



Lindsay Men's Probus Club



Chapter #185: Charter Date: February 23rd 2007

On Tuesday, December 9th, the Club held its annual Christmas Lunch at Celebrations. The lunch was well attended with 88 members and guests, filling 11 tables. The format for the lunch was changed this year with a greater emphasis on fun, mingling, and participation. The 50/50 draw was a new feature this year with the addition of three extra prizes of \$50 gift cards provided by the club.

During the social time before the lunch, we participated in the “Doors of Lindsay” mixer and quiz. Photographs of twelve doors in Lindsay were placed around the room, and members and guests were challenged to find and identify them, with the winner receiving a mystery prize.

The room was nicely decorated with a large Christmas tree on stage, and all of the tables had a centrepiece created by Max's daughter-in-law. As we took our seats for lunch, there was a Christmas Trivia quiz sheet at each place. The quiz had around forty questions, and each table worked together to submit their best answers. This game created a lot of conversation, debate, and idea sharing and proved to be a great ice-breaker. The winning table was not perfect but scored an A+ from the host.

Just before lunch started and following a one-hour social time with bar service, Club President Max Radiff welcomed everyone and called for a moment of silence for everyone to say grace in their own way.

We then enjoyed an excellent turkey lunch catered by Heaven on Seven consisting of Roast Turkey and Glazed Ham with Salads, Vegetables, and Stuffing, plus Assorted Rolls, Coffee & Tea, and a section of pies. Thanks go to the staff of Celebrations and Heaven for providing an excellent location and wonderful service.

Following the meal, we were entertained by Keith Kirkpatrick, who played his guitar and sang a number of well-known “hits” and some seasonal songs, which were enjoyed by all. Christmas carols and music during dinner were provided by Celebrations.

The 50/50 draw was won by Pat Dunn, with the three additional prizes being drawn first. An event such as this requires a lot of organizing and additional volunteerism from club members, and thanks go to: Max Radiff for his leadership and the organizing team of Bob Armstrong, Ted Abbot, Paul McPherson, Bruce Cameron, and John Saunders.

Max also received a special thank you from Ted Abbot, on behalf of those present, for his excellent hosting, creative ideas, and his “work” as master of ceremonies.

Andrea Ross of Heaven on Seven wanted us to know that any leftover food, and there was lots, was packaged up and delivered to A Place Called Home.

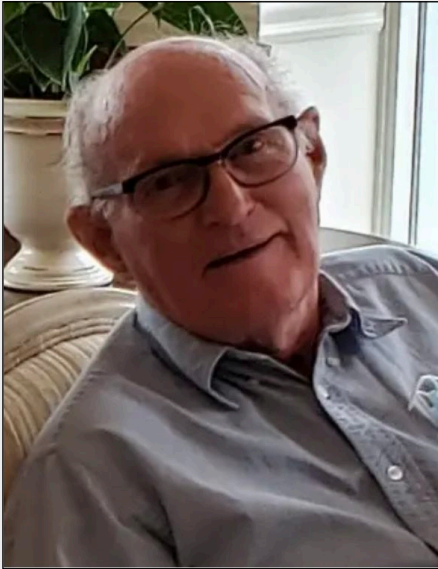


The team from Heaven on Seven bought their “A” Game



The Room was just right!





Remembering Ron Neale, who passed away peacefully with his children at his side on November 16, 2025.

Born and raised on a farm in Pickering, Ontario, Ron often said he had "the best childhood anyone could ever have." Ron's passion for farm life guided the course of his life. He studied Agriculture at Guelph and devoted more than 35 years to supporting farmers through his work with Farm Credit Corporation, offering wisdom, integrity, and genuine care to the farming community. He moved his young family to a farm on the outskirts of Lindsay in 1972, and Ann joyfully filled the empty stalls with two horses, a pony, and a dog— sparking a new beloved chapter with Quarter Horses. Life on Bondale Farm allowed Ron to embody and pass on the values he held most dear: hard work, resourcefulness, and an appreciation for our land.

Ron embraced life fully. He was a gifted storyteller with an endless supply of one-liners and was always ready to enjoy a feisty conversation. He loved travelling, serving his community, spending time with friends, playing cards, curling, golfing, dancing, sailing, gardening, and sipping on a glass of scotch. With Ann, he built their dream retirement home, which soon became the place for holidays, celebrations, and the joyful laughter of family and friends. Ron joined our Club in July 2011 and was sponsored by Bruce Faulkner.

CLUB NOTICES

Next Club Meeting is on Tuesday, January 13th.

Our Speaker is Tashi Rabgey - Rhodes Scholar.

She is the co-founder of Machik, an organization that has supported the education and capacity building of thousands of young Tibetans.

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