



# The Probud Club of Burlington Lakeshore

## Hi-Lites – January 2017

**Monday, January 9**

**10:00 PM**

**Speaker: John Beeden**

**“Solo Pacific Row”**

### Happy New Year

But before we say good bye to 2016 let me declare that the year was one that included many interesting speakers, and events. We accomplished most of our goals including electing a full new Management Committee. We accepted new members into our Probud Club. The end of the year was celebrated with a sold-out Christmas Luncheon and some carol singing, enjoyed by all.

Our representative Mike Hoshoooley and the coordinating committee are well on the way to starting a Combined (co-ed) Probud Club in Burlington. We are the sponsoring Club with the support of other clubs in Burlington.

I called a meeting of the joint Burlington Marketing committee at which Gerald Laing was appointed the chairman. The committee will work on a report to Probud Ontario District 3 and Probud Canada with recommendations on how to market Probud Clubs in Burlington and elsewhere. I suggested that he continue to work closely with Mike Hoshoooley and the Combined Club committee as the marketing representative for our Club.

This year of success didn't just happen. It was the result of the efforts of many volunteers and the Management Committee together with the members of the many committees as well as the support of you, the members. I personally thank you, and you should congratulate each other.

One of the last things we should all do is think about our resolutions for the New Year. I have decided that I must work to de-clutter as many rooms as I can, beginning with our garage. It rapidly became a storage area for end-of-university furniture and items from the sale of parental homes. A second resolution is to lower my golf score using a new gap wedge.

What is your resolution? It might be to pay \$35 for your 2016-17 membership (last chance). Maybe you will join in some of our activities. Maybe you will invite a neighbour or friend to join. Why not consider joining a committee?

2017 will be Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Our Club supported by other Burlington Clubs has decided to sponsor a Combined (co-ed) Probud Club as our project in celebration.

I look forward to meeting with you Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to hear John Beeden, a long-distance rower.

Ronald Luxon, President

### Management Committee 2016-2017

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## Guest Speaker – John Beeden

John Beeden, is a lifelong runner, competing on the track, roads and cross country into his late thirties, now just running for pure pleasure. John's passion for running has also become his career, amongst other events John is responsible each year for organising the London Marathon Exhibition and Registration.

John lives in Burlington with his Canadian wife and two daughters. In 2011, at 49 years old, looking for a new challenge, John rowed the Atlantic from the Canaries to Barbados, the journey took 53 days, the second quickest crossing on record.

Not satisfied following his Atlantic adventure, John prepared for a new challenge.



At 53, John left San Francisco on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 and after rowing 14,000 km, a third of the world's circumference, arrived in Australia just after Christmas, becoming the first person in history to row solo, non-stop, from North America to Australia – an incredible 209 day physical and mental journey, a story of personal struggle and accomplishment.

Ken Davy, Speakers Committee

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## Membership

Probus members; We have 10 unpaid memberships as of December 28th. It is unfair to those who have paid to allow others to continue having the benefits of belonging while not paying their dues. In all cases, there have been advices, such as via Hi-Lites for the past few months, I have called and emailed.

Therefore, the time is fast approaching when we shall be forced to simply drop those who have not paid or communicated their intention to discontinue their membership. We are not wishing to be hard, however there is a time to "call a spade a spade". If by the end of January any members' dues remain unpaid, I will be recommending to the Management Committee that the membership be dropped.

I would rather hear from you and discuss your situation, than to move the above recommendation.

Peter Hughes, Membership

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## Special Events

### 2017 Inter-club Grummet Trophy Curling Bonspiel

#### We still need curlers!!!

At the time of writing, we have 16 curlers signed up for this important sporting event. We need 20! If you have not heard from me by email, please see John

Chandler at the January meeting to get your name on the list. Check with your buddies to see if



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they'd like to play. We are open to a few guests!

Date/Time: Wednesday, February 8th, 2017  
@11:00 AM

Location: Burlington Curling Club (New Street) Cost:  
\$ 40 for Curling & Lunch  
Spectators Welcome: Lunch \$10.

Come out and cheer our club to victory.  
Signup will be available only at the January  
meeting. Cheques payable to the Probus Club of  
Burlington Lakeshore are preferred.

Dave McKenzie, Curling Coordinator

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## Special Events Committee January Report

The **Dundurn Castle Christmas Tour** was very enjoyable. Our guides were excellent and provided many anecdotes related to the Castle and its residents at Christmas time.

With the busy holiday season, some details of the 2017 events have yet to be finalized. Look for additional information in the February Hi-Lites.

To recap, the following events are in the planning stages:

- **First Ontario Performing Arts Centre - Norm Foster Festival - Old Love**
- **Shaw Festival Theatre - Me and My Girl**
- **Stratford Festival Theatre - Guys and Dolls**

For the trip to Stratford, we will be providing details that will include: travel by highway tour coach, lunch prior to the performance, and your ticket to the performance.

As 2017 is the 150th anniversary of Canada, there are many events planned throughout the year. We know the dates and times selected for various events could be impacted by national celebrations.

**Remember**, all the events we are currently planning are open. You are welcome to invite friends and family to join you for any of the events.

Bob Moulton, Events Chair

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## Spring Golf Tournament

We will return to the Cambridge Golf Club on May 26th. Shot gun start, cart, lunch, and prizes are all included in the \$65.00 entry fee.

We will have a sign-up sheet for the March meeting and get a committee together for prizes.

We have a good start for the tournament but there is more to come.

Dennis Colameco, Golf Coordinator

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## New Women's and Men's Probus Club of Burlington

Response to the new mixed club has been much greater than anticipated. Over 150 people have expressed interest in the attending the information meeting on January 25th at BG&CC. It appears that about 50% of responders are members of existing Burlington clubs while 50% appear to be aspiring new members. All this is based on newsletter promotion as no external promotion has yet been undertaken. The meeting room booked is limited to about 150; additional names will go on a waiting list pending another meeting date/venue being arranged.

Mike Hoshoooley, New Club Coordinator

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## Computer Interest Group

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Our next meeting will be on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at Appleby Place.



Remember to send Robert your questions via email to [rob-lalonde@me.com](mailto:rob-lalonde@me.com)

## Parking Passes Update

Members who have ordered and paid for a parking pass can pick it up at the Art Gallery Reception Desk. The pass is in an envelope with your name on it. If you haven't bought a pass yet but would like to do so, please speak to the staff at Reception. Tell them you're with our club and they'll issue you a pass. You can pay them the \$33.00 directly.



Jim Gilleland, House Committee Chair

## Cheer Committee



John Pegg and John Hughes are sharing as Coordinators of the "Cheer Committee". John Pegg will be away during the months of January, February and March.

Club members are asked to advise either of them or a member of the management committee when they learn of a serious illness or death of a fellow member or spouse.

In turn, arrangement will be made to contact or visit the member and follow up on developments. Our Management Committee will be informed and "Get Well" or "Sympathy" cards sent to the member of behalf of the Club.

You can reach either John by phone or e-mail. John Pegg 905 637 9980 [jt.pegg@sympatico.ca](mailto:jt.pegg@sympatico.ca)

John Hughes 905 333 4910  
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John Pegg, Cheer Committee

## Meeting Schedule for 2017

January 9	February 13
March 13	April 10
May 8	June 12
July 10	August 14
September 18	October 16
November 13	December 11

Time for a New Year's Diet?



Please note that the next regular monthly meeting of our Probus Club will be on

Monday, February 13, 2017

Speaker: Rick Goldring  
Burlington Update

