



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - September 2021

Monday, Sept 20
10:00 am

ZOOM Meeting

Derek Muir
The Arctic Dilemma

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Jim Thurston's Presidential Message

What a great summer. Here I am on the Labour Day weekend trying to write a positive message and having trouble getting my thoughts together. I had a great summer of golf. It started with our PROBUS golf tournament at Carlisle and then has continued throughout the summer. My new set of custom left-handed Cobra T-Rail golf clubs finally arrived (the first set sent was a mistake ↔ for a right-handed golfer). By August I was hitting them as advertised. That led to a different problem; I was bringing the sand traps guarding the greens into play and sand work was not a high point for me. I have now taken a lesson in sand, and although it is a work in progress, I can see improvement. During the last two Senior Men's Nights I won 5 net eagle skins and have recovered 10% of my club purchase. I hope this trend continues before my handicap is majorly adjusted. By our next PROBUS meeting, I expect to have enjoyed a 3-day weekend in Muskoka playing golf with my regular Saturday morning mates. **Life is Good!**

Another positive from my summer was the opportunity to participate in fun luncheons with a good number of our friends. Over the last year and a half, not entertaining or going out, allowed me to save for the above-mentioned golf clubs, but my social life suffered. I think we are now caught up with our home entertaining. I just received confirmation that my winter job of looking after a friend's home while they winter in Florida is back on this November. **Life is Good!**

I went hiking this summer and there was one hike in particular I really enjoyed. Our hike took us through downtown Ancaster. We discovered a little pub I have driven past for years, and an ice cream stand called the "Purple Cow" was not to be passed when walking. Our guide pointed out other landmarks and points of interest as we strolled the main street. No wonder it has been a desirable community for years. By chance I met the contractor who "stuccoed" our Spanish-style home in Stoney Creek in the seventies. His son now runs the business. Small world. **Life is Good!**

Looking forward to hearing Derek Muir, our speaker in September, addressing "The Arctic Dilemma".

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Guest Speaker - Derek Muir



The presence of chemical contaminants in northern Canada has been an ongoing concern for human health and top predator wildlife such as polar bears, for the past 40 years or more. Beginning in the 1980s it was recognized that long range transport of pollutants in the atmosphere was delivering chemicals such as PCBs and DDT to remote regions and that the Inuit were more highly exposed to these chemicals than southern Canadians due to their traditional diet which included marine mammals. In fact, our new Governor General, Mary Simon, who led the Inuit Circumpolar Council in the 1980s, was one of the first leaders to call for international action to reduce this pollution. National and international action has successfully reduced levels of some chemicals, however, concern remains because many substances that are in wide use also undergo atmospheric and oceanic transport from urban/ industrial regions to the Arctic. Identifying these chemicals, deciding whether they are a threat to humans or wildlife, and regulating them globally, remains a challenge. A new aspect of this issue is the impact of climate warming. The average annual temperatures across the Canadian Arctic have increased by 2 to 3 °C since the 1980s. Melting glaciers and permafrost in a

warming Arctic have shown to be releasing mercury and PCBs that were deposited from the atmosphere over the past century. The marine environment is also changing with reduced sea ice cover leading to species from sub-Arctic latitudes moving north. This presentation will review some of the past successes and current issues that demonstrate how the Arctic is a sentinel for global change related to climate and chemical contamination.

Derek Muir is a Senior Research Scientist with Environment & Climate Change and holds adjunct professor positions in the School of Environmental Sciences, University of Guelph, and in the Dept of Chemistry at University of Toronto. He leads an environmental chemistry group based at Canada Centre for Inland Waters in Burlington, that studies sources, fate and bioaccumulation of contaminants with a focus on persistent organic pollutants and mercury in the Arctic. Derek was elected to the Academy of Sciences of the Royal Society of Canada in 2003 and received the W. Garfield Weston Family Prize for Lifetime Achievement in Northern Research in 2018.

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF BURLINGTON LAKESHORE

**TO BE HELD MONDAY OCTOBER 18TH, 2021
AT 10.00 AM.**

Note: This meeting will be a part of our regular membership meeting which is one week later than usual due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

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Membership

The hottest item this Summer turned out to be joining the Burlington Lakeshore Probus Club!!

With the strong support of our existing members, we added 27 new members (see ----->) bringing our membership total to an all-time record of 150 members!

Due to COVID interrupting our regular “live” meetings, we have been unable to present all the badges yet. Gentlemen, we can’t wait to meet you all and welcome you with a proper Probus greeting, but for now please accept our loud and enthusiastic...

WELCOME to the best Men’s Club in Burlington!

Ken Medland,
Membership Chair
mederman@cogeco.ca

Look at all the name badges to be presented!!



2021/2022 Dues Renewal

Thank you for your ongoing participation in the best men’s club in Burlington.

It is time to renew your membership and this year, we are doing something a little different.

In appreciation of your support for Burlington Lakeshore Probus, we would like to say “Thank you” by offering a one-time discount on your membership of \$10.00.

But there is a catch!

We must receive your renewal dues of \$ 30.00 no later than **October 31, 2021**, either by e-transfer or cheque.

Interac e-transfer to
paymentsprobustlakeshore@gmail.com.

Make cheques payable to: Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Mail cheques to: Dave Little, 2071 Wellington Ave, Burlington, ON L7R 1P4

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Events Committee

Car Rally Update

The events committee will be holding out first event since early 2020. On Thursday, September 30th, our car rally will explore the beauty of Burlington's Escarpment. The rally will have a 30 question route sheet. Some are easy to answer, some are devilishly difficult. The rally will end at Lowville Park where we will have a box lunch (bring your own). Join us for a chance to fall in love with the Fall Escarpment and see friends you've been missing.

Sign up via email (mhill2@cogeco.ca) or phone 905-467-2223 to Mike Hill. Payment must be made within two (2) weeks of registration. Registration is \$20.00 per vehicle (two participants per vehicle. One must be a Burlington Lakeshore Probus member).

Payments by e-transfer or cheque.

Cheques should be made out to Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore.

Interac e-transfer to paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com.

Send your cheque to:
Dave Little
2071 Wellington Ave, Burlington, ON L7R 1P4

Note: This rally is based on a rally another Burlington Probus Club (thank you) held last September. Any of our members who took part in that rally are welcome to participate, however we would ask that they identify themselves and not be considered for the main prizes.

Mike Hill
Events Committee

Cheer Committee

The Cheer Committee will contact or visit members or spouses who are ill. In the event of bereavement, a card of condolence will be sent to the family and , for a member, a memorial donation made to a charity of their choice.

CONDOLENCES go to the family of Dennis Colameco on the untimely passing of their son Mike on September 2, 2021. Further information can be found in the Obituary notices on the website of Glen Oakes Funeral Home and Cemetery by Arbor Memorial.

Please inform John Hughes if you are aware of anyone, who has an illness or bereavement , for appropriate action.

John Hughes - (905) 333-4910
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Next Month's Meeting
Monday, October 18, 2021
Annual General Meeting

Speaker: **Janet Booy**

Topic: **Criminal Justice**