



Lindsay Men's Probus Club

Chapter #185: Charter Date: February 23rd 2007



On July 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.

There were no guests or new members at this month's meeting.

Our “Who Am I?” member was Chris Yu, who told us about his life story and how he came to Canada in the 1970's and spent a career teaching at Sir Sanford Fleming College. More on Page 3...

Our guest speaker, Peter Jennings, was then introduced by Ted Abbot.

Peter's talk was titled “Artificial Intelligence – Thinking Machines”.

Peter gave a very topical talk on the past, present, and future of AI, and started his talk by playing a song about Lindsay Probus that AI had written in 30 seconds, demonstrating one use of AI that's available right now.

He then went back in time to recap the history of AI over the years, which surprisingly took us back a century or more. His slide show had numerous illustrations of “thinking” machines and the problems they were designed to resolve. In the past, these were mostly mechanical in nature, but in the past few decades, better and faster computers have made leaps and bounds in capabilities and speeds.

He covered some of the future challenges confronting humanity, as the widespread use of AI will bring significant societal changes in almost every aspect of life. The technologies have the potential to do great good, but in the wrong hands may also be a tool for negative consequences.

AI is here to stay, and the pace of development is accelerating rapidly; billions of dollars are being spent by tech companies in the race to stay ahead.

More on Peter's talk later in the newsletter. Peter was thanked by Chris Yu, following which he drew the winning 50/50 ticket, which was won by Larry Stevens.

There were several announcements about club activities, and these are covered in more detail later in the newsletter.

Bill closed the meeting at noon, with 20 members heading to the Castle John's Restaurant for lunch.

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Peter Jennings is a multifaceted individual, possessing expertise in the fields of physics, invention, entrepreneurship, and travel. He is the webmaster and management team member for Probus Global and a management team member for St. Catherine’s Probus Club.

In 1972, he obtained his Master’s degree in Physics from SUNY. Subsequently, in 1974, he earned his MBA in Finance and Marketing from McMaster University.

He created the Commodore ChessmMate, a handheld chess game. He also developed VisiCalc one of the first spreadsheet apps to be used widely used by business and the scientific communities.

He completed a three-year voyage around the Mediterranean on a catamaran. He harbours a passion for paragliding in exotic locations. He traversed 80,000 kilometres across Europe in his motorhome. He dedicates a significant portion of his time to Andorra. He has visited 130 countries.

Peter created a link specifically for his talk to our Club, which provides members with a audio summary of his talk, together with additional links to reading and research materials. The full audio from his talk is also posted on the club’s website.

<https://benlo.com/Speaking/Lindsay.html>



Guest Speaker Peter Jennings [C] was thanked by Chris Yu, with President Bill Mackasey

Who Am I? : Chris Yu



Chris Yu joined Probus in March 2023 and is a 51-year resident of Lindsay. He recounted his life journey from a tumultuous childhood in Hong Kong during World War II to becoming a GIS pioneer. He fled to China with his family twice, once from the Japanese and again from the communists, before returning to Hong Kong. After studying geography and geology, he pursued a master's and PhD in the US, where he was introduced to computers and GIS. In 1974, he immigrated to Canada, taught mapping at Sir Sanford Fleming College, and later founded the college's GIS program. He is married to Teresa and they have two children and four grandchildren.

Golf with Newmarket Probus Club

We're thrilled to share the highlights of our recent Golf Tournament, held on Wednesday June 25th at the beautiful Mill Run Golf Club. With perfect weather, a great turnout, and an unbeatable mix of competition and camaraderie, the event was a hole-in-one!

Golfers of all skill levels came together for a fun-filled day on the greens. Whether it was seasoned pros aiming for birdies or enthusiastic beginners just hoping to keep the ball on the fairway, everyone brought their best game—and their best smiles.

The tournament followed a scramble format, encouraging teamwork and making the game accessible and exciting for all. Laughter echoed across the course as players enjoyed not just the game, but also each other's company.



Additional Photos are available on the Club's Website

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sal Polito advised members that the social evening at **Kawartha Downs on Saturday August 23rd** has been very well received with 21 confirmed and 14 maybe's. A final number is needed by mid July, those who are in the 'maybe' group please contact Sal as soon as possible.

Paul McPherson is asking for a volunteer to assume the role of **Club Treasurer** in the fall. This important role looks after the club's finances and is also a member of the management committee. Based on the club's current Bylaws a Treasurer cannot serve for more than 4 years.

CLUB NOTICES

Next Club Meeting ~ Tuesday August 12th 2025 at 10am
Speaker: Susan Read
"Search & Rescue, Cadaver Dogs"

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.

Health & Welfare

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


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