

# PROBUS



# HI-LITES

THE PROBUS CLUB OF BURLINGTON LAKESHORE  
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**Next Meeting**  
**Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at 10 a.m.**

**Our Guest Speaker will be**

**Russ Jackson**

**All-Canadian Quarterback of the Ottawa Rough Riders**

### *Blatherings from the Basement*

I'm sitting in my cool basement office while the oppressive muggy air returns to Burlington and I'm thinking, small gestures do mean a lot.

First message when I opened the laptop was Bill Crow's monthly reminder that input for Hi-Lites was due. Just a short, clear one liner from our peerless editor that jolted me into realizing

1-I don't have another week to do this and where the hell did July go

2-Time does indeed go fast when you are having fun and, being well beyond my "best before" date, it would be wise to keep better track of it and make full use of it.

Enough philosophizing already.

On July 12<sup>th</sup>, 62 members and guests managed to tear themselves away from cottages, lakes, traveling, and the odd Orange parade to attend a lively and informative meeting. Bill Cooper and Mike Holm warmly welcomed everyone and directed them to Ian McLean and Ken Gibson who happily collected room fees and 50/50 draw payments. Les Burbage, our intrepid membership secretary, would later take home \$52.00 in winnings from the 50/50 draw. (That's exactly \$52.00 more than what he gets paid for being our very efficient membership guy—more about that later).

Earlier in the meeting Les presented badges to four new members, Royce Currie, Hal Kemp, Jim Penman, and Ron Rodwell. Welcome guys! That reminds me—new members all sport a red ribbon on their badges so, if you haven't done so already, be sure to introduce yourself to them.

#### Speaker:

In less than an hour, Chris Bint, VP and Executive Director of ETAG (Elder Technology Assistance Group) informed -entertained-astonished—and maybe even terrified-all of us. If you thought information technology and communications were changing fast—hang on—the future becomes the present with each mouse click. Chris spent a few minutes explaining how his organization helps seniors adapt to and benefit from these changes but used the bulk of his time to show us the near future in communications. I urge you to check out his website [www.etagroup.ca](http://www.etagroup.ca) for a glimpse at the astounding technology that is coming to us.

#### Special Notice:

You will notice elsewhere in this edition of Hi-Lites a request (plea) for you to step forward and be a part of your Probus Club management committee. Since Les is retiring after many years of service as our membership secretary, we need a replacement NOW, so that the person will have time to work with Les well before October's membership renewal time. Call me or Les if you want more info. Our normal "elections" will take place in October but, as I said, we need to fill this position immediately. I look forward to hearing from you.

Keep well and I hope to see you at our meeting August 9<sup>th</sup>

Cheers

**Mike**

## Membership Report

**Les Burbage, Membership Secretary**

The club membership is currently 171. Welcome to our newest members Royce Curry and Ron Rodwell.

I am sorry to report the death of John MacKay in June. John was a member of our club since its inception in 1993.

Currently there are no new applicants for membership. However, there are still openings available. I have application forms with me at the meetings, or they can be sent by mail on request.

## August's Guest Speaker



In a brilliant career that saw him lead the Ottawa Rough Riders to three Grey Cup victories, Russ Jackson, the all-Canadian quarterback, set the standard for all pivots, not just the homegrown ones.

Russ was born in Hamilton on July 28, 1936. Following high school, he enrolled in McMaster University. Jackson was preparing to become follow a career in Education. At university, he excelled both in football and basketball.

In 1958, Russ Jackson was drafted to play for the Ottawa Rough Riders. Russ, however, wanted to qualify for his Teaching Certificate at the Ontario College of Education. As part of his contract, the Rough Riders allowed Jackson to commute from Ottawa to Toronto using an open airline ticket.

Jackson shined as a quarterback under special training from a noted football coach, Frank Clair. He went on to lead the team to three Grey Cups. As well, Russ Jackson won the Schenley Award for Most Outstanding Player three times. Russ was inducted into the Canadian

Football Hall of Fame in 1973.

Upon retirement from football, he became a teacher and a school principal. Russ received the honour of being appointed as an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1970 and was awarded an honorary doctoral degree in law by McMaster University in 1989.

## Activities and Special Events

**Blue Jays Baseball – Boston Red Sox** – Thursday August 12<sup>th</sup>

**Ed Kearns**

The bus will leave Burlington Mall at 10:50 am, southeast corner (Prospect Street Side). Tickets are \$40.00 per person, paid in advance. Seats are in Section 129, Rows 19 to 22.



**2010 Golf Challenge Cup** – Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**Jim Thurston**

Cambridge Golf Club will be the site for our 2010 Golf Challenge Cup against the other Burlington Men's Probus Club. We have started taking registrations but need more Golfers to sign up at our August meeting. To date the other club is out booking us 3 to 1. We need all you Golfers out there to get on board this year and get the Trophy back where it belongs. Every score counts and we have arranged for numerous CASH prizes, so the cost to enter of \$70.00 is a bargain. **NEWS FLASH** --- a set of PING golf clubs valued at \$2500 will be awarded for a hole in one competition. Cart and Lunch will be provided.

Please book MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am Shotgun Start, in your Calendar for the 2010 Golf Challenge Cup and sign up at our August meeting..

## **September Event – Stratford Festival, Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

For those attending “**Kiss me, Kate**” at Stratford, theatre tickets will be distributed when you board the bus which leaves from the Burlington Mall parking lot between Canadian Tire and The Bay at **9:30 am sharp on Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**.

## **October Event – Mohawk Raceway, Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

Join your friends for a buffet dinner and evening at the horse races. Dinner is \$33 and includes a free racing program, TV monitors at your table plus a \$5 voucher for the slots. Tickets go on sale at our August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS—LOUDLY**

Your Probus Club is looking to fill two positions on the Management Board immediately:

#### **Membership Coordinator**

Les Burbage will be stepping down effective October. Les has done a superb job in this vital function and has things so well organized his successor will be able to step in with relative ease. Les will work with this person to ensure a smooth transition.

Since October is our year end and therefore renewal time, it is important that someone step forward now so that he can work with the new membership person before October.

#### **Special Events Coordinator**

John Short is looking for someone to replace him in this role as soon as possible. John, along with the guys looking after events currently under way have things well in hand but it is important that someone step into this role now so we may continue to offer new events for our members. John will work closely with his replacement.

### **HOW TO ANSWER THE KNOCK**

If you are interested in either of these roles and would like more details, please contact me or Past President, Ed Kearns.

This is a golden opportunity to contribute to your club and help ensure its continued success.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Mike Wain, President