



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - June 2022

Mon., June 13
10:00 am

At the AGB

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Coral Reefs

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Malcolm Ramsay's Presidential Message

An extraordinary event occurred at the Flamborough Hills Golf Club on May 27th.
WE WON!!!

Yes, The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore, your club, are the newly crowned Probus Men's Champions of Burlington. The atmosphere was euphoric in the club house when the announcement was made. The cheers echoed through the halls and reverberated as far as the washrooms. There was immediate consensus on our Master Event planner Mike Hill's mutterings of the need for a parade. The glorious gold trophy accompanied by probably the best foursome ever to grace the Woods and Lakes would drive down Brant Street in Al Ayre's convertible. I can't wait!

This crack foursome, of Brian Harrison, Dave Little, Bob Hajduczek and Dennis Colameco, blew the field away. The supporting cast included Walter Rosinski, who managed to out drive me again, and won the longest drive. Closest to the holes, were Dave Mackenzie and Warren Bell. There is much debate about how many strokes that took and there is no evidence they sank their puts. However, they deserved to win for effort.

That is how the day ended. It began with the usual last-minute cancellations requiring a shuffling of the foursomes. Dennis Colameco aged noticeably! Such an outstanding job he did in organizing this event and keeping his calm demeanor throughout. Then we had that soft gentle rain that fell intermittently for the first few holes. Depending on your start time one got a little wet or just damp. The rest of the day was perfect for golf and the company was great.

I was parachuted into a foursome with Ron Luxon, Al Ayre and Barry Bray. Their usual motivating force and spiritual advisor, Rodney Devitt, was on sabbatical and thus, with my contribution, they became severely handicapped before we teed up the first ball. As is usual with "best ball" it is a team effort and by the end of the round we were beginning to gel until exhaustion took over. However, Rodney's place remains secure, and I have been placed on waivers!

As in the past, the competition from the Burlington Club was outstanding and we only pulled out the win by the finest margin (truth is I have no idea what the margin was. I enjoyed the tournament very much and we all owe Dennis a sincere thank you.

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Enough of golf, back to business. Last month's speaker, Kevin Donovan, was outstanding, I purchased a copy of his book, "The Billionaire Murders" It is a fascinating account of the Sherman's, their family, and friends. The investigation is covered in detail as well and we all await a conclusion to the mystery. I am looking forward to hearing Phil Alt's talk on the Coral Reefs on June 13th and hope to see as many of you as are willing and able to attend in person at the Art Gallery. The meeting will also be live streamed on Zoom and posted on our You Tube Channel.

The Annual Probus Golf Tournament

WE DID IT!!!

The Burlington Probus Lakeshore club is the winner of the president's trophy for 2022.

Despite the threat of rain and thunder showers we had a great day on the course. Those that had the early tee time, had light rain for one or two holes and then we took the jackets off and enjoyed the warm breeze.

The winning foursome for our club was Dennis Colameco, Dave Little, Brian Henderson and Bob Hajduczek with a score of minus 66.

A special thank you to all that braved to attend an event with rain and thunder in the forecast. Thank you to all that supported our prize table, and to Dave Little for his help with golf and course arrangements.

Have a great summer and see you on the course in the fall.

Dennis Colameco, Golf Committee

Guest Speaker - Phil Alt



Phil Alt is married to Liz Boyle and a proud grandfather who currently lives in Guelph where he is a City Councillor, currently seeking re-election.

He holds a BA, MA, BEd, and discontinued his PHD studies to become a teacher of philosophy and history in Kitchener. In addition to teaching, Phil was a very active volunteer within the school system including Chair of Judicial Council, Chair of Parliamentary Council and Chair of Parliamentary and Constitutional Council. He is currently volunteering at the Breezy Breakfast Radio Hour CFRU 93.3 - a weekly podcast and radio show (and live broadcast) focusing on local, national and international issues related to the environment, social policy and politics. Phil is also volunteering and supporting the Shelldale Community Breakfast Programme and the Guelph Harvest Market - Fresh Produce Distribution Programme.

Phil loves to play guitar, garden, watch the birds and fauna, listen to nature and drink really good wine.

Warren Bell
Speakers' Committee

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Events Committee

Niagara Parks Power Station Tour – 11am September 15

We currently have 10 registered for this event. The Niagara Parks Commission requires a minimum of 20 participants to give a guided tour. We need to confirm our group no later than the end of June. **If you plan to take the tour, please let us know in the next three weeks.** We will have to cancel the event if we don't get the minimum required.

This historic hydroelectric generating plant was commissioned in 1905 and was in operation for more than a century. It has been meticulously restored into one of Niagara's newest and best tourist attractions. It was one of Ontario's first "green energy" projects and they have preserved the technology for everyone to see and learn. They are offering a GUIDED GROUP TOUR including access to "The Tunnel" which arrives 180 feet down at the base of Niagara Falls.

We need at least 20 people to qualify for the guided tour at a discounted rate of \$41.00 per person. Parking is available close by at \$10 per hour.

Please register early so we can get a guaranteed reservation.

Register at the Events Table at our June meeting, or send e-mail to Bob Miller at rmiller@cogeco.ca

Shaw Performances

We wish the participants going to **The Importance of Being Earnest** a wonderful day. Thanks to all who signed up.

Damn Yankees Thursday, September 8 2022 at 2:00 pm. Price \$82.00 each Tickets are still on sale for Damn Yankees. You can order tickets at the meeting on June 13th or contact Mike Hill at 905-467-2223 or mhill2@cogeco.ca.

A review from our own Ken Medland:

We just returned from an evening at NOTL. The highlight was seeing the performance of Damn Yankees! If you haven't signed up yet, I definitely recommend it!! A great show, actually a home run. Ken

Poor House Tour

We are visiting the Poor House on June 23rd!

When people hear the term Poor House or Work House, they think of Dickens' London and Oliver Twist, clutching his bowl, asking "Please, Sir. May I have some more?"

But Poor Houses existed in Ontario, and near Fergus Ontario is one of the last standing Houses of Industry in Canada. It was built in 1877 as a "Poor House" or place of refuge for the poor, homeless, and destitute people in Wellington County.

Today, the building is a museum showing the lives of the people who inhabited the house. And on

Thursday, June 23rd at 10:00 am, Probus Burlington Lakeshore will be there to learn about a little known facet of Ontario's history. Join us for a fascinating morning.

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After the tour, head into Elora or Fergus for lunch overlooking the Elora Gorge. We will be providing a list of restaurants closer to the date.

Here is a link to the Poor House website:

<https://www.wellington.ca/en/discover/MUS-thepoorhouse.aspx>

Cost is \$10.00 per person and you can register by contacting Mike Hill at 905-467-2223 or mhill2@cogeco.ca. You can also register at the Events desk at our June meeting.

Car Rally – Planned for late September/early October. Keep tuned.

Holiday Lunch – We have reserved the Burlington Golf & Country Club again. Details in the months to come.

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 will be made to a charity of their choice.

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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John Hughes, Cheer Committee

Notes from the House

It was good to see a larger group attend our May meeting. We hope the numbers continue to climb.

Our thanks to Brian Duncombe and Greg Boudreau for acting as greeters. Thanks too, to Bob Panabaker for selling the 50/50 tickets.

Your Management Committee is still monitoring the COVID situation. With the age demographic of our club, we feel that we should continue to ask members to wear a mask while attending our meetings.

For members who cannot attend meetings in person, watch for your Zoom invitation to join us remotely.

Jim Gilleland
House Committee Chair
jgilleland@cogeco.ca

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Membership

Greetings from Ken, your Membership Chair. Welcome to the Greatest Men's Club in Burlington!

I want to start by thanking all of you for supporting your club and sponsoring 26 new members over Covid.... AMAZING!!

We continue to feature our lineup of outstanding speakers. The Events group is working hard to present some fun outings including Shaw, the power station in Niagara, and many more.

Did I say "group"? Mike Hill, our fearless, hard-working Events Chair is looking for several members to assist him and make it a true GROUP...Mike is a great person to work with and deserves your support.

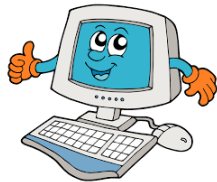
As far as Membership, I will be giving up my role in Membership as I am slated to be your new President. To say I have had a good time meeting all the new and present members would be a HUGE understatement and I sincerely "thank you" all for making my job the easiest in Probus.

I have approached one member to assume my Membership position and we are just starting serious negotiation (LOL).

Keep talking up Probus Lakeshore to your neighbours, friends, curling, and golf buddies to join The Best Men's Club in Burlington!

Computer Interest Group

We are a joint, Burlington and Lakeshore Probus Club group, who get together to discuss current developments in the computer fields and help solve each other's computer related issues. We meet the fourth Thursday of the month at 10 am. Currently we meet via Zoom but plan to get back to live meetings later in the Spring. The cost is free until we go to live meetings. If you would like to join us, please email Bob Dickison at rgdickison@gmail.com and he will add you to our email list.



Next Month's Regular Meeting

Monday, July 11, 2022

Speaker: John Boyko

Topic: The Devil's Trick