

"The Banner" ~ Newsletter #209 ~ July 2026



Lindsay Men's Probus Club

Chapter #185: Charter Date: February 23rd 2007



On July 14th, 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.

We welcomed three guests at this month's meeting: Don Lutes a guest of Paul McPherson, Paul Pinkney a guest of Max Radiff, and Wally Rawlinko a guest of Wes Lane. John then called on Ted Abbot to introduce our speaker, Peter Jennings.

It was one year ago in July 2025 that Peter spoke to us about Artificial Intelligence and even composed a song then about our Probus Club using AI.

Peter is a physicist, inventor, entrepreneur, and a world traveller as he has visited 130 countries while earning a living writing software. For the past 17 years, he has pursued his passion for flying, taking his paraglider around the world in search of the perfect flight.

"Realizing the Dream", Peter gave an entertaining talk covering the many ways to fly without a motor using just the rising air currents to stay aloft. He explained how many of the methods people have devised to gain solo flight differ from paragliding, and his talk, which was accompanied by an extended slide show with many photos and videos, also included a number of funny stories and included some frightening close calls.

Peter has an extensive website which covers his adventures in great detail and includes hundreds of photos. Please visit <https://nomadness.benlo.com/> to learn more.

After his talk, there was a Q&A, following which he was thanked by Jim Geddes, who remarked positively on Peter's interesting, humorous, and uplifting talk.

Peter then drew the winning 50/50 ticket, which was won by Ron Baldwin.

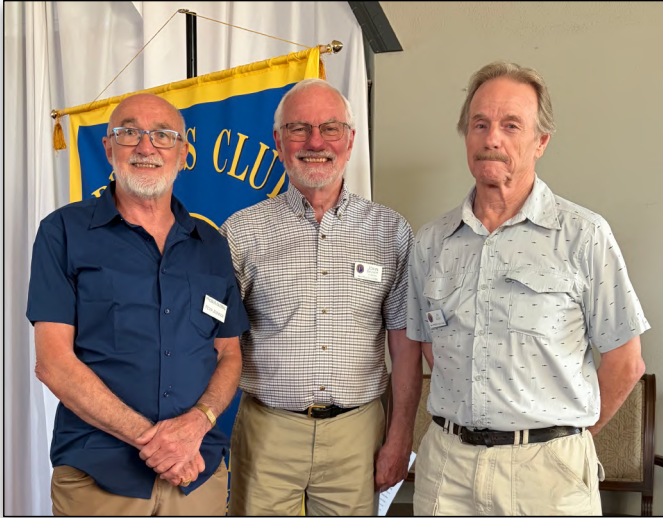
We unexpectedly lost two Probus members in the past few weeks, and the club remembers Bill Thompson and Don Brown. More details on page 4.

Ron Posner advised the members that the club's annual golf tournament will be on Tuesday, September 1st, at Sturgeon Point Golf Club. It is a nine-hole course, and the format will be a two-man scramble with on-course challenges and will cost \$50 per player for golf, a cart, and lunch. Non-playing members are also welcome to come for lunch at a reduced cost. See page 2, for details.

Paul McPherson (Treasurer) is looking for 2 volunteers to perform a review of the club's financial accounts ahead of the next Annual Meeting in October. Please contact Paul if you are interested in helping.

John closed the meeting just after noon with 18 members going to lunch at the Olympia.

PHOTO's



Guest speaker Peter Jennings (L) was thanked by Jim Geddes, with Club President John Bennett.



Peter Jennings (feet) ~ the view from on high.

CLUB NOTICES

Next Club Meeting is on Tuesday August 11th
The Guest Speaker is Wesley Found
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Annual Probus Golf Tournament

This year's Lindsay Probus Golf Tournament will be held at Sturgeon Point Golf Club in Fenelon Falls (78 Golf Links Road) on Tuesday, September 1st.

Tee times begin at 10am but please arrive early to register at the pro shop and to participate in the putting contest. The format will be a 2-person scramble with course competitions included.

The cost of the event is \$50 per person, which includes 9 holes of golf with a cart and a BBQ lunch. Payment details will be communicated shortly.

To register, please email Ron Posner at rposner14@gmail.com. For those who want to attend the BBQ lunch only, please let Ron know.

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In April, 2007, Peter bought a tiny Romahome camper and set out to visit the paragliding sites of Europe.

His journey has crisscrossed Europe from Spain to Estonia, from England to Turkey. He has slept in the camper for over 500 nights and driven more than 50,000 miles in his quest.

Along the way he has made many new friends, flown in the most awesome mountains, and taken thousands of photos.

[Follow his adventure](#)



Probus Remembers...



Donald Brown 1938-2026

Don joined Probus in July 2011, sponsored by Chris Guillard.

Donald passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 20, 2026, at the Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay. Donald was predeceased by his wife, Elinor.

He is survived by his children, Robert and Sherry (Neil Arbour), grandfather of Daniel Inacio (Brittany), Anthony Arbour, and Zachary Arbour (Candice). Uncle of William Brearley (Nadia) and great-grandfather of Maximus. A celebration of life service for Donald will take place on Friday, July 10, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Cambridge Street United Church, 61 Cambridge Street North, Lindsay, to be followed by refreshments.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Cambridge Street United Church, Lindsay, Lansing United Church, Toronto, or Salvation Army, Lindsay Community Church. Donations and condolences may be made through Mackey Funeral Home by cheque or online.



William "Bill" Thompson

Bill joined Probus in October 2019, sponsored by Bob Coleman.

Bill passed away on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay, Ontario. Loving spouse of Karen Reid. Cremation has taken place.

CLUB NOTICES

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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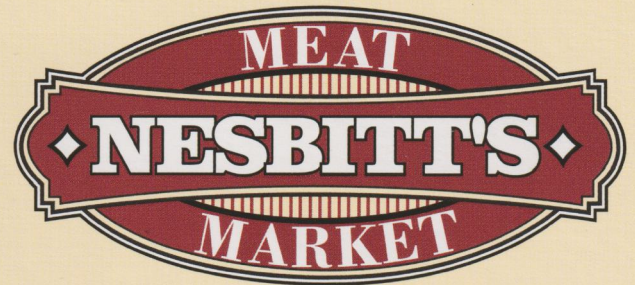
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