



Lindsay Men's Probus Club



Chapter #185: Charter Date: February 23rd 2007

On April 8th, we held our monthly meeting, with ~45 members attending. Following a 30-minute social time, Club President, Bill Mackasey, opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone. We then rose for O'Canada. We welcomed one guest at the meeting; Richard Glanzmann a guest of John Bennett.

Bill announced that Harry Newton has volunteered to become club secretary and join the management committee, for the remainder of this year Probus year. Thanks go to Harry for filling this important role in our club.

Bill also announced that Celebrations have advised the club of a substantial room rental increase, which goes into effect on October 1st 2025. The management committee is reviewing the impact on next year's budget and will advise members of the effect in due course.

This month's "Who Am I?" Speaker was Wayne Brumwell who has been with the club since 2010, and has filled several roles within the club, and currently a member of the speaker committee.

Our guest speaker was then introduced by Wayne, who welcomed back Dave Ellis to talk about Wild Life Photography in the Kawartha's. Dave last spoke to us in February 2024, but this time had a totally new presentation which catalogued his most recent work and adventures. Dave's talk was accompanied by a slide show of amazing photography, and highlighted the return of Bald Eagles to the Kawartha's. He is able to get up close with Ospreys, Otters, Foxes and Bears all with the help of his high end Nikon camera. If you want to see more of Dave's photo's, here is a link:

<https://www.flickr.com/people/ourlocalwildlife/>

Dave was thanked by Sal Polito, following which he drew the winning 50/50 ticket which was won by Dave Robertson.

Bill closed the meeting shortly after noon, with 15+ members heading to Gusto Grande for lunch.

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Dave Ellis, a wildlife photographer known for his incredible shots, has been recognized for his unique talents. His weekly column in the Peterborough Examiner, Outdoor Canada Magazine, the Toronto Star, PTBO News, Canadian Geographic Magazine, and a John McQuarrie coffee table book showcase his work. He and his wife, Astrid, publish annual wildlife calendars.

Capturing such amazing wildlife photographs requires immense dedication. Dave spends countless hours, sometimes days, waiting patiently for the perfect shot. He emphasizes the importance of being poised and ready to capture the action quickly. In winter, he can endure freezing temperatures to achieve the desired results.

Dave and Astrid took up wildlife photography as a retirement project. Dave, who grew up in the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia, learned photography with a Minolta SLR film camera in Edmonton in 1979. He later moved to Toronto to operate a handicraft business, where he met Astrid. Despite initial interest in photography in his 20s, he didn't pursue it seriously until he had more experience, photographing their handicraft merchandise while working in Toronto.

After 20 years in Toronto, Astrid and Dave moved to the Kawartha's, a decision they regret not making sooner. Dave, a leather craftsman and gem cutter, intended to continue his work there, but a home shop proved impractical. They enjoyed canoeing and fishing, and fell in love with nature photography.

One day, on the Otonabee River, they saw a bald eagle and became fascinated. Dave realized he needed a bigger lens. Despite the cost, he made the most of his equipment. In 2018, the local paper published his photographs and stories in a weekly column.

Dave and Astrid spend countless hours observing local wildlife, often 40 to 60 hours a week. They have a unique story to share about the region. They leave home early and return late, witnessing amazing sights like bald eagles feeding their young and snowy owls for the first time.

Dave emphasizes the learning experience they have, noting that they don't travel far and often observe animals within an hour of their home. Astrid expresses regret for not starting wildlife photography earlier, but they cherish the magical moments they've shared. The Kawartha's residents are fortunate to have Dave and Astrid's dedication and generosity in capturing and sharing these incredible sights.



PHOTO'S



Guest Speaker Dave Ellis (C) was thanked by Sal Polito (L), and President Bill Mackasey (R)



Wayne Brumwell
Who Am I?

CLUB NOTICES

The next Club Meeting will be on Tuesday May 13th 2025 at 10am

Speaker: Rick Harding

“Battle of the Little Bighorn”

We need more members...

Be a friend, bring a friend to a PROBUS meeting!

Please consider inviting guests to attend a Club meeting to allow them the opportunity to share the experience and advantages of joining our Club.

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