

"The Banner" ~ Newsletter #211 ~ September 2026



Lindsay Men's Probus Club

Chapter #185: Charter Date: February 23rd 2007



On September 8th, 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 two guests at this meeting: Gord Webb, a guest of John Coxon; and Andy Conroy, a guest of John Sale (via the Probus website).

John then called on Ted Abbot to introduce our speaker. Dave Ellis, is a wildlife photographer, who writes a weekly column in the Peterborough Examiner. After moving to Omemee from Toronto in 2001, he and Astrid began wildlife photography in 2016. His work appears in publications and a calendar he produces annually, Dave also presents his work across the Kawarthas.

Dave last spoke to us in April 2025 and since then has built a brand-new presentation about photographing the wildlife in the Kawarthas and surrounding areas. In this presentation, Dave took a season-by-season approach and followed much of the local birdlife from nest building, hatching eggs, and caring for the young, to the point where many birds set off on their migration south in the fall or early winter. Along the way, he also included photography of the local mammals, including muskrat, otters, beaver, and deer. His presentation included hundreds of high-quality images, mostly taken with his 600mm lens from substantial distances away from his subject matter. After his talk, there was a Q&A, following which he was thanked by Mark Knoester.

Dave then drew the winning 50/50 ticket, which was won by Jim Geddes.

John Bennett then moved into Club Business by asking for volunteers to fill the vacant position of Vice President. Bill Mackasey is leading the nominating committee, so please contact him if you want to know more. See page 4...

John also confirmed that a new mixed Probus club is being formed in Lindsay, and there is an information session planned for the end of September. He stressed that this is a brand-new club and is sponsored by Probus National. Full details about the information session are on page 5...

The October monthly meeting will also include the club's Annual Meeting, and in keeping with past traditions, there will be a lunch at Celebrations, following the meeting, sponsored by the club.

New member Don Lutes was inducted, and his sponsor, Paul McPherson provided a background on Don's career, interests, and family. Welcome, Don!

John closed the meeting just after noon, with 18 members going to lunch at Gusto Grande.

PHOTO's



Guest speakers Dave & Astrid Ellis were thanked by Mark Knoester and John Bennett.



New Member Don Lutes with his sponsor Paul McPherson and Registrar Bob Whitfield & John Bennett.

Dave's Picks



Please visit Dave's website for more... <https://www.flickr.com/photos/ourlocalwildlife>

Golf Tournament

On September 1st, 18 members enjoyed a terrific day at Sturgeon Point GC. With a round of golf (cart included) and lunch on the deck overlooking the lake.

Winners of the various competitions were:

- Team (low score) – Bill Preston & Bruce Cameron
- Longest Drive – Bill Preston
- Closest to Pin – Mike Puffer
- Putting Contest – Paul McPherson

Thanks go to the management and staff at Sturgeon Point GC and to Ron Posner, who did an excellent job organizing the event.



The winning team Bill Preston & Bruce Cameron, with event organizer Ron Posner.



If you have not already played at Sturgeon Point GC and are looking for a new challenge, please consider them.

<https://sturgeonpointgolf.com/>

Vice -President?

VICE PRESIDENT - Role & Responsibilities

- Serve as the President-Elect of the Club.
 - Act as a signing officer for the Club.
 - Perform the duties of the President when the President is unable to do so; and,
 - Chair the Nominating Committee.
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My experience of volunteering – Our club needs you!

I joined our Probus club about ten years ago, knowing few if any members, and with little idea of how it was organized. After a few meetings, I was talking to Mike Catling (a past President) and asked if there was anything I could do in the club. A couple of minutes later, he came back to me and asked me if I would consider the role of Vice President! This seemed a rather large jump for a newcomer to Canada, to Lindsay, and to the club; but I agreed.

I never regretted that decision. I made close friends with the other members of the Management Committee, learned more about the club, and thoroughly enjoyed making a contribution to the membership as a whole.

I recommend that you give it a try.

Sincerely – John Sale

Please contact John Bennett, Bill Mackasey or Sal Polito if you are interested or would like more information!

CLUB NOTICES

Next Club Meeting is on Tuesday October 13th.

The Guest Speaker is Malcolm Kelly

“Women in WW2”

Followed by the Annual Meeting & Lunch

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

A new mixed PROBUS club is planned for LINDSAY!

Yearly fee of \$75 and a one-time fee for a name tag.

Information session on Wednesday,

September 30, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

At Celebrations ~ 35 Lindsay Street North K9V 1T3

Contact: slprobus@gmail.com

Membership Renewals

If you have not already renewed your membership for the upcoming Probus year, beginning on October 1st 2026, please send your completed Membership Renewal Form and your payment of \$85, to Bob Whitfield or pay by e-transfer.

[Download Renewal Form:](#)

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