



# The Men's Probud Club of Lindsay

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if you have knowledge of a member that is experiencing health issues at any time.

### Next Meeting Tuesday July 10



Arts, Culture and Heritage in the CKL

### Meeting Highlights

#### Opening and Announcements:

President Bert Blackwood called the meeting to order and asked the members to stand for the singing of O Canada. Bert surveyed the members about their attendance at Symposium for the optional lunch. George Arnold was introduced to the members by Bob Dechert and Peter Kratzman was introduced to the members by Bert Blackwood. Peter Newman (sponsor Bill Legere) and Don Blanchard (sponsor Bert Blackwood) were inducted into the club.

Vice-President John Sale reported on meetings of special interest groups outside the regular meetings as follows:

- Successful events to date include an introduction to **lawn bowling** and a **golf** day at Oliver's Nest enjoyed by a number of members and guests.
- **Budding artists** are offered instruction, initially in drawing and sketching techniques, followed by watercolour painting if members are interested. Marion Hill (the better half of Stan Hill) has agreed to lead and instruct us. Marion has taught similar groups in Haliburton, and is happy to help all comers. The first meeting of this group was planned for July, but on reflection Marion and John have agreed to defer the first meeting until September or October this year, when folk may be thinking of things to do indoors. John will offer more information nearer the time.
- Other possible special interest groups to share an interest, improve techniques or just enjoy the company of others might include photography, euchre, cycling, computers, etc. Each interest group needs a volunteer to lead and organize it.

Finally, as these groups will generally be self-financed, John would envisage that partners or close friends of our members would be welcome to participate.

Ron Baldwin introduced the names of the winners at the June 11<sup>th</sup> Golf Tournament and noted that it was a big success. Photos of the golf tournament are posted on page 3. in this newsletter.



Bert Blackwood (L), Bill Legere (middle) and Bob Whitfield (R) welcome Don Blanchard (second from left) and Peter Newman (second from right) to the club.



Ron Wallace (L) thanked George Laidlaw (R) for his presentation.

### Tri-Club Probus Club Day Sept. 10

Members of the Lindsay Men's Probus Club, the Lindsay Women's Probus Club and the Probus Club of Fenelon Falls are invited to sign up for this Sept. 10 event, which will include the option of 18 holes or 9 holes, followed by a light lunch. The 18 hole golfers will have a 'shotgun start' at 8.00am, and the 9 hole golfers will tee off at 10.00am. We will all lunch together, followed by the announcement of the results and prizes for all.

Cost for 18 holes with cart, lunch and prizes is \$65. The cost for 9 holes with cart and lunch is \$50. The format will be "best ball" in teams of four. Initially members only can sign up pending confirmation of numbers signing and paying up. Cheques are payable to Oliver's Nest Golf Club at our July meeting.

Any corrections, comments or additions regarding this newsletter can be forwarded to the attention of the editor at:

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Ron Morgan, our Health and Wellness officer, informed the members that Gerald Brown is in recovery and is expected to join us in July.

Ron Wallace, our Program Director, was asked to introduce our speaker George Laidlaw. George Laidlaw was born in Ottawa, Canada's Capital and is married with two children, Michael and Meghan. He has been writing ever since he told bed time stories to his children and received the plaintive cry, 'Dad tell us another story.' After working for the Canadian government as a biologist, for over 30 years, his hopes are to pursue his writing career in retirement and craft stories that draw in the reader and leave them with a finely crafted action-filled romance adventure, and an overall appraisal from the reader with a comment 'it was a good read.

Laidlaw's 91 publications include stories in children's magazines and adult novels. His interests include biology, geology, paleontology and the history of man. Interwoven with the fast-paced skills of a natural storyteller are threads tying action, emotion and intellect in a close-knit loom of international suspense.



### Guest Speaker: George Laidlaw

George Laidlaw emphasized throughout his presentation that mistakes often changed the course of history. For example, if Montcalm had waited just 4 hours in the battle of the Plains of Abraham, he likely would have won. The assassination of Archduke Ferdinand in Sarajevo, that many believe led to the outbreak of WWI, may not have happened if his driver had not taken the wrong road while escaping a failed bombing attack. The Canadian-built Avro Arrow was considered the finest military aircraft in the world at the time, but Prime Minister Diefenbaker destroyed every Avro plane because the Americans were not pleased. The Avro Arrow engineers moved on to join NASA. Waterford crystal glass moved to Dublin to become the number #1 seller of crystal glass in the world because England began heavily taxing its own glass manufacturers to prop up its war chest. Britain occupied much of the United States during the War of 1812, but decided to give back the occupied land so that it could focus on the war with Napoleon. George had many more short stories to share and concluded that "history can be quite interesting".

**Closing:** President Bert Blackwood concluded the meeting with a humorous story about the owners of the circus wanting to adopt a child. The circus owners requested that the child must fit into a cannon.



Bert Blackwood presents Hugh Burton (L), Jerry Ford (R), John Hunter (absent) and Paul Terrill (absent) with the 9-hole trophy.



Bob Doran presents Peter Kratzman (L), Bert Blackwood and Ron Baldwin (R) with the 18-hole trophy.



Bruce Cameron (L) presents Dennis Eaton (R) with the 9-hole "closest to the flag" prize.



Wayne Brumwell (R) presents Peter Kratzman (L) with the 18-hole "closest to the flag" prize.



Rich Brien was the winner of the draw prize, donated by Bob Doran.



Special thanks to Ron Baldwin and his team for organizing the golf tournament.