



Probus Club of Muskoka Lakes

Founding meeting: June 2009

Newsletter for August 2010

Meetings held 3rd Tuesday of each month

President's Message

Members of the management committee will be appointed at our annual general meeting to be held October 19. A nominating committee has been established; Dennis Lawson - President, Dave Stott - vice-president, Debbie Hastings and Allan Guthrie.

Time to consider your future role in the management and organization of the Club, if not on the management committee then in a supporting role for the various interest groups or special events.

Information concerning the process and positions will be distributed to all members. Members will be advised as to the candidates for the available positions by October 12th.

Volunteers are needed.

General Meetings.

July 20th general meeting



Our guest speaker Hon Colonel Bill Coyle -
the Avro Arrow Story



member's biography - Barb Gibbs
- a family of true Muskokans

August general meeting will feature Liam Dwyer speaking on the Sinking of the HMCS Esquimalt on April 16 1945 in the Halifax Harbour.

Special Events – Darleen Murray, Chair

Twelfth Night, August 11 Annie Williams Park, picnic at 5:30, play at 7:00

Pig roast, August 31, Kerr Park, games & social 3:30, dinner 5:00, final sign up August general meeting; 42 signed up to date

Taste of the World at Crossroads, September 14, with Probus South Muskoka Club, sign up with Diane Darraugh

Interest Groups – Catherine Caron, Chair

- 21 interest groups up and running:

- **Billiards**, Bill Thorp, every 2nd Tuesday, 6 members
- **Book club**, Pat Schofield, 2nd Thursday 1PM, 19 members, this month's book Summer before the Storm
- **Bridge**, Carol Wilson, 10 members, pot luck lunch, held last Wednesday afternoon of the month
- **Bridge**, Valerie Jones, Pat Hillcoat, 8 members, 2nd Thursday 6:30PM
- **Bowling**, Maureen McCabe, 2nd Friday 6:30PM, Riverside Inn, Ken Hamilton 257 and Jan Lawson 216 remain our high scorers

- **Canoeing/kayaking**, Allan Guthrie, July 29 an exploration of the Moon River was held, followed by a BBQ hosted by Jo-Anne and John Baird



Pre-paddle talk, avoid the white sharks, sea snakes
And the alligators



and the rocks!



Break time

- **Cooking**, Dinny McCraney, Debbie Hastings, 10 members, second Monday AM
- **Dining In**, coordinator to be appointed, 26 members, three groups,
- **Discussion group**, Dee Thorp, Fine Thymes Tea Room, 3rd Thursday 2 PM
- **Euchre**, Heather Logan, 2 groups, 2nd Tuesday afternoon, 4th Friday evening, looking to add members
- **Euro Board games**, Sue McKenzie, Len Ring, 7 members
- **Geocacheing**, Art Pearse, active and enthusiastic group, do not require GPS equipment to participate

- **Golf**, Nancy Hill, Bob Darragh, 34 members; July's outing was at Huntsville Downs, 14 brave souls defied the elements, true golfers. August's outing will be at North Granite Ridge, followed by a BBQ and pot luck; September at the Ridge at Manitou, October at Bigwin Island.



Its on the way, but did he make it?

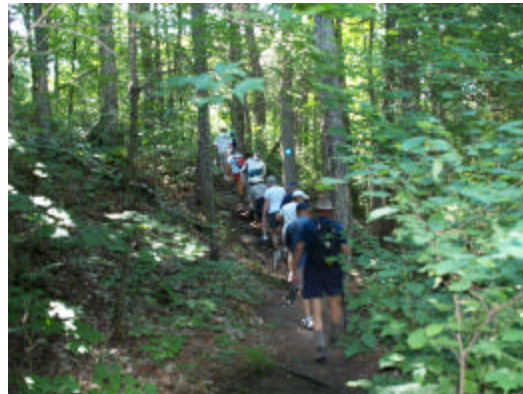


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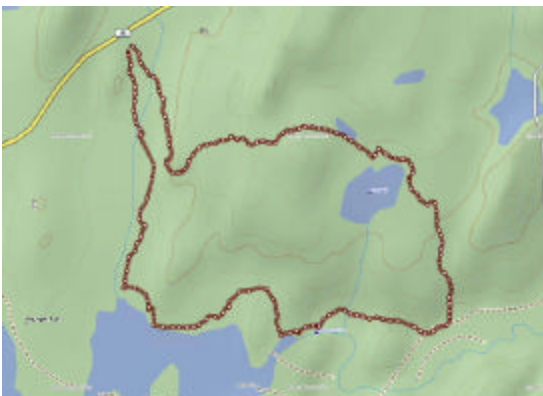
- **Hiking**, Rae Wild, 4th Tuesday of the month; great hike July27, Algonquin Park Track & Tower Trail, fine weather no bugs, no snow



At the beginning, well rested



orderly procession



Where they went - 6.7 Km



rest time

- **Painting and sketching**, Pat Schofield, July 20, 8 members did their best in a beautiful rural setting just outside Huntsville
- **Poker**, Bill Thorp, 10 members including 4 ladies, second Wednesday 2pm,
- **Tennis**, Allan Guthrie, 7 members, games being organized

- **If you have an interest in joining or learning more about a specific interest group call the coordinator of that group.**

Membership - Cathy Collard, Chair

- number of members is capped at 150
- waiting list established, currently at 20; those on waiting list must be sponsored by an existing member of the Club

More Volunteers Needed

Special events committee, call Darleen Murray
Membership committee call Cathy Collard
Newsletter call Dennis Lawson
Greeters call Dave Stott

A Final Thought

Annual dues (\$35.00) for membership renewal must be paid on or before the end of our fiscal year September 21. Bill Thorp our treasurer has requested that payment sooner rather than later would be helpful to our cash flow. Also your early indication of your renewal will help us in our planning for action to be taken concerning those on our wait list.