



# The ProBuzz



Newsletter of the PROBUS Club of Northumberland – August 2018

## A Word from the President

I am patting myself on the back because I did something that I had asked you as members of Northumberland Probud to consider doing and that is emailing **Bob Ashdown** ([ashdownbob@gmail.com](mailto:ashdownbob@gmail.com)) of the National Website to tell him what a wonderful club we have.

Trying to quieten you down to start a meeting tells me that you enjoy each other's company but I love that challenge (sort of) – it says great and positive things about our keenness to greet and chat and laugh with both old and new friends. Share nationally what Northumberland Probud means to you.

We have recently welcomed 10 new members with more on the horizon and it is rewarding to see these people already participating in Appies and Drinks, golf, excursions and just in being involved. My hope is that they all feel welcome and important.

With two meetings, two golf dates and three social events occurring in August, I look forward to seeing your smiling faces often.

“Stay young at heart, kind in spirit and enjoy retirement life”.



**Barb Swallow**

**Canada Day** The parade was an opportunity to tell the world that Probud exists and that we have fun. So on a hot day in July (the 1st) we joined the parade with our Banner and flags.



**FYI:** There are just four more Northumberland Probud Golf Outings before the end of the season!

**August 13th** - Back 9 scramble at Shelter Valley Pines - Hosted by Frank and Jean Crowley

**August 27th** - 9 holes at Baxter Creek - Hosted by Ann and Barry Hollis

**September** - Front 9 scramble at Shelter Valley Pines - Hosted by Susan Brown, Carole Lynn and Lynn Wallace



**September 24th** - Closing Event - 9 hole scramble at Port Hope Golf Club followed by dinner - Hosted by Mary Dunphy and Mary Wilson.

## Speakers

**Bill Lockington** is a well known lawyer from Peterborough and is deeply involved in many organizations and on **July 12th** we were privileged to have him speak to us about his participation in Canada C3, a signature project for Canada's 150th Anniversary of Confederation.

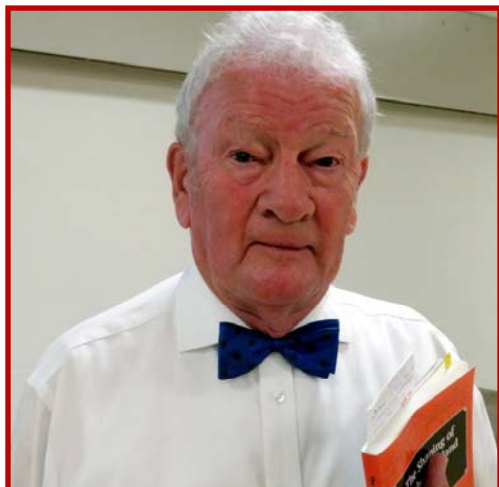
The trip was an epic 150 day sailing journey from Toronto to Victoria via The Northwest Passage. He was on board for a part of the journey and explained some of the goals of the trip and how it had given him much food for thought. He was motivated to tell of his experiences.

Canada C3 celebrated our environment, sharing of stories from coastal communities and connecting Canadians from coast to coast to coast.

On board the Canada C3 vessel a diverse group of Canadians were invited to participate including scientists, artists, indigenous elders, historians, community leaders, youth, journalists and educators. On their journey they disembarked each day using Zodiaks in the remote areas, take water samples and other scientific information and also to visit communities and to get a greater understanding of their history and to document information and stories from their past, he learned more of their unfortunate and difficult history. The information from these communities of indigenous people will be lost to future Canadians unless it is documented and passed on through the generations.

He amused us with tales of Harvey and Wild Bill Wilson with whom he shared his cabin and showed slides of the vessel and Zodiaks with fabulous scenery and buildings in the background. It was an interesting morning, thank you Sally Wade for this interesting speaker.

On **July 26** our speaker was **Dr. Alan Acheson**, he came to speak to us about his new book published in 2017, *The Shaping of Northern Ireland. A Historical Perspective*. He was accompanied by his wife Ginette Duplessis.



He was educated in Ireland and attended Queens University in Belfast where he completed his PhD. He became a grammar school teacher and Headmaster of schools in Ireland and Australia. He served as a British Army Officer 1964-1972. He also taught church history in Trinity college Dublin.

The book primarily makes the case of Northern Ireland and its right to self-determination and of its enduring viability as a British Province and to understand the shaping of modern Ireland as well as that of Northern Ireland.

*Mary Wilson*

## Appies and Drinks

It was wonderful to turn off the TV, the telephone and the computer and for two hours enjoy good company and good food at the Lawrence's. A lovely breeze blew through the garden gazebo making the hot July day so enjoyable. Thank you to Barb and George for their hospitality once again.

The **August 8th Appies and Drinks** are being hosted by Nancy and Gary Thomas. They live at 102 Havelock Street in Cobourg. Time: 3pm to 5pm. Please bring an appetizer and drink of your choice. Don't forget your nametag. Hope some new members will join us there!

*Roslynn Cooke* 2



## Upcoming Social Events

### Annual Summer BBQ Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>

We have 82 people signed up to attend our annual BBQ. Remember to bring your lawn chair, beverage of choice with container/glass, name tag and wear comfy shoes. Everything else will be provided including plates and utensils. There's one more opportunity to sign up at our next meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup>.



As requested, here are the **directions to get to Bill & Everil Alls' farm at 3415 Cornish Hollow Road.**

- Go north on Burnham Street
- Cross Hwy 401, continue for approximately 5 kms
- When you pass the Hamilton Township Municipal Office on the right, watch for Smylie Road
- Turn right on Smylie Road and continue for 2.5 kms to the T intersection (Cornish Hollow Road)
- Turn right, proceed to #3415 (first driveway on the left)
- Proceed up the driveway to the garage. Parking attendants will be there to direct you, starting at 3pm.

### Drive & Dine Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

We'll provide information regarding the times and costs for this event later in the month and expect to start our sign up at our August 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**Carol Petter**

### Toronto Blue Jays Game – Wednesday, August 22nd

Remember, we'll be leaving from the parking lot in front of Staples at **10:00 am**. I'll have your tickets ready for you as we board the bus. Let's Go Blue Jays!!

**Dianne Graham**

## Gershwin at Westben

What a lovely afternoon in Campbellford on July 19th as 58 PROBUS members gathered to listen to the wonderful sounds of Gershwin, including *Summertime*, *Shall We Dance*, *I Got Rhythm* and *Of Thee I Sing*. George Gershwin's music spanned both classical orchestral compositions and the Broadway stage – how sad that he died at the young age of 39. The show featured four outstanding young vocalists accompanied on the piano by Westben's accomplished artistic & managing director, Brian Finley. The weather was perfect and, to top it off, Louise Fernane brought home the 50/50 prize!

**Dianne Graham**



## New Members: Dianne & Len Taylor (905) 377-0241

Sponsored by Marg & Brian Clarkson.



Dianne was a physiotherapist. She enjoys gardening, grandchildren and hiking. She is willing to help with sign-up tables, host appies & drinks, sending cards and being a greeter at the door.



Len is a retired bank manager. He is a Chartered Accountant and holds an MBA from York. He enjoys golf, gardening and travel. He is willing to help with the golf committee and photography.

Please welcome them to the club and don't forget to add them to your list of members.

Our club membership now stands at 197.

Reminder - please pay your annual membership dues (\$40) before August 1st.

**Maureen & John Crofts, Membership Committee**

## Lunch Bunch

Well, we had a fabulous turnout for our July get-together. Our numbers included a few guests as well as the meeting's guest speaker - Dr. Alan Acheson.

When there is a large group a buffet works out well service wise. We definitely enjoyed the traditional Chinese cuisine that was offered at this new locale.

We will be on sabbatical for the month of August. For September we plan on going to the Oasis Restaurant on King Street in Cobourg.

Enjoy the next few weeks of summer!

*Roslynn Cooke, Lunch Bunch Coordinator*

## Annual Picnic in the Park - June 28th

The rain let up just before 11 AM when Ted Jax brought out the balls so the games could begin. The audience on the pavilion verandah looked on critically as the veteran bowlers schooled the rookies in the essentials of lawn bowling. Promptly at noon, Carol Dewey called us all to eat. As usual, the potluck lunch featured a fine selection of food stuffs, set out buffet style in the pavilion. There was plenty to satisfy the 25 plus attendees, and yes, there was dessert.

Well done to all contributors, helpers and participants, and a special thanks to the Cobourg Bowling Club for the use of their facilities.

*Ossie Tee*



## Future Meetings & Speakers

**August 9** - Northumberland Hospice Care Centre and Hospice Services - Lynda Kay

**August 23** - Michael Perry Jr - Michael's Milk Bags

**September 13** - Dean Hustwick, Director, Recreation & Culture, City of Cobourg - Armistice 18 (Canada's largest commemoration of WW1 Armistice Centennial)

**September 27** - Olinda Casimiro, Executive Director, Art Gallery of Northumberland

**October 11** - Raul Scorza, Community Outreach, Horizons Friendship - Trip to Guatemala by Horizons, Cornerstone and Cobourg Police in September 2018

**October 25** - Dan Buchanan, The History Guy - 38 Hours to Montreal

**November 8** - Remembrance Day speaker (TBC)

**November 22** - Bridge Hospice, Warkworth, Carol Currelly-Burnham

*Sally Wade*

## Editor's Corner *John Draper*

The totally updated Probus National site at [probus.org](http://probus.org) should be online by the time you get this.

It includes information on what Probus is about including details on other clubs. It's a lot more attractive and easier to navigate.

There is a local group trying to fill the gap left by local newspaper Northumberland Today. They have now put a web site online that provides daily pointers to local news from several web sites:

[www.northumberlandhub.ca](http://www.northumberlandhub.ca)



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**Deadline for the next ProBuzz is August 28th.**

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