



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - July 2024

Mon., July 8

10:00 am

Dean Baker

Golf Club Practices
and Climate Change

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President's Message

There were 84 people in attendance at our June 10th meeting, including seven guests and three on Zoom. Three of the guests have already joined. The "Be a Friend, Bring a Friend" approach has swelled our ranks. Our growing membership of Burlington's best men's club is now at an all-time high of 166. Please keep bringing your friends to our meetings. It is our best source for new members!

Terry Fallis' presentation on his most recent novel, A New Season, was well received. As a graduate engineer, his approach to organizing the outline of a new novel was very interesting. So far, there have been 55 views on YouTube. For those who did not hear him in person, I encourage you to view the YouTube version, which is still available.

This has been a relatively quiet month for our club, so I will share our organization's history with you. The Probus Club movement was formed in the United Kingdom in 1965. It began in two clubs, both created by members of Rotary.

It is widely acknowledged that Probud was founded in Welwyn Garden City 59 years ago. It has now spread to many countries worldwide and has been described by an Australian member as the best thing England has ever exported!

The late John Reynolds Morris, a past Governor of Rotary District 709 encompassing south-central Ontario and a large portion of New York State, was introduced to the Probud concept in 1981 on a honeymoon trip to Australia and New Zealand. He brought the idea back to Canada and was the founding member of the Probud organization in Canada. John engaged Rotary clubs to sponsor the introduction of Probud clubs, and the first club was formed in Cambridge, ON, on March 17, 1987. The second club was formed in White Rock/South Surrey, B.C., in September of the same year. Canada now has 230 clubs with 35,000 members nationwide.

John Morris was also the former owner/president of Burlington-based Utter/Morris Insurance Brokers Limited, with whom I had many business dealings.

You can view the revised PROBUS Canada constitution at <https://www.probuscanada.ca/our-team/constitution>. The bylaws at <https://www.probuscanada.ca/our-team/bylaws>.

Past president Ken Medland, the chair of our nominating committee, is busy firming up nominations for next year's management committee, which will be

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President's Message Continued

If you haven't enjoyed participating in one of our subcommittees, the Speakers, Events, Membership, External publicity, or House, I encourage you to volunteer. These collegial committees are pivotal in ensuring the continued success of our club. If you are interested in becoming involved, please drop me an E-mail, and I will forward it to the chair of the respective committee.

I'm preparing these marks before a trip to the Treetops Resort in Gaylord, MI. I will play in the Great Northern Open Golf Tournament with fellow Probus member Paul Lonergan and other Burlington Golf & Country Club members.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our July 8th meeting.

John C. McArthur

Guest Speaker - Dean Baker

Dean is the Course Superintendent at Burlington Golf & Country Club. He started his turf career at the age of 16 working summers at Glen Abbey Golf Club. He graduated from the University of Guelph in Turf Management in 1985. Dean worked at Glen Abbey for over 23 years, participating in more than 20 Canadian Opens, overseeing 11 as Course Superintendent.



In 2000, he moved to the private sector of golf, working with The Club at North Halton in Georgetown. Since 2012, Dean has been the Course Superintendent at Burlington Golf and Country Club, the historic 1922 Stanley Thompson course.

Dean also shares a passion for both education and the environment. He is involved with the University of Guelph, as a sessional instructor in the Diploma Turf Managers Program.

He is also involved with enhancing the club's environmental stewardship, working closely with the City of Burlington, the local Conservation Authority and as a member of Audubon International. This is for the preservation of the club's surrounding environment and wildlife protection.

Awards

- 1995 Jack Nicklaus Award - Superintendent of the Year from Jack Nicklaus Courses North America
- 2018 Canadian Superintendent of the Year - Canadian Golf Superintendent Association
- 2022 William Sansom Distinguished Service Award - Ontario Golf Superintendent Association

Jim Barnett,
Speakers' Committee

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Membership

At June's meeting we were pleased to have three new members introduce themselves. Hearing from Jim Guild, Jim Buckrell and Colin Lindsay

From their introduction I believe they will be an interesting addition to our group.

I am sure Jim Guild, who flew for the President of the United Arab Emirates in Abu Dhabi, would have some great stories.

The meeting also attracted several guests and two or three will be signing up shortly.

Currently we are at 166 members with a target this year of 175.

Let me know if you have any changes to your contact information or require a membership roster.

Gary Kirkwood, Membership
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We Need Your Help

This is Ken Medland reaching out to the most talented group I've had the privilege of working with. I need your help!

As Past President, my primary assignment is to ensure that all the positions on YOUR Management Committee (MC) are filled and I am pleased to report that all positions with the exception of ONE have been filled!

You will notice that I said that ONE position is still vacant and it's an important one!!

The role of President of YOUR club is a critical one and I can honestly say, one of the most enjoyable and rewarding assignments I've been part of since joining Probud.

I feel that some of you are unsure what the position, is all about, so here is an overview of what it entails.

- Work with a dedicated and talented group which make up the MC (they do all the work!)
- Chair the monthly meetings
- Chair the monthly MC Zoom meeting (wear your PJs!)
- Receive your own **Solid Gold** President pin!
- Continue to keep our club, the best men's club in Burlington



What are we looking for? A member who is able and willing to give back a few hours.

What do I get? The 110% support of the MC and all the members.

The opportunity to be part of a great bunch of team Players on the MC.

Having been part of OUR club for several years I strongly believe in our club and If you're reading this and can help, please drop me a line at kenmed1620@gmail.com

Thanks!!

Ken

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Special Events for 2024

Events for the next few months

June 29th- Stories in the Stones, 11AM.
Stories in the Stones at the Hamilton Cemetery
11AM. A Narrated trip through the events of the
War of 1812, and the impact on Canada
Free Parking at Dundurn and walk across at the
light. HOST; Robin McKee

July 17th - 1 1/2 hour tour of the Oakville
Sewage Treatment plant and the impact on
Lake Ontario. Tour at 9:30 AM.
Table reserved for Lunch at the Firehall for
those so inclined.

August 15th - Norm Foster Play, St Catharines
Ontario
The Melville boys (one of his most famous
works). Pick up your tickets at the July meeting.

Sept ?? - 40 Creek Whisky Tour
Presently on hold waiting for confirmation

October 2nd - My Fair Lady - We have secured 24
of the best seats for the most beloved musical to
every hit the stage. Shaw Festival Theatre - 2:30
pm, \$100.00..

Oct 9th - Car Rally
Details to follow

George Caughell, Events

Probus Golf News:

Hello Probus Golfers - we hope you are getting
lots of green time these days. The Burlington
Probus Club has provided us with an on-line
portal for photos from our May 17 golf tournament.
Click on the link:

Tournament Photos

If you are unable to open this, you may send me an
e-mail to nancybill60@gmail.com and I will send you
the link by reply e-mail.

Now, we have announced that our next golf event
will be on Friday, September 20 at Rockway
Vineyards GC. We have booked a block of tee times
for 40 golfers, starting at 10:39 AM. The cost for
green fees and cart is \$65, incl tax. We will start
signing up golfers for this event at our July 8
meeting. You may sign as a foursome or by yourself.

Bill O'Brien, Golf Committee

Cheer Committee

Your Cheer Committee contacts or visits members
who are ill. In the event of a death of a member, or
his spouse, a card of condolence is sent to the
family. A memorial donation is made to an
appropriate charity on the passing of a member.
Please contact me, or any member of the
Management Committee, if you are aware of an
illness or bereavement.

Jim Thurston, Chairman, Cheer Committee
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Home Sweet Home - AKA the House Report

The house continues to flourish, thanks to my amazing group of helpers and the strong support from the existing and new members!

Hi Lites include new record 50 50 sales each meeting and the wonderful support from our retirement home coffee sponsors. They not only support our club financially, but as importantly provide valuable advice on successful retirement living.

We are working with the AGB to improve our parking service and am pleased to announce we will offer the pay inside feature with our July meeting. I can guarantee that once you pay inside, there WILL BE NO NEED TO RETURN TO YOUR CAR!!

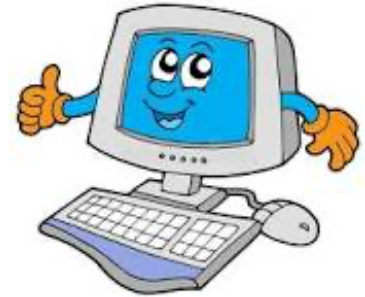
Stay cool and see you all soon 😊

Ken Medland House Chair

Technology Interest Group

We are a joint, Burlington and Lakeshore Probus Club group, who get

together to discuss current developments in technology including but not limited to



computers. We help solve each others technology and computer related

issues. We meet the 4th Thursday of the month at 10 am (one week after our regular Probus meeting) at the Burlington East Presbyterian Church on Walkers Line and have an option to join via Zoom. The cost is \$5 per meeting. 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 -
Monday, August 12, 2024**

Tom Wilson

Versatile Creative Artist