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February Meeting Update

The club held its February meeting on Tuesday 12th. After a 30 minute social time, Club President **John Sale** opened the meeting at 10:30am, with those in attendance singing 'Oh Canada'. John announced that the optional lunch following the meeting would be held at the Olympia restaurant.

John then proceeded to introduce and welcome two guests of Bert Blackwood, **Bob Nesbitt & Rock Paterson** with the wish that should they like what they see and hear they consider applying for membership.

John pointed out the value of the new information leaflet in helping to explain the club to prospective members. Current club members are encouraged to use this leaflet if they know of anyone interested in joining our club. Copies of the leaflet will be available at all club meetings and also in a variety of public locations around town.

Two new members were inducted into the club, **Wes Lane** and **Bob Armstrong** were both introduced by John Sale.



Health and Welfare

Please notify

Ron Morgan

(705) 324-2318

If you have knowledge of a member who is experiencing health issues at any time.

Next Meeting

Tuesday March 12th 2019

"The Trans Canada Trail"

Speaker: Al McPherson

At the March meeting we will celebrate our club's birthday and Probud Canada Month with the presentation of 10 year pins to 22 club members. We hope that as many of these 'senior' members will be on hand to receive them.

Ted Abbot, Phil Arrowsmith, Milt Battersby, Rich Brien, Gerald Brown, Jim Buchanan, Ron Chartrand, Bill Coe, Bruce Faulkner, Ron Fevang, Don Huff, Jim Mackey, Ron Morgan, Ron Neale, Bill Olan, Max Radiff, Dave Robertson, Roger Smith, Ed Stephenson, Jim Torrie, Floyd Walden Ron Warrilow.

February Meeting Update - Continued

At a recent management committee meeting the purchase of a new and improved projector was approved, with the old one being retained as a backup.

To raise some extra funds it has been suggested that, in common with other Probus Clubs, we hold a monthly 50/50 draw. We would need a few volunteers to help with this (not necessarily the same ones each month). Anyone interested in helping out, please contact John Sale.

Ron Wallace introduced our guest speaker Norn O'Reilly who gave a very interesting talk on the Paralympic Movement and his involvement with it over the course of several Olympic Games. He illustrated his talk with numerous slides showing a number of athletes from all sporting disciplines and with varying levels of disabilities; and discussed their respective life journeys in overcoming the difficulties they faced and how sport helped them. Norm also discussed the growth and organization of the Paralympics into major sporting events that have the growing support of government and other sponsors. He highlighted the high performance aspects of competition and the ever present need to do well and win medals. With an increasing number of countries represented at the Paralympics the athletic standards are rising and with stronger "grass roots" organizations it allows for more people with disabilities to take part in their chosen sports and improve their lives as a result.

Following his talk Norm answered a number of questions from members.

For those who want to listen to Norm's talk here is a link to it on the club's web-site.

<https://www.lindsaymensprobusclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/February-12-2019-N.O.-The-Paralympics.pdf>

In closing the meeting president John, with the help of Bert Blackwood, gave us a modern day political interpretation of an historical (early 1800's) event featuring the nefarious activities of one of Justin Trudeau's ancestors.

Our February Guest Speaker - Norm O'Reilly



Norm O'Reilly is recognized as one of the leading scholars in the business of sports. He is currently Professor and Assistant Dean of Executive Programs in the College of Business & Economics at the University of Guelph. Dr. O'Reilly holds a PhD in Management from

the Sprott School of Business at Carleton University, a MBA from the Telfer School of Management at the University of Ottawa, a MA in Sports Administration from the University of Ottawa, and a B.Sc.

(Kinesiology) from the University of Waterloo. He currently holds visiting/adjunct appointments in Canada, the United States and Australia, and also holds the CGA/CPA Accounting Designation.

Prior to joining academia, Dr. O'Reilly had involvement as an administrator, including senior policy officer at Sport Canada, team manager and office manager at Triathlon Canada, and event manager for the 2008 Toronto Olympic Bid. In addition to his leadership role for Team Canada at the 2016 Paralympic Games, he has been a member of the 2004, 2008 and 2010 Mission Staff for the Canadian Olympic Committee at the Olympic Games, and attended the 2012 Olympic Games in a research capacity.



Ron Wallace thanks guest speaker Norn O'Reilly.