill stores part of his fleet of classic automobiles. After the salads, pans full of golden corn arrived followed by burgers and hot dogs.

Surprisingly, there was corn left - to be given to the Alls' herd. There were even hamburgers and buns left that quickly became fodder, so to speak, for Bill's exceptional salesmanship. Verna bought buns but had no freezer room for the burgers. "Never mind," said Bill. "We'll keep them in ours". Sold.

And so it went. Bill even tried to sell the stale coffee left over in the percolators. "Don't leave your seat," someone warned, "he'll try to sell it back to you." Everil, meanwhile, was as ladylike as ever, impervious to the hue as she serenely served up cake.

Pat Robertson, Molly Leckey and Wilson Dow each won \$40 in the draw. President Jamie thanked the hosts and all the helpers, and presented the Alls with a gift certificate for eats at the Woodlawn.

Bill said there was money left over that would be turned over to the Christmas party. It won't be at Chateau Alls, of course. But there's a rumor that Bill's been teaching his cattle to moo Jingle Bells.



*Submitted by Michael Hanlon*

## GOLF AT PINE RIDGE

Nineteen Northumberland Probus Club members were rewarded with beautiful summer weather as they teed off for a 9 hole round of golf at Pine Ridge Golf Club on Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Team #4, made up of Danny Robertson, Ted Jex, Everil Alls and Barry Hollis, recorded the lowest score of 39.

As is often the case, Fred Cooke had the longest men's drive! Mary Wilson had the longest ladies' drive, and insisted that she be allowed to keep the marker for framing! Both Bill and Everil Alls were closest to the pin on the designated hole.

Lunch was enjoyed in the clubhouse.

*Submitted by Frank & Jean Crowley*

## FINAL GOLF OUTING 2013



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Our Probus golf season will be winding up this month with the final outing to be held at the Cobourg Creek Golf Course. Details are as follows:

Date: Monday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>

Time: Tee Off at 2:30, dinner at 6:00 - chicken or steak

Cost: Golf \$50.00 if walking, \$55.00 with a cart.  
Dinner is only \$25.00

Cheques only, payable to Probus Northumberland

If you have signed up but not paid, please do so today.

It's not too late - see Jim O'Shea to sign up.

## **UPCOMING GOLF EVENTS**

| <b>DATE</b>                    | <b>ORGANIZERS</b>               | <b>GOLF CLUB</b>     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Monday, Sept. 16 <sup>th</sup> | Don Tapscott &<br>Brian Salley  | Shelter Valley Pines |
| Monday, Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup> | Jamie Doolittle &<br>Jim O'Shea | Cobourg Creek        |

## SENIORS' BOWLING

By the time you read this newsletter, things will be buzzing at the Northshore Lanes in Northumberland Mall. The seniors will have regrouped for another season of socializing and a bit of exercise to boot.



The league meets every Wednesday, September through to the end of April / early May. No experience is required but fun and laughter is mandatory. There's always room for new bowlers, so sign up and you'll be in fine form for all challengers when we meet for the Probus Bowling Tournament with other Northumberland clubs in January/February.

For further details call Wilson Dow (905-352-3768) or Peter O'Donnell (905-377-8437).

*Submitted by Wilson Dow*



*Little Johnny's kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station where they saw pictures, tacked to a bulletin board, of the 10 most wanted men.*

*One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person.*

*"Yes", said the policeman. "The detectives want to catch him very badly".*

*Johnny asked, "So why didn't you keep him when you took his picture?"*

## ANYTHING GOES



It was 11:15am on July 31<sup>st</sup>. You could tell it was a busload of seniors. Since everyone was on board, we left 15 minutes early!

The story *Anything Goes* is based on a farcical musical comedy, set on a 1934 transatlantic crossing. After the show, some of the comments heard were: "awesome", "excellent", "very humorous one-liners", "fantastic singing and dancing" ...

One of the main stars, Rachel York, portrayed Reno Sweeney. Rachel has a fabulous voice and tremendous dancing skills, although to be fair, every one of the cast of 32 was excellent. Everyone had a great time.

Due to traffic congestion and road construction, it took 2 hours and 15 minutes to get to the Mandarin restaurant in Oshawa. The service and food was as good as the Pickering Mandarin. For some reason, no one was interested in stopping for a snack on the way home!

*Submitted by Jan Lundbohm*

## **PARKWOOD ESTATE TOUR**



On August 14<sup>th</sup>, 24 Probus members were treated to an informative guided tour of Colonel R.S. McLaughlin's Parkwood Estate in Oshawa. The 12-acre grounds (minus one acre taken up by a multi-storey parking garage for the hospital complex) is beautifully landscaped with a number of gardens, the Italian garden reportedly Mrs. McLaughlin's favourite.

The main entrance of the house, built in 1915 shows off a pipe organ, which all five of the McLaughlin's daughters played. A beautiful cantilevered circular staircase topped by a dome on the second floor enhances the acoustics. The 55 room house contains the original family furnishings and is considered a museum. From the 300 year old tapestry in the formal sitting room to the vaulted, hand-painted ceiling in Mrs. McLaughlin's dressing room (shipped from England in one piece weighing more than 2000 lbs.) to the bowling alley with the first automated pin setter, to the indoor pool, billiards room, elevator and private telephone "booth" hidden behind a secret door set in the heavy paneling...there were so many unique and beautiful items to be seen.

The majority of the group enjoyed a lovely lunch in the outdoor pavilion overlooking the fountains of the formal garden.

Many thanks to Lynn Ramsey for organizing this delightful outing!

P.S. We even learned how Canada Dry got its name ...

*Submitted by Heather Jansen*

## **DETAILS OF COMING EVENTS**

**National Air Force Museum of Canada:** This event starts at 9:30am on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 220 RCAF Road, CFB Trenton. The museum has an Air Park with 14 static aircraft and features a viewing of the restoration of the world's only complete Mark VII Halifax Bomber. The cost for the tour of the museum is \$3.00. Lunch will be at Tomasso's on Front Street in Trenton. Provide your own transportation.

**Trip to the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM):** Several people have indicated an interest in going to the ROM to see the current feature, *Mesopotamia – Inventing Our World*. There are over 170 precious objects on display from the British Museum, spanning 1000 years of human history. Currently there are 17 people on the list for this trip. We need at least 40 to proceed with arrangements for a bus for this outing. Please sign up with Verna during the break if you are interested.

## COMING EVENTS

### **SOCIAL** by Verna Templer

Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> National Air Force Museum of Canada\*

Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> Drive & Dine – Lawrences & Crowleys arranging – details to come

\* see previous page for details for this event

### **THE LUNCH BUNCH** by Marilyn Csefko

Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> Ginger Thai Cuisine

Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> East Side Marios

### **THE SPEAKER'S CORNER** by Gladys & Stan Maggs

Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> Sherry Gibson from Community Care

Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> Kia Liu – Town of Cobourg Chief of Police

Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> Chris Worsnop – Chairman of the Vintage Film Festival Committee

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