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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF ST. CATHARINES

To stimulate interest and participation in activities at a time of life when one often welcomes new friendships and an atmosphere of sharing ideas and information.

The PROBUS Club of St. Catharines meets at 9:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Grantham Lions Club, 732 Niagara St., St. Catharines, Ontario.

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Wayne Tester awarded 30-year membership pin

Wayne Tester, a former President and Life Member of the PROBUS Club of St. Catharines, which is marking its 35th anniversary, was recently presented with a 30-year membership pin.

Due to Wayne's recent health challenges, the management committee worked through one of his three children, Lynn, to informally present the pin in his home, at Ina Grafton Retirement Village.

Unfortunately Wayne passed away just three weeks after the presentation.

President Tim Kaye made the presentation, accompanied by long-time member, Past President and Life Member Jim Cameron, and member Andy Redman, both of whom also live at Ina Grafton.

In making the presentation, Tim drew attention

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2022-2023

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President:	Tim Kaye	289-362-2016
Vice President	Ralph Steffen	289-929-9492
Past President	Bryan Brodie	905-932-4502
Secretary:	Andy Redman	905-682-6029
Treasurer:	Denis Woods	905-646-1285
Speakers:	Duncan McLaren	905-680-8115
Membership:	John Senn	905-329-5360
Spec.Evnt/Ed. Visits:	David Merritt	905-714-2120
Deputy:	Herb Woods	905-401-9905
Probe Editor:	Hugh Learmonth	905-934-2268
Webmaster:	Russ Milland	289-362-3420
Probus Global	Peter Jennings	289-362-3159

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

GRANTHAM LIONS HALL

732 NIAGARA ST. ST. CATHARINES.

(OR JOIN ONLINE AT 9 A.M.)

The speaker at our Annual General Meeting will be Jesse Abbott talking about what life was like for soldiers on the Niagara Frontier during the war of 1812.

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to Wayne's incredible commitment to our club over the years. He joined the club in April 1992 and shortly thereafter joined the management committee. Wayne took over as editor of the club newsletter a year after he joined and transformed it from a one or two page bulletin to a full-fledged newsletter and came up with the "Probe" name.

Wayne continued as the editor throughout his time as both Vice President and President (1996-1997) before handing off both duties. That was at a time when the newsletter had to be typed, photocopied and mailed out by regular mail.

Wayne continued to be actively involved serving as the club's official photographer until failing health forced him to step back just earlier this year. He was honoured with a Life Membership in 2013, the year the club celebrated its 25th anniversary.

Wayne combined his passion for photography and interest in producing a newsletter with his own creative newsletters called "Reflections".

Wayne and his daughter Lynn (who provided the photos) expressed their appreciation of the thoughtfulness of arranging for the presentation when Wayne was unable to attend a club meeting in person.



Andy Redman, President Tim Kaye and Jim Cameron were on hand to present Life Member Wayne Tester with a pin in recognition of his 30 years as a member of the PROBUS Club.

GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023

Opening: President **Tim Kaye** opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed those attending in person and online.

O Canada: **Bob Henderson**, led members in singing Canada's National Anthem.

Guests: Membership Chair, John Senn, welcomed guests **Robert Latham** and **Greg Tyrala**.

Birthdays: Bob Henderson read the names of those with August birthdays — **Hugh Learmonth, Len Thibeault** and **Tim Kaye** — and led members in singing *Happy Birthday*.

30-year Membership: Tim reported that a visit had been made to the home of Life Member, Wayne Tester, age 94, along with Andy Redman and Life Member Jim Cameron to acknowledge Wayne's many accomplishments on behalf of the club and to present a pin in recognition of his 30 years with the club. Tim reported that Wayne was extremely pleased for the visit and for the recognition.

Cameo: **Herb Woods** gave an interesting and lighthearted presentation entitled "Would you Like to Buy a Lighthouse". The reference was to a brief history of lighthouses in Nova Scotia and his son-in-law's decade-long purchase of one in particular at Cape George on Bras d'Or Lake in Cape Breton. Herb said that lighthouses have existed in Nova Scotia since 1734. There is a total of 278 lighthouses in the province. Many have now been decommissioned and have been offered for sale provided the new owner maintains them in good condition to protect their Heritage Status. Herb said that repairs are now underway on the lighthouse owned by his daughter and son-in-law but that, at this point, they have no firm plans for their new property which includes 1,000 feet of waterfront. Herb added that other lighthouses in the province are still for sale if anyone is tempted.



Herb Woods

Membership and Finance: Herb provided a brief breakdown of our current and projected financial position based on 80 members and what is needed to keep our club alive and healthy. The figures Herb presented for the 2022-2023 year, showed the club had an income of \$3,048 compared to expenses of \$5,897 for a deficit of \$2,849. With

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fixed prices such as hall rental set to increase, he advised that the Management Committee will be recommending a dues increase from the current \$40 to \$65 at the Annual General Meeting in September. The one-time initiation fee will also increase from \$20 to \$30 to cover increased costs of pins and name badges. Herb also invited members to offer ideas to increase our income from other activities to help cover the small budgeted deficit.

Educational Visits: Herb announced that sign-up for the Shaw Festival Theatre "Backstage" tour currently sits at 18 with room for a few more. Cost is \$15 per head. Date is August 23, 2023 at 11 a.m. **David Merritt** acknowledged and thanked newer members **George Novis** and **Rick Kent** for offering to assist with organizing special events.

Car Rally: Herb also advised that a car rally is being planned for late September or early October, with a likely lunch to follow. A clear date should be available within the next couple of weeks.

Outreach: **Bryan Brodie** reported that **Wayne Tester** is at home and not in the best of health due to a heart condition. He also reported that **Russ Milland** is still in hospital but in good spirits awaiting further surgery on his foot which has been partially amputated due to the effects of diabetes. Best wishes were extended to Wayne and Russ.

MC Nominations: Bryan gave the second reading, as required under the club by-laws, of the names proposed for the Management Committee for the year 2023-2024. No further nominations were presented and thus these members will be installed at next month's Annual General Meeting.

Breakfast: **Jim Cameron** announced that the next club breakfast will be Tuesday, August, 15, 2023 at Johnny Pastrami's restaurant on Lake Street. Arrival time around 8:15 a.m. He noted that this event is very popular with members.

Romeo Lunch: Tom van Loenen announced that the next Rome lunch is on Wednesday, August 30, at the Port Dalhousie Yacht Club on Lighthouse Road. Libations at Noon.

Guest Speakers: **Duncan McLaren** announced that next month's guest speaker will be Jesse Abbott from the University of Waterloo who will speak about "Soldiers of the Niagara Frontier" during the War of 1812.

Webmaster: John Senn offered thanks to **Art Currie**, for filling in for indisposed Russ Milland in sending out the link to the August Probe as well as the Zoom invitation.

Attendance: John reported 31 in attendance plus four on Zoom for a total of 44% of the membership.

Management Committee nominations for 2023-24

In accordance with the PROBUS Club of St. Catharines Bylaw 6 (a) "Nominations for the 2023-2024 Management Committee were printed in the August newsletter." No further nominations have been received and the following officers will be installed at the Annual General Meeting in September.

President: Ralph Steffen

Vice President: Andy Redman

Secretary: Herb Woods

Treasurer: Denis Woods

Speakers: Duncan McLaren

Membership: John Senn

Educational Visits: David Merritt

Probe Editor: Hugh Learmonth

Webmaster: Russ Milland

Probus Global: Peter Jennings



It is with deep regret that we record

the death in August of

30-year member Wayne Tester

Our condolences to the Tester family

Date set for Fall Car Rally

The date has been set for the PROBUS Fall Car Rally to make its return.

The rally will be held on Wednesday, September 27 and is slated to wind up at Johnny Pastrami's on Lake Street for lunch.

The rally is open to all members and guests. Further details regarding starting point and cost will be announced at the September meeting.

The Dalhousie Yacht Club, the regular location for lunch, is not available in September as hosts Edward and Emily Fox are expecting a baby.

Further information will be available from Herb Woods or Andy Redman.

Hydraulic raceways played key role in city's growth

Duncan McLaren introduced guest speaker, local historian Brian Narhi whose presentation was entitled "Hydraulic Raceways and the St. Catharines Economy in the 19th Century."

Brian, who obtained his first of several degrees from Brock University and has over 20 years experience as an historian and archival researcher, said that William Hamilton Merritt built an early mill on Twelve Mile Creek but experienced problems with low water levels and looked for a solution to provide a consistent source of water. A man by the name of Henry Mittelberger proposed the idea of a separate ditch feeding from Chippawa Creek.

But when the first Welland Canal, which followed the path of Twelve Mile Creek, was opened in 1830, there was no room for the original feeder ditch. Merritt combined with Oliver Phelps, chief builder of the canal, to create a new ditch, drawing water from the canal and emptying back into the canal, from near Lock 19 of the canal in Merritton to the Taylor and Bate Brewery, which was located just north of the present Burgoyne Bridge, below Yates Street.

Brian used Power Point to display old maps and diagrams showing the path the raceway took across the city. He explained that there was a three-tiered raceway and that it had a 56-foot drop from top to bottom.

Brian said that although the raceway suffered regular breakdowns it sparked tremendous economic growth for the city as more and more mills were built to take advantage of the waterpower.

Local businessman Thomas McIntyre was one of the early builders with his Norris Mills. Others included Canada Haircloth, McKinnon Industries and Wood Brothers Tannery. Brian pointed out that in 1827 there were just 384 people here and by 1834 the population had grown to about 700 and by the 1940's to about 2,000. Canada Haircloth was the first to make use of the waterpower to generate electricity.



Brian Narhi illustrates path the multi-tiered hydraulic raceways took through St. Catharines.

He pointed out that many of the buildings that face St. Paul Street and backed onto the old canal were built on stilts because the tiered raceways didn't allow room to build right down to ground level.

Brian explained that the raceways were owned by the government which at one point granted leases for water rights to various businesses. The city finally took possession of the raceways in 1935 and as electricity started to diminish the demand for waterpower much of the raceway was covered over and, in some cases, converted to sewer lines. Much of the old canal and the raceway were filled in as children and adults frequently drowned in the open raceway.

After a question-and-answer session, Duncan thanked Brian for his fascinating look at part of our history and presented him with a gift certificate.



If you know of any member who is sick, injured or in hospital, will you please let me know. Contact me by email bwbrodie@gmail.com or phone me at 905-932-4502.

— Bryan Brodie Outreach Chair

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Changes/additions to members mail and/or e-mail address will be published monthly in the Probe. Please inform any member of the Management Committee of your changes.

David Merritt: (new email)

Email: davemerritt05@gmail.com

Glenn Steel: (email correction)

Email: gtsteel4@gmail.com

Getting a back-stage tour at the Festival Theatre



Close to 20 PROBUS members and guests were treated to informative tours through the warren of rooms behind and below the stage at the Shaw Festival Theatre. The tour included stops in a rehearsal hall, below the stage to see the workings of a huge turntable installed for the

production of "Gypsy", the massive wardroom where costumes are created, a look into the cramped dressing rooms for the performers, plus a look behind the stage at sets and props ready to be switched over for other productions being staged at the Festival Theatre.



Photographer Ed Telenko captured a roomful of smiling faces at the July Romeo Lunch as members enjoyed conversation while anticipating another excellent meal at the Dalhousie Yacht Club.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



The following members celebrate birthdays in September. If you are not on the PROBUS birthday list please contact membership chair John Senn.

Art Currie
Bob Halfyard
Bob Henderson
Stan Oprendeck

Membership dues

Members are reminded that membership dues for 2023-2024 are payable as of the September annual general meeting.

Pending approval of the proposed increase at the AGM, the dues for the coming year will be \$65.

Payment can be made by cheque to the Probus Club of St. Catharines or by E-transfer to John Senn at jsenn8@cogeco.ca

Cheques can be mailed to membership chair John Senn at:

John Senn
13-30 Power Glen
St. Catharines, L2R 6P7

PROBUS Club of St. Catharines Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the year ended July 31st 2023

Receipts	
Membership Dues	2,952.00
Stratford -- net income (loss)	-
BBQ -- net income (loss)	36.00
Special Events - net income (loss)	56.80
Car Rally -- net income (loss)	-
Other Income	-
Bank Interest Earned	2.96
	\$ 3,047.76
Disbursements	
Refreshments -- Reg. meetings	579.04
Hall Rental	2,373.00
Badges, Plaques, etc	44.30
Printing & Postage	144.00
Memorial Donations	250.00
President's Luncheon	412.09
Probus Canada Fees	228.00
Speaker Gifts	345.69
Web Hosting (Two years)	1,243.35
Online Meeting Hosting (Zoom)	227.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
	\$ 5,896.47
Excess of Disbursements over Receipts	2,848.71
Cash in Bank August 1st 2022	6948.05
Cash in Bank July 31st 2023	\$ 4,099.34
Bank Reconciliation	
Cash in Bank per Bank Statement July 31st 2023	\$ 4,297.09
Deduct Outstanding Cheque #986	197.75
Cash in Bank July 31st 2023	\$ 4,099.34

Thomas E. Lewis
10 Cameron Road.
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August 2, 2023

DELIVERED BY HAND

To the Officers and Members of the
Probus Club of St Catharines

Gentlemen:

I, Thomas Lewis, conducted an independent review of the accounting records and supporting documents as maintained by your Treasurer Mr Denis Woods.

My review of these records found these documents to be complete and accurate in all material respects. In my opinion, the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Probus Club of St Catharines for the year ended July 31st 2023 presents a fair representation of the year's financial activities.

Yours Very Truly,

Thomas E. Lewis
Reviewer

2022-2023 annual reports

Following are the annual reports provided by members of the Management Committee and various activity convenors.

President's Report

The PROBUS Calendar Year (2022/23) began for me in a most unexpected way. I was to begin as the Vice President elect. I was however, catapulted into the President's role due to the sudden passing of our President elect on August 18, 2022. Herb Mackenzie was a very gifted man, who I looked up to as a positive leader gifted with personality, charm, wit, and great marketing skills. He is missed.

The year 2022/23 brought to our club many challenging expectations. After COVID our club had to deal with challenges which included a declining membership, what directions to pursue (i.e., going co-ed or remaining a male only membership), how to attract new members, update our by-laws, concerns regarding our rental of the current site, exploring possible new facilities and keeping up with inflation costs, etc.

I am thankful for the management executive committee and proud of the members at large who made this past year a most exciting year. All members stepped up to "the plate". The executive served endless hours (individually and as teams) researching old and new themes, corresponding with different agencies, attending endless meetings and workshops, encouraging members to attract and bring friends and acquaintances to our meetings and educational outings. Tributes also go to our growing breakfast gathering and Romeo lunches. The tasks have been endless. The new 2023/24 executive will start with a blueprint in place committed to improving the experience for our PROBUS Club 2023/24.

As president I am honoured to have served you and to be a part of the PROBUS Club of St. Catharines, an extraordinary and gifted club. Thank you.



Tim Kaye

Speakers Report

The following speakers were featured at our PROBUS meetings during 2022-23:

September 13, 2022: David Sharron, Brock Special collections. Head, Archives and Special Collections Topic: "Plate Spinning and Ball Juggling: All in a day's work at the Brock Archives".

October 11, 2022: James Treadwell – Treadwell Restaurant. James Treadwell, Sommelier and Owner at Treadwell Farm-to-Table Cuisine in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Restaurateur describes challenges posed by COVID.

November 8, 2022: Chris Leworthy – Battle of Britain. Chris Leworthy presented the "Battle of Britain – 80+ years on". Speaker unveils story behind the Battle of Britain

December 13, 2022: Bev Foster, Executive Director, Room 217 Foundation. Bev Foster presented on "The power of music to make meaningful changes in health and well-being".

January 10, 2023: Hugh Fraser, author. Presented information on his book entitled "Swing Beam Barns of Niagara – stories of 50 barns built in Ontario between 1819 and 1884".

February 14, 2023: Rachel Braithwaite – St. Catharines Downtown Association. Rachel presented how her organizations work in partnership with the city.

March 14, 2023: Marnie Donaldson – Sound Hearing Care Niagara. Marnie and her colleague, Jessica Cekan, explained hearing loss and treatments.

April 11, 2023: Carol Nagy – Hospice Niagara, helping people live well. Carol discussed hospice palliative care in our community. Hospice Niagara works hard to meet growing demands.

May 9, 2023: Dr. Riley Moynes – "The Four Phases of Retirement" – and the Psychological Challenges" and how to get 'Juice' out of retirement.

June 13, 2023: Brenda McPhail, Ph.D. – Canadian Civil Liberties Association. Brenda presented "Nothing to Hide? Privacy protects more than just secrets in the big-data world".

July 11, 2023: Ed Telenko – St. Catharines Academy of Fine Artists. Ed presented "Participation in art has therapeutic benefits".

August 8, 2023: Brian Narhi – St. Catharines Historian. Brian presented "The Hydraulic Raceway that was in downtown St. Catharines".

Please check-out our UPCOMING FUTURE 2023–2024 speakers on our [website by clicking here.](#)

— Speakers chair, Duncan McLaren

Eating out

Romeo Lunches

The purpose of these lunches is to give members an opportunity to socialize in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere over a light meal and beverage; something that is not possible within the more formal format of the monthly meetings. These lunches, held at the Dalhousie Yacht Club, also give members an excellent opportunity to introduce new prospects to our club. The Yacht Club dining room/bar serves our needs very well, offering a pleasant, comfortable, relaxed atmosphere, and good food and drinks at reasonable prices. We are currently averaging over twenty members for these lunches.

In December of 2022 we sold 57 tickets to a sit-down Christmas lunch for members and guests at the Dalhousie Yacht club and in June of this year we held a buffet barbecue in the same venue for 45 attendees.

Monthly Breakfasts

For the last couple of years Jim Cameron has been hosting breakfasts at Johnny Pastrami's Deli on Lake St. on the Tuesdays of the third week each month. Attendance has now grown to about 20 members.

This coming year I hope more members will join us for a fun time at our Romeo lunches and club breakfasts.

After more than 10 years as convenor for the Romeo lunches, Tom van Loenen has taken over the responsibility. Thank you very much for your encouragement and support through the years.

— Submitted by Art Currie

Newsletter

It is difficult to put into words how much Wayne Tester has meant to this club over the past 30 years but on a personal note he contributed so much to the Probe newsletter with his excellent photographs. He will be missed.

We are fortunate to have Ed Telenko join our club and offer his photographic expertise.

I want to extend thanks to all those who have submitted contributions during the year whether it be reports, notices or photos with special thanks to Herb Woods for his photos from special events.

Special thanks also to secretary Andy Redman who churned out minutes after every meeting to help keep the membership informed.

— Editor Hugh Learmonth

Secretary's Report

I was elected to become the Club Secretary last year, replacing Kirk Springett who did an excellent job for 3-4 years. I hope that I have met your expectations.

Working with the Management Committee has been a privilege. We have learned from each other and worked diligently on your behalf to strengthen and build the club following COVID-19. I thank each one, and for the stewardship of President Tim Kaye. I wish to also thank Tim and his wife Janet for choosing to host our monthly MC meetings in their beautiful home.

PROBUS Canada has been busy reviewing and changing certain things to improve service to clubs as they grapple with losing members and income due mainly to the impact of COVID-19. We have provided a prompt response to their requests for club input through District Director, David Ricketts.

Most notably, we diligently worked through several extra meetings to address recruitment of new members and also on succession planning to work and/or assist in the running of our club.

Recruitment of New Members: We researched similar initiatives by other PROBUS clubs, and I would particularly like to thank Richard Furlong of the Woodbridge Men's Club and current President of Probus Global for his support and help. We decided on the following "action plan":

- Word of mouth advertising
- Ongoing outreach with other similarly structured PROBUS clubs
- Optimising free advertising within Niagara
- Reaching out to other professional/business associations/clubs
- Initiating and preparing appropriate types and styles of electronic messaging

Succession Planning: This has proven somewhat difficult but we feel that, for this year at least, we have had some success. Two newer members have offered to assist David Merritt with the Educational Visits file.

Your MC asks each of you, especially the newer and somewhat younger members, to strongly consider assuming some type of role to help make our club stronger and financially sound.

Let us get back to things such as theatre visits; golf; spouse/partner dinners, yes and maybe wood carving or some other art activity. Thank you.

— Andy Redman

Tours and Events

PROBUS had six outings this year beginning with a tour of Locomoland in Niagara Falls on September 22. Owner Walt Wang gave a guided tour of his model train layout that is one of the largest and the only high-tech, remote-controlled miniature railway system in Ontario.

The Niagara Parks Power Plant tour on October 20, 2022 had 39 attendees. Our guided tour explained the history of the power plant and the workings of the water flow and turbines. A highlight was walking through the water exit tunnel to the base of Niagara Falls. Quite a view!

Our group attended a Niagara IceDogs hockey game on January 17. The IceDogs provided an entertaining game and were victorious.

On March 28, Patrick Little hosted PROBUS at the St. Catharines Courthouse. We met in the Superior Court Room where Patrick gave an explanation of court processes and the roles of various people. We then attended two live court sessions that were informative.

PROBUS visited the Hamilton Museum of Steam & Technology on July 6. The museum preserves two massive steam-powered beam engines, which pumped water in Hamilton from 1859 to 1910. Russ Milland and the Golden Horseshoe Live Steamers gave everyone a fun ride around the grounds on their miniature train.

Finally, we took the Shaw Festival Back Stage Tour on August 23. This guided tour of the Festival Theatre revealed the secrets that help bring the plays to the stage.

We hope everyone enjoyed attending the events through the year.

— *Dave Merritt and Herb Woods*

Outreach Report

Once again our PROBUS club lost a number of long-serving members during the past year.

The list of deceased members includes Glenn Sayers, Bill Loftus, Mac Gollert, Bob Hawkes, Len McClelland and, most recently, Wayne Tester.

Thanks to all those members who let me know when our members were under the weather and needed a phone call or visit. Please keep up the good work for the next Outreach Chair.

— *submitted by Bryan Brodie*

Website Report

The PROBUS website journey continues. Our PROBUS St. Catharines statement of "Sharing, fellowship, friendship & fun since 1989" is reflected on the web site. Our web site is a support communications tool, like our Probe Newsletter but different. Our website is dynamic and changeable any-time to add new relevant and informative information in an easy-to-use navigating environment.

If you read the Probe newsletter you should also "read" our website.

Some of the website's goals are to attract new members and keep current members informed and entertained! Likely you can think of someone that might have an interest. Email them the URL to check us out and then invite them to a meeting.

<https://probustcatharines.com/>

Public can access:

- Upcoming (and Past) Speakers. Look them up <https://probustcatharines.com/speakers/>

- Upcoming (and Past) Events & Activities. Look them up <https://probustcatharines.com/activities-special-events/>

Members only can also access the very latest as to what is going on and access the password protected section to see a list of all current members, Probe newsletters and Tid-Bits section...

- Who is on our Management Committee? Look it up <https://probustcatharines.com/members-portal/>

- Who are our Members? Look it up https://probustcatharines.com/members-portal/business-directory/?wpbdp_view=all_listings

- Read the latest (and back issues) of our Probe Newsletters. Look them up <https://probustcatharines.com/members-portal/archives-of-probus-newsletters/>

- Some fun and interesting items. Look them up <https://probustcatharines.com/tidbits/>

It's your website. GO. READ. LEARN. Let me know what you think please.

Duncan McLaren duncan@mclarenhome.ca or (905) 680-8115

— *submitted by Duncan McLaren*

Membership

Membership statistics for 2022 – 2023:

Full membership as of September 2022.....	87
Full membership as of August 2023.....	77
Life members.....	2
Inactive members.....	6
Average meeting attendance, in-person.....	34
Via Zoom.....	6
PROBUS Material Inventory:	
Lapel pins: President.....	5
Past President.....	4
Regular member.....	3
Pens.....	0
Name tag blanks*.....	1
Mugs.....	2

* final year for this style of blank. No more will be ordered.

— Membership chair, John Senn

POKER

The Probus Poker Group meets for a friendly poker game on a regular monthly basis.

We usually get together on the Friday following the PROBUS General meeting, playing from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., although the date can be changed at the host's request.

Each game is hosted in rotation by a group member with the main intent of socializing with friends for a fun evening of cards, win or lose. Simple refreshments, usually nibbles and soft drinks, are provided by the host.

We play Dealer's Choice poker using quarters for chips with a total stake of \$20 for the evening; if your total stake is lost at any time during the evening you continue to play for free until you win!

If you wish to join our Poker Group, or to receive further information, please contact the convener — Denis Woods at denjwoods@gmail.com or 905-646-1285.

— submitted by Denis Woods

SUB COMMITTEES AND SOCIAL EVENT CONVENORS

The following activities are approved and sponsored by the PROBUS Club of St. Catharines.

Romeo Lunch:	Tom van Loenen	905-937-0430
Men's Breakfast:	Jim Cameron	905-935-8209
Golf:	Ralph Steffen	289-929-9492
Poker:	Denis Woods	905-646-1285
Theatre Visits:	TBD	
Outreach:	Bryan Brodie	905-932-4502
Couples Bridge:	TBD	
Dancing:	Andy Reyes	905-937-2982






Wouldn't you know, I landed in some casual water behind this tree, so now I'll have to take a free drop.





September 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4 	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12  ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	13	14	15  POKER	16
17	18	19 	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27  CAR RALLY	28	29	30



Invite a friend. If you enjoy taking part in PROBUS activities, don't forget that in addition to the regular meetings the monthly Romeo Lunches at the Dalhousie Yacht Club or the men's breakfast gathering at Johnny Pastrami's are excellent opportunities to introduce a friend to the club.