



## BOWLING TOURNAMENT

### **Pack up the Toilet Seat!**

Photos by George Grimes

We did it!! We finally got rid of the dreaded Toilet Seat trophy! We gratefully congratulate our winning teams and thank the organizers for their good work. Without them, it wouldn't get done! 103 bowlers were competing for the winning trophy...and the Toilet Seat!



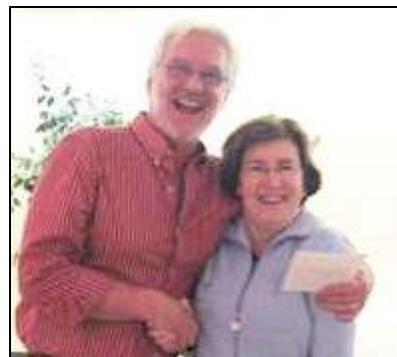
Carolyn Williams, Gary Chadwick, Diane Haynes, Garry Curtis & Julie Rondeau



Sharon Rathbone, Winner of the Single & Triple High Score, seen here collecting her prize from Mary Potter of the host club.



Marilynn Dunne, Sam Rawson, Eunice Hogg & Sharon Rathbone



Bruce Britton, here with Mary Potter.



Ken O'Neill, Marcel Rondeau, Wilson Gaudion, Bruce Britton and Ray Williams sharing a joke.

# 12 MEN IN RED

Photos Carole Elliott & staff

On February 9, we were entertained by 12 red-shirted men from Peterborough known as the Aces of Harmony. Not only do they sing a cappella, they are showmen as well! Today there are over 800 such groups in the world who practice for competitions and concerts and also assist children and adults with speech and communications difficulties. There are also women's groups called 'Sweet Adelines'.



The singers in full swing, singing "Shaboom"



Linda Goldie and husband Hugh Parker share a tender moment.

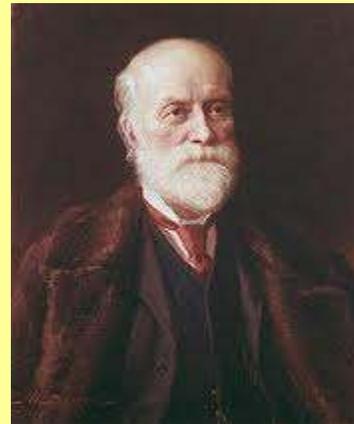


John Ferguson obviously enjoying himself!

# Time for a Change...of Time

For millennia, people have measured time based on the position of the sun; it was noon when the sun was highest in the sky. Sundials were used well into the Middle Ages, at which time mechanical clocks began to appear. Cities would set their town clock by measuring the position of the sun, but every city would be on a slightly different time.

Standard time in time zones was instituted in the U.S. and Canada by the railroads on November 18, 1883. Prior to that, time of day was a local matter, and most cities and towns used some form of local solar time, maintained by a well-known clock (on a church steeple, for example, or in a jeweler's window). The new standard time system was not immediately embraced by all, however.



It remained for a Canadian civil and railway engineer, Sandford Fleming, A Scottish born Canadian engineer and inventor, to instigate the initial effort that led to the adoption of the present time meridians in both Canada and the U.S. Time zones were first used by the railroads in 1883 to standardize their schedules. Canada's Sir Sandford Fleming also played a key role in the development of a worldwide system of keeping time. Trains had made the old system - where major cities and regions set clocks according to local astronomical conditions - obsolete. Fleming advocated the adoption of a standard or mean time and hourly variations from that according to established time zones. He was instrumental in convening the 1884 International Prime Meridian Conference in Washington, at which the system of international standard time - still in use today - was adopted.

*Don't forget to put your clocks forward on March 11! How's that for good news??*



## **THE HOSKIN DAIRY FARM**

*Chris's photo by Janet Kershaw; rest from presentation slides*

Chris Hoskin of the Hoskin Dairy Farm, the largest dairy farm in Northumberland County, was our speaker on February 22. He entertained us all during his presentation.



**Chris Hoskin**

He graduated from the University of Guelph in 1996 and took over the reins of the family farm in the beautiful rolling hills of Northumberland County. Back in 1959 before Chris was born, the herd totaled 30 cows.



Below is the farm today; the herd numbers 250-300 cows depending on the season & requires 35,000 lbs of feed daily!!



The farm grows its own feed which is stored in huge blue silos. Much of the work is now mechanized and computerized. Chris knows to the liter how much milk is produced by each cow and how much he's getting for it. The cows wear ID collars and each is equipped with a heat sensor showing when they come into heat.

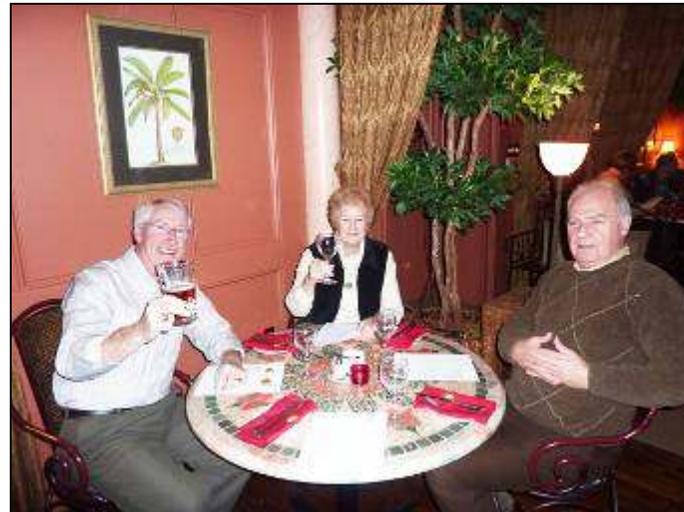


The next generation at the farm.

## **Rovers at the Carlyle**

Photos by Eric Blaikie

On Wednesday, February 15, the Rovers were warmly welcomed at the elegant and newly reopened dining room of 'The Carlyle'. It was a lovely evening with 31 members in attendance, eager to sample the sumptuous new menu. I think it is fair to say that no one was disappointed...



**Reg Colborne, Betsy & John Wright**



**Betty & Garry Curtis with Carolyn & Ray Williams.  
In the background, Marilyn Dunne and Marion Griffin**



**Susan & Wilson Gaudion (getting his just  
desserts...two of them!)**

# APPIES & DRINKS AT THE CHADWICK'S

Last Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 32 members shared a very pleasant afternoon at Gail & Gary Chadwick's. As usual, the table was well laden with assorted goodies, both sweet and savoury. And as usual, the noise level was high but mostly it was from laughter, which is always a good sign!



Joan Bebee, Joyce Prince, Pat Rawson and Verne Meadows



Rosalie Jakobi, Betty Curtis, Elaine Simmons and Garry Curtis



Verne Meadows, Bruce Britton, our host Gary Chadwick and Sam Rawson

## PROBUS CLOTHING SALE

Here is your **LAST CHANCE** to buy an item of **Probus Clothes** at **HALF PRICE**...if you can find something in your size. Sorry there's not much left for the ladies...sometimes Men's Small can fit!

Please note that we have Polar Fleece Vests in Youth sizes—1 L. and 1 M. Also 1 jacket in Youth M. as well as 1 Youth Bucket Hat in Navy.



Ladies Polo Shirt: 1 White, size L. @ \$17.00

Men's Polo Shirt: 1 Navy, size S,  
 " " " 1 Navy, size M.  
 " " " 1 White, size L.

Crewneck Sweat: 1 Navy, size S. @ \$22.50  
 " " 1 White, size XL

Half Zip Sweat: 1 Navy, size S.  
 " " " 1 White, size M.

Men's V-Neck sweater: 1 Navy, size L. @ \$31.00

Men's Denim Shirt: 1 size L. @ \$25.00

Polar Fleece Vest: 2 Navy, size L. @ \$22.50

Nylon Pouch Jacket: 1 Navy, size XL @ \$21.00

Turtleneck: 1 White, size L. @ \$19.50

Bucket Hat: 1 White, Size L. @ \$8.50 (small fit!)

Ball Cap: 1 Navy @ \$6.25  
 " " 1 White @ 6.25

Canada Cap red/white: 2 @ \$3.50 ea.

All prices include HST.

(If you want to order from the Probus Clothes catalogue, please see Michele Duval Lane.)

# SHARE THE WEALTH WINNER

Feb 9: Frank Henderson won \$33.00.

Feb 23: Michele D.Lane won \$41.50



## MARCH/APRIL CREWS CATERERS

March 8  
Captain  
Helpers

Gayl Squire  
Lynda & Bruce Britton  
June Gibson

March 22  
Captain  
Helpers

Jan Blaikie  
Suzanne Finnie  
Doreen Sproule  
Joan Little

April 12  
Captain  
Helpers

Jan Blaikie  
Julie Joyce  
Helen Hunt  
Meredith Boughen

April 26  
Captain  
Helpers

Charlie Dobbie  
Reg & Maggie Colborne  
Gwen Logan

## GREETERS

March 8

John & Betsy Wright

March 22

Verne & Lois Meadows

April 12

Dorothy & Leo Spicer

April 26

Lynda & Bruce Britton

## Saint Patrick



Saint Patrick is the most generally recognized patron saint of Ireland or the *Apostle of Ireland*, although Brigid of Kildare and Colmcille are also formally patron saints. Two authentic letters from him survive, from which come the only universally accepted details of his life. When he was about 16, he was captured from Wales by Irish raiders and taken as a slave to Ireland, where he lived for six years before escaping and returning to his family. After entering the Church, he returned to Ireland as an ordained bishop in the north and west of the island, but little is known about the places where he worked. By the seventh century, he had come to be revered as the patron saint of Ireland.

Most available details of his life are from later hagiographies from the seventh century onwards, and these are now not accepted without detailed criticism. Uncritical acceptance of the *Annals of Ulster* would imply that he lived from 340 to 440, and ministered in what is modern-day Northern Ireland from 428 onwards. The dates of Patrick's life cannot be fixed with certainty but, on a widespread interpretation, he was active as a missionary in Ireland during the second half of the 5th century.

Saint Patrick's Day is observed on March 17, the date of Patrick's death. It is celebrated both in and outside of Ireland, as both a liturgical and non-liturgical holiday. In the dioceses of Ireland, it is both a solemnity and a holy day of obligation; and, outside of Ireland, it can be a celebration of Ireland itself.

# UPCOMING EVENTS . . .

## PARKWOOD ESTATE

May 31. Payment for this outing is due at our Mar. 8 meeting. Space is limited.

## ROVERS NITE OUT

Tuesday Mar. 13 at Harry's Little City of Bricks on Ontario Street. At 6pm. Space is limited.

## SUMMER PICNIC

Aug. 23. At Irwin's Farm. More information to come!

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Mar 8: Our speaker is Reverend Dave Chisling. He is a Social Worker in the Cobourg/ Port Hope area. His project is called "A Floral Approach To Justice – Gangs, Guns, Drugs...And Then Flowers." Dave will explain how teaching young offenders to grow flowers has a positive effect on their lives. He will bring along Curtis, one of the young offenders he is currently working with. They will both describe the effects that the many hours they spent in the garden have had on Curtis' life.

Mar 22: Roz Farber, retired CBC producer, will talk to us about the survival story of a group of aborigines - the Nisga'a - who live in the remote and glorious River Nass Valley north of Prince Rupert in Northwest British Columbia. After four years of research and preliminary taping, sponsorship was obtained from the BC Treaty Commission and the documentary NISGA'A ; DANCING IN BOTH WORLDS was completed.

Apr 12: Lois Richardson is a talented artist who has turned her talents to designing and constructing sets for theatre productions at the Capitol Theatre. She will be sharing with us how she does this from the concept to the final result. Along the way, she will undoubtedly share some of the adventures she has had with various productions and maybe even some of her other projects.

Apr 26: Ken Burgin will talk to us about The Canadian Firefighters Museum which began in 1983 as the project of a group of local firefighting enthusiasts lead by Jim Campbell and John Holden. Port Hope Fire Chief at the time, Roy Dayman and others actively supported the undertaking. It was housed in part of the old town sheds on Mill Street South, which were no longer in use by the municipality, and is still housed there today, although taking up a much greater percentage of the sheds than originally. Items are continually being added – the latest being the ever-growing collection of fire hydrants! Unfortunately the future of the sheds is doomed as the soil beneath them must be cleansed during the upcoming LLRW program soon to take place.

# ONGOING EVENTS & CONTACTS

## PUB NITE

Join us for dinner, conversation & drinks.  
Last Tuesday of the month 6:00 PM at the Beamish House  
Coordinator: George Grimes 905-885-1594

## APPIES & DRINKS

Bring an appetizer and your own drinks  
Coordinator: Marilyn Dunne 905-786-2549

## EUCHRE

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday from 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. at Ruth Clarke Senior Centre, 81 Mill Street  
Coordinator: Lois Meadows 905-885-6715

## LUNCH BUNCH

After the last meeting of the month.  
Coordinator: Maggie Colborne 905-885-1722

## BOWLING

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m. at Northumberland Mall Bowling Alley.  
Coordinators: Georgina & Bryan Rose 905-797-3415

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