



Games Day Pot Luck



Many attended the monthly games day at the JBSC and enjoyed a pot luck lunch followed by playing several games. Arranged by the Chadwicks.

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Your Probud Calendar

Feb 9	Special Entertainment Valentine's Day, wear RED
Feb 16	Rovers Bualai Taste of Thai 6pm
Feb 21	Games Day 1-4 @ the Jack Burger Sports Complex,
Feb 23	Director Barbershop Harmony Society
Feb 24	Appts/Drinks@ Skinners, 34 Jiggins Ct 1 - 4pm
Feb 28	Pub Night @ The Beamish 6:00 pm
Mar 16	Canada Blooms details to follow
Mar 29	Games Day 1-4 @ the Jack Burger Sports Complex
	<i>Sign up for many of the above events at our sign-up table</i>

PUB NIGHT

Pub night is held at the Beamish House on John Street the last Tuesday of each month starting between 5:30 and 6:00 pm. It is purely a social get together and is open to all Probud members. Just bring along yourselves and something to talk about.



January 12th meeting



Lynn Johnson has had a life-long love of history, particularly the history of England and Scotland, in the Middle Ages. For the past 15 years, she has been a member of the Society for Creative Anachronism, and international medieval re-enactment society which hopes to increase interest in the period and to provide education about it. In the Society, as Lady Gwen Hamilton, she has earned the Award of Orion for her research into 15th century Scotland and medieval women.

Lynn informed us about the lives of the people during medieval times. How they were dependent on fire for light, warmth, cooking and a gathering spot for the family. She described the clothing that was worn; lined underwear, wool for the rest and socks were often left in wills for their heirs no matter how used. To eat; spoons, knives and trenchers (plates) were used and drinking cups were often shared between the diners. Ale was drank usually because the water was undrinkable. Lynn informed us that some of the status symbols for the rich were, more meat, chairs, tablecloths and books,

It was during the 14th century that there was widespread famine, Black Death and the 100 years' war. But it was also during that time that banks and universities opened up and printing, cookbooks and buttons were invented.

During the Middle Ages and Medieval Re-enactments people come dressed in period clothing, making music, crafts, archery and new persona's to suit that time. Lynn's persona was Lady Gwen Hamilton which she came dressed as.



January 26th meeting



On January 26, Jeremy Bertrand, a Senior Program Advisory Specialist in the Advisory, Objections, Appeals and Services Branch of the Ontario Ministry of Finance turned his topic, although sounding exceedingly dull – Understanding Ontario's Estate Administration Tax (EAT), into a really entertaining and informative presentation. He co-ordinates the province's Personal Income Tax Credits and Benefits outreach program which educates thousands of Ontarians each year about the credits and benefits we might be entitled to receive.

Estate taxation was introduced in Britain in 1358 AD, and the earliest known similar tax was introduced in Canada in 1793. In 1998 the term probate was replaced by the EAT, although many of us still refer to an estate having to go through probate. It turns out that only 25% of estates actually require such a tax payment.

The conditions for having to pay EAT were clearly outlined by Jeremy, and he brought several pamphlets and folders with him that anyone interested was invited to take. We were given a test at the end which we all passed with flying colours. Anyone who missed the presentation can access information through the Ontario Government website. Information on Powers of Attorney, both for personal care and property and forms from the Canada Revenue Agency were also available. Jan Blakey did a great job of introducing Jeremy, and he was thanked graciously by Gail Chadwick.

APPIES

Appies this month was hosted by Gail and Gary Chadwick.



Dinner Theatre

A total of 16 members attended the dinner theatre at the Best Western, 8 on January 27th and 8 on February 3rd.



Lunch Bunch

Several members left the meeting on January 26 and headed for the Red Rice to enjoy lunch.

SHARE THE WEALTH WINNERS



Jan 12 Liam O'Kane \$42.05
Jan 26 Marcel Rondeau \$36.60

February/March

February 9

Greeters: Jan and Eric Blaikie
Share the Wealth: Yvonne and Glen Workman
Membership Ass't: Carol Patterson
Captain: Co-Captains: Carol Patterson
 Anthony Skinner
Helpers: Roger Ingram
 Lacey Ingram
 Sharon Rathbone

February 23

Greeters: Jane and Bob Hennessey
Share the Wealth: N/A
Membership Ass't: N/A
Captain: Co-Captains: Joan Beebe
 Garnett Birney
Helpers: Rosalie Jakob
 Willey Jacobi
 Marion Griffin

Any information you would like included in the newsletter make sure we have it by email before the last day of the month. This includes any stories and photos of events.

"Step Up to the Plate"

Volunteers are needed to help set up refreshments at our meetings.

PS – Anyone and everyone can do this!

GANARASKA PROBUS CLUB BOWLING

Our practice sessions are as follows.
March 6 and April 3.

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