



**2021 - 2022
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PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: August 2022

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President's Message

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer despite the heat. We decided to go up to the trailer for a few days and the air conditioner decided it didn't want to work anymore. It's a good thing it is going to be cooler the next couple of days.

I would like to thank all those that attended our July meeting. I am hoping each month we will see more members attend and we will return to normality by September.

I know you miss it, but still no coffee/treats or 50/50 draws. You will see both at our September meeting.

Your Social Committee has been hard at work and there is no shortage of events. They will be listed further down in the newsletter. There are plenty to choose from so please give your support and consider attending at least one of the upcoming events.

Your Special Interest Groups are getting back together, and sign-up sheets are available at each meeting. Please take time to see the diverse offerings available. You may find something of "special interest".

If you have any social activity or special interest group suggestions, please do not hesitate to pass them along.

Our July guest speaker was Jill Passmore from the Oshawa Museum. Her talk was very informative. We have had other speakers provide talks on Oshawa and surrounding areas and it ceases to amaze me at what I didn't know considering I have lived in Oshawa my entire life. I must admit that history was not my strong suit.

Our August speaker is Danny Gallagher. His presentation will be on baseball and books he has written on the subject.

Please stay safe and I look forward to seeing you at our August 9th meeting.

Garry Christenson
President

For all of you golfers out there:

Why I Mow My Own Lawn – Lee Trevino: a true story

One day, shortly after joining the PGA tour in 1965, Lee Trevino, a professional golfer and married man, was at his home in Dallas, Texas mowing his front lawn, as he always did.

A lady driving by in a big, shiny Cadillac stopped in front of his house, lowered the window and asked, “Excuse me, do you speak English?”

Lee responded, “Yes ma’am, I do”.

The lady then asked, “What do you charge to do yard work?”

Lee said, “Well, the lady in this house lets me sleep with her”.

The lady hurriedly put the car in gear and sped off.



EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS 2022 - 2023 – Maria de Jong, Past President

Following is the slate of officers to be nominated at the August 9th meeting and ratified at the September 13th meeting. Additional nominations may be made up until August 23rd, three weeks prior to the September AGM. If additional nominations are made, an election will be held at the AGM.

A big thank-you to all who continue to serve on our Management Team and those members who have stepped up to join the Team for the upcoming year. We still need members to help out with some of our standing Committees. Please contact the Committee Chair if you can help out.

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS- 2022-2023

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| Past President | Garry Christenson |
| President | Chuck Keller |
| Vice President | Marg Miller |
| Co-Secretaries | Marlene Allen |
| | Anne Smolarek |
| Treasurer | Nancy Exworth |
| Members at Large | Steve Medley |
| | Wayne Lannon |

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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| House Committee | Maria Upton |
| Membership | Cindy Fleming |
| Newsletter Editor | Connie Nelson |

Social Committee- Co-Chairs

Jackie Frank
Gerry Henderson

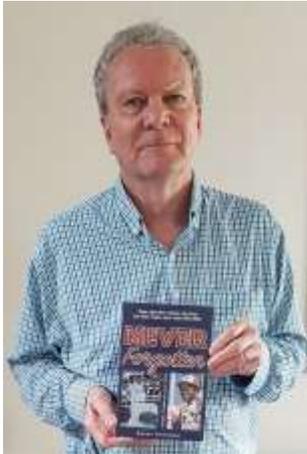
Speaker Committee
Special Interest Groups- Co-chairs

Sheila Leonard
Marlene Owen
Gerri Sparkes

Web Master/Zoom Master
Archivist

Anne MacKay
Maria de Jong

Maria de Jong, Past President



AUGUST SPEAKER – Danny Gallagher, Freelance writer, Author and Montreal Expos Historian

Danny will speak to our Club on Baseball in Canada with an emphasis on the Montreal Expos.

Danny grew up in Douglas, Ontario, northwest of Ottawa and worked for a number of weekly and daily newspapers in Canada, including the Montreal Daily News, which hired him to be an Expos beat writer in 1988.

Since then Danny has written hundreds of articles about the Expos and he has written eight books about the long gone but not forgotten franchise. Danny has written 12 books in total. He lives in South Oshawa with his wife, Sherry.



We had one new member join us in July. Welcome to Marianne Creighton, who, as some of you may know, was a former member. Membership now stands at 269.

A reminder that the **2022-23 membership fee of \$40** is due in September. Please make cheques payable to **PROBUS Club of Oshawa**. We can accept your payment at the August meeting. Remember, in order to participate in Special Interest Groups and most social events, you must be an up-to-date member.

If you have changes to your contact information, please email Connie Nelson at connienelson@rogers.com or call 905-576-9022.

PROBUS Clothing:



Since our club started, we have been providing the opportunity to buy jackets, hats, sweatshirts, t-shirts, etc. bearing the OSHAWA PROBUS LOGO. The position is open for anyone interested in looking after this for Oshawa PROBUS Club. Lorraine Veroba will provide information and assistance as needed. Please consider taking on this task which is limited in time required to do it. For more Information, contact Lorraine.

PROBUS clothing is available online now. See Website link below to Roy's Enterprise. The site is set up for individual orders. No group orders necessary. Prices, colors and club names are on the website. [Roy's Enterprise](#)

Puzzle exchange



Friends in the Richmond Hill PROBUS Club advise their club has success with a puzzle exchange. Pat and Gerry Henderson are willing start an exchange in our club. The rules are quite simple – If you bring puzzles, you must take an equal number of puzzles. Please, help us keep this under control. Let's see if we can duplicate Richmond Hill's success.



To follow the links within this Newsletter, don't forget to "Ctrl + Click".



Local Discovery Tour - Saturday, August 20th and Sunday, August 21st.

Saturday, August 20th and Sunday, August 21st. Our next discovery destination is Clarington, in particular Courtice, Bowmanville and Newcastle. Get into your car with friends and/or family and explore these beautiful communities.

Admission fee is \$5 per car. You will have two days to complete the route. You can sign up at the general meeting or drop your fee at Jackie Frank's house.



Westben Theatre: ABBA Mia – Wednesday July 20th

On July 20th, including six members from Port Perry, we had 60 PROBUS members at the concert. The revue of ABBA's music started at 2 PM and ran until around 4 PM. The music was great, enthusiastically presented by the five-singer ensemble, with a standing ovation at the end.

First-time Westben attendees commented on how well the facility was laid out, and how well the management and staff supported attendees.

Because of the size of our group, Westben provided two “comp” tickets as a business courtesy. At the next meeting, we will draw two names from the list of Oshawa attendees. They will be reimbursed for the cost of their ABBA tickets.



Parkwood Estate – Wednesday, August 10th

A 2 ½ hour combined tour of the main floor and second floor is planned for August 10th at 1 PM. The group rate is \$10 + HST each.

NOTE: this date is subject to filming priority cancellation.



Pine Ridge Model Railroaders – Thursday, August 18th

Our tour of their model railway setup is set for Thursday Aug 18th at 2 PM. Admission is \$2 donation to Pine Ridge. Please sign up at the general meeting so Pine Ridge will know how many of their members they should have on hand.



Orono Fair - Saturday, September 10th.

Saturday, September 10th. It's time to go the fair! There will be a talent competition, western classic country music, a magical comedy mentalist, various exhibits, a midway, antique tractors, a blacksmith demonstration, birds of prey, axe throwing, chainsaw carving, food and much more. The tickets are \$12 per person at the gates.



September 21st Trenton

This museum is dedicated to preserving and telling the history of Canadian military aviation. There are 35 aircraft on display in the 16-acre outdoor air park. The indoor museum tells the stories of Canadian air force personnel that are the real treasures of the Museum. To avoid the summer tourist crush, we are planning on a visit on September 21st. This is a self-guided tour. Cost is \$8 for seniors.



LITTLE CANADA

OUR HOME AND LAND

Saturday October 22nd, 10:30 AM

Little Canada consists of a miniature scale recreation of many geographic areas and landmarks throughout Canada.

Located in downtown Toronto at 10 Dundas Street East, right at the subway stop. "Timed Tickets" are \$25 each +HST.

There is an excellent article about Little Canada starting on

page 57 in the July edition of Maclean's magazine.



Port Perry Discovery Adventure - Saturday, October 29th and Sunday, October 30th.



This is another of Jackie's explorations of Durham Region. You'll have two days to complete the route. Admission is \$5 per car. Please sign-up at the general meeting or drop off your registration and admission at Jackie's home.



Euchre Tournament

Marilyn is soliciting your participation to determine date and costs for a November event. Please let her know by signing up at the next general meeting.



Christmas Luncheon

eight per table. Costs to be determined in the fall.

We have reserved Wednesday, December 7th for our luncheon at Kedron Dells. The meal will be a buffet, turkey with all the trimmings, and vegetarian pasta. Maximum seating is 100 with

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



If your group is meeting, don't forget to send photos of your activities to be included in the newsletter. Please send your information/photos to Cindy Fleming by the 25th of each month.



Card Making Group: Mary Gibson

There has been an interest shown by a few people who want to try their hand at making homemade cards. If you are interested in this drop-in card making - we meet at 231 Drew Street every third Sunday at 2 PM. I will be starting this up again in September. E-mail me beforehand each time if you wish to come. Marmojl245481@gmail.com



BOOKIES – Jane Havens and Barbara Towey

The next meeting of the Bookies will be in September.

BOOKWORMS – Maria Upton and Barb Jones

The Bookworms are not meeting in July or August.

PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey

The PROBUS Book Club is not meeting in July or August.



BRAIN GAMES – Jackie Frank

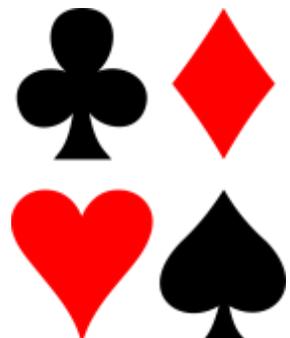
The next Brain Games will be held at Lakeview Park on Wednesday, August 17th at 10 AM. Contact Jackie Frank if you wish to attend.

INTERMEDIATE BRIDGE CLASSES - Pete and Barb Jones

Bridge classes will be offered to members of the Oshawa PROBUS Club and the Durham Central PROBUS Club for six consecutive Friday afternoons, beginning on September 9th.

These classes are for INTERMEDIATE players only and will be free of charge but there will be a small materials fee (for photocopy expenses, etc.).

Classes, which will be held in our kitchen, will be very limited in size and will last approximately an hour and a half. Watch your e-mail for registration instructions which will be sent out to both PROBUS Clubs on the morning of Wednesday, July 20th. If you're interested in joining us, please mark your calendars! First come, first served!!



Knowing that intermediate players use a variety of bidding systems, the lessons will focus on the play of the hand and/or defence. The lesson topics will be chosen from the following:

- To pull or not to pull trump...that is the question!
- Ducking
- Loser on Loser Play
- Unblocking
- Throw-in plays
- Lavinthal Discards and coded Jacks and Tens
- Frozen Suits
- No five card suit in dummy should ever be ignored!

We promise minimal “teacher talk” and maximum playing time! A handout will be provided for each lesson.



DAY TRIPPERS – Jackie Frank

On Wednesday, August 11th at 12:30 PM, the Day Trippers will be enjoying lunch at the Tea House of Parkwood Estates. The event was organized by Julia Howells and Moida Wheller. Sorry but all seats have been sold!



GARDEN AND NATURE GROUP – Jackie Frank

Our trip to the School House Gardens in July was cancelled due to the weather. We have rescheduled the tour for Monday, August 15th at 1:30 PM. School House Gardens consist of four acres of perennials, herbs and vegetables in a park-like setting. The guided tour will last about 1 1/2 hours and cost \$20 per person, payable on site. Anyone wishing to go on this garden tour should contact Jackie Frank.

Hand and Foot Card Group –Kathy Brown



(Photo courtesy of Marilyn Thaxter)

52 x 5 decks of cards means our Hand and Foot Group keeps shuffling along.



LUNCH GROUP - Donna Keller and Marilyn Lannon

Just an update on our PROBUS ladies lunch group.

July 19th, sixteen ladies met for lunch on the upper level of the Great Canadian Brewhouse located on Simcoe Street North and Winchester Road. It was a beautiful hot sunny day, we were all tucked under umbrellas, and the Brewhouse had misters pumping to keep us cool.

The menu had a large variety of delicious dishes, which were enjoyed by everyone. Such a great group of ladies, and we are all getting to know each other better, sharing stories and laughs.

Thank-you all for attending, looking forward to next month's luncheon. Where are we going, who knows? The search is on again!



MARTHON BRIDGE – Frank Kelcey

Marathon Bridge starts up again in September and runs until the following April with a windup banquet in May. Two games a month are enjoyed/played, consisting of 20 hands, one at home and one at your opponent's home. Games are flexibly scheduled at the players' convenience. If you are interested in playing please contact Frank Kelcey (905) 723-5737. Don't have a partner? We expect there will be several people looking for partners this year.



MOVIE GROUP – Mary Gibson

Excitement builds as we watch all the new trailers for coming movies. There are 17 people in this group and we can handle a whole theatre full so if you love going to the theatre to see your movies and are free Fridays for the first showing of new movies join our group - contact Mary Gibson Marmojl245481@gmail.com.

The ZOOM Movie group for Netflix is still going strong though the lockdowns are over. We pick two things to watch and then every second Friday night at 7 PM we get together to discuss the movies/series/documentaries we've all seen. Please contact Mary Gibson if you would like to join the group. Marmojl245481@gmail.com.

URBAN POLE WALKING – Sharon Smith



PROBUS Urban Pole Walking Schedule for August, 2022
 9 AM start Monday and Friday mornings weather permitting sharonsmith@sympatico.ca (416) 938-7841.

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| August 1 Monday | Waterfront Trail at Whitby Shores. Gordon Street South (off Victoria Street west) to the end, turn left to parking near entrance |
| August 5 Friday | Darlington Park Trail – Col Sam Drive past GM Corporate building. Turn right on dirt road - follow to parking at the end |
| August 8 Monday | Oshawa Creek Trail. Simcoe South, right on Mill Street drive to STORIE Park Clubhouse for parking (on the left at crest of hill after bridge) |
| August 12 Friday | North/South Rail Trail walk from Connaught Park to Beatrice Street. This parking spot is new for this trail. Meet at Connaught Park Clubhouse at 435 Jarvis Street, Oshawa (Connaught Street can be reached off Simcoe Street North) |

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| August 15 Monday | Cullen Gardens Trail. Taunton Road West to Cochrane, turn north on Cochrane. Follow road straight ahead to as far as it goes then bear left around corner toward a new parking area (construction in subdivision) |
| August 19 Friday | Harmony Creek Trail. Park at Rossland and Wilson Plaza near Bollocks Pub (previous Tartan). Enter trail and head south along the creek. |
| August 22 Monday | Waterfront Trail. Meet at UNIFOR building on Phillip Murray Drive. Park to left and back closest to the lake. |
| August 26 Friday | Thickson Point to Heydenshore. Meet at end of Thickson Road South to parking area (as far as you can go before lake) |
| August 29 Monday | Harmony Creek Trail. Park at Rossland and Wilson Plaza near Bollocks Pub (previous Tartan). Enter trail and head south along the creek. |



YARN DIVAS - Barb Jones

The Yarn Divas look forward to more in-person meetings. Our next meeting will be:

Wednesday, August 3rd, 10 AM at the home of Carol Shewchuk.

All Oshawa PROBUS members who like to knit or crochet are welcome to join us. Please contact Barb Jones for more information.

TidBITS

If any of our members have a favourite recipe, puzzle, photos of previous events, ideas on how interest groups are staying connected or any other information that might be of interest to others in our Club, please submit them to our newsletter editor, Cindy Fleming, (clf0808@yahoo.ca) for inclusion in the newsletter.



Member Care

With a Club such as ours, we need your help to let us know if one of our members is experiencing a serious illness or is hospitalized. Our Club would like to let our ill members and their families know that they are in our thoughts as they deal with their illness with respect to the family's wishes for privacy.

In the same way, we need you to let us know if you become aware that a member, their spouse or close family member has passed on. Often the family does not think to contact our Club, or know who to contact under these difficult circumstances. We would like to respect the wishes of family and give our members the opportunity to express their condolences to the bereaved. Please let us know so we can respond appropriately. Email mariska578@gmail.com or oshawaprobusclub@gmail.com.

PROBUS Club of Oshawa Website:

www.oshawaprobus.com

PROBUS CANADA Website:

www.probus.org

PROBUS GLOBAL

There are over 4,000 clubs worldwide with over 350,000 members. Of those there are over 260 clubs operating in Canada. What you may not know that PROBUS also has a **Global Club.**

PROBUS GLOBAL is open to any member of a PROBUS Club and provides an on-line forum to make connections to PROBUS members around the world.

<https://probusglobal.org>

20 Awesome Facts about August



August is a little bit unique, most of the time at least. In a standard year, there is no other month that begins on the same day of the week as August. In a leap year however, August begins on the same day of the week as February. Click [here](#) to reveal 20 fun facts about the month of August.