



**South Muskoka  
Club No 119  
Chartered June 12 2001**



## *MONTHLY NEWSLETTER*

### **Next Meeting:**

When: Wednesday, September 3, 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m.

**Where: Bracebridge Sportsplex**

Greeter  
Attendance  
Ticket Taker

Petie Thickett  
Shirley Gates  
Ginny Medland

### **President's Message**



Greetings members and friends of the Probus Club of South Muskoka!

As the summer heat & humidity fade, most of us look forward to a cooler Fall season.

Our club has many upcoming exciting activities & meetings to enjoy.

As I've said before, our Probus chapter may be one of the smallest but I believe it is also one of the friendliest and most caring!

We are a qualitative & diverse bunch with many different skills, talents & backgrounds. Tell us about yours. We can probably even find a role for you on our leadership team if you want.

Finally, I thank all of you for your support in this new position. I have never been President of any club or organization. As such, I encourage your ideas & suggestions of ways to help grow our club and to make it even better!

We have so much to be grateful for...so keep smiling and having fun!

John Penny



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

## **September Special Interest Fair**



John Vellinga will reintroduce our popular special interest groups and welcome any ideas for new ones from among our members!

## **September Speaker**

"Margaret Scott is Registered Professional Forester with Westwind Forest Stewardship Inc. She joined Westwind in 2017 after completing the Master of Forest Conservation at the University of Toronto. Her role includes many aspects of forestry including forest management planning, silviculture, and forest operations prescriptions. Please join us at the September meeting to enjoy Margaret's talk about forestry.



We look forward to another informative and engaging session—be sure not to miss it!



## **Membership News**

Well that summer just flew by! Here we are in September with a new list of things to do both inside and outside. No leaves to rake yet though. And speaking of trees, don't miss our meeting on Wednesday, September 3, as we learn more about the importance of trees in our life. They are being attacked by extreme weather, wildfires and clearcutting and we need to arm ourselves with the knowledge necessary to protect and care for them. Feel free to bring a friend to hear this interesting presentation.

We can keep you busy for the rest of the month also with outings for breakfast, lunch and dinner, current events, movies and adventures. No need to stay at home alone. Come out and play with us!

See you there!

Petie Thickett

Membership Chair

705-637-0606

## **Care Bear News**



The club is saddened to report the passing of our member Doug Brown on August 20, 2025. Our sincere condolences are extended to Helen and their family. Visitation will take place at 10 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> at the Reynolds Funeral Home with a funeral service to follow at 11 a.m.

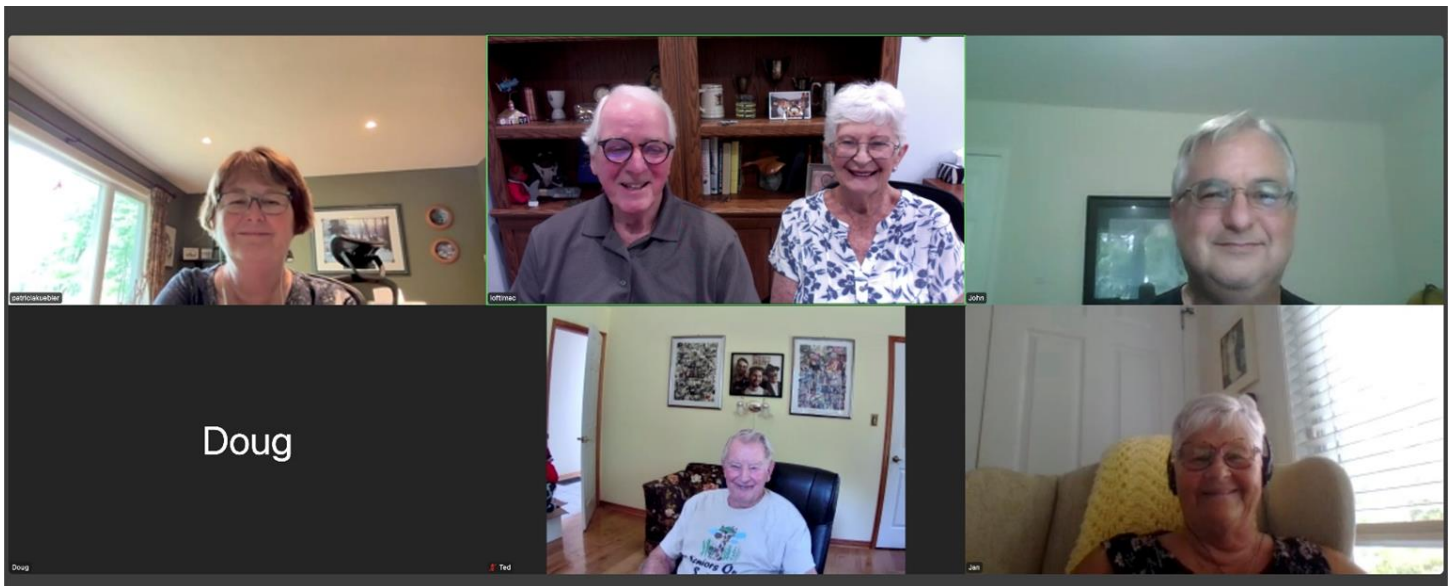
Thank you to those who let me know of such events, so that cards can be sent to those who are ill or in mourning.

In the meantime, keep well and enjoy the rest of summer.

Wendy Truscott

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**The Management Team – Doug was there we just couldn't see him!**



**AGM Recap**





John M thanking Susan and Ted for their service.



Susan and Ted passing the President's Torch to John P!



Speaker Wyatt Black recounting his emotional and challenging 64 days 'Alone' in the wilderness of Reindeer, Saskatchewan

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

DYNAMIC DINERS – We are pretty much interested in dining and socializing. We do this on the fourth 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, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, is the Trillium Resort & Spa, in Port Sydney. Gathering will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Contact John Vellinga @ [jmvellinga@sympatico.ca](mailto:jmvellinga@sympatico.ca) or 705-637-0452



The Boathouse at Taboo was the perfect setting for the Dynamic Diners in August.

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. The next movie night is Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Meet us for dinner before the show at The Barrel House at 5:30 p.m. or at The Norwood Theatre Box Office at 7:00 p.m. to choose your movie and purchase tickets. Movies start at 7:15 p.m. Please RSVP to Jan & Ed for either dinner and movie or movie only. 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. I hope to see everyone on Monday, September 15<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



Look at those morning smiles. The news and views must have been encouraging!

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. We will gather at Windermere House Pub & Patio, on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, beginning at 12 p.m.

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**The Peerless II: One of  
Muskoka's most Beautiful  
and Historic Boats**



*Join your fellow Probus members for a lovely Autumn boat tour  
on the Peerless II with Captain Randy Potts.*

*Date: Monday, September 22, 2025*

*Time: 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.*

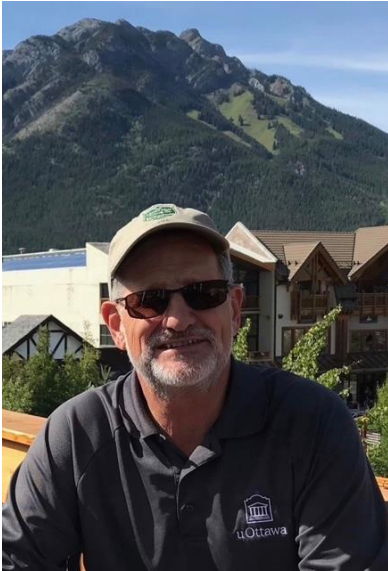
*(be at dock no later than 2:00 p.m.)*

*Address: 100 Joseph Street, Port Carling*

*Cost: \$60.00 per person*

*Payment must be made in advance by etransfer, or credit card. Call 705-645-  
2462 and when booking please mention you are with the 'South Muskoka  
Probus Club'*

*Please sign the 'sign up' sheet at the September meeting so Susan and Ted  
Daglish have an idea of how many members will be coming on the cruise.*



As a child I was enamoured with planes, with their sleek lines, roar of their engines and freedom from the ground, how could we not be enamoured. I had models hung from the ceiling, so I could watch them fly. No wonder I was drawn to Engineering. My engineering degree has served our Family well, keeping me employed through plant closures and recessions. Today we enjoy retirement with 5 grandchildren and one on the way, so Life is Good.



Thank you to John Vellinga for this beautiful iconic sunset view from The Boathouse at Taboo.

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Labour Day is a statutory public holiday in Canada. It began on April 15, 1872. It is an annual day of celebration of the labour movement and its achievements. It has its origins in the labour union movement, specifically the eight-hour day movement, which advocated for eight hours for work, eight hours for recreation, and eight hours for rest. Labour Day serves as a reminder to continue improving work conditions and the treatment of all people-building more inclusive, welcoming and respectful workplaces.

The holiday also unofficially marks the end of summer.



I hope you have enjoyed this month's newsletter!

Editor

Jan Davidson