



THE PRO-BUZZ

JUNE 2012

BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST



The swallows that come back to California's Mission San Juan Capistrano each spring – as the song says – haven't been so reliable in recent years. One year, they didn't show up at all and a rumour went around that they'd taken to summering in a posh new country club instead.

But there's one sure sign of spring you can depend on up here in Cobourg. And that's Probus Northumberland's birthday party, which clocked up a dozen this April.



This year we celebrated with music, breakfast, two kinds of cake and – at one table, anyway – furious discussion on whether Greece should drop the euro, whether the Leafs would do it next year, who was going to lead the Liberal Party and why Lloyd Margles was right in preferring the lemon cake over the chocolate.

The music, mostly of a “down east” beat, came from the Corktown Fiddlers, a band founded by former Probus Northumberland president Barry Hollis, with former member Eigil “Pete” Pedersen among those fiddling.

More than a hundred members and guests – including another former president, Jan Shaw, making a welcome return visit – enjoyed bacon, eggs, sausages, French toast and Canadian maple syrup served up by Cindy Barrett and her staff.



For all of this (except for the Capistrano swallows, of course), we owe many thanks to our trio of party organizers. Take a bow Lynn Ramsay, Mary Wilson and Andrena Nichol.

Submitted by Michael Hanlon



PICTORIAL HISTORY

In this day of DVDs, videos and computers, what is more soothing than to spend time looking through a photo album? I cannot think of a better way of reliving old memories than doing just that.



In the past 12 years of our Club's existence, we have been fortunate to have several people who have recorded all sorts of events in the life of the Club, and each of them has added their own personal touch. We now have 10 albums of memories to look back on, and smile, remembering that BBQ or the Christmas Dinner Dance that was such fun, or thinking about an old friend who is no longer with us.

I know that there is not enough time to go through each album during our meetings, but we do have a system whereby Probus members may take home one or two albums at a time to enjoy at their leisure. All you have to do is speak to Errol Markle at a meeting, or call him at 905-342-2444 and he will provide you with the album that you wish to borrow. I strongly recommend this - I have personally just gone through albums 1 and 2, and it has revived lots of memories for me from the beginning of our Club. For new members, it is a way to acquaint yourself with some of the events that we have had in past years, and you just might find a face that you know!

Submitted by Maura McGeachy

THE DINING ROOM

Fifty-two of us from Probus went to the Dinner Theatre at the Best Western Hotel on Friday, May 4th. *The Dining Room* by A. R. Gurney was produced by Doreen Page and Ann Dobby and was directed by Chris Worsnop.

This play was not your typical linear production. Instead, it was a series of scenes blending into one another. The setting was a dining room with an antique table in the centre. From here, we glimpsed many of the milestones of life, including a child's birthday party, teenage angst, a romantic affair, and the end of life final arrangements, as well as several others. This presentation format required each of the actors to play many parts and varying ages from infancy to old age.

Once I adjusted to the fast-moving and overlapping scenes, I enjoyed the aspects of life this play highlighted. It led to recollections of life around my own dining room table. The play was well presented and was generally enjoyed by the audience.

Submitted by Marlynne Warling



The First Northumberland Probus Golf Group event took place at Salt Creek Club on Monday, May 14th, organized by Ann & Barry Hollis. By the sound of the report below, it was a great start to the Probus Golf Season.



KICK-OFF PROBUS CLUB GOLF

It was a remarkably bright and clear day for the kick-off to the Probus golf year. Danny promised and delivered. “Well Done, Danny!”

Thirty-five golfers (and the wannabes like me) lined up to take a crack at stardom using their newest arsenal of clubs assembled lovingly over the winter. In some cases, the new collections seemed to make a significant difference, but not quite the miraculous results promised by the advertisements.

Each team made the round successfully; no one was lost or injured (minus some dents to the egos) and the golfers made a very competitive day of it with all teams finishing within 4 strokes of each other.

The team managing to best the bunch was the team of Brian Salley, Jean Crowley, Everil Alls and Don Tapscott. This group set the standard for the day with a 35 (the same score as the winning team of last year's event).

In addition, some stellar shots were recorded by Fred Cooke and Barb Lawrence for longest drives with Don Tapscott and Pat Robertson hitting closest to the pin.

Submitted by Barry Hollis

GANANOQUE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thirty members participated in the Golf Tournament held in Gananoque on May 28-29.

On Monday, we played at Greene Acres G.C. – a nice 9 hole course. Everyone played a scramble format. Closest to the pin winners: Patricia Robertson and Jim O’Shea. Low group winners: Bill Alls, Verna Templer, Lloyd Margles and Chris Tidy.

Tuesday’s golf was split between Greene Acres (9 holes) and Smuggler’s Glen G.C. (18 holes). Smuggler’s Glen is a picturesque gem – a beautiful course in pristine condition. Eight members played their own ball and low gross was won by George Lawrence with a 91. The low group, playing a scramble format, was won by Don Tapscott, Patricia Robertson, Bill Alls and Fred Cooke. Congratulations to these winners.

Actually, we were all winners – perfect weather, fantastic golf and great accommodations. Many thanks to Marilyn Harris, Marilyn Woods and Danny Robertson. It was their help and organizing that made this a wonderful golf getaway.

Submitted by Chris Tidy



UPCOMING GOLF EVENTS

DATE	ORGANIZERS	GOLF CLUB
Monday, June 18	Everil & Bill Alls	Shelter Valley Pines
Monday, June 25	Melanie Duras	Cobourg Creek*
Tuesday, July 3	Norma & Ralph Stoffers	Salt Creek
Monday, July 16	Marilyn Wood & Ted Rex	Ash Brook
Monday, July 23	Gladys & Stan Maggs	Warkworth
* Club Championship Tournament 		



David Letterman's Top Ten Reasons why Golf is Better Than Sex ...

- #10 *A below par performance is considered damn good.*
- #9 *You can stop in the middle and have a cheeseburger and a beer.*
- #8 *It's much easier to find the sweet spot.*
- #7 *Foursomes are encouraged.*
- #6 *You can still make money at it working as a senior.*
- #5 *Three times a day is possible.*
- #4 *Your partner doesn't hire a lawyer if you play with someone else.*
- #3 *If you live in Florida, you can do it almost every day.*
- #2 *You don't have to cuddle with your partner when you're finished.*

And the NUMBER ONE reason why golf is better than sex ...

- #1 *When your equipment gets old, you can replace it!*



THE LUNCH BUNCH

After the Probus meeting on May 24th, twenty-eight of our members gathered at Swiss Chalet for a wonderful lunch and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. What else can you expect from Swiss Chalet?

We won't be having any Lunch Bunch outings for June, July and August, but we'll see you again in September.

Submitted by Marcie, Doris & Vivian

SOCIAL NOTES

Dinner Theatre: *Don't Tell the Wife* is showing at the 'Class Act' in Whitby on Friday, June 15th. We have 32 members attending at \$52.00 each. There are no tickets. We have two long tables reserved for dinner which is at 6:00 pm. When you enter, inform them that you're with Probus Northumberland – you can wear your Probus name badge if you wish. The 'Class Act' is at 104 Consumer Drive in Whitby. For more information, go to class-act.ca

Park Theatre: *When the Cat's Away* is also playing on June 15th. We have 14 attending. Please pick up your tickets today.

Our annual Picnic in the Park is taking place at our next meeting date on June 28th at the Lawn Bowling Club in Victoria Park. We will meet at 11 am and lunch is at noon. This is a Pot Luck - also bring your own plate, cuttlery, etc. Please wear soft-soled shoes.

4th Line Theatre: We have two dates booked to attend *Queen Marie* - the Marie Dressler Story. You can sign up for either Friday, July 20th or Saturday, July 21st. 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 27th. 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.

Submitted by Verna Templer



An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests. First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Wal-Mart. "Wal-Mart?" the preacher exclaimed. "Why Wal-Mart?" The woman responded, "Then I'll be sure my daughters will visit me twice a week".



COMING EVENTS

SOCIAL by Verna Templer

June 15th Dinner Theatre: *Don't Tell the Wife* at 'Class Act' in Whitby*

June 15th Park Theatre: *When the Cat's Away**

July 20th or 4th Line Theatre: *Queen Marie**
or
July 21st

July 27th Westben: *Julie & Friends on Broadway**

* Please see previous page for details regarding these productions.

THE LUNCH BUNCH by Marcie, Doris & Vivian

June 28th Picnic in the Park – see page 5 for details

Sept. 27th The Oasis

THE SPEAKER'S CORNER by Anne Grant

June 14th No Speaker - Round Table Discussions

June 28th No Speaker - Picnic in the Park

July 12th Doreen West - Village Life - Baltimore

July 26th Doretta Carter - CEO - Art Centre

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