



**South Muskoka**

**Club No 119**

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**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

**Next Meeting:** When: Wednesday, August 6, 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m.

**Where: Bracebridge Legion**

### **CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



As of August 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be the past-co-presidents of South Muskoka Probus. As our co-chair role as your president's, we have enjoyed the experience and honour you have given us. Your interest in the activities of our club has been encouraging. Working with the dedicated members of the Management team has been a joy.

Thank you all!!

Now it is time to turn the leadership of the club over to a young, innovative, enthusiastic President.

We know that John Penny will do a dynamic, refreshing job in the role of South Muskoka's president. We are grateful to him for taking on the leadership, have vowed to support him and feel we could not be in better hands.

Susan and Ted



**Please remember to wear your 'name badge' to the meetings!**

### **August Speaker**

Wyatt Black was a participant on season 10 of the History Channel show "Alone". He and nine other contestants were dropped off in Reindeer Lake, Saskatchewan, and tasked with surviving in the wilderness for as long as possible, potentially winning \$500,000. Black ultimately finished as the runner-up, spending 64 days in the wild. Wyatt is from Bracebridge and has a strong background in outdoor skills, including hunting, fishing, and trapping. He also has experience with outdoor living, making him a well-suited participant for the show. Please join us at the AGM to hear

Wyatt's story.



## **Membership News**

**Good heavens, it's already the middle of the summer and I feel like I have just put away my shovels! Time really does fly so let's savour every moment of our lovely warm Muskoka weather before we have to bring out the rakes and leaf blowers!**

**It's even more fun when we enjoy it with our Probus friends at our various events. For instance, our August meeting is comprised of our AGM, a delicious lunch and a presentation by a wilderness survivor who will tell us all about his experience.**

**Our AGM allows you, the membership, to approve our finances and meet our incoming executive for the rest of our term.**

**We need to keep our club healthy and working and so we all need to introduce a new friend to our ranks. Look around you for a lady or gent who is perhaps alone and would like to have a friendly group to play with whether it is for lunches, dinners, theatre or educational speakers. We've got it all!**

**See you soon!**

**Petie Thickett**

**Membership Chair**

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## **Care Bear News**



Well, this might be some kind of club record. It's been a few months since your Care Bear has had word of anyone in need of either cheering up or a few words of sympathy. It's good to know most of you are doing well. Keep up the good work!

If you do know of someone who might appreciate a card from the club to know we are thinking of them, please let me know.

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## **Management Team**



## **July Picnic Review**

A great time was had by all at the July picnic held at the Legion. The weather was warm and sunny, the food was great barbeque fare and Don and Jean entertained us with some good old country music.



## **SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

**DYNAMIC DINERS** – We are pretty much interested in dining and socializing. We do this on the third Thursday evening of this month at a nice restaurant we usually agree on during the previous month's dinner. Often we take advantage of the gathering to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, Valentine's Day etc. It is fun, sometimes downright boisterous, and a wonderful way to nurture our Probus bonds. All are welcomed, the more, the merrier. The venue for Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 is at The Boathouse, Taboo Resort, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Contact John Vellinga [jmvellinga@sympatico.ca](mailto:jmvellinga@sympatico.ca) or 705-637-0452.



**INVESTMENT CLUB** – A virtual meeting by Zoom Invitation on the second Monday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The Group Portfolio is the subject of discussion – what to buy, what to hold and what to sell – without money involved. You may want to

visit to experience the excitement of the fluctuating market, and if intrigued, add this event to your monthly outings. Contact Joe Ursano @ [joeursano@gmail.com](mailto:joeursano@gmail.com)

MOVIE NIGHT – Please join us for a night out at the movies on the 4th Thursday of the month. Movie night is on Thursday August 28<sup>th</sup>. This month we'll meet for dinner at *Seng Thai* opposite the cinema at 5:30 p.m. (backup plan is Main Street Deli in case the Thai isn't open). Movies start at 7:00 p.m. RSVP to Jan & Ed if you'd like to join us for dinner or meet us in the lobby of the *Norwood* at 6:45 p.m. See you at the movies! Contact Jan and Ed @ [janet.sharman@gmail.com](mailto:janet.sharman@gmail.com) or 705-646-1398

NEWS AND VIEWS – Members meet on the 3rd Monday of the month, 9:30 am at Nick's Restaurant. Nick's is happy to provide this venue, free of charge, the assumption being that participants have first joined for breakfast, however large or small. The next news and views will be on Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Bring your ideas and have fun. Contact Barb Rigby @ [b.rigby@outlook.com](mailto:b.rigby@outlook.com) or 705-646-2150



Our 'News and Views' members enjoyed a lovely breakfast on the patio at Nick's while discussing current events of the day.

**OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH** – Members meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month to have lunch at a predetermined restaurant, chosen by those in attendance the previous month. This is a very fun group, enjoying good conversation, several laughs, while tempting our taste buds at a new restaurant or one of our favourites. What happens at the table stays at the table. This month our lunch is the AGM at the legion! How can you improve on that! Contact John Vellinga @ [jmvellinga@sympatico.ca](mailto:jmvellinga@sympatico.ca) or 705-637-0452.



Blake's Memories of Muskoka did not disappoint for our 'Out to Lunch Bunch' members!

### **Theatre Information**

South Muskoka members joined Muskoka Lakes and Gravenhurst Probus to see 'A Woman's Love List' at the Gravenhurst Opera.





**The Probus Club of South Muskoka**  
**Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

Bracebridge Royal Canadian Legion – 168 Muskoka Road

Doors will open at 10:00 a.m.

Social Time with Coffee, Tea and Muffins

Meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Speaker: Wyatt Black 'Surviving the Wilderness'

Lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m.

Chef Glenn Kitchen's Luncheon Menu

Cream of Asparagus Soup

Pan Seared Chicken au Jus

Roasted Mini Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

Strawberry Shortcake/Tea Biscuits

Coffee and Tea

# John's



I was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland. My school years were spent in Belfast eventually graduating from university with a degree in the School of Medicine. I began practicing medicine and married in 1969. The major rioting and civil unrest in Belfast were determining factors in my move to Canada. We first settled in Brampton. I belonged to a medical practice with other doctors in Malton, but soon came to realize that Malton was not the setting of Canada I had in my head when moving here. On a trip to Algonquin Park, I soon realized 'this' was what I had been looking for. On the way home from that fateful trip, I dropped into Huntsville and inquired about opportunities for doctors in the area. On my return home, I did my research and eventually made the move to Bracebridge. I initially joined a practice with two other doctors. As time went on I was able to connect with two other local doctors and the three of us were instrumental in building the Archdekin Building at Hiram and Anne Streets. Hours were long back in those days, with family practice during the week and ER duty at the hospital. Eventually we were able to employ other doctors for the ER duties on weekends allowing for more free time. I continued to practice until the age of 75. Golf, squash, tennis, cross country skiing and bicycling were activities I was able to enjoy until just a few years ago. When I can I enjoy spending time at my cottage on Lake Muskoka. I have three children and two grandchildren. Being a part of our probus club offers many enjoyable get togethers.

## FOR OUR CLUB

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# AUGUST CIVIC HOLIDAY

The first Monday of August is a holiday across Canada. Most people simply enjoy it as an extra day off from work, which is a good enough reason to celebrate, but did you know that the true meaning behind this annual observance is to honor John Graves Simcoe? As the founder of Upper Canada and its Legislature, Simcoe's impact on the province's history is significant – in spite of the fact he only spent four years here. Simcoe was appointed Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada following the passage of the Constitutional Act by the British Parliament in 1791. He founded York, which is now known as Toronto, and was instrumental in introducing institutions such as courts of law, trial by jury, English common law, freehold land tenure, and also in the abolition of slavery in Upper Canada.



I hope you have enjoyed this month's newsletter!

Your newsletter editor,

Jan Davidson