



## Lindsay Men's Probus Club

Chapter #185: Charter Date: February 23rd 2007



On June 9th, we held our monthly meeting, with 40+ members attending. Following a 30-minute social time, Club President, John Bennett, opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone. We then rose for O'Canada.

There were no guests at this month's meeting.

John called on Bob Bryant to come forward as this month's Who Am I member. Bob told us about his upbringing and his life's passion of seeing the world, having visited more than 150 countries in his lifetime, with more detail on page 4.

John then called on Bruce Cameron to introduce our speaker, Nathan Rajevski from the Kawartha Conservation Authority, who has worked with Kawartha Conservation for the past four years as a Watershed Resource Technician. Nathan's talk was about "Protecting Our Lands & Water". He had an extensive slide presentation and spoke eloquently of the work he and the team at KCA are doing, including Flood Forecasting and Warnings, Watershed Monitoring, Lake and Environmental Management Plans, and Citizen Science.

Nathan encouraged questions as his talk progressed, and there was a high degree of interest in many aspects of his work, as many Probus members live on the Kawartha Lakes and are keen outdoorsmen with fishing being a major sport.

After his talk, there was a further Q&A, following which he was thanked by Philip Mayville, who remarked on the importance of the stewardship the KCA is performing in monitoring and keeping the environment and lake ecosystems in a good state, so they can be enjoyed by future generations.

Nathan then drew the winning 50/50 ticket, which was won by Don Willis.

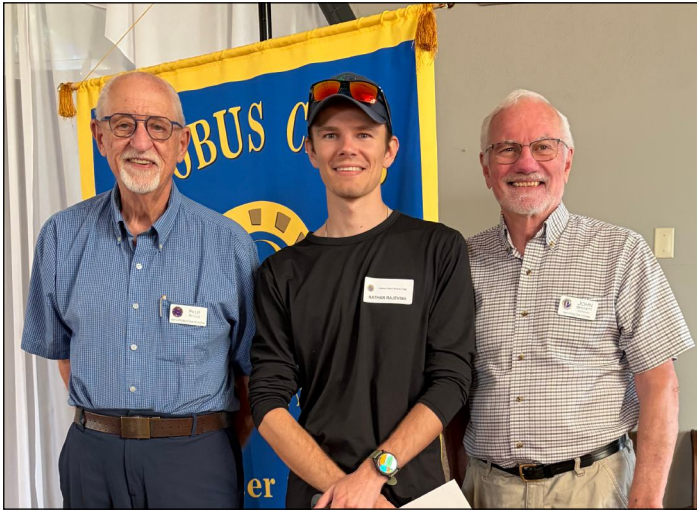
John updated members on the health of former president Bob Armstrong, who recently fell and was admitted to hospital. Bob is now undergoing physio, and we wish him a full recovery.

Ted Abbot is heading up a small committee making final arrangements for this year's Christmas lunch, and he has three volunteers to help since the last meeting...a couple more volunteers are needed to round out the team. If interested, please contact Ted.

The Celebration of Life for Founding Member Bruce Faulkner will take place on Saturday, July 4th, from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Mackey Celebrations. The gathering features Words of Remembrance scheduled for 3:00 p.m. Detailed updates and condolences can be managed through the Mackey Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you consider making a memorial donation to either of the following local organizations: the Ross Memorial Hospital Foundation or St. Paul's Anglican Church in Lindsay.

John closed the meeting just after noon with 16 members going to lunch at the One Eyed Jack.

## **PHOTO's**



Guest Speaker Nathan Rajevski was thanked by Philip Mayville and Club President John Bennett.



This month's WHO AM I? Member was Bob Bryant [R] who joined Probus in October 2011; welcomed by then President Stewart Kell.

## **CLUB NOTICES**

**Next Club Meeting is on Tuesday July 14th  
The Guest Speaker is Peter Jennings  
“Paragliding is not Parasailing”**

**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](mailto:cam48retired@gmail.com)



## Who We Are

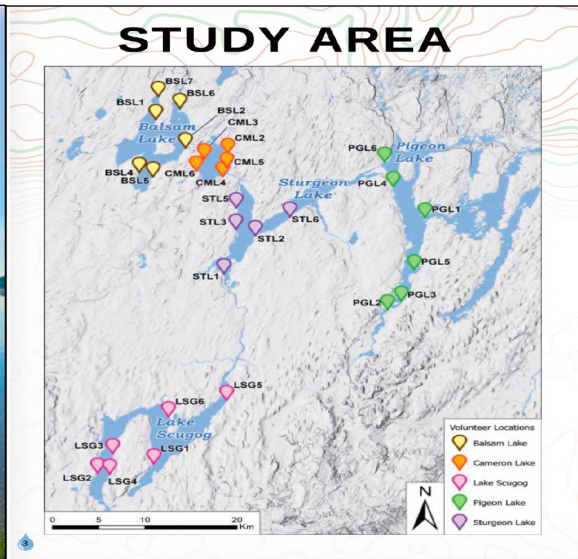
Kawartha Conservation is a partnership of watershed municipalities who balance environmental capacity and human need. We manage natural resource features that are essential for sustaining water quality and quantity, through watershed planning, stewardship, environmental monitoring and research, as well as management of conservation and natural areas.

We are a watershed-based, non-profit organization established in 1979. Incorporated under the **Conservation Authorities Act**, we are one of 36 conservation authorities in the province, and a member of **Conservation Ontario**.

Our nine-member Board of Directors oversees the policies, programs and budget of Kawartha Conservation. Member municipalities appoint the members of the board.

<https://www.kawarthaconservation.com/>

# Citizen Science



### HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

THE NEARSHORE ENVIRONMENT IS THE "RIBBON OF LIFE"

In its second year, the Community Science Program has continued to grow following the success of 2024. Tracking water quality remains central to understanding the ecological balance of our lakes while informing local conservation efforts. Over the past year, we have seen how engaging residents directly at their docks has expanded our total monitoring capacity and strengthened community stewardship. Launched and rebranded in 2024 as the **Community Science Program**, participating lake residents or "Citizen Scientists" now play an active role in collecting valuable data on water quality from the following lakes:

- Pigeon Lake
- Sturgeon Lake
- Cameron Lake
- Balsam Lake
- Lake Scugog

**NEARSHORE MATTERS**

Nearshore areas are vital for lake health, providing spawning and nursery habitat, stabilizing shorelines, and cycling nutrients. These natural shoreline zones also function as filters that trap sediments and improve water quality, while being the places where people most often swim, fish, and boat. Monitoring these areas helps us protect critical ecosystem services that support both wildlife and local communities.

The Community Science Program is dedicated to actively involving our communities in hands-on efforts to protect and preserve our lakes. This year, we expanded our study area to include Lake Scugog in hopes to further understand the health of the lake. The program strives to enhance local residents' understanding of their lakes by involving them in meaningful, science-based activities.

### HOW DO CITIZEN SCIENTISTS COLLECT WATER SAMPLES?

Through the Community Science program, local residents can become active participants in understanding and protecting their lakes. Volunteers are equipped with the training and tools needed to gather meaningful, science-based information throughout the season. From May to September, volunteers follow a monthly sampling process in order to collect accurate and representative samples. With a bit of care and consistency, the samples they collect offer dependable snapshots of the overall health of our lakes.

### WATER SAMPLING PROCESS

- 1. Program Overview**  
 Volunteers begin with a comprehensive overview of the program, receive training, and learn about the significance of nearshore water sampling.
- 2. Collecting Water Samples**  
 Volunteers then collect monthly water samples from designated nearshore locations, following guidelines to ensure consistency and accuracy.
- 3. Sample Pickup**  
 After collection, samples are stored in a cold environment to preserve their integrity until Kawartha Conservation staff can pick up samples for lab analysis.
- 4. Lab Analysis**  
 Collected samples are then analyzed at an accredited lab for detailed water quality testing.

## WHO AM I?

Our Who AM I? Member this month was **Bob Bryant**, who joined the club in October of 2011, sponsored by Founding Member Bruce Faulkner.

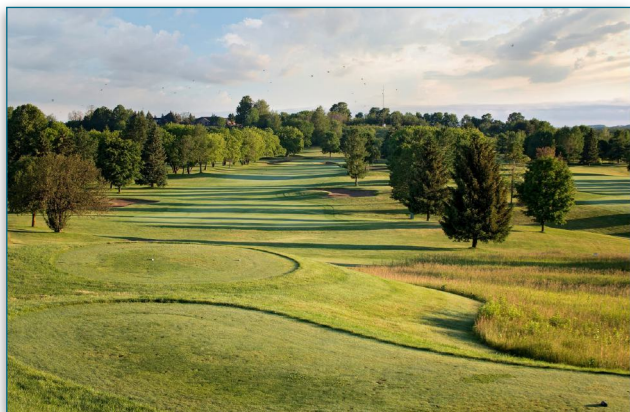
Bob was born in the mining community of Kirkland Lake, Ontario, and later attended Western University. He graduated from Althouse College in 1967, where he met his wife. They married in 1968, moved to Welland, Ontario, and raised their family there. He spent his entire career teaching in Welland, finding a job easily during a major hiring boom in the late 1960s. After retiring, he wanted to teach English in China, while his wife wanted to build a lakefront retirement home. They compromised and built a home in the Kawartha's, which became a wonderful gathering place for their children and grandchildren.

Bob talked about his passion for travel; for his first big trip, Bob fulfilled a grade-school dream to travel the world. After university, he worked his passage on a Swedish cargo ship to Australia. He lived and taught high school there and in New Zealand. He and a friend traveled by ship to Hong Kong, visited China before the Cultural Revolution, and hitchhiked around Japan. After teaching English in Bangkok for six months, Bob traveled alone through India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran, Turkey, Europe, and the Soviet Union before returning to Canada for Expo 67.

When their kids were 12 and 14, Bob and his wife took six months off work to take them on a massive trip through the South Pacific, Australia, New Zealand, and China. Bob and his wife have visited over 150 countries and territories. This included a 2009 trip to the strict police state of North Korea, ending with a memorable train ride back into China.

## Golf with the Newmarket Club

On Tuesday, June 2nd, twelve members of our club travelled to Uxbridge to take part in the Annual Richard Furlong Memorial Golf Tournament. The format was a 2-person scramble with lunch and prizes following the golf. The weather cooperated, and a great day was enjoyed by all attendees. Thanks go out to Ron Posner for his work in coordinating our club members and to Ted Abbot, who has maintained close ties to the Newmarket Club over the years.



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