



# THE PRO-BUZZ

**JULY 2012**

## 2012 COBOURG CANADA DAY PARADE

For the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, our Probus Club participated in the big parade. Again we enjoyed perfect weather and great participation by our members.

Our Canada flag bearers were Brian Scott, Gord Catton, Wilson Dow and myself. Proudly carrying our Northumberland County flag was Jean Crowley. It was great having a full complement of flags flying this year.



Our club banner was proudly borne by Marg Curtis and Marion Boys. Our former bearers of many years, Verna and Anne, took a well-deserved sabbatical this year and we welcomed a “new” team.

Our president, George Lawrence, rode majestically in Bill All’s rumble seat (after Bill explained the proper way to mount the seat).

Our multi-club sign looked great in Don Jones’ truck with our club banners on the sides. Don was accompanied by his beautiful granddaughter, Teagan.

Since next year will be our lucky 13<sup>th</sup> occasion, I suggest that you sign up now, as I expect there will be a stampede to be part of the 2013 Probus Parade team.

*Submitted by Errol Markle*

### REMINDER!



Your annual membership fee is now due. Please make your cheque for \$30.00 payable to Probus Northumberland. If you prefer, it can be post-dated to August 30<sup>th</sup>. To avoid confusion, Betsy requests that you submit your cheque to her during the break, rather than when registering for the meeting.

## **HOSKIN FARM TOUR**

Wow! About 70 Probus members arrived at the Hoskin Farm just before 4:00 pm on June 6th, and were we in for a surprise! A birth was about to take place. We gathered



around the pen as our host and hostess assisted with the birth of a little calf. Following the birth of this little guy, we were separated into two groups for a tour of the facilities, with a thorough explanation of the very sophisticated operation - i.e., cleaning the stables - the process of turning animal waste into liquid fertilizer to be spread onto the fields; separate pens for animals of different ages, lactation cows, heifers, calves, cows about to give birth; a very automated milking operation which milks 250 cows in about 3 hours; and, talk about big tractors - they have one

that burns a litre of gas/minute! The Hoskin Farm is a 6th generation family owned and operated farm, started by ancestors in 1845. The 1086+ acres produce hay, corn, wheat, soybeans and spring wheat. These materials provide enough feed for the 800 head of cattle.

Gaye and Cindy were great tour guides and at the conclusion of the tour treated us to coffee and doughnuts.

I believe all who had the opportunity to tour the Hoskin Farm found it to be quite an experience and truly fascinating.

About 50 of us ventured to Grafton and enjoyed dinner at the Village Cafe and Grill.

*Submitted by Barb Lawrence*

## **PICNIC IN THE PARK**

Fifty-two Probus members enjoyed themselves at the Lawn Bowling Club by Victoria Park on June 28. The weather was pleasant and warm with a nice breeze coming in from the lake.

We brought our potluck specialties for all to taste and what a variety we shared. Some of us tried our hand at lawn bowling and a few played cards. It was a lovely relaxing time and a good chance to chat. We just love that quaint, old cottage style and woodsy aroma of the Lawn Bowling Club.

What a wonderful place to spend a few hours together with our Probus friends.

*Submitted by Diana Flynn*



## PROBUS GOLF OUTING AT SHELTER VALLEY PINES

Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> dawned a beautiful sunny day – WHOA! As I remember, it was very overcast, but after assurances from Jason that there was “absolutely no rain on his GPS radar”, we all started. After the first hole it drizzled, by the second hole it poured. We quit (well most did). Then after motivation from Jason, we went back out into a little drizzle to complete the nine holes.

Anne Margles managed closest to the bottle on #3. For the ladies, Carol Lynn had closest to the pin on #5 and Danny Robertson was closest for the men. We were given two 9-hole passes as prizes, which we decided to hand out the next week at the golf tournament at the Mill.

After golf, we all went to Pat and Danny Robertson’s for some much needed “refreshments”. A big thank you for their generosity from all who attended.

*Submitted by Bill Alls*



## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Forty players met at the Cobourg Creek Golf Course for the Probus Club Championship on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. With a shotgun start, ten teams competed and the result was a tie, which led to a playoff. As a tie-breaker, the captains of the two teams, Ralph Stoffers and Jim O’Shea took 1 club and 2 balls each to the 9<sup>th</sup> hole with the objective of driving closest to the pin. Jim won this contest. Therefore his team of Mary O’Shea, Michael Hanlon, Melanie Duras and himself were declared the Club Champions and their names are now being engraved on the championship trophy. Overall, it was a wonderful day with beautiful weather and the players enjoyed a fantastic barbeque on the outdoor patio.

*Submitted by Melanie Duras*

## **UPCOMING GOLF EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ORGANIZERS</b>	<b>GOLF CLUB</b>
Monday, July 16	Marilyn Wood & Ted Rex	Ash Brook
Monday, July 23	Gladys & Stan Maggs	Warkworth
Monday, July 30	Diana & Joe Flynn	Newcastle
Monday, Aug. 13	Nancy & Gary Thomas	Pine Ridge



## **PARK THEATRE: WHEN THE CAT'S AWAY**

Northumberland Probus Club theatre goers were treated to a tremendous production of *When the Cat's Away* on Friday evening June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Park Theatre. Our own Betsy Stanley was vibrant in her part as the neglected housewife, Mildred Roper. Her sparkle, and her biting comments to her husband, George, played by John Winkworth, were worth the price of admission alone. John's role as the bumbling, stubborn husband was excellently played as well. Shelly Netherton was brilliant as the very perceptive but jealous wife of Humphry Pomfrey, played by Michael Ellis. His role as a womanizer was cleverly done. Considering this was his first serious role since 2000, the performance was very special. These experienced thespians kept the comedy moving along at breakneck speed, making it thoroughly entertaining for the audience.

The two bimbos lined up by Humphrey added another twist to this very enjoyable comedy. Jennifer and Shirley, played by Alyssa McCallum and Angela Main were completely credible in their brief but important roles as the other women.

In summary, the entire production was brilliantly done and extremely entertaining. It was nice to see how these experienced performers rise to the task and bring new life to the theatre. Very well done!

*Submitted by Eric Carleton*



## **DINNER THEATRE – DON'T TELL THE WIFE**

It was an all around great experience for 34 members who attended the dinner theatre, 'Class Act', in Whitby on Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. To Verna, we give our sincere thanks as she researched and finalized the arrangements.

Staff at the theatre welcomed us and showed us to our places which were attractively set and the seating comfortable. The dinner buffet was freshly prepared, offering several choices, and the desserts were yummy.

Hilarious theatre followed. The actors' facial expressions were especially funny. The evening left us tired with laughter, good food and friendship.

*Submitted by Nan Orser*



## SOCIAL NOTES

4<sup>th</sup> Line Theatre: We have two dates booked to attend *Queen Marie - the Marie Dressler Story*. You can sign up for either Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. Tickets are \$27.50 each and cheques are payable to Probus N Travel.

Westben in Campbellford: *Julie & Friends on Broadway* is playing on Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. Songs sung by Julie Andrews in musicals will be featured. Tickets are \$32.00 each and you choose your seat when you pay. Cheques to be made out to Probus N Travel.

Annual BBQ at Bill & Everil Alls: We need volunteers to organize this event which takes place on Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Verna has lots of information from previous years to assist, so please talk to her today!

*Submitted by Verna Templer*



*Have you ever been guilty of looking at others your own age and thinking ... "Surely I don't look that old"? Well ... read on.*

*Alice was sitting in the waiting room for her first appointment with a new dentist. She noticed his DDS diploma on the wall and was surprised to read his name. It was the same name as a tall, good-looking boy that was in her class at high school over 40 years ago. Could he possibly be the same guy that she had a secret crush on way back then?*

*When Alice entered the dentist's office, she immediately dismissed this thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been her classmate.*

*After he examined her teeth, Alice couldn't resist. She asked him if he had attended Morgan Park High School.*

*"Yes, I did", he gleamed with pride, "I was the quarterback on the football team".*

*"When did you graduate?" Alice asked.*

*"In 1975, why do you ask?" he answered.*

*"You were in my class!" she exclaimed.*

*He looked at me closely. "Oh really?" he responded. "What class did you teach?"*



## COMING EVENTS

### **SOCIAL** by Verna Templer

July 20<sup>th</sup>     4<sup>th</sup> Line Theatre: *Queen Marie*\*

or  
July 21<sup>st</sup>

July 27<sup>th</sup>     Westben: *Julie & Friends on Broadway*\*

\* Please see previous page for details regarding these productions.

### **THE LUNCH BUNCH** by Marcie, Doris & Vivian

Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>     Annual Barbeque at Bill & Everil Alls\*

Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>     The Oasis

### **THE SPEAKER'S CORNER** by Anne Grant

July 12<sup>th</sup>     Doreen West - Village Life - Baltimore

July 26<sup>th</sup>     Doretta Carter - CEO - Art Centre

Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>     Robert Frederick – World Travels

Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>     No Speaker – Picnic at the Alls' Estate\*

\* Details to follow in August 9<sup>th</sup> edition of The Pro-Buzz. Volunteers needed!

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