



LINDSAY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB

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On October 10th we held our monthly meeting followed by the AGM at Celebrations, with ~ 60 members attending. Following a 30 minute social time, Club President, Sal Polito opened the meeting at 10:30am and welcomed everyone. We then stood for O'Canada, before Sal started the business section of the monthly meeting.

Meetings regrets were received from John Coxon, Gerald Brown, Ray Smith and John Wylie. Sal notified the meeting that former member Ted Howes passed away on September 19th 2023, at the age of 92. David Lennard, unfortunately fell and cracked his hip at our joint golf day with the Newmarket Probus Club, and Bruce Cameron has sent him a get well card on behalf of the club.

The Christmas Lunch will be at the Lindsay Golf Club on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, for members and their guest. The lunch will be subsidized at \$25 for members who attend. There will be a meal choice of Fish, Beef or Turkey and more details will follow next month.

Two new members were inducted into the club: Jim Geddes sponsored by Sal Polito, and John Bennett sponsored by John Sale. Following introductions of the new members by their sponsors, both Jim and John received their membership packages from Registrar Bob Whitfield, accompanied by a round of applause.

Our featured member this month was Bob Barkwell who joined the club in January 2009, sponsored by Bill Coe. More from Bob's presentation on page 4.

The guest speaker was Wayne Davis who coordinates the St John's Ambulance Therapy Dog Program in the area. Wayne was introduced by Ted Abbot. Wayne presented 3 slide shows plus a short video describing the Therapy Dog Program. He was followed by Wayne Klein and his Therapy Dog of 10 years, Punkin. Wayne related many of his first hand experiences having made thousands of visits over the last decade. More to follow on Page 3.

Our guest speakers were thanked by Al Penney, who noted the significant impact that this program has on many people who are uplifted by the therapy dog's visit.

Wayne Davis then drew the winning Share the Wealth ticket, which was won by Wayne Klein.

Sal then closed the regular meeting and moved into the Annual Meeting.

Following the AGM there was a club funded, catered lunch at Celebrations attended by ~ 50 members.



Annual General Meeting

Club Secretary, John Sale took the official minutes, recording all reports, motions and votes, which will be published ahead of the 2024 AGM. Here follows some of the highlights...

Service Awards Pins were presented to the following members, 10 years ~ Hugh Burton & Sal Polito, 15 years ~ Ted Abbot, Don Huff & Ron Chartrand.

Some members were absent and we will present their pins at a later date: 10 years ~ Richard Corner, Ray Smith, Bob Bryant, Richard Graham; 15 years ~ Gerald Brown.



The Management Committee for the upcoming year is:

President	Bob Armstrong	Registrar	Bob Whitfield
Vice-President	Bill Mackasey	Program	Ted Abbot
Past-President	Sal Polito	Communications	John Saunders
Treasurer	Paul McPherson	Technical	Bill Legere
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New Members with their Sponsors



Health & Welfare

If you know of any member who is experiencing health issues at this time, please contact Bruce Cameron ~ cam48retired@gmail.com



Featured Member - Bob Barkwell

Bob introduced his talk with a quote from one of his early Sales Training Courses relating presentations, “Be Good, Be Brief and Be Gone”...great advice!

Following his own advice Bob condensed his life into a 4 minute talk. Bob joined Probus in January 2009 and has been a member for 14+ years. He has done a number of jobs on the Management Committee and currently serves on the Speaker Committee.

Bob grew up in Lindsay and went to school at Queen Victoria, Central and LCVI before going on to Ryerson where he majored in marketing with a minor in computer science. He worked at Union Carbide during the summers to fund his education.

On graduating he joined Lindsay Specialty Products in sales, rising to National Sales Manager, selling TV Antenna Towers and Cable Equipment to commercial customers and cable companies. After LSP, he continued to work in the industry in sales, while keeping up with technology such as fibre and satellite.

Bob was active in a number of sports such as Curling, Skiing, Baseball and Golf. Bob is also an avid cottager spending many summers on the water. He has been married to his wife Carol for 51 years.

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Social Events

Boat Cruise (c/o John Sale)

A boat trip on the Wenonah II from Gravenhurst was enjoyed by 22 members and their guests. The weather was perfect to enjoy the views of Lake Muskoka and the millionaire's 'cottages', followed by a visit by most of our party to the Muskoka Discovery Centre to view the beautiful classic boats on show.

Golf with the Newmarket Probus Club (c/o John Sale)

A golf day with Newmarket at Mill Run Golf Club, followed by lunch in Uxbridge was attended by ten members from the Newmarket Club and 12 from our club. The golf and the weather was excellent, but one of the Newmarket members had a nasty fall resulting in the need for a hospital trip and a pinned hip. Apart from that accident the day went off well, in good weather.

Our Club's Golf Tournament (c/o Ron Posner)

On Thursday October 12, 2023 we held our annual Lindsay Probus Golf Tournament at the Dunsford Golf Club. Not only was the course in very good shape but we couldn't have asked for nicer weather considering it was the second week in October.

Those who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves on the course, on the clubhouse patio after golf, and at the wonderful lunch. Many new friendships were made and existing ones rekindled.

The winners of the various prizes were as follows:

Winning Team: Jan Mikkelsen, Bob Nesbitt, Milt Battersby, Longest Drive: Ron Baldwin

Putting Contest: Bob Nesbitt

We look forward to next year's event and hopefully with all the positive comments about this year's tournament, more people will come out and enjoy the day.



Thanks to Paul McPherson for the photos.



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