



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - August 2025

Monday, August 11

10:00 am

John Bullen

The Lancaster Bomber

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President's Message

Welcome to the month of August gentlemen. We knew it was coming but you are probably as surprised as I am that it arrived so quickly or so it seems. Over the years it has become known to many as the "dog days of summer". I think I first became aware of this phrase as a young man who followed baseball avidly. During my years at university the baseball season was expanded from 154 games to 162. By the time August rolled around even the keenest fans were beginning to show signs of weariness and watching some of the players, I was convinced they felt the same way. This time of year had traditionally been the hottest and most humid of the season and finding a seat in the shade became more desirable than the normal infield favourites.

Upon doing a little research I found that the expression predates baseball by a long shot. The ancient astronomers noticed that the appearance of the bright star Sirius signaled a period of hot, humid and uncomfortable weather. This event usually occurred in late July and lasted until early September, a time of year we commonly refer to as August. The Greeks referred to it as Scorcher or Dog Star. In Sweden and Finland the dog days are referred to as "rot month" because food is so quickly spoiled at this time of year. Homer refers to this star in his Iliad, probably written in the 8th century BC as follows:

*Priam saw him first, with his old man's eyes,
A single point of light on Troy's dusty plain.
Sirius rises late in the dark, liquid sky
On summer nights, star of stars,
Orion's Dog they call it, brightest
Of all, but an evil portent, bringing heat
And fevers to suffering humanity.
Achilles' bronze gleamed like this as he ran.*

Whether you are a baseball fan, lover of ancient literature or just enjoy the backyard with a cool drink in your hand, I think we can all agree that we are in the dog days of our summer here now. My advice is to enjoy them since the crispness of fall and the snow of winter will be here as quickly as August overtook us.

As I mentioned last month, our Probud year end is rapidly approaching. Along with it comes the opportunity for you to consider a deeper commitment to the health of our club. There are still some positions on the management committee to be filled.
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President's Message - continued

If you are not able to commit to one of these there are many options to participate on sub committees which take less time but are extremely important to the functioning of our group. Please talk to John McArthur to get more information about these. At the very least you can be a recruiter of new members. Think who of your friends and acquaintances would enjoy and add value to Probus. Remember there are free 50/50 draw tickets for you and your guests that participate.

Happy "dog days" to you and your loved ones. I look forward to seeing each of you at our next member's meeting on Monday August 11th

Tom Williams

Nominating Committee

One of my remaining duties as past president is to chair a nominating committee that will present a slate of officers for our 2025/2026 Management Committee during our September Members Meeting.

These are all enjoyable and rewarding portfolios.

While I'm hopeful some members of the current Management Committee will continue in their roles, we are always looking for volunteers.

Please inform me if you are interested in joining our leadership team.

John C. McArthur

Guest Speaker - John Bullen

John is a member of the *Speakers Panel* at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum.

John established the Panel in 2021 for the purpose of community outreach. Since then the three members of the Panel have delivered over 130 presentations to well over 5000 people in a variety of organizations across the GTA and south-western Ontario. The Panel offers around 20 different presentations on a host of topics in support of the Museum's mandate. In addition to the Speakers Panel, John is also a volunteer Tour Guide and member of the Lancaster Host Committee.

John's interest in aviation and in the Museum was inspired by his late Uncle who was a Harvard Flight Instructor based out of the Kingston (Ontario) Airport during WW2.



For over 30 years, John worked for the Ontario Government as a Senior Manager - working in a number of Provincial Ministries - including Cabinet Office, Finance, Environment, Agriculture, and Economic Development & Innovation.

Now retired, John lives in Ancaster, Ontario.

Pat Lennon,
Speakers' Committee

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Special Events 2025

A. Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum Tour

9:30am, Wednesday, August 13th, Cost: \$12

- Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum, 9280 Airport Rd, Mount Hope (near the John C Munro Hamilton International Airport)
- There are still a few members who have signed up to go but who have not paid. Payment can be made by e-transfer (paymentsprobuslakeshore@gmail.com) or at the latest at the August 11th meeting.
- For information contact Colin Lindsay (ccl2341@gmail.com)

B. Shaw Festival Play “Anything Goes”

1:00pm, Friday, September 26th, Cost: \$105

- Niagara on the Lake
- 31 tickets have been purchased and will be distributed at the September 8th meeting.
- All tickets are non-refundable and cannot be exchanged or held for credit
- Malcolm Ramsay (mramsay3@cogeco.ca) is away until August 12th. In the meantime, if there are any questions please contact either Keith Weaver (keithsweaver@gmail.com) or Colin Lindsay (ccl2341@gmail.com)

C. Mike Hill Car Rally – Cancelled due to not enough interest to make it worthwhile

- After collecting expressions of interest, making several announcements and tabulating the results of an “online survey” there were not enough individuals interested in participating in a Car Rally for this fall.
- This is unfortunate since the rally has been held for a number of years and those who participated had a good time. However, the car rally is a significant amount of work for the organizers, and we needed to ensure that there were sufficient numbers to make it worthwhile.

Keith Weaver
Events Committee

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Membership

This is the first meeting I can remember that no guests attended.

Bringing a guest gives us the best opportunity to continue growing so we can attract great guest speakers and fantastic outings.



I have some brochures at the back that you can take and distribute to further explain what Probus is and means.

July meeting, we have 2 individuals introduce themselves. Wayne Harbin a proud Newfey that had a career in financial services and enjoys travel, golf and walking. Other member Garry Dool Portfolio manager with RBC and enjoys travel, photography and golf. Please make Wayne and Garry welcome.

Make your membership more beneficial by signing up for outings. Great way for more fellowship and opportunity to introduce your partner to the group.

Membership remains at 159 trusting we can add another 10 in the near future.

For updated membership contact me at

Gary Kirkwood
gmgak@outlook.com
Cell 905 577-5475

Probus Golf News

The Probus Lakeshore Club will be holding our golf tournament at the Rockway Vineyards Golf Club on Friday, September 19th, 2025. We have reserved tee time slots for 36 to 40 golfers. The cost will be \$70.00, which includes green fees, golf cart rental and HST. During our July meeting, 25 members signed up, so there is room for those who haven't made their commitment.

Signing up for the tournament will take place in our July and August meetings.

So, please reserve this date in your calendar.

If you cannot attend the August meeting and want to take part in the golfing event, please emails me at

Walter.rosinski@sympatico.ca

Long range planning is in progress. We have reserved Flamborough Hills GC for the Probus Annual Competitive Golf Tournament. The date is Friday, May 5th, 2026. I know this is in early May, but this was the only date available, all the other Thursdays and Fridays were booked.



Walter Rosinski
Golf Committee

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Sponsorship

THANKS!!!..thanks to all of our members who made sure they stopped by at our meetings to thank the various health care providers for sponsoring our no charge coffee program.

I am pleased to announce that it looks like we will have a full lineup for 2026 assuring us of free coffee and the unique opportunity to obtain free retirement advise!

Every one of the sponsors commented on how they enjoyed being part of our meetings and being a source of valued information....so THANKS to all!

Ken Medland
Sponsorship Coordinator

Technology Interest Group (TIG)

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 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.



We are on break and will resume in September.

Cheer Committee

The following members are suffering /recovering from various health issues;

Mike Hill - is in critical condition at Joseph Brant Hospital

John Pegg is recovering at home following a bout of pneumonia in hospital.

Peter Hughes & (former member) Mike McInnes are reportedly now in Long Term Care facilities.

Please keep these people in your thoughts and prayers. 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.

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Monday, September 8, 2025

Dr. Altaf Arain
Climate Change