

Message from the President

November 17, 2023 Newsletter



President's Message

November! Already! The leaves have fallen – most of them. It is getting cooler. And our Fall/Winter activity season is underway. There have been several (very muddy and slippery) hikes, ukelele group has started up and Euchre continues to draw a crowd.

Please make sure that if you are interested in knowing when a particular activity is offered, you have signed up on the website for notifications. I continue to receive emails from members not being informed of an activity – the first step is yours, indicating that you would like to be.

If you are still uncomfortable using our new website, please drop by the help desk at our November Annual General Meeting with your phone or tablet. [Michael Gerstmann](#) and [Oscar Kerryben](#) will be pleased to help you out.

As winter takes hold, please take note of the many seasonal activities that are offered by 4Seasons Probis. It's a great time to get together with friends and learn something new or do something you already enjoy – with your Probis friends.

I hope you all attend November's AGM Wednesday, November 22, 1:00 p.m. – the new management committee will be voted in and our Social Committee has been hard at work creating fun activities for all who attend.

I hope to see you all soon!

Betty

A WIN – WIN...

" Do your part for sustainability - bring your own reusable coffee mug or water bottle to our monthly meetings. Pro tip: leave your name tag near your mug so that you don't forget either one! Thanks for helping."



Fall and early Winter Events and Activities

Recent Events

Oktoberfest Dinner Celebration

We celebrated everything October with friends and sparkling conversation at the Alhorn Restaurant. The bar may have been a tad warm, but enjoying each other's company over drinks took the edge off.

30 people attended and plans will soon be underway for next year's Oktoberfest celebration at a local venue. In the meantime, check out our pictures from this year's event.

[See Photos Here](#)

Lunch & Alpaca Farm

15 members lunched at the Marilynne Restaurant in Markdale and then toured the Kickin Back Alpaca Ranch in Markdale.

[See Photos Here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS - Reminders

Please register for all events online at our [Website](#).



Special Post AGM Dinner and Cocktails. Wednesday November 22 3:30 p.m.

This will be our last organized Happy Hour event for 2023, so come out to mingle and mingle with other members and enjoy having dinner out.

This is a Happy Hour with a twist. Dinner will be the main event, preceded by a cocktail/happy hour. Our venue is staffing up for dinner, so when you sign up, we asked if you were staying for dinner at the restaurant.

Unfortunately, Registration closed on November 15th

Trivia - Monday November 27 2:00 p.m.



Come out for a fun afternoon and play Team Trivia for Fun at the Collingwood Public Library. This month there will be guest hosts, the ladies from Lighthouse Probus.

Anne and her team will be getting a break.

Upon arrival, you will be assigned to a team to collectively determine appropriate answers to skill testing questions. May the best team win!

[Reminder, Registration closes Friday November 23.](#)

Christmas Dinner Dance - Saturday December 2, 6:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Reminder, Registrations close - Friday November 17



The Christmas Dinner Dance is finally all organized - location, food and entertainment!

Tickets are limited to the first 150 paid registrants. Guests are invited as well as people on Membership Wait List. **Tickets are \$70 per person - all-in.**

This event will be held at the lovely Alpine Ski Club in The Blue Mountains.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with a reception followed by dinner, and dancing with live dance music provided by **The gGroove5**. The **gGroove5** features a stellar lineup of five talented musicians with a wide range of musical experience and pedigree. They love to get you up dancing and moving to the music!

The band members are Fran Webster (vocals and guitar), Gary Diggins (vocals, trumpet, percussion), Paul Mifsud (tenor sax), Fyl Bennett (bass) and Bob Woodburn (percussion). Their musical tastes and repertoire is wide ranging, from classic blues and rock, to folk and jazz standards.

They have individually played with a number of well-known bands, including Shania Twain, the BareNaked Ladies, David Clayton, Thomas, Gordon Lightfoot, Celtic, Blue, The Blues Brothers and rock and roll revues across the US and Canada. They've also opened for artists such as Alice Cooper, Sly and the Family Stone, and Stevie Wonder.

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, plated turkey or vegetarian dinner, apple crumble dessert, and tea or coffee service. Cash bar service will also be available.

Prices all-in and non-refundable, first come, first served. A guest is also welcome for the same low price. **Cut-off date is Friday November 17th**, or until we sell our maximum number of tickets.

[Reserve the date and register now with payment!](#)

ACTIVITIES Fall and Winter 2023

Indoor activities are in full swing, and outdoor ones are continuing or about to start.

[See Upcoming Activities and Events Here](#)

Ski Legends

Are you a downhill skier or snowboarder? Have all your ski buddies packed it in, and are you tired of skiing alone? Do you want to make good use of your 5x7? Do you want to take advantage of great ski trips and social events?

Then you should join Probus Ski Legends – where our motto is “Never ski alone!” Check us out here:

<https://probusskilegends.ca/> Unlike most Probus activities, which are organized by and for members of individual clubs, Legends is one large organization for all Probus members in any club who are interested in meeting up with others for skiing, snowboarding and social activities.

To join, go to the Legend website and download the membership form:

<http://probusskilegends.ca/membership/>

While you’re on the website, make sure you check out all the events and activities: 1. Ski Days: Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Blue Mountain (meet at 9:30am at the Silver Bullet) and Thursdays at the Private Clubs

2. Ski Trips: Two trips every year to a variety of awesome ski resorts in Canada, the US or Europe. Sorry, our trips are sold out for 2024, but you can join the WAITLIST in case of cancellations.

3. FREE Social Events: Skis and Biikes Wine & Cheese/Shopping Night in December and the end-of-season Legends Breakfast in the spring. Dates for Ski Days and Events coming soon. So join us to make new friends and find new ski buddies. Let’s get excited for the upcoming season and Think Snow! If you have questions, contact Lina Difelice linadifelice@hotmail.com

HIKING

On November 8, Betty Farquharson led a fun hike on the Wasaga Boot Loop with 7 members joining her for a great day. As long as the weather holds and we have willing leaders, we will continue with hikes. Once it gets too snowy for regular hiking, we will switch to crampons or snowshoes and continue through the winter.

[See Hiking Photos Here](#)



See you at the AGM...

Wednesday November 22, 2023 at the Legion



Our 2023 Management Committee