



4Seasons Probus Club

Collingwood

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President's Message:

The leaves are changing and fall is in the air. It is a clear signal that it is time for warm weather activities to give way to cold weather pursuits. If you have not done so already there will be an opportunity to sign up for the many offerings, both outdoor and in, that the new season brings. The fun keeps coming if you stay involved.

You can also purchase tickets for our First Anniversary Celebration which will follow our brief AGM on November 28. Look for details in this newsletter. Wow, this year has just flown by!

I also have another gentle reminder that dues must be paid by the end of November. The fee is unchanged at \$55 per person. If dues are not received by December 31, the individual will be removed as a member of the club.

Finally, I have to end on a sour note. There are some highly partisan emails circulating around town that concern the upcoming municipal election. I have received them and you may have as well. There is suspicion and some evidence that the authors of these polemics are using Probud email information to get their message out. I want to remind all our members that contact info is to be kept confidential and used only for Probud business and activities. Violators, when discovered, will have their membership terminated.

See you next Wednesday.

Steve Officer

President

Our 50/50 draw winner was Wendy Felton (on the left) who got \$132.50. Our member helper who sold the tickets is Liz Gilbert who is in the picture handing over the cash.



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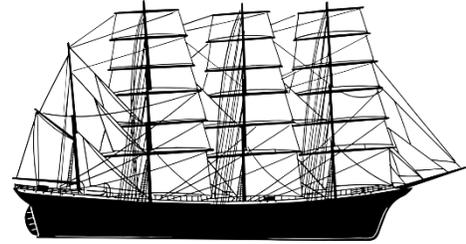
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Guest Speaker This Month – Oct. 24th:

Topic: “1812 and the Age of Sail”

Presenter: Cheryl Cooper



Cheryl has written dozens of articles and stories for various publications and magazines, but made her book-publishing debut with her novel, ***Come Looking For Me***, a work of historical fiction, set on the high seas during the War of 1812. Her sequels, ***Second Summer of War*** and ***Run Red with Blood***, were published by Dundurn Press respectively in 2014 and 2018. When not at her desk writing, Cheryl is on the road speaking. In her spare time she works closely with disadvantaged children and teenagers-in-crisis in her community, providing free tutoring services, counselling, and sometimes a safe home in which to stay. She also raises funds for clothing, camps, and sporting activities through her work with the *Children’s Foundation of Muskoka*.

Cheryl Cooper was born in Toronto, grew up in Thornhill, and has been living in Bracebridge for 29 years now with her husband, two sons and two cats. She holds degrees in English and Education from Queen’s University. She is a former teacher of the Hearing Impaired, having worked at the *Metro Toronto School for the Deaf*, and was the Acquisitions Editor for both *Blue Butterfly Books* and *Muskoka Books* until she became a full-time author in 2010. Her hobbies include: journaling, sketching landscapes, reading historical fiction, travelling and spending time at her cottage on Browning Island, Lake Muskoka.

I am very much looking forward to hearing Cheryl speak to us on the War of 1812. I encourage you to go on line (Cheryl Cooper, Bracebridge Author) and read the many positive reviews Cheryl has received from the Probus Clubs she has visited as well as her numerous other speaking engagements. You will not want to miss this speaker, she promises to be interesting, interactive, and enlightening.

Upcoming Guest Speakers:

November 28, 2018 – Inaugural AGM – Annual General Meeting & 1st Anniversary Lunch!

December, 2018 – No Meeting

January 23, 2019 - John Millar, President, Digital Boundary Group, Computer Security

February 27, 2019 - Blue Mountain Acupuncture

March 27, 2019 - Laura MacDougall

Martin Ruthven - Speaker’s Chair

This is an outline of the speakers we currently have and we thought it would be a good idea to give our members a list of what we presently have planned.

With a membership now of 250 members I am sure there are people with some very interesting life experiences that would be of interest to our group, from a career perspective, a travel experience or a personal experience. We are always looking for ideas/suggestions for speakers, so do not hesitate to contact either:

[Martin Ruthven](#) or [Cate McMullen](#).

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Social/Activity Co-conveners' Message:

A busy summer of activities is coming to a close and we look forward to restarting winter activities and continuing our year round events. We will be having sign-up sheets ready at our next meeting for winter activities such as snowshoeing, skiing, cross country skiing, as well as for our ongoing activities.

Our Theatre Group is in need of a joint coordinator, so please speak with Jennifer Knight if you are able to assist her in organizing and collecting payments for Theatre activities.

Please remember: We have had some terrific people step up and assume coordinator roles in our club. Without them, we could not have all the varied and fun things happening. If you have signed up for an activity and receive an email from the coordinator regarding time and place to meet, please respond whether you will be attending or not. Coordinators need to know who will be coming partly for planning purposes, and partly so they don't leave without you if you are delayed for some reason. If you find that you will not be able to participate at all, perhaps because the activity is planned for a date which conflicts with something else you do, please let the coordinator know so they don't keep sending you emails. As you will see from the updates below, we have some very exciting things happening in our club.

We are organizing a First Anniversary Celebration lunch to be held in conjunction with our November regular meeting at the Legion Hall, but will begin a little earlier and extend past our usual meeting time. The lunch will be subsidized by the club, please bring your cheque book, and sign up so we will know how many will be attending the lunch. Details further on.

FOR ANY EVENT WHICH WILL REQUIRE PAYMENT UP FRONT, TO AN EVENT PROVIDER, PLEASE ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

As a club, we are not able to cover cost over runs for events. Therefore, please provide the management committee with the event details prior to offering sign up for members. These details would include: date, cost, location, minimum number of participants required, final commitment/cancellation date. All participants will be expected to pay at the time of sign up with a cheque payable to 4Seasons Probus Club. Our treasurer will then pay the event provider when we are invoiced. If you have questions, please contact any of the members of the management committee.



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Updates from our coordinators for our activities/events

A huge thank you to all our coordinators who are leading us in some great activities. The weather has overall been great for our summer activities. The following are summaries of some of our activities/events. Our winter activities will be added back onto the list soon and will be available for sign-up at the next meeting. See the activity table further on for contact information and times. Please note; the activities table will be moving from the newsletter to the web site very soon – keep a look out!

Non-Fiction Book Club:

The Non-Fiction Book Club will meet on the following dates to discuss the books listed. The location changes from month to month, so if you are interested in attending, please contact [Ruth Plant](#). Note – these dates & info are now on the web site calendar.

Thursday October 25th, 2-4 p.m. - Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind, by Yuval Noah Harari.
Meeting at the home of Ruth Plant and Bruce Clark, 354 Cedar Street, Collingwood (between 4th & 5th).

Tuesday November 27th, 2-4 p.m. - Precious Cargo by Craig Davidson

Tuesday January 15th, 2-4 p.m. - An Inconvenient Indian: A Curious Account of Native People in North America by Thomas King

Thursday February 21st, 2-4 p.m. - David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits and the Art of Battling Giants by Malcolm Gladwell

EZEE Riders Cycling Group



We had a terrific season of biking on the area trails, and eating at some great restaurants. There were trips to Stayner from Nottawa, from Nottawa to Collingwood, Midland to Victoria Harbour, Lora Bay to Thornbury and Craigeith to Thornbury to name a few. We also road the trails around Collingwood. Not sure if it was the biking and fresh air everyone enjoyed most or the lunch and camaraderie. Turnouts were great, and we look forward to more excursions next summer.

Book Club #3

An update from the summer... Last August we took a trip to Williamsford Bookstore and Cafe, a fun place for lunch and to wile away the hours browsing room after room of used books in a

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cozy quirky setting. It would be a gorgeous drive at this time of year! In September we read Warlight by Michael Ondaatje and this month we'll discuss Women Talking: A Novel by Miriam Toews. We welcome new members, so feel free to get in touch.

Walking Group

The walking group is taking a little break as for the last 4 weeks only 1 person showed up so I will start again in November at a different day and time and see if more people can make that time.

Knitting Group

The knitting group continues to meet the second Monday monthly and will again be meeting at Sandi's residence.

Gardening Group

In September we had a lovely get together at the home of Sylvia Lancaster where we saw the progress she has made in her garden over the summer and the growth from when we first met there in the spring. The flowers are spectacular and she generously sent us each home with a lovely bouquet. We also exchanged some seeds and other gardening tools.

We discussed visiting the sculpture garden (<http://studio124.ca/>) in Singhamton and all agreed it would be an interesting excursion. We will look for a date to visit them in the spring and see about having a luncheon.

At this time we do not have another get together planned so if you would like to continue to meet over the winter months I am in favor of doing so but we'll need a commitment to make it happen - plus we can set up an agenda of what we'd like to discuss and do over next year.

All are welcome to join us - just sign up at the table or email gardening4seasonsprobust@gmail.com

Out for Dinner

The "Out for Dinner" Group has increased in size to 45 members so it has been divided into 3 groups of 15. One member of each respective group will choose a restaurant each month for their members on a rotating basis. As many Probust participants are travelling or away down south part of the winter season the group member choosing a restaurant will pass to the next available person of the 15 in their group. This means most people will have just one month per year to make their personal choice. Those away when their turn comes up can choose a place on their return. On Thursday, Oct. 4th, ten of us enjoyed a casual get together at the new St. Louis Wings and Ribs Sports Bar. Half price appetizers were on special and whole variety of dishes arrived hot and delicious amongst lots of laughter and chatting with new faces on board!!





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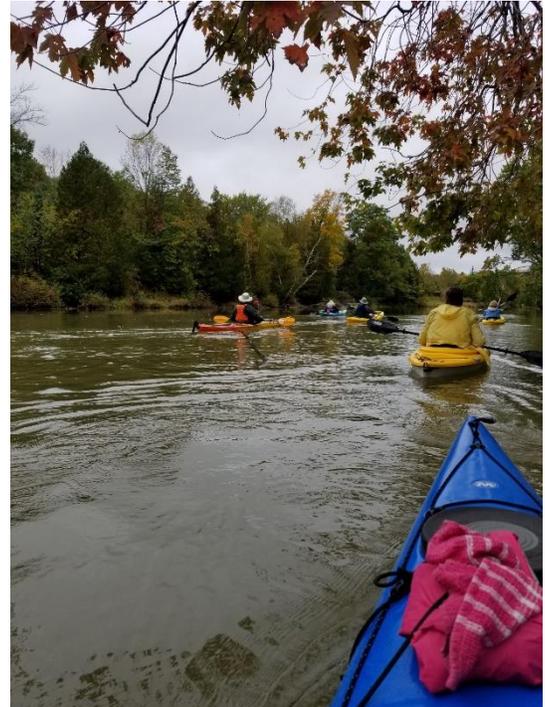
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Kayak/Canoe Group

The paddling season has come to an end with the last official excursion on the Nottawasaga River October 3rd. We had a good turnout – 7 of us in all. Despite the weather it was lovely, lots of interesting wildlife – including horses, swans, 2 eagles and a heron who just kept flying ahead ever so slightly. The rain held off until we landed.

Through this season we successfully completed several kayak clinics and six excursions covering a range of locations within the Georgian Triangle. Those who attended enjoyed themselves immensely. In preparation for next year we will be looking for feedback on how the season went and ideas for next year including a possible trip. Please join in after the October 24th Probus meeting for a brief discussion. We also welcome anyone interested in joining us next year as well.

Catherine Daw and Karen Close (co-coordinators)



Hiking



We were lucky again with the weather on Oct.11. After a nice walk through Devil's Glen along the Mad River, enjoying the Fall colours we had lunch at Mylar and Loretta's. . We didn't quite resolve the often asked questions "Are home-fries better than French fries?" and "Should toasted westerns always be on brown?", but we gave it a good try.

Next hike will be Thursday, November 1st.

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Euchre

We had a really enjoyable Euchre night, Thursday October 11th. Ann Bardoel did an excellent job of Hosting. In attendance were: Mike and Rita Leithead, Norina Goegan, Karen and Karl Konrad, Jill and Howard Morrison, Dale and Pam Adams, Jerry and Kim Colson. Our next game will be the second Thursday in November.



Theatre

A group of our members travelled by bus to have lunch at the Old Mill and see Come From Away at the Royal Alexandra Theatre. It was a wonderful day, with a delicious buffet lunch, and the show was outstanding. If you have not seen it, take advantage of any opportunity you may have to do so. You will enjoy singing, laughter, and a few tears.

Book Club

Our next meeting is on Thursday October 25th at 1:00 p.m. We will be discussing the book **Full Disclosure by Beverly McLaughlin**. It is a gripping and full of heart bold debut novel by former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada. This thriller stars Jilly Truitt, a rising young defense attorney faced with a case that hits close to home.

Our next novel is tentatively **The Women in the Window by A.J. Finn**.

The book Club has been meeting on the third Thursday of the month, but this may change in the future, we will keep you posted.

Our sign up list is full at this time, but we will keep the Probos members up to date on any openings in the future.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

One of our most popular activities was once again a great success on September 25. Everyone it seems, enjoys going out for dinner and meeting new people. Our next evening for this event is January 16, 2019. There will be a sign-up sheet at the October meeting for those who would like to participate but have not yet signed up. Please indicate if you can host a gathering of 8 people including yourselves.



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Cross Country Skiing

Fall is here and winter is soon to follow. We are planning to ski one morning per week starting in December, snow conditions permitting. We will attempt to pick a morning when most skiers are available. We have the luxury of choosing between Scenic Caves, Highlands Nordic (Duntroon), Wasaga Nordic (Wasaga Beach Provincial Park), all of which have excellent networks of groomed trails or Kolapore Wilderness Trails, a network of backcountry trails (skier groomed only). We look forward to seeing you out on the trails.

The plan would be to ski from about 10:00 to noon and then head for a bite of lunch nearby.

Contemporary History

Since our last meeting in June we have recently held two meetings; one in conjunction with the International Churchill Society which featured several interesting brief talks about books based on Churchill, followed by a DVD on his life from the end of the war until his death. The second meeting featured a presentation by Peter Russell, an eminent Political Scientist and Constitutional Expert who discussed his recently published book, "Canada's Odyssey: A Country Based on Incomplete Conquests. Both meetings were well attended with excellent audience participation.

The recent meeting took place in the North Atlantic Room of the Collingwood Legion. About 25 Probus members attended.

Group Investing

We have had two meetings during the summer featuring guest speakers and presentations from group members. One of the outside speakers was an executive with CIDEL, a Toronto Asset Management company, and the other was from Bank of Montreal/Nesbitt Burns in Owen Sound who gave a presentation on Estate Planning. The presentations from investor group members focused on opportunities in the energy sector and on the attractiveness of investing in North American Banks. The next meeting is planned for late November.



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Cooking

Eighteen Cooking group members visited the tkferri Orchard and Apple Market in Clarksburg on the first Monday of October. Despite the chill in the air, members listened attentively to Karen Ferri share the advantages and challenges of their successful apple growing business. On this outing, we enjoyed tasting apples and apple cider, touring the orchard operation and purchasing fresh apple products. The visit ended with a stop at the Shale Rock Coffeehouse for delicious lattes and apple butter tarts.



On Tuesday, October 16th a few carloads of members ventured to the Asterlane Farm and Bakery which is located just south of Durham. There, Bennet the resident baker, demonstrated his bread making process using naturally fermented sourdough baked in his handmade wood fired oven. We willingly sampled a variety of his breads which are sold at the Collingwood Farmers' Market (Trinity United Church). A tour of the farm property included a nature walk to the Saugeen River. The afternoon concluded with coffee and treats at the Chicory Common in Durham.

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Activities/Events Summary Table:

Please note the “activities table” is being updated with all current active activities and will eventually be reposted on the web site, along with the coordinators name. The timing, location and activity details will be available on the web site calendar. See editor’s note further on.

Sign-up sheets for all active activities will be available at the general meeting.





Additional Event Information:

Theatre Collingwood presents:

“Rockin’ All Night”: Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens & The Big Bopper

Celebrate the music of the hottest Rock & Roll stars of the 1950’s with hits from Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper, all of whose lives were tragically cut short in a plane crash. You will hear the stories of these iconic performers and are sure to be dancing in your seats as you listen to their well-loved music.

<https://theatrecollingwood.ca/rockin-all-night/>

Date: Thursday November 22nd, 8:00PM

Where: The Gayety Theatre

Price: \$41.81 all in (reg. price \$49)

Important instructions: Please pay at the meeting when you sign up otherwise send to 4Seasons Probus Club, Box 114, Collingwood, On L9Y 3Z4. We need to receive cheques by Wednesday November 14th. Please clearly indicate what event the cheque is for. Cheques are to be made out to 4Seasons Probus Club.

Thank you,

Jennifer Knight

djknight@hotmail.ca (.ca not .com)



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Additional Event Information:

Attention all members!!

Join us for a hot lunch after the November general meeting on Nov.28 to celebrate our First Anniversary of the 4Seasons Probud Club, Collingwood, at the Royal Canadian Legion.

Doors Open 12:00

AGM 12:30

Luncheon 1:00

Entertainment: Bob Kovan, Comedian

Tickets are \$10.00 per person, with a cash bar.

Come for fellowship, food, fun and laughter provided by Bob Kovan, a comedian who will be performing after lunch! Check out his site...

<https://krazyafteralltheseyears.com/news/>

Please bring your \$10 or a cheque to the next meeting so we can confirm numbers with the legion! If you cannot attend the next meeting and wish to attend the luncheon on **Nov. 28th**, please email/contact [Ann](#) or [Joanne](#).

We look forward to seeing all of you there!
Cheers from Social Central!!
Ann & Joanne



Additional Event Information:



THE PROBUS CLUB OF BLUE MOUNTAIN

2019 ANNUAL INVITATIONAL

CURLING BONSPIEL

Thursday February 7th, 2019



1 – 8 End + 1 - 6 End Draw at Curling Club of Collingwood

Teams: All Men . . . All Women . . . Mixed . . . All Welcome!

Early Draw: 8:30 am

Late Draw: 11:00 am

\$40.00 per player

\$160.00 per team

Complete the following to book your rink for 2019.

Skip: _____

Vice: _____

Second: _____

Lead: _____

E-Mail: _____

Tel: _____

Early Draw: _____

Late Draw: _____

Probus Club Represented: 4Seasons Probus Club, Collingwood

If entering as an individual, place your name in the position you would prefer.

Questions? Please contact [Jack Thorndike](mailto:Jack.Thorndike@4seasonsprobusteam.com) (705-446-6577).

NOTE: If anyone from 4Seasons would like to form & submit a team, please contact [Bryan Vermander](mailto:Bryan.Vermander@4seasonsprobusteam.com)



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Editor's Note:

Please visit our growing web site. It has been upgraded and is still under construction.

Two key new pages are Activities/Events Calendar & Agenda (listing by date) Views. As we get ramped up this month, these pages will be continuously be updated and you will be able to view all scheduled activities/events in one spot and click and add them to your own personal calendar. Coordinators will eventually have access to the calendar and be able to post their activity dates, times, description, locations, etc. directly on to the web site calendar.

The current password for the members' only page is **4seasons**. At this point the club membership list is available on this page. As a reminder this membership list is ONLY for internal use within the club. If you do not want your name on this list please inform [Bruce](#), membership director. As a reminder, our web site is as follows:

<https://www.4seasonsprobus.com/>

Coordinators: Please attend the next general meeting. There will be a 10-15 minute information session right after the regular meeting to show you how you can post your activities/events directly onto the club calendar on the web site.





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