



PROBUS Club of Port Perry BROADCAST

APRIL 2026



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to everyone.

At the beginning of last month's message, I wondered if we might possibly see the end to snow banks by the time April came around. Well, almost accomplished. But for larger piles and drifts shaded from the sun, the remainder is gone, thank goodness.

This leaves us to welcome in the Easter weekend at the beginning of the month, very likely filled with young kids all over the place enjoying the annual Easter egg hunt. Over and above its profound religious significance, it is generally a time for families and friends to gather to enjoy each other's company. Also, don't forget the Town of Port Perry will be holding its Easter "Eggstravaganza" traditional annual Easter Egg Hunt as well as an Easter Bonnet Contest and Parade.

Next up in the month is Earth Day – actually April 22nd. However, watch for events scheduled to typically take place on the

Saturday preceding – April 18th. Generally Earth Day is a time for us to clean up our yards, ditches, and parks to get everything ready for the spring growth.

For those of you who missed the March membership meeting, we were treated to a short presentation by the president of the Port Perry Lawn Bowling Club, who gave us a brief description of the game, but most importantly reminded us all that the club's 2026 season kicks off on May 5th. Our very own PROBUS club is set to start its own Lawn Bowling interest group as well – just one more assurance that sunshine, warm weather and outdoor fun are all just around the corner,

Happy Easter, everyone!

Jim Adamson
President, PROBUS Club of Port Perry
president.portperryprobus@gmail.com

GUEST REGISTRATION All members are welcome. Guests **MUST REGISTER UPON ARRIVAL** and are restricted to attending no

Preparation for our Monthly Meetings includes setting up and taking down tables and chairs. If you can help, please come about 30 minutes early or stay a few minutes later and lend a hand.

NO PARKING Please do not park on the grass areas surrounding the Hope Church.

NOTE - We are a GREEN club!
Our hard working volunteers ask that you please bring a mug for your tea or coffee.



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CLUB NOTICES

Next Meeting

The next membership meeting will be held on
Tuesday April 21 from 10 a.m. to noon
at Hope Church in Port Perry. You will receive an email blast as a reminder before the meeting.
Please remember to turn off your cell phone prior to the start of our meetings.

JOIN OUR TEAM!

Call for Nominations

PROBUS 2026 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The Club's Management Committee positions have terms of 2 years, with about half of the Committee positions standing for election each year. This year the positions listed below are open for election. Some of the positions have incumbents who are standing for election to the roles they currently occupy. However, any Club member can be nominated to run for election for any of the positions noted below:

- **Treasurer**
- **Secretary**
- **Vice President** (Susan Merriman, incumbent, is running)
- **Membership** (Linda Parry, incumbent, is running)
- **Social Committee Chair** (Ann Skinner, incumbent, is running)
- **Webmaster** (Bill Walker, incumbent, is running)
- **Member-at-Large** (Bob Ashdown, incumbent, is running)

For those who are considering running for the Treasurer role, please be advised that we currently do have a Club member who, as a volunteer, does the Club's bookkeeping. Consequently, bookkeeping work is not a requirement of the Treasurer's role while the volunteer bookkeeper continues in service.

No particular skills or background are required to be a Management Committee member other than the ability to

work well with others, to actively participate, and to maintain a commitment to serve the best interests of the membership while on the Committee.

The Committee meets by Zoom each month for around two hours. Everyone on the Committee has an equal vote, they work well as a team, and it's a great opportunity to get to know people in the Club and to socialize.

If you are interested in running for any of the above positions and would like to view any of the related job description(s), please let me know at: timcasey22@gmail.com

And if you wish to nominate a Club member for one of the above positions, and you have that person's permission to submit their name, please advise me as well. Nominations must be made by May 25, 2026 at the latest.

The election will be held at the June Annual General Meeting (AGM). The election for any position where there are 2 or more candidates will be held by secret ballot. The election for all unopposed positions will be by acclamation.

This is your opportunity as a Club member to serve the membership as a key volunteer and to bring your experience and skills to the Club's Management Committee.

Tim Casey
Nominating Committee Chair

take note

Are you uncomfortable with the number of people in the breakroom? Too loud?

If so, feel free to enjoy your coffee and snacks in the lobby or in a second room which was made available to us.

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Club Notices continued

Expression through Art

ART
EXHIBIT

Open Studio Interest Group

APRIL MEETING!!!

The Open Studio group will be exhibiting some of their recent artwork in the Hope Church lobby before the meeting and during the break.

Earth Hour March 28

Earth Hour encourages individuals, businesses, and communities worldwide to turn off non-essential lights on Saturday, March 28, 2026, from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. local time to raise awareness about climate change and energy consumption.



Earth Day APRIL 22

April 22

This Earth Day, people of all backgrounds and generations are called to stand shoulder to shoulder in defense of the only home we share. Join in on Saturday, April 18, Earth Day on April 22, and throughout 2026 to lift your voice, take action, and show your love for Planet Earth. When we stand together, our planet has a future.

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THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

Guest Speaker – April 21

DIANE TREP KOV
*"Forensic Art and the
Lost Franklin Expedition of 1845"*



Diana P. Trepkov is a renowned forensic artist, author, and transformational coach, making significant contributions to both the art and law enforcement communities. Her forensic art has played a crucial role in 253 cold cases across North America, earning recognition from major media outlets such as CNN and the New York Times.

As the creator and host of the podcast "Can I Help Find Your Missing Loved One?", Diana uses her skills and compassion to offer hope and closure to families in need. An accomplished author, she has penned several inspiring books, including the bestseller "No Time For B.S. Just Go For It & Kick Ass!" and her latest work, "UNBREAKABLE SPIRIT," which details her journey overcoming personal adversities, including being a cancer survivor.

Her forensic artwork of the 1845 lost Franklin Expedition has been showcased in international publications and exhibitions at esteemed institutions like the Canadian Museum of History, the National Maritime Museum in the UK, and the Royal Ontario Museum. She has published eight books!

Short Presentation – April 21

There will be a short presentation at the start of the meeting with Peter Lauricella, Judy Anderson and the local tone chime choir.

Did you miss our March Meeting?

HERE'S A RECAP

GUEST SPEAKER



Erica Nol, Professor in Biology at Trent University, shared her research on how climate variability impacts shorebird populations. Specifically, she talked about how songbirds are coping with human impact and climate change on the planet.

SHORT PRESENTATION

Tom Patton, President of the Port Perry Lawn Bowling Club, provided a brief history and description of the game and stressed the social aspects of playing. New members are welcome to join the club and our interest group.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

May 19

ROBIN CLIPSHAM

"No Wrong Answers: Improv for Adults"

June 16

MIKE DALEY

"The Life & Music of Gordon Lightfoot"

July 21

STEVE BURROWS

*"Travels & Travails: Researching and Writing
the Birder Murder Mystery Series"*

A Senior's Version of FACEBOOK

For those of my generation who do not, and cannot, comprehend why Facebook exists: I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I did the night before, what I will do later and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, give them, "thumbs up" and tell them I "like" them. And it works just like Facebook. I already have 5 people following me: 2 police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.



April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 BRIDGE & EUCHRE The Red Lion 12 noon	2 WALKING GROUPS 9 a.m. TONE CHIME CHOIR 10 a.m. DINNER OUT THURSDAYS VIRTUAL GOLF 1 p.m.	3 HIKING WITH BILL 9:30 a.m. BID EUCHRE 1 p.m. LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	4
5 Happy Easter	6 COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. TRAVEL GROUP 11:10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m. CRIBBAGE 1 p.m. LATIN DANCING 3 p.m.	7 WALKING GROUPS 9 a.m. SINGERS 12:30 p.m. DARTS 2 p.m.	8 SUGAR BUSH Purple Woods 1:15 p.m. BILLIARDS 2 p.m.	9 WALKING GROUPS 9 a.m. BREAKFAST CLUB 9:30 a.m. TONE CHIME CHOIR 10 a.m. VIRTUAL GOLF 1 p.m. CRIBBAGE 1 p.m. ART OPEN STUDIO 1 p.m.	10 EUCHRE 1 p.m. LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	11
12 PIG-IT & HOG-IT 1 p.m.	13 COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m. MAHJONG 1 p.m. LATIN DANCING 3 p.m.	14 WALKING GROUPS 9 a.m. BETWEEN THE COVERS 1 p.m. BRIDGE 1 p.m. DARTS 2 p.m.	15	16 WALKING GROUPS 9 a.m. TONE CHIME CHOIR 10 a.m. VIRTUAL GOLF 1 p.m. CRIBBAGE 1 p.m.	17 HIKING 9:30 a.m. BID EUCHRE 1 p.m. POKER 2 p.m. LINE DANCING 6 p.m. DINNER - GWCTD 6:30 p.m.	18
19	20 COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m. LATIN DANCING 3 p.m.	21 PROBUS MEETING 10 a.m. – Hope Church WALKING GROUPS 9 a.m. JIGSAW PUZZLERS 10:30 a.m. SINGERS 12:30 p.m. DARTS 2 p.m.	22 LUNCH GROUP 1 p.m. BILLIARDS 2 p.m.	23 WALKING GROUPS 9 a.m. TONE CHIME CHOIR 10 a.m. VIRTUAL GOLF 1 p.m. ART OPEN STUDIO 1 p.m.	24 EUCHRE 1 p.m. LINE DANCING 6 p.m. BOWER POWER 7 p.m.	25
26 PIG-IT & HOG-IT 1 p.m.	27 COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m. MAHJONG 1 p.m. LATIN DANCING 3 p.m.	28 WALKING GROUPS 9 a.m. BOOK CLUB 1 p.m. BRIDGE 1 p.m. DARTS 2 p.m. EUCHRE EVENING 7 p.m.	29	30 WALKING GROUPS 9 a.m. TONE CHIME CHOIR 10 a.m. VIRTUAL GOLF 1 p.m.		

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PORT PERRY PROBUS SOCIAL EVENTS

NOTE - E-transfers and cheques are accepted in payment.



SIGN UP NOW!

Tour of
**PURPLE WOODS
SUGARBUSH**
and optional lunch at
Sweet MAPLE
BREAKFAST & LUNCH



WEDNESDAY APRIL 8
Port Perry
See details on page 7

**SPRING
TEA**

TUESDAY MAY 19
Hope Church,
Port Perry
See details on page 7



Limited Seating
Don't Miss Out!

PRIZE FOR BEST BONNET/HAT

**SHAW
FESTIVAL**

Register NOW

**FUNNY
GIRL**



**WEDNESDAY
JUNE 17**
Niagara-on-the-Lake
See details on page 7

COMING IN AUGUST



EXPERIENCE THE "RIDE OF YOUR LIFE"

CELEBRATION OF SPEED



MONDAY AUGUST 3
Canadian Tire Motorsport Park
See details on page 7

SIGN UP NOW - LIMITED SPOTS!

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Port Perry PROBUS Social Events continued

LUNCH - BRIDGE & EUCHRE

Wednesday April 1, 12 - 3:30 p.m.

The Red Lion (formerly Colonel Mustard's)
15 Water Street, Port Perry

Cost: \$5.00 + the cost of your lunch from the menu

Please indicate your preference when you register to play bridge or euchre. Prizes for the winning teams. To register, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com so that we can reserve for an accurate number. Seating is limited in the sunroom.

TOUR OF PURPLE WOODS SUGAR BUSH

Wednesday April 8, 1:15 p.m.

Purple Woods Sugar Bush, 38 Coates St. E., Oshawa.

One-hour tour. There is a travelled path down the hill to the sugar shack. A golf-cart type vehicle is available to bring those with mobility issues up the hill. Cost of the tour is \$6.00 payable to Port Perry PROBUS. Pancake lunch or lunch of your choice at your own expense at Sweet Maple Restaurant, 20 Water St., Port Perry at 11 a.m. The tour is limited to 30 and the restaurant has provided a reservation for 16 but may accommodate more. To register, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com and indicate if you will be doing the tour or the tour and lunch so that we can reserve for an accurate number.

NEW

GUYS AND DOLLS

Tuesday May 12

Stratford Festival

Cost: \$155.00

Pack a lunch or eat at one of the restaurants in town. For information or to book please contact shirleyvanputin@rogers.com or phone 905-619-8583.

SPRING BONNET TEA

Tuesday May 19

Hope Church following Probus General Meeting

Come and enjoy a tasty lunch featuring a variety of lovely sandwiches, scones, sweets, tea and coffee. Enjoy social time with your fellow club members. This year you will notice the word SPRING BONNET, for our male members it will be gent's spring hat. So, get your imagination working on your bonnets or hats. Prizes for the best head dress and spring outfit. Cost \$20.00 for members. (Non-members \$25.00) Space is limited, registration is open now. We are asking that you confirm and pay now or prior to April 7th to guarantee your place and to enable us to order and pay the caterers. To register, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com and to pay for your ticket by e-transfer social1.portperryprobus@gmail.com or you may leave a cheque at the social table, made out to PROBUS Club of Port Perry.

FUNNY GIRL AND LUNCH

Wednesday June 17

Departure 8:30 a.m.

Festival Theatre, Niagara-on-the-Lake

Cost: \$250.00

Lunch prior to the show at the Prince of Wales. Luxury bus trip via the 407 with Mary Morton Tours from Port Perry Walmart at 8:30 a.m., returning at approximately 7 p.m. Deadline to register is May 1st.

To register, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com.

COMING SOON



NEW

LAVENDER TOUR WITH TEA AND SCONE

Wednesday July 8, 11 a.m.

Vive Lavender,

85 Brock Concession Rd. 04, Sunderland

Cost: \$20.00

Tour of the lavender fields followed by tea and scones. To register, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com.

NEW

CELEBRATION OF SPEED AT MOSPORT

Monday August 3, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Canadian Tire Motorsport Park,

3233 Concession Rd. 10, Bowmanville

Cost: \$100 for 3 laps in 3 different cars.

Sign up now, spots are limited. To register, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com.

NEW

SUMMER PICNIC AND CONCERT IN THE PARK

Wednesday, August 5

4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Palmer Park, Water Street, Port Perry

Cost: TBD

Please join us for a picnic and civic concert featuring Irwin Smith. To register, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com.

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NEW

SCAVENGER HUNT AND POTLUCK LUNCH

Thursday, September 24, 9 a.m.
Hope Church



Meet at Hope Church to sign in, drop off a potluck contribution, and sign a waiver at 9 a.m. The scavenger hunt will explore the area by car. Space is limited. To register or for further information, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com.

NEW

BOUNTIFUL LUNCH Tuesday, October 20

Hope Church, following the meeting



Join us following the meeting for lunch and contributed goodies (by our members).

email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com.

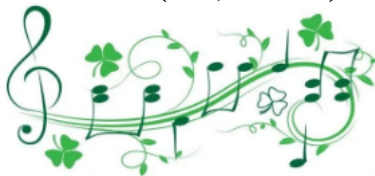
PROBUS SOCIAL EVENTS REVIEW



St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Tuesday March 17
Red Lion Pub

A big thank you to the Lakeside Ukes Ukulele group for entertaining us and for keeping our toes tapping. Also a big thank you to Bill Walker for providing background music (Irish, of course).



After having lunch, everyone enjoyed a piece of a St. Patrick's Day decorated cake for dessert.



Three members of the Lakeside Ukes entertained us with beloved Irish songs.



We all sang along with the musicians and Judy joined in, beating on a drum.

Mary, Ann, and Neave (three Irish women) sang, "When Irish Eyes are Smiling."



Prize winners were: Heather, Brian, Jim and Ted winners of Trivia, Best Costume was won by Phil (ukelele singer) and Most Patient Person (was served dinner last) - Nora.

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NON PORT PERRY PROBUS TRAVEL



HNA TOURS PICKERING

All Tours depart from Pickering / Ajax.

If more than 10 Probus members book, there may be a pick up at Walmart in Port Perry.

DISCOVER VICTORIA AND VANCOUVER ISLAND

May 10 - 17

Cost: \$3,999.07 incl HST - double occupancy. Single occupancy - \$5,196.87

Due to fluctuating airline costs, the price shown above is only guaranteed until February 27th. Non-refundable deposit of \$800 due upon booking. Balance due March 25th.

Includes: AIR – HOTEL – TOURS – TRANSPORTION - Airfare (direct/non-stop from Toronto) and taxes; two nights at the Best Western Tin Wis Resort, Tofino; five nights at the Huntingdon Hotel & Suites, 330 Quebec Street, Victoria; airport transfers plus motor coach transportation during entire stay in

Victoria; Butchart Gardens – admission + Afternoon Tea; Abkhazi Gardens – admission + Afternoon Tea; tours to the various attractions (list provided); six breakfasts; two lunches; two Dinners; two “High Teas”; mandatory 20% gratuity to Coach Driver/Guide plus Victoria Enviro Charges; services of an HNA Travels Tour Director – Shirly van Putten.

For further information or to book contact Shirly van Putten at 905-619-8583 or shirly@hnatravels.com.

DISCOVER NOVA SCOTIA AND CAPE BRETON

June 5 - 11

Cost: \$3,999.07 incl HST - double occupancy. Single occupancy - \$5,083.87

Due to fluctuating airline costs, the price shown above is only guaranteed until February 27th. Non-refundable deposit of \$800 due upon booking. Balance due April 5th.

Includes: Flight to Sydney, NS. With Air Canada; two nights at the Silver Dart Lodge, Baddeck; three nights at the Hampton Inn, Halifax or similar hotel; private highway motor coach transportation during your stay in Nova Scotia; over-night on

“The Ocean” Sleeper Plus of Via Rail – Halifax to Montreal; private motor coach from Montreal train station to the GTA; experience the Cabot Trail – a day long experience; lots of sightseeing – and meals; and services of Shirly, your HNA Tour Director.

For further information or to book contact Shirly van Putten at 905-619-8583 or shirly@hnatravels.com.

EXCURSIONS

NEW

SERENGETI BUSH CAMP Monday June 22

Toronto Zoo
Cost: \$165.00

Fall asleep to the sounds of Lions roaring at the Serengeti Bush Camp. Enjoy an overnight experience sleeping in authentic African tents, learn about African animals with unique behind the scenes and experience more at the Toronto Zoo.

For further information or to book contact Shirly van Putten at 905-619-8583 or shirlyvanputin@rogers.com.

NEW

STARSTRUCK Wednesday September 16

Famous People Players, Toronto
Cost: \$159.00

This is an electrifying musical experience will dazzle and inspire you. It's something you can only see in the dark!

Includes: Return transportation by motor coach, delicious lunch in dining room, performance at the world-renowned Black Light Theatre, dessert served in the dining room, driver tip.

For further information or to book contact Shirly van Putten at 905-619-8583 or shirlyvanputin@rogers.com.

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CANXPLORE BOWMANVILLE

For further information or to reserve your spot email cathy@canxplore.com

For TripAdvisor reviews:

https://www.tripadvisor.ca/Attraction_Review-g499253-d24887153-Reviews-CanXplore-Bowmanville_Ontario.html

NEWFOUNDLAND DISCOVERY TOUR

July 4 - 13

Cost: \$ 6,095 pp tax included
(based on double occupancy)

This is a small group tour (24 maximum).
Last date to book is April 24th. For tour
information and to book go to www.canxplore.com/newfoundland

ST. JOHN'S TO ST. PIERRE TOUR

August 14 to 23

Cost: \$6,195 pp tax included
(based on double occupancy)

This is a small group tour (24 maximum).
Last date to book is May 13th. For tour
information and to book, go to www.canxplore.com/stjohnstostpierre

WONDERS OF WESTERN CANADA TOUR

September 4 - 15

Cost: 7,495 pp
(based on double occupancy)

Small group size of 24 maximum. For tour
information and to book, go to www.canxplore.com/westerncanada
Questions: email cathy@canxplore.com

OVERSEAS TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

NEW

BRITISH ISLES AND PARIS CRUISE

April 19 to May 1, 2027

Cost: \$1,892 pp double occupancy (inside cabin), \$2,314 pp (restricted view balcony),
\$2,523 (deluxe cabin)

Prices subject to change.

12 nights on Princess. Cruise leaves on the 5-star
Majestic Princess from Southampton with: two
additional stops in England, three in Ireland, three
in Scotland, and one in Paris (Le Havre) returning
to Southampton. \$280.00 non-refundable deposit

required. For further information, contact Judy
Spring at 905-447-4557 or Lori Connor at
lconnor@expediacruz.com or at 887-982-8855.
Judy Spring will take the lead on this cruise.



HNA TOURS PICKERING

NEW

EXPLORING THE UK

October 3 - 13

Cost: \$5,399. Per person/double occupancy (no HST) and single occupancy: \$7,199. (no HST)

Non-refundable deposit of \$800. due upon booking; Balance due
August 15, 2026.

Includes: Flight to Heathrow airport with Air Canada – direct/
non-stop, three nights at the Hampton Inn, Torquay, UK – or
similar, three nights in the Hampton Inn, Bath, UK – or similar,
three nights at the Premier Inn County Hall, London – or similar,
private highway motor coach transportation during your touring
in the UK, private motor coach to and from Heathrow airport,

attractions mentioned in the itinerary – admissions and tours etc.,
48-hour London “Hop-on/Hop-off” bus ticket; tickets to the
Agatha Christie: Witness to the Prosecution, included meals:
nine breakfasts; one High Tea; one dinner, and services of
Shirlie, your HNA Tour Director.
For further information or to book contact Shirlie van Putten at
905-619-8583 or shirlie@hnatravels.com

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PORT PERRY PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS



CURRENT INTEREST GROUPS UPDATES

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com



Feeling Creative?

ART – PROBUS OPEN STUDIO

Margaret Adamson: 905-773-2878
madamson905@gmail.com

The members at the Open Studio sessions use acrylic, watercolour and oil paint, clay and wood as their medium to work on individual art projects from 1-4 p.m. at the Hope Church. Meeting dates are every second and fourth Thursday of the month. Our twice monthly sessions will be on April 9 & 23. Often this group likes to celebrate birthdays and munch on treats while they chat and work on individual art pieces or exercises. Our group will be working towards having our annual art exhibit some time in the spring!

NOTICE! Our group will be having our annual art exhibit at our April monthly meeting. We appreciate you taking the time to view the work we do to create and enjoy.

Let's Play!!

BID EUCHRE – AFTERNOON

Ann Berube: 905-985-7102
ann.sundowner@gmail.com

Bid Euchre is played on alternate Friday afternoons. Each group member takes a turn hosting, about twice a year. We usually have two or three tables and play 6-7 games, then share refreshments and socialize. This group is currently full, but we can add a Spare or two to our list if you are interested in playing occasionally.



BILLIARDS AND POOL

Tim Casey:
timcasey22@gmail.com

The Billiards and Pool interest group holds games every month at the Port Perry Legion from 2-4 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday. Please contact Tim Casey for more details.

BRIDGE

Linda Brooks: 416-451-9567
brooks.lindamay@gmail.com

Bridge games are now scheduled on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 1-4:30 p.m. Please email the coordinator if you are interested in playing as a spare.



BUNCO

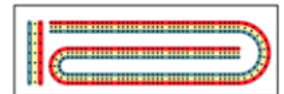
Bob & Sue Armitage: 416-271-5139

BUNCO is a progressive dice game for 12 or more players. Bob & Sue Armitage (members of the Scugog-Uxbridge Probus Club) are coordinating this as a joint interest group with Port Perry, Uxbridge, as well as Scugog-Uxbridge Probus Clubs. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Bob & Sue directly. We have so much fun that people are always looking forward to the next game. We have had games with 12 to 24 players, and we still have room for more. In fact, the more the merrier!

CRIBBAGE

Jooles Blaney: 905-409-5171
jooles1234@aol.com

We now have two groups playing cribbage once a month on either Mondays or Thursdays between 1-3:30 p.m. with half an hour for socializing over a tea/coffee afterwards. Please reach out to Jooles if you would like to be a spare that can play on either day depending on where needed or to be on the waitlist to join either one. Our next get togethers are on Monday April 6th and Thursday April 9th. We are a very friendly, casual group so welcome both experts and beginners!



DARTS FOR FUN

John Leahy: 905-982-2695 • Jleahy6@gmail.com and
Ken Crossley • magentis@checkmail.ca



Every Tuesday 2 p.m.-4 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 419 at 484 Bay St. in Port Perry. This is not a league - we just play for fun. However, the dart group at present time is FULL. Anyone interested in joining, please contact the coordinator to be put on our waitlist.

EUCHRE – AFTERNOON

Ann Berube: 905-985-7102
ann.sundowner@gmail.com

Regular euchre is played on alternate Friday afternoons, group members taking turns hosting in their homes. We play six or seven games and then adjourn for refreshments and socializing. If you are interested in joining this group please email or telephone Ann.

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EUCHRE – EVENING

Margaret Adamson: 905-773-2878
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This group meets once a month at 7 p.m. on the Tuesday following the week of the General Probus meeting. The evening is a mix of starting with card games as well as time to share fun conversations and refreshments. So far attendance usually fills three tables, which means our membership has had to cap. However, on occasion subs are still needed. If you are interested in a fun night out, we always enjoy other Probus members. Our next game will be on Tuesday April 28th.

EUCHRE – BOWER POWER

Joanne Drury: 905-985-8661
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This group meets once a month on the 4th Friday at 7 p.m. (except December). Our next euchre game will be on Friday April 24th. This interest group is currently FULL but we could use a couple more spares to help with coverage during high travel times.

This is a joint interest group between the Port Perry Probus and the Scugog-Uxbridge Probus clubs. Please email the coordinator if you are interested in getting on the waitlist and/or being a spare.

JIGSAW PUZZLERS

Denise: Deniset1954@gmail.com

We meet at break time at our monthly PROBUS meeting where we exchange puzzles, but if you cannot come to a meeting, please contact the coordinator to make alternate arrangements. You do not need to donate a puzzle in order to borrow one, or vice versa. New puzzles are always being added. FYI – the Uxbridge library has a great selection of puzzles! Denise does not expect to be at the April meeting, so please exchange puzzles between yourselves.

MAHJONG – THE JOKERS

Barb Rootham: brb.rootham@gmail.com

It is a tile-based game that originated in China in the 19th century. It is played by 4 players (with some variations for 2 and 3 players). We play bi-weekly on Mondays with a start time of 1 p.m. The game dates for April are April 6th and 20th. If you are interested in playing Mahjong, need lessons, or if you already know how to play, please contact the coordinator to be added to the waitlist or spare list.



PIG-IT & HOG-IT

Barb & Larry Rootham: brb.rootham@gmail.com

Pig-it & Hog-it is played with two teams at each table. This card game adds a twist to Euchre because there is a strategic aspect to it that gets you thinking. Games are bi-weekly and played on Sunday afternoons with a start time of 1:30 p.m. The April games are scheduled for April 12th and 26th. Please contact the coordinator if you are interested in playing. We will add you to the list as a spare.

POKER GROUP

Trevor Johnston: 647-333-9234
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This group meets monthly on the 3rd Friday from 2 - 4 p.m. Please contact the group coordinator Trevor Johnston if you would like to join us. The next scheduled meeting is Friday April 17th.

Book Clubs

THE NEXT CHAPTER

Janet Broder: 416-659-4491
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The Next Chapter Book Club met a week early this month and we discussed *My Friends* by Frederik Backman. This is a multi-layered novel that explores themes of friendship, loss, love, parent/child relationships, compassion, forgiveness and art. We all thoroughly enjoyed it, giving it an 8.4/10. In April we will be discussing *The Retirement Plan* by Sue Hincenbergs.

BETWEEN THE COVERS

Lynda Brownson: lsusan54@gmail.com



At the March meeting we enjoyed a discussion about *The Spoon Stealer* by Lesley Crewe. Our book choice for April is *The Widow* by John Grisham. We welcomed one new member at the January meeting and have decided there's room for one more member to join us! The group meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. Please contact Lynda if you are interested.

Food & Drink

BREAKFAST CLUB - THURSDAY

Bill Morrison: billandmaryare@gmail.com

The Thursday Breakfast group meets at 9:30 a.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Please contact Bill for more information.



COFFEE AND CHAT

Joyce Bagley: 905-985-8064
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We meet every Monday at 10 a.m. at Tim Hortons, 15930 Old Simcoe Rd. (at the corner of Reach and Old Simcoe). Please contact Joyce if you would like to join us or if you have any questions. **Please wear your Probus name tag!**

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DINNER OUT – GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER (GWCTD)

Kim Lendvay:

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Seventeen members met on March 20th at One Eyed Jack's in Uxbridge for delicious meals and large portions along with lots of great conversation. Our next GWCTD will be at 6:30 p.m. on Friday April 17th at Pickles & Olives in Port Perry.

We meet on the third Friday of each month (except December). Please contact the coordinator if you'd like to join us.

DINNER OUT – THURSDAYS

Marg Miller: margandromiller@gmail.com

We meet the first Thursday of the month. Please contact the Coordinator if you'd like to join us.

HAPPY HOUR

'Where Everybody Knows Your Name'

Heather Jeffrey: 905-985-3969

If you'd like an afternoon libation – this is perfect! If you don't indulge - no problem! This is simply an excuse to get together and chat. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at the Old Flame Brewery. Please contact Heather – the NEW coordinator for this group with any questions!

Please wear your Probus name tag so we can spot each other!



LUNCH GROUP

Ruth Cain: 905-410-6030

rannevan@hotmail.com

Last month we met at Halibut House for a delicious lunch on Wednesday March 25th. April's venue to be decided. This group is at full capacity, please contact coordinator to be placed on a wait list.

WINE TASTING 1

Jim Adamson: 905-773-2878

Since several members of our group are still travelling out of the country, our next tasting get-together awaits their return. For that reason alone, our thirsts have been building! We will certainly have many travel adventures to hear about at our next meeting, which we are striving to hold in April. Stay tuned for a report.

WINE TASTING – GRAPES OF PourT

Barb Langer: 416-805-9223

Barblanger4296@gmail.com

Due to travel over the winter months, we take a break in the winter, but we look forward to meeting up again with our group in the spring. Our group meets on the last Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. Members take turns hosting and a theme is selected for appetizers or a potluck meal or sometimes eating out. Wines are purchased and all participants share the cost of the wines. We have room for 4-5 more members – singles and couples – all are welcome! Please contact Barb Langer if you would like to join us!

Let's Get Physical

BIRDIES & BOGIES GOLF GROUP

Coordinator is needed!

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

We will be playing 9 holes weekly Thursday mornings rotating between 4 local golf courses and playing 18 holes once monthly. Some members will only join us biweekly which is fine. Play starts May 7th. The schedule for the season is being finalized. If you'd like to join us, please contact the coordinator, Kim. Kim is also looking for someone to co-coordinate this group with her.

BLOOMERS - GARDENING

Coordinator is needed!

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com



This group still needs a co-coordinator! We will start off this season with a tour at Richter's Herbs on May 6th or 11th; next we'll attend the local Garden Show on Saturday June 20th; after that, the Oshawa Peony Festival on the weekend of June 6/7th. We also plan to tour each other's gardens, learn tips, swap plants and be inspired! Stay tuned to explore all things garden! Please contact the Interest Groups Co-Chair if you wish to participate and/or co-coordinate this interest group.

HIKING

Bill Morrison:

billandmaryare@gmail.com

The group has hikes on the first and third Fridays of each month. Since this group started in 2016, we have hiked together with members of the Whitby PROBUS Club hiking group. We now plan to soon invite members of the Uxbridge PROBUS Club hiking group to join us on our outings. Similarly, the Uxbridge group will offer us a chance to join their hikes. I expect that this development will provide some new and different hiking opportunities for Port Perry members. The Uxbridge club currently hikes on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Their hikes appear to be largely about 4-7 km long; ours are most often about 6-8 km. The pace of Uxbridge's hikes may also be a bit slower than ours. They usually hike in Uxbridge Township or the nearby part of York Region; our hikes are in those areas as well as some locations further south and east (especially parts of the Waterfront Trail). Contact Bill for more information.



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LAWN BOWLING

Lynn Tracey: 905-985-5678
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We know with the temperatures outside and the amount of snow we've gotten this winter, it's hard to think about Lawn Bowling but .. the Executive at Port Perry Lawn Bowling have started planning events for the coming season: **May 2 - Yard & Bake Sale.** We are now accepting any donations for the sale. If needed, contact Lynn and she will be more than happy to pick up items. **May 2, 9 & 16 - Open Houses** - your perfect opportunity to come out and give lawn bowling a try! **May 5 - Season starts** - Lots of activities are being planned, stay tuned! Contact Lynn for more information.

LATIN DANCING

Anne-Marie Sacco
interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

This group meets every Monday from 3 - 4 p.m. in Uxbridge (except on Holiday Mondays). You do not need to be a couple to join, they pair us up at the lessons, as needed. Each member is required to pay the instructor \$15/lesson.

This is a Joint Interest Group with the Uxbridge Probus Club. If you're interested in joining this group, please contact Anne-Marie at interestgroups.uxbridgeprobus@gmail.com

LINE DANCING

Kim Lendvay: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Mondays at 1 p.m. and Fridays at 6 p.m. at the Port Perry Legion (484 Bay Street) and it costs \$5 per person. No experience required. Contact Kim to be added to the group's email list.

Please wear your Probus name tag so we can spot each other!

WALKING - LOLLYGAGGERS

Catherine Whittle: 416-906-1546
cwhittle2001@yahoo.ca

This group is gearing up for spring and will start walking on good days, clear walkways, etc. in April. Please contact the coordinator if you're interested in joining us.

VIRTUAL GOLF

Catherine Whittle: cwhittle2001@yahoo.ca

This new interest group meets weekly Thursdays 1 p.m. at Dunny's Divots in Port Perry. We play 9 holes of simulator golf which takes 2 hours at one of 300 golf courses from around the world!! We're planning to play at least until the outdoor golf season starts and we can play on real greens! Maximum 4 players/bay at a cost of \$43/bay (including tax) which is split between the number of players/bay. If you're interested in participating, please contact the coordinator for information. All skill levels are welcome! Please always contact the coordinator by Monday if you plan to play that week.

WALK-ABOUT TOWN

Dianne:
diannedraper886@gmail.com



Yay spring! We start walking again on Tuesday April 7th at 9 a.m. We meet in front of CIBC on Tuesdays and Thursdays every week. If you plan on joining this group please contact Dianne at the above email address.

Other Nifty Interest Groups

BIRDWATCHING WALK

Geoff Carpentier
interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Join Geoff Carpentier (Professional Nature Guide, experienced birdwatcher and Probus member) as he teaches you about numerous species of both local and migrating birds. Geoff will be leading a spring migration bird walk on Tuesday May 5 at 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Location will be within a 15-minute drive from Port Perry. If you're interested in attending, please mark your calendars and contact the Interest Groups Co-Chair to be added to the list.



GIRLS (AND GUYS) JUST WANNA HAVE FUN

Denise: Deniset1954@gmail.com and
Cathy: cjef@bell.net

Although this group is currently mostly women, we now have a man in the group who would be interested in attending either movies or other events, in a group or one on one. Perhaps there are other men who would like to join the fun?? The group is comprised of individuals, not couples – it provides an opportunity for both attached and unattached individuals to get together to share a fun activity.

Are you interested in an activity, but don't want to go alone, or don't mind going alone but want to find out if someone else would like to share your activity – then the group of Girls (and Guys) Just Wanna Have Fun is for you! Denise and Cathy maintain the group member list which is shared amongst all group members. Any member may suggest an activity and invite other members of the group to join them. The member proposing the activity would be responsible for coordinating with those who expressed an interest in joining them.

Three members saw Mamma Mia at the Capitol Theatre in Port Hope, preceded by lunch; it was a great show. Two members went to see a wonderful Leonard Cohen tribute at the Lindsay Academy Theatre.



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PROBUS SINGERS

Joanne Nixon: joannenixon3@gmail.com and
Mary Morrison: marykmorrison@icloud.com

Love to sing? Come and join us at 12:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month. We meet at Hope Church. Please contact Joanne or Mary if you're interested in joining us.

TONE CHIME CHOIR

Peter Lauricella: peteralauricella@gmail.com

The North Durham Tone Chime Choir practice a combination of folk songs, hymns and traditional songs and sometimes add other instruments: drum, ukulele, piano or zither. They have performed at local churches and at Culture Days in Port Perry, and expect to play at nursing homes and similar venues in the future. Our group is currently two men and two women, and we need more members! We meet every Thursday morning in Port Perry from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. One will not be expected to buy his/her own chimes; you are not required to read music; but it is important to be able to follow the music and count. This is a NEW interest group – if you're interested in joining or would like more information, please contact the coordinator.



TRAVEL INFORMATION GROUP

Tim: timcasey22@gmail.com

The Travel Information Group will hold its next meeting on Monday April 6th at 11:10 a.m. in the sunroom of the Red Lion Pub in Port Perry. In March, we enjoyed a presentation by Kim Lendvay on 'The Galapagos Islands: Small Ship Adventure'. In April, after we briefly discuss recent travels taken by club members, the feature presentation will be "Cruising Norway" by Judy Spring. All Club members are welcome!

PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS REVIEW

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner Group

Thursday March 20, One Eyed Jack's



I have an
inferiority
complex,
but it's
not very good.

Don't be mad at
lazy people.
They didn't do
anything.

Don't let anyone
ruin your day.
It's your day.
Ruin it yourself.

I heard the
government
is putting chips
inside people.
I hope I get Doritos.

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PORT PERRY LAWN BOWLING CLUB

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