

Pro-Buzz

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NORTHUMBERLAND'S CANADA DAY TRIUMPH

Led by men in kilts (Gary Shaw and Archie McGeachy) carrying the club banner and with president Jan Shaw enthroned atop the back seat of a borrowed convertible, close to 40 members of Probus Northumberland drew gasps of admiration as they marched along King St. in Cobourg's Canada Day parade.

"Their red-and-white clothes and joyful expressions reminded me of my native land," Dmitri Raskolnikov, a visitor to Cobourg from Russia, said through an interpreter.

As our Probus members made their way to Victoria Park, past president Errol Markle whipped the thousands of onlookers into a patriotic frenzy with chants of "Happy Canada Day". Besieged by autograph-hunters as the parade ground to a halt beside Cobourg Lawn Bowling Club, several of our members took refuge in the beer tent.

WELCOME TODAY'S SPEAKER

It's every teen-aged Canadian boy's dream (not to mention one of the least bizarre of your editor's): women in hard hats and work boots, with tool belts and tattoos! But no, this is the real thing. Cathy Lyons, executive director of Habitat for Humanity Northumberland, will step up this morning to tell us about the women who've been in the news locally for their work on remaking a decrepit home for Habitat in Cobourg. And there'll be more about all of Habitat's good works.

THE RICHES YET TO COME

Other speakers to watch and listen for: forensic pathologist Michelle Humphries (Pamela Jackson needs volunteers for a hands-on demonstration) on Sept. 8; solo round-the-world sailor Derek Hatfield on Sept. 22; Susie Jin, of GNP Pharmacy, talking about the latest in medicines, wellness, alternative therapies and more, on Oct. 13; Bob Irvine on the history of the Concert Band of Cobourg, Oct. 27.

TIGER WHO?

Wielding a 9-iron, Alan Wilson landed himself a hole-in-one, his first, on the sixth hole at Salt Creek July 18. "It was the thrill of a lifetime," Al says. Probus Northumberland had 26 golfers out on the course. Diane and Stan Maggs took the low scores. Catherine Alexander and Errol Markle had the highest.

