



The Beachcomber



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of Wasaga Beach,
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One VACANT position after December

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To advise the Club of any illness or bereavement situation affecting a member, please contact:

mensprobuswasagabeach@gmail.com

Thursday October 12th, 10:00 a.m.
at the Wasaga Stars Arena



Our Speaker and Topic

Ted Popel, Ontario Director,
"Canadian Snowbirds Assoc."

"Out-of-Country" Travel concerns

Arrive at 9:30 and maybe meet someone new and enjoy coffee with your friends



SOCIAL EVENTS

OCTOBER



WHAT: The Kickin' Back Alpaca Ranch

WHERE: 734762 West Back Line, RR No. 7 Markdale Ont

WHEN: Oct 17 2017 @ 11:00

COST: \$5.00 pp

See Social Committee

NOVEMBER



WHAT: 5 Pin Bowling

WHERE: Georgian Bowl

WHEN: November 14, 2017 @ 10:30 am

COST: \$10.00 pp

See Social Committee

DECEMBER



WHAT: Christmas Lunch

WHERE: The Rockdell Steak House

WHEN: December 5, 2017 @ 11:30 am

COST: \$30.00 pp

See Social Committee

You can't negotiate with a zombie. They have only one impulse - that's to eat us or our brains.



The President's Corner

Gentlemen

I am writing this for the first time as your President. I have been a member of The Probus Club of Wasaga Beach for 18 years and have thoroughly enjoyed the club. I have been the Membership Chair for the past number of years.

My wife Mary and I moved here in 1999 from Milton. We have one son Michael and one granddaughter Kaitlyn.

Over the past year we celebrated our fiftieth wedding anniversary and spent the last month in Europe on a Mediterranean cruise. We thoroughly enjoyed our time away but I still believe that we live in the best country in the world.

We presently are looking for some members for our management team - a Secretary, Membership Chair and one Co-Speaker's Chair. I urge you to please consider taking on one of these positions. They involve one management meeting lasting 1 ½ hour per month, one membership meeting a month plus a small amount your time to do the job. I can provide you with a copy of a job description if you wish. These jobs are not onerous. You get to be part of a great team and insure that our club will remain strong into the future I am looking forward to this next year as your President and hope I can meet your expectations.

George Howie

LAST MONTH'S MEETING AND OTHER BUSINESS

	<h3>Attendance</h3>		
<p>JULY 31, 2017 Bank Balance: \$ 2,337.26 Social Committee: \$ 807.52 Uncommitted Net Balance: \$ 815.74 Social Fund Reserve: \$500.00 (Refer also Page 3 for more current info)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Attendance: 53 % of total membership: 51 Current Membership: 104 Life Members: 2 Members' Guests: 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small><i>Two new members were supposed to be pinned at the September meeting - Brian Gurnhill and Lloyd Johnstone. Unfortunately neither new members were present.</i></small></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">There were No errant members badgeless and \$0.00 was coughed up to acting Deputy Act- ing Fine- master</p> <p style="text-align: center;">John McCartney</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1st – Bill Crosley - \$50.00 2nd – Bill Crawford - \$36.00</p>

October Birthdays

Al Davidson, Paul Fisher, Ken Hayes, Willard Henry, Brian Landry
 Bernard Nadeau, Cal Paterson, Bud Wesley and Bob Wheeler

Many Happy Returns to all of you!



PLEASE READ THIS...
Presentation by Al Chambers

What makes our Club a success?

Our members are the key to the continuance of a smooth-running social club. We know our membership includes many talented men with the skills required to keep our Club flourishing for many years to come. Volunteers make strong organizations and play an important role as we work together to continue to build and maintain a Club for our membership. Elections for the management team positions are held each year at our Annual General Meeting in September. It is important to ensure that we have all our positions filled.

Vacant Positions, 2017 - 2018:

Secretary

Speakers Co-Chair

Membership Chair

If you consider running for one of these positions, but think you can't do it due to winter vacation plans, don't worry, we can work on getting you a "Co-Chair".

This shortage of volunteers has been an issue for the past few years. The Management Committee has been trying to fill the gaps and keep the Club going by doing double duties, but are becoming tired of not having new people stepping up to help. **If these positions are not filled by our November 9th meeting, then the Management Committee will start discussions about the viability of our Club as of December 31, 2017.**

Your Club needs your experience and innovative ideas to help keep our Club an interesting and vibrant organization. Inquiries may be made to George Howie (705-429-9593) or myself (705-429-0265) or just send an email to:

mensprobuswasagabeach@gmail.com

Please volunteer for one of the above positions, you won't regret the experience.

UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKER



NOVEMBER

Rep. Canadian Forces
Remembrance Service

DECEMBER

Kevin Lalonde
The Town of Wasaga
Beach Public Works Department

JANUARY

T.B.A.

THE SOCIAL JUNCTION

**October 17, 2017 Kickin' Back Alpaca Ranch
Tour 11:00 am**

Our October event will be a tour of "The Kickin' Back Alpaca Ranch" located at 734762 West Back Line, RR No. 7 Markdale Ont. This is a very hands-on adventure where you can walk with the Alpacas as they are halter trained. Towards the end of the tour there is a fully stock store featuring a large variety of Alpaca wool clothing and household items. The tour will start at 11:00 am, so we need to gather a few minutes before it begins.

The cost of the tour is \$5.00 per person.

We will gather for lunch at "Steven's Bar-BQ Restaurant", located on Highway ten (10) just east of Markdale at approximately 12:30 pm. There will be directions and a map provided on the back of the event flyer at the Social Table. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Lee at 705 429 5541 or email at huish@lynx.org.

November 14, 2017 GEORGIAN BOWL 10:30 am

Our November event will be held at Georgian Bowl, south of Collingwood on County Road 124. We will play two games of "five pin" bowling starting at 10:30 am followed by lunch at "The Dornoch" in Nottawa at 12:00 noon. The cost for two games and shoe rental is \$10.00 per person. This group rate is for a minimum of eight people.

Those of you who wish to pass on bowling but would like to join us for lunch, please let us know at the social table so that we can record your intentions on the sign-up sheet.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Lee at 705 429 5541 or email at huish@lynx.org.

**December 5, 2017 CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE
ROCKDELL 11:30 am**

Our December event is our annual Christmas Lunch at "The Rockdell Steak House" located at 9386 Beachwood Rd. The Social Committee went to great lengths to ensure that our luncheon date would not conflict with other groups holding their events during the Christmas season, as was the case in previous years.

"Meat balls" will be served from 11:30 am as "hors d'oeuvres" until our sit down meal at 12:00 noon. We will enjoy a delicious turkey dinner with all the fixings followed by desert as well as tea or coffee.

There will be door prizes, a Christmas tie contest and a 50/50 draw. Adrien Robitaille will be providing live music of the festive season.

The cost is \$30.00 per person. Taxes and gratuities are included. Bar service is available.

If you have any questions please contact Lee at 705 429 5541 or email at huish@lynx.org

PAYMENT FOR EVENTS: There is now a change in policy regarding the acceptance of cash for payment to the social events. Aside from cheques, cash will be accepted and a receipt will be issued however the exact amount in cash will be required since no change will be given back.

Thank you Social Team for doing such a great job of keeping us on the go!

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report is prepared by Al Chambers and will be posted on the bulletin board. There is a bank balance of \$ 4922.86 which \$ 1089.65 was the balance in the Social Committee Account. \$500.00 is also set a side as an Emergency Social Fund Reserve, with an uncommitted net balance of \$ 3119.21 as of August 31, 2017. This report is subject to approval by Club membership at the October 12th. General Meeting.

TID BITS

The Club Banner is available for loan to display at one of your events other than PROBUS. Please contact **Al Chambers** at

mensprobuswasagabeach@gmail.com

We encourage members to seek out opportunities to display the banner at various venues in the community, e.g., other Clubs, Garden Shows, Community events, etc.

ROMEO BREAKFAST – will be held Friday October 13, 2017 at 9.00 a.m. at Yammas Restaurant. Please confirm attendance with **Tom Parkes**.

THE SIDE - SPLITTING CORNER

HOW TO START A FIGHT:

My wife and I were watching Who Wants To Be A Millionaire while we were in bed. I turned to her and said, 'Do you want to have sex?' 'No,' she answered. I then said, 'Is that your final answer?' She didn't even look at me this time, simply saying, 'Yes..' So I said, "Then I'd like to phone a friend."

And that's when the fight started...

One year, I decided to buy my mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift...

The next year, I didn't buy her a gift. When she asked me why, I replied, "Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!"

And that's how the fight started.....

After retiring, I went to the Social Security office to apply for Social Security. The woman behind the counter asked me for my driver's license to verify my age. I looked in my pockets and realized I had left my wallet at home. I told the woman that I was very sorry, but I would have to go home and come back later. The woman said, 'Unbutton your shirt'. So I opened my shirt revealing my curly silver hair. She said, 'That silver hair on your chest is proof enough for me' and she processed my Social Security application. When I got home, I excitedly told my wife about my experience at the Social Security office. She said, 'You should have dropped your pants. You might have gotten disability too. And that's when the fight started...

OUR CLUB/OUR MEMBERS



Our 2017-2018 Management Team ready to serve YOU.



Navigating on the Serendipity Princess to Big Chute. We had great weather, food, music and company. Fantastic trip.



<http://mensprobuswasaga.org>.

On our web site has further information on the topics below:

- There a lot of photos of our past social events which include the Serendipity Princess Cruise also our last general meeting, including the Stayner Curling Club. And remember if you want to get in touch with your club just send an email to

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We now have our very own Wasaga Beach Men's PROBUS web site. Please check it out for even more information on our club's activities, more pictures and articles. The site is <http://mensprobuswasaga.org>

Please send your comments, ideas or articles of interest to newsletter editor at mensprobuswasagabeach@gmail.com