



Lindsay Men's Probus Club

Chapter #185: Charter Date: February 23rd 2007



On August 12th, 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 guest speaker, Susan Read, was then introduced by Bob Barkwell. Susan's talk was titled "Search and Rescue Dogs in Ontario".

Susan has been a dog trainer since 1995. She currently teaches Tracking Through Drive. She also travels extensively throughout Ontario, giving workshops in Tracking and on Human Remains Detection (HRD).

Susan has been in Search and Rescue since 2002, and has been a K9 handler since 2008. She is the Head K9 Trainer for Georgian Bay Search & Rescue, and is the Provincial K9 Coordinator for Ontario Search and Rescue Volunteer Association (OSARVA). Susan is currently working with two (2) Belgian Malinois; one in live find (certified through the OPP), and one in Human Remains Detection (certified with North American Police Work Dog Association) as well as Historic Human Remains Detection.

Susan had an extensive slide show, which illustrated her talk and showed many of the varied situations in which her dogs had to work. She described the training process for new dogs and the certifications they have to pass on an annual basis to allow them to work alongside various law enforcement agencies. Susan has travelled all over Canada in response to requests to assist in a variety of emergency situations and is used to working in all seasons from extreme heat to ice and snow.

Additional information related to Susan's talk will be provided later in the newsletter. She was thanked by Dave Robertson, following which she drew the winning 50/50 ticket, which was won by Wes Lane.

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

Bill closed the meeting at noon, with 20+ members heading to the Queens Bistro for lunch.



A Ground Search and Rescue (GSAR) Volunteer is an individual who gives of their time and skills to become part of a SAR team of other like-minded persons of varying backgrounds to assist and support police agencies in finding missing or lost person(s). They share many years of cumulative knowledge and skills. Furthermore, they each bring with them a commitment to train, learn, teach, and support the efforts of their team, and as a group become a true asset to the police agencies they support and to their communities.

All OSARVA members are trained to the OPP Basic Searcher Level in order to become operational and must recertify annually. OSARVA trainers are trained by the O.P.P. and are re-evaluated each year. In addition to Basic Searcher training, OSARVA teams train above and beyond these standards to learn and grow and to be ready to face challenges specific to their communities and geographic area (ie low/high angle rescue, urban vs. rural vs. wilderness).

OSARVA researched and evaluated search techniques and best practices from GSAR teams across Ontario and other provinces/territories, and from published SAR standards. The project resulted in the development of the OSARVA Search Techniques Manual. This manual shares those best practices and includes recommendations for a series of field training exercises which are designed to improve search technique skills.

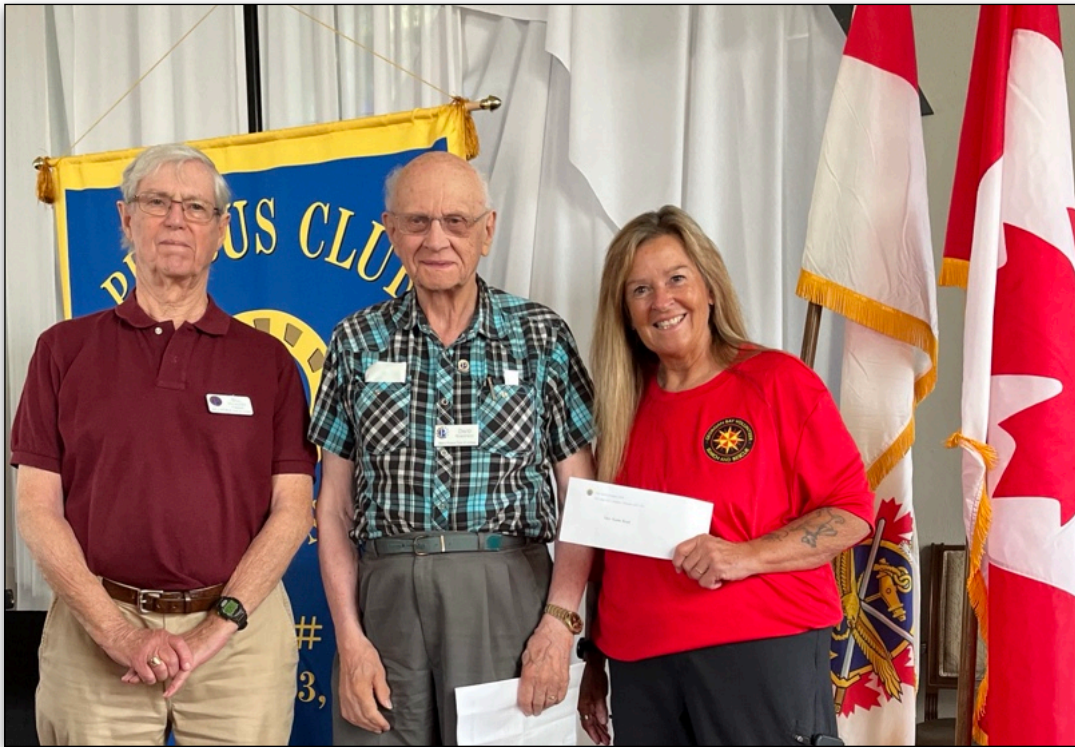
The project drew talent from across the province by using OSARVA's existing network of qualified SAR trainers to evaluate and develop the training aspects of this program. As SAR trainers, we understand the need for ongoing training and development, and recognize that training must focus on the searcher's roles as effective team members and clue seekers.

Links...

Web Site : <https://osarva.ca>

Search Manual : https://osarva.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Search_Techniques_Manual_23_Feb_12.pdf

PHOTO's



Susan Read was thanked by Dave Roberson, with President Bill Mackasey.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sal Polito advised members that the social evening at **Kawartha Downs on Saturday, August 23rd**, has been very well received. Anyone interested in attending and who has not signed up with Sal is encouraged to do so ASAP.

John Sale advises that the Club's **Annual Golf Tournament** on September 4th has nine members signed up, including two from the Newmarket Probus Club. It's not too late to sign up by contacting John directly by email (johna.sale@gmail.com) or by phone (705 879 4090) for a social day of nine holes of golf followed by lunch at the Dunsford Golf Club.

CLUB NOTICES

Next Club Meeting ~ Tuesday September 9th 2025
Speakers: Rodney Smith-Merkel & Brenda Wall
"Truth & Reconciliation "

Future Meeting Notices

- The club's Annual Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 14th, 2025.
- The November meeting will be on the 4th of November; the 1st Tuesday of the month, to avoid any conflicts with Remembrance Day on the 11th of November.
- The Christmas Lunch will be on December 9th at Celebrations and catered by "Heaven on Seven". Menu on Page 5.

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

**Probus Club Christmas Lunch
Tuesday, December 9, 2025
at Celebrations**

Salads

- Honey Mustard Caesar Salad
- Mango Coleslaw Salad with Toasted Coconut

Main Course

- Freshly Smoked Sage Turkey with Fresh Turkey Gravy
 - Baked Turkey Stuffing
- Smoked Cinnamon Ham with a Caramel Drizzle
- Penne in a Brown Butter Sauce with Butternut Squash
 - Buttery Mashed Potatoes
- Smoked beets, turnip, carrots, and sweet potato, wrapped in a rosemary, honey, Dijon dressing
 - Organic Buttery Corn
- Fresh, Homemade Cranberry Orange Sauce condiments, pickles, pearl, onions, olives
- Freshly Baked Rolls with Butter on the Side

Desserts

Assorted Pies
tea and coffee

Catered by: Heaven on Seven

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