

Message from the President

May 16, 2023 Newsletter



We are busy enjoying the many things the season – and 4Seasons Probud – have to offer. New members enjoyed a get-together at Kelsey’s. It was great to see so many enthusiastic new members! Our members have enjoyed Euchre, Trivia, Darts, and a Blue Jays game among other activities. Hiking and Biking are beginning and, when the water warms up, no doubt there will be a paddling group.

Our new website and the notifications it generates is helping to keep us organized. Just a couple of reminders. When you have signed up to indicate your interest in a particular activity – let’s use hiking as an example – that puts you on a distribution list to be notified of upcoming hikes. Many of us are on several of these notification distribution lists. If you wish to participate on a specific date, you must register. That is how the activity leader knows who is attending that specific activity.

A second FYI – when you are making payments for an event, please indicate in the comment area of your e-transfer the invoice number and the attendees. This makes recording payments much more straightforward for our treasurer.

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, May 24 at New Life Church. Doors open at 12:30 and our speaker is reported to be exceptional.

See you then!

Betty



Click the photo to visit our new website.

May Speaker

Speaker: Jason George

Jason George is a wildlife photographer, presenter and writer. He recently retired from a teaching career to pursue his passion for wild animals in their natural habitat, travelling around Canada and the world capturing and sharing those experiences.

His website is jasongeorgephotography.com



May Special Events

Upcoming Events

Please note, when signing up for events that require money, **payment is needed within 24 hours after signing up**. Continue to pay using e-transfers from your bank account to the 4Seasons PROBUS Club account at Probus4seasons@gmail.com. Remember to put your name and event in the message line of your transfer and to check your calendar, before you register, to see if you are available on that date.

On another note, **bookmark our online website and regularly check it**, to see what events and activities are available at any given time. It is much quicker than waiting for newsletters or e-blasts. Here is the link [4Seasons Probus Website](#)



Toronto Blue Jays vs Boston Red Sox! **CLOSED**

The September 17 registration for the Boston Red Sox game has closed. The Jays will be nearing the pennant race in October. Let's hope they can bring back the glory days.

Happy Hour Wednesday May 24 **FULL**

Wait List is open.

Once again, we are organizing an opportunity to mix and mingle with fellow members soon after our monthly General Meeting, usually 3:00ish p.m. The location is hush hush as we try to comply with local capacity bylaws. Location and time are confirmed by email a few days before the event.

Happy Hour Wednesday June 28.

We will be organizing another Happy Hour for you to mix and mingle with fellow members following our June General Meeting. Since this will be the last Happy Hour until the Fall, we hope to find a location that can accommodate a large number of members. Watch for it in our website.



Sunset Dinner and Concert Cruise - Friday August 11, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Enjoy a beautiful sunset and the historic sights of Georgian Bay, as you are serenaded by Dylan Lock with live music from the 60's to today. Casual Food is included with your ticket (Pizza, Dinos Famous Pasta Salad, Veggies, Chips). Price is \$60 per person. Guests allowed. NO REFUNDS. Register online. Pay by e-transfer for you and your guests. Registration is going fast! Some space is still available.

Registrations close Friday May 19.

On Our Radar - Keep checking the 4Seasons PROBUS Website calendar for more events dates [Calendar](#)

9 and Dine Golf. July, August TBA

Niagara Wine and Cycle. September TBA

Christmas Dinner Dance - Save the date - Saturday December 2

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Have you ever coached or managed your children's or adult's organized activities (sports or otherwise)? Have you ever participated in a charity campaign? Do you enjoy; Golf, Hiking, Biking, Paddling, Dinners-in, Dinners-out, Bingo, Trivia, Bowling, Local Winery Visits, Spectator Sports, Museum tours, Theatre Events or anything else you think fellow members would be interested in?

If so, let us know! We have great volunteers, but as our activities grow we need more help. Come join us! If you are interested, please contact either Joanne Ruthven at activities4seasons@gmail.com at or Rita Leithead at 4seasonsocial@gmail.com.

ACTIVITIES...ACTIVITIES...ACTIVITIES...

Spring has actually arrived and our warm weather activities have begun. Please sign in to our website: probus49.wildapricot.org to view our calendar and list of activities and sign up for the ones that interest you. Once you do that, you will receive email invitations to specific outings and must register to be included. For activities that have limited attendances, you can have your name added to the waitlist. Should someone cancel, people from the waitlist can be included. Which means that if you are on the list of attendees for an event and are not able to participate, please cancel on the website so that someone else can be added.

If you are participating in an activity, please remember to wear your name badge. These activities are a great way to meet members who share your interests, and it really helps if everyone wears their name badges.

The final activity included in this segment of the newsletter may be the most exciting part, especially for our downhill skiers (yes even at this time of year). This is the Probus Ski Legends ski trips for 2024. Information and applications are below, but if you have more questions, please contact Lina DiFelice linadifelice@hotmail.com for more information.



HIKING

Our leaders are planning various hikes, and posting them on the website. Hikes will be of varying lengths and locations. Some will be fairly level, while others may have quite a bit of climbing. There is not fixed weekly date, and as with all outdoor activities, is weather dependant.

CYCLING

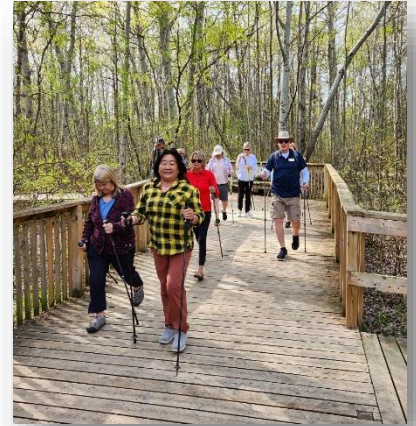
Our first ride this year will be on Tuesday May 16, from the Canadian Tire Parking Lot along the Georgian Trail to Surf Café (for coffee) and return. Please sign up on the website so the trip leader Hong Zhao will have a list of attendees. Again, this is weather dependant.

KAYAKING (CANOEING)

We have not yet had any organized outings, but as the water warms up we hope to have some dates arranged by our avid paddlers. Sign up on our website to receive email invitations to register.

NORDIC POLE WALKING

Our first outing was on Friday May 12 with Nathalie Beaulieu leading 12 members of our club on a lovely walk along the shoreline and up the hill behind the Amphitheatre. Nathalie led the group in warm up and cool down stretches and provided information on how to get the full benefits of pole walking. If you wish to join the group, please visit our website and sign up, then watch for an email with the information and a chance to register for the next outing.



GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER JUNE 14

Our final evening for the season will be on June 14. If you had previously signed up to attend or host, thank you and your name is on our list and there is no need for you to reregister on Wild Apricot. As with previous evenings, groups of 8 will meet for dinner at the home of a host. Guests will each be assigned a part of the meal to prepare and bring to the dinner. Guests and hosts do not know who all will be attending until all arrive at the hosts' home. Please see our website for more information.

I'm not sure yet if we will be including a Google form for sign up. Stay tuned.

BOOK CLUBS

Our 3 book clubs are currently fully subscribed and meeting as per their own schedules including going on hiatus for the summer if they wish.

TRAVEL CLUB

The last meeting of the travel club for the season will be on June 6 via Zoom as usual. Meetings will resume in the fall. If you wish to join the club, please visit our website to do so.

KNITTING

Our knitters continue to meet on the last Tuesday of the month with members taking turns hosting. The next meeting will be May 30. The day knitting is currently full but there is space in the evening group. If you have not joined, but wish to sign up, please do so on our website.

EUCHRE

Our last evening of euchre for the season will be on June 6. If you have not already done so please sign up on our website to receive the email notification to register. The first 32 people to sign up will be accepted. Please be reminded that euchre requires tables of 4 to play, so if your name is on the list of registrants, please do attend. If you are not able to attend, please cancel via the website so someone from the waitlist can take your place.

SKI LEGENDS

It may be hard to think about skiing when the sun is shining and the flowers are blooming, but Probus Ski Legends already has two trips planned for February and March of 2024. One is to Sun Peaks, BC and the other is to the Dolomites in Italy. Applications will open on May 24 at 7p.m. The website is probusskilegends.ca and those wishing to participate must be a member of a Probus Club (any Probus club) and also a member of Probus Ski Legends.

The sign up process has 2 parts:

STEP 1: the online **Application Form** on google drive

STEP 2 (NEW): Once your application is accepted, **you will receive an email from Linda Kroiss at Merit Travel** instructing you to go to the link to the **secure online payment portal**, to pay the **non-refundable trip deposit**. This deposit must be paid when you receive the link. If you fail to do so in a timely manner you risk losing your spot on the trip. **DO NOT** send or email payment to the trip leader.

There is also a **payment calculation form** (needed for insurance and your records). You will need to download the form or make a copy

[2024 Sun Peaks Flyer Rev-May12-23.pdf](#)

Sun Peaks Application Form: <https://forms.gle/dJY1Q1NrZ1aJSQqk8>

Sun Peaks Payment Calculation: [2024 SUN PEAKS Payment Calculations.xlsx](#)

The Dolomites Flyer: [Legends Italy 2024 Flyer vMay12-23.pdf](#)

The Dolomites Application Form: <https://forms.gle/PaE6YJDZAmSQ9PA>

The Dolomites Payment Calculation: [2024 ITALY Payment Calculations.xlsx](#)

QUESTIONS? Email the trip organizer at legendstrips2024@gmail.com

If there is an activity you would like to start for our club, please contact activities4season@gmail.com so we can offer it to our members.