



LINDSAY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB

Chapter #185 Charter Date: February 23rd 2007

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On April 11th we held our monthly meeting at Celebrations, with about 50 members attending. Following a 30 minute social time Club President, Sal Polito opened the meeting at 10:30am and welcomed everyone. After we stood for O'Canada, we continued standing in remembrance of club member Ron MacLean who passed suddenly, at the end of March.

Sal then took a count of those wishing to attend the optional lunch before starting the business portion of the meeting. We had a number of guests at this meeting, past member John McCrae a guest of Bill Kennedy; Doug Scott a guest of Brian Gowan; Rod Brown a guest of John Saunders; Bob Graham a guest of Martin Pick; and Edgar Bath who was with his brother, Paul Bath, Vice-President of the Newmarket Probus Club.

Sal welcomed three new members to the club; Jan Mikkelsen sponsored by Bob Armstrong, Charlie Bellerby sponsored by Dennis Eaton, and Doug Plaunt sponsored by Sal Polito.

Our guest speaker Jon Thurston was then introduced by Ted Abbot. Jon's talk was "Sharing my 2022 Beijing Paralympic Experience" and he went on to describe his team's preparations, training and journey to Beijing in March 2022 as a member of Canada's wheelchair curling team. Jon's team won the bronze medal in their event, a noteworthy accomplishment in a field of the top ten nations that qualified for the Beijing Olympics.

Jon had a comprehensive slide show, with some video which gave us an insight into the Olympic Games from an athlete's perspective. In total, Jon and his team, spent five weeks together including training, travel and competition supported by trainers and coaches. As COVID was still a concern a "bubble" was created around the team both in Canada and in China. As member of a 200 strong Canadian team, Jon provided memories of the opening and closing ceremonies, recounting the enormous size of the main stadium and the energy of the entertainment and fireworks displays.

Following his talk and a Q&A, Jon was thanked by Don Huff.

Jon then drew the winning ticket for the Share the Wealth draw and the winner was Don Brown.

Sal thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at noon, with those going to lunch heading for the Cat & Fiddle.



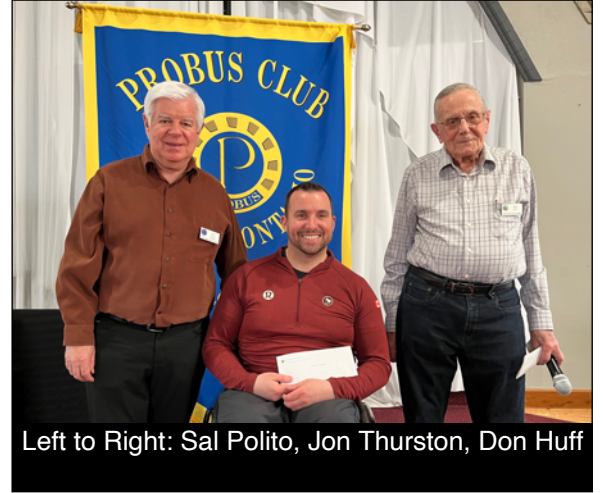


New members with their sponsors



Left to Right: Bob Armstrong, Jan Mikkelsen, Dennis Eaton, Charlie Bellerby, Doug Plaunt, Sal Polito

Thanking our guest speaker.



Left to Right: Sal Polito, Jon Thurston, Don Huff

Jon Thurston - Beijing Paralympic's



The Logo



The Venue



The Team on the Podium



Club Notices

Remembering Ron MacLean



Ronald John Neil MacLean - With shock and great sadness, we share the unexpected death of Ron MacLean on Tuesday, March 28th, 2023 at the Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay after a medical event while on vacation in Turks and Caicos. Ron is survived by his loving wife of 50 years Judy (nee Dobbyn). Adored father and father-in-law of Shawn (Stephanie) MacLean, Allison (Ryan) Howdle and Beth (Martin) Frigo. Beloved grandfather of Trevor, Hannah, Riley, Mallory, Julia and Amy.

Ron worked for the Bank of Montreal for twenty years before he purchased and managed the Bob Mark New Holland dealership, which he ran for 28 years. His passions were golf, curling and skiing along with travel. Judy, Ron and family also enjoyed 20 years at the cottage on Wenona Lake. He was a past member of the Lindsay Rotary Club and also served on the Lindsay Agricultural Society as well as multiple agricultural boards.

He was an active member of the Lindsay Curling Club and recently joined the Lindsay Probus Club. Ron was a person of great intellect and accomplishments yet extremely humble. He cherished being surrounded by his family of whom he was immensely proud and he celebrated their every achievement. He will be remembered for his strong work ethic, his business accomplishments and for being “a gentle gentleman”. Ron’s sudden passing leaves an emptiness that cannot be filled, but also warm and cherished memories.

(Obituary & Photo c/o Mackey’s)

Next Club Meeting - Tuesday, May 9th at 10AM

**Speaker: Kristie Virgoe
“Forest Therapy”**

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