



THE PRO-BUZZ

July 2009

2009 CANADA DAY PARADE

Once again, the Probus Club of Northumberland participated in the Cobourg Canada Day Parade. While we were moved back in the Parade order, we still stepped out smartly with our Canadian Flags and our County Flag. Our Flag bearers this year were Gerry Moran, Joe and Diana Flynn, Norm Lundboam and Sue Lanctot.

Our group was actually not really led by our Flags but by our intrepid Scooter Dare-devils Millie Hill and Paddy McIlroy. Millie complains she can't control Paddy but when you're 90 +, you do what you please. Wait til Millie turns 90 - WOW ! Go Paddy go.

Our Marchers this year included Marg Curtis, Maura and Archie McGeachy, Marilyn Wood, Marie Mannion and Sam Elliott. There was some question about how much walking Sam actually did. Rumour has it he "copped" a ride somewhere back in the Parade.

Our Club banner was carried by Verna Templar and Anne Grant once again and they were followed by our President – Mother Theresa, looking resplendent in her summer finery, riding in Bill All's 1939 Dodge. Bill wisely didn't trust the weather and decided to forego the convertible this year.

It was great to welcome the President and both Vice-Presidents of our Northshore Club to the parade. Sharron McMann – President and Bob Skene and Bruce Steel were ensconced in a beautiful red 1996 Sebring Convertible with Rose Wood as chauffeur, preceded by two young ladies carrying the Northshore Club banner, Leanne Speigler and Kerri Matiyek.



Bringing up the rear in Don Jones sparkling white truck bearing the large Probus sign were driver Ian Rogerson and Errol Markle. This was the first year we moved the sign to the rear and emphasized the flag-bearers and marchers instead. Your feed-back on this idea would be appreciated together with any other thoughts or comments you might have.

This is our 9th Parade, starting in 2001 and we have been blessed with great weather each time and great participation by our Members. If you noticed, four of our flag-bearers are new members. I believe this speaks volumes for the future of our Club and I look forward to our participation in future Parades.

Submitted by Errol Markle

WE HAD A PICNIC IN THE PARK

HOT - HOT - HOT

About 65 members attended . There was plenty of food - salads, hot dishes and desserts. We appreciated all the help that we received setting up, keeping everyone in cool drinks, clearing the tables and washing up.

A few brave souls tackled the greens and seemed to enjoy it. Thanks to those who helped them learn the basics.

Suddenly there was a mass exodus due to a severe storm approaching. Other than the heat we all had a good time.

Thanks again.

Eileen and Hope

P.S. A rousing Happy Birthday to our own President, Theresa, was belted out.

Chuckle, chuckle..Melanie(age 5) asked her Granny how old she was. Granny replied she was too old to remember any more. Melanie said, " If you don't remember you must look in the back of your panties. Mine says five to six."



THE TEMPLER'S TRIBUTE

We threw a Templer Tribute, not a Templer Tantrum. More than 150 people came to our June 11 meeting and each of them rose to give Verna and Ron not one but two standing ovations.

There were a few laughs – the plaque we gave them had the wrong date on it, for instance – and many cheers and a few tears, some of them from Verna. Even Ron was moist-eyed.

It was very much a family affair. Our Probus family saluting two of its most faithful members. And the Templer family – daughters, granddaughters, an in-law or two – wreathed in smiles and, of course, with some tears of their own.

Ron was Probus Northumberland's founding president and still provides speakers and entertainment for each of our meetings. Verna keeps us on the move, wheeling and dealing for tickets to shows and buses to take us to them, picking up tickets from other clubs that can't sell out their quota and wheedling committee members and coaxing volunteers to run everything from car rallies to Christmas parties and picnics.

Apart from that, both are prominent in Northumberland Players (witness Verna's wardrobe occasionally embellished with finery from the Players' wardrobe department). And the talent runs deep, with daughters in leading roles behind the scenes and granddaughters bursting into song. You can't open a refrigerator in their house without somebody doing a number.

Two granddaughters – Ellie McCall and Claire Russell, who'd been kept hidden in a back room by Betsey Stanley for most of the morning – made a surprise appearance and with our musical director Bill Ramsay at our very own keyboard serenaded their grandparents and the club with When I Fall In Love, Alone and What a Wonderful World.

And after all the singing and snuffling, the club announced that it is seeking honorary membership for the Verna and Ron.

Submitted by Michael Hanlon

To the members of Probus Northumberland

Verna and I would like to thank the members of Probus Northumberland for the great honour which you bestowed on us at the last meeting. And especially to Michael Hanlon for the glowing introduction. It certainly was a surprise to us. When Theresa asked that I forego a speaker for that meeting I just assumed there was something she wanted to do, so I never questioned it. Why should I? But when we received a transcript from Marg Denny with the details of all that went on before, it was hard to believe that it was kept quiet for so long. Especially when my daughters and granddaughters became involved over such a long period of time. It was a very emotional moment for both of us. And especially when our granddaughters sang for us. That is always a tear jerker for both of us.

So we want thank you for the honour, and all who were involved in this big surprise. It has been a real pleasure to be involved in Probus, and to get to know so many fine people. We hope we will have many more years in Probus, and share in all the good times

Ron and Verna Templer



COMING EVENTS

Friday July 10th 4th Line Theatre

The Right Road to Pontypool.

Show starts at 6 PM. Remember it is outside and could get cool.

Saturday July 25th Westben Campbellford

2 PM. Best of Broadway

7.30 PM. Saturday Night at the Opera.

Seats still available today.

Wednesday November 18th Stage West in Mississauga (We're on the road again)

Bus is leaving around 10 AM. to see Niagara Falls. An uproariously funny comedy. Before the show we will enjoy the buffet lunch at the theatre. Tickets \$65.00 each includes everything. Make cheques payable to Probus N. Travel. Sign up today. Only 54 seats available.

Harwood July 25th and 26th at the Randy Bird Ranch.

Randy has invited us to watch his 12th annual clinic starring a little white horse he rescued and trained. Donations for Easter Seals would be appreciated. See poster on the bulletin board. This is really worth seeing him work with the animals.

Submitted by Verna

MEETING SPEAKERS

July 9th

Claire Wade, Assistant Pastor At St. Peter's Cobourg will be speaking on her home country, Guyana.

July 23rd

Pete and Marilyn will give us another music morning as they did last year at this time.

August 13th

Les Andrews will give us his story of MacDonalds and their history throughout the world.

August 27th

No meeting. B.B.Q. at Everill and Bill Alls.

Submitted by Ron Templer

If the professor on Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can't he fix a hole in the boat ?



THE LUNCH BUNCH

July 23rd at Bualai Taste of Thai, 108 Walton Street, Port Hope.
885-1300

August 27th B.B.Q. at Everill and Bill Alls

Submitted by Marcie Polson

The Sermon I think this Mom will never forget...this particular Sunday sermon..." Dear Lord," the minister began, with arms extended toward heaven and a rapturous look on his upturned face. " Without you, we are but dust..." He would have continued but at that very moment my very obedient daughter who was listening leaned over to me and asked quite audibly in her shrill little four year old girl voice, " Mom, what is butt dust?"

TOUGH TIMES

In a small town in the United States, the place looks almost totally deserted. It is tough times, everybody is in debt, and everybody lives on credit.

Suddenly, a rich tourist comes to town.

He enters the town's only hotel, lays a 100 Dollar Bill on the reception counter as a deposit, and goes to inspect the rooms upstairs in order to pick one.

The hotel proprietor takes the 100 Dollar Bill and runs to pay his debt to the butcher.

The Butcher takes the 100 Dollar Bill, and runs to pay his debt to the pig farmer.



The pig farmer runs to pay his debt to the supplier of his feed and fuel.

The supplier of feed and fuel takes the 100 Dollar Bill and runs to pay his debt to the town's prostitute that in these hard times, gave her "services" on credit.

The hooker runs to the hotel, and pays off her debt with the 100 Dollar Bill to the hotel proprietor to pay for the rooms that she rented when she brought her clients there.

The hotel proprietor then lays the 100 Dollar Bill back on the counter so that the rich tourist will not suspect anything.

At that moment, the tourist comes down after inspecting the rooms, and takes back his 100 Dollar Bill, saying that he did not like any of the rooms, and leaves town.

No one earned anything..... However, the whole town is now without debt, and looks to the future with a lot of optimism..

And that, ladies and gentlemen, is how the United States Government and the State of California are doing business today.



IT'S TIME FOR GOLF NEWS.....

Probus Golf – June 1, 2009

It was a dark and stormy night..... No, that was another story.

June dawned without a hint of summer promise and with no respect for the intrepid souls who continually test their skills in golf's challenges.

For some, it seemed more challenging than for others. The adage that it never rains on the golf course was put fully to the test although it would appear that those who ventured into the rough at Cobourg Creek found no such truth.

In spite of the weather, camaraderie won out yet again with high spirits trumping Mother Nature's vicissitudes.

The usual suspects shone, of course, with Verna's team outclassing the field. It would seem that on some days, the rest of us play for second place. ☺

Barry

June 15th Golf Day

With the weather forecaster predicting a 70% chance of rain on Monday, June 15th, 35 Probians gathered at Shelter Valley Pines for a golf outing. Some even brought their umbrellas. Following a modified SHAMBLES format the team of Don Tapscott, Marg Madsen, Nancy Thomas and Murray Waller ended up with the low score. Congratulations! Ladies low score was Nancy Thomas with a 42. Murray Waller captured the men's low score with a 36. Closest to the pin was Pat Robertson on hole #5 and Fred Cooke on hole #8. The longest drive was Lesley Waller on hole #2 and Roland Alexander on hole #6. The weather...well we couldn't have ordered a better day, with approx 25 members staying for a cold "pop", a tasty BBQ and great fellowship.

Gratefully received from Barb & George Lawrence



Subject: golf tournament

There were 50 golfers at the Shelter Valley Pines Golf Club June 22nd

Winning team

Verna Templer captain

Doug Lloyd

Ann Gordon

Harold Coward

Longest drive - men Fred Cooke

Closest to pin -men Murray Waller

Great weather good food and lots of fun.

Longest drive - women Lesley Waller

Closest to pin - women Marie Van Dusen

submitted by the closest Murray Waller and longest Lesley Waller

Golf at Pine Ridge

Twenty-seven faithful golfers showed up Monday, June 29th, for the regular Probus golf outing.

The format- A Modified Scramble resulted in some interesting scores.

Hole # 2- Par 3- was the total score of all the golfers in the group. Stan Maggs, Brian Salley, John Ellery and Ian Rogerson scored a 16. Honourable mention went to the threesome of Eric Carleton, Barb Lawrence, and Harold Coward. – Score 13.

The team of Bill Alls, Lynn Wallace, Ted Jex and George Lawrence won low gross with a score of 41. My sources tell me the chip shots of Ted Jex were incredible. Good job, Ted!!

Hole # 6- score was the total resulting from alternate hits by all team members. Only one team set a record for honesty- Jamie Doolittle, Verna Templar, Joe Flynn and Dianna Flynn scored a 12 on this par 5 hole.

Twenty-four golfers enjoyed a great lunch in the Pine Ridge Dining Room.

The golf outing was organized by Eric Carleton and Fred Cooke, (subbing for the missing Jo Carleton). Thanks Fred for all your help!

Submission from Jo & Eric Carleton

.....**FUTURE EVENTS**.....

July 13th.....Salt Creek July 20th.....Warkworth July 27th...Newcastle

Give me golf clubs, fresh air and a beautiful partner, and you can keep the clubs and fresh air.....Jack Benny

You can make a lot of money in this game. Just ask my ex-wives. Both of them are so rich that neither of their husbands work....Lee Trevino



...YOU NEVER KNOW...

A man and his wife were awakened at 3:00 am by a loud pounding on the door. The man gets up and goes to the door where a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain, is asking for a push.

"Not a chance," says the husband, "it is 3:00 in the morning!"

He slams the door and returns to bed.

"Who was that?" asked his wife.

"Just some drunk guy asking for a push," he answers.

"Did you help him?" she asks.

"No, I did not. It is 3:00 in the morning and it is pouring rain out there!"

"Well, you have a short memory," says his wife. "Can't you remember about three months ago when we broke down, and those two guys helped us? I think you should help him, and you should be ashamed of yourself!"

The man does as he is told, gets dressed, and goes out into the pounding rain. He calls out into the dark, "Hello, are you still there?"

"Yes," comes back the answer.

"Do you still need a push?" calls out the husband.

"Yes, please!" comes the reply from the dark.

"Where are you?" asks the husband.

"Over here on the swing," replied the drunk

submitted by Doug and Jennifer Lloyd

FURTHER TO OUR MEMBER'S REQUEST.....

THE FIRST " THIS IS WHO I AM "

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We have lived in Cobourg for 4 and ½ years after a lifetime in Toronto. Jamie has been happily retired for 9 days. Carol has been a mother of two boys, a legal secretary, sales rep of computer software and also has sold corporate minute books, searches and seals. Jamie has been a bank manager and sales rep of telephone services, sports equipment, and various commercial oil products. We enjoy boating, bridge, golf, card games, knitting and barbecuing on one of our five barbecues. Jamie is a member of the Legion and neither of us play a musical instrument. We are happily involved in the club in taking pictures, singing in the Glee Club, and co-editing Pro-buzz.



*****Betsey Stanley is sending or already has sent out these forms to any new members who have joined the club since October 1, 2008. As well, the form will be included in all new member's welcoming packages. If you wish to let your fellow members know a little more about you, please complete the form and return same to Marg Denny or Theresa Smith. If you do not receive your form, please phone Betsey at 905-372-9033. Thank you.*****

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JAMIE WILL BE AWAY FOR THE NEXT
COMPILATION OF THE NEWSLETTER
SO PLEASE FORWARD ANY JOKES, NOTES
OR UPDATES TO RON AT:
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THANK YOU, JAMIE & RON***

Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat ??

If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a song about him?

A man is recovering from surgery when the Surgical Nurse appears and asks how he is feeling.

“ I'm O.K. but I didn't like the four letter-words the doctor used in surgery,” he answered.

“ What did he say,” asked the nurse.

“ Oops!”

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