Probus Club of Pelham

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March 2025

Club Calendar (Click Here)

The Whitworths, Gilberts, Dodds, Thoys and Crumps at the annual Portuguese Probus dinner

Message from Our President: Bill Schwenger

We are Back in Operation

It seems like a long time since our January meeting. Despite the fact that the February meeting was cancelled, 30 members gathered to enjoy our “Cancelled Meeting Lunch” at The Cats Caboose. In true Probus fashion, a good time was had by all who attended. Good food, fellowship and fun make for a wonderful afternoon out.

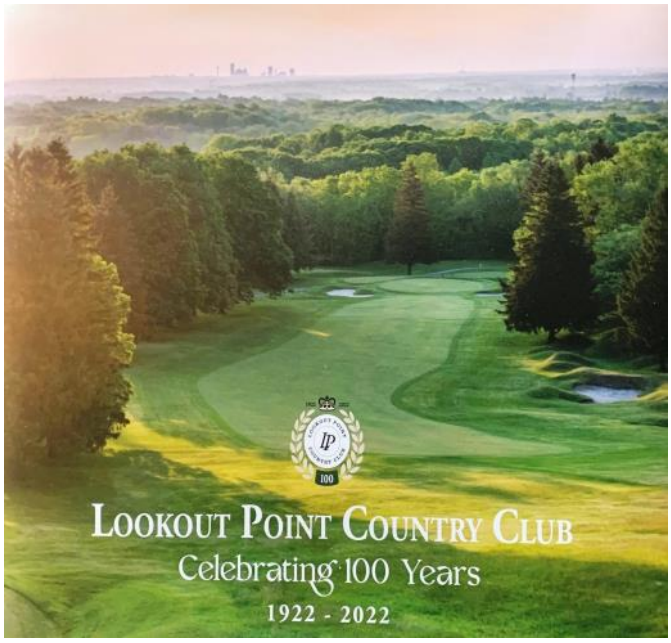
This month we have a great meeting planned. Our speaker Peter Scott will delve into the history of the Lookout Point Golf Club. I find this kind of history so very interesting, as it is often an integral part of the history of Niagara. Probus is a great way to learn lots of neat stuff!

We are a growing club and I always encourage members to join us at meetings. We still have lots of space in the Accursi Room at the MCC. So please come out on March 27th and enjoy time with your friends. Or better yet, sit with someone new to you!

General Meeting March 27

(10:00 am start) in person only

Our speaker for March is Peter Scott, who will talk about the Lookout Point Country Club



Doors at the Meridian Center will open and coffee will be on at 9:30 for a 10:00 am start to the meeting. As usual, we will be selling tickets for our Lucky Draw to support our club events - $2.00 per ticket, 3 for $5.00. **Please note that this draw supports the costs of running our meeting and is essential to keeping our membership fees low. We encourage participation.**

Feel free also to bring books and puzzles for our book exchange.

If you would like to reserve space for lunch with fellow Probus members after the meeting, please sign up here. The restaurant for lunch this month is My Place Bar and Grill.

In the case of a meeting closure due to inclement winter weather, the meeting will be held via Zoom. The club will send out an email as well as put a notice on the web either the morning of the meeting, or the evening before.

We also ask for your consideration in helping to keep all of our members healthy. If you are feeling at all unwell we ask that you refrain from attending our meeting. Mask wearing is encouraged, and we will have one available for you at the door.

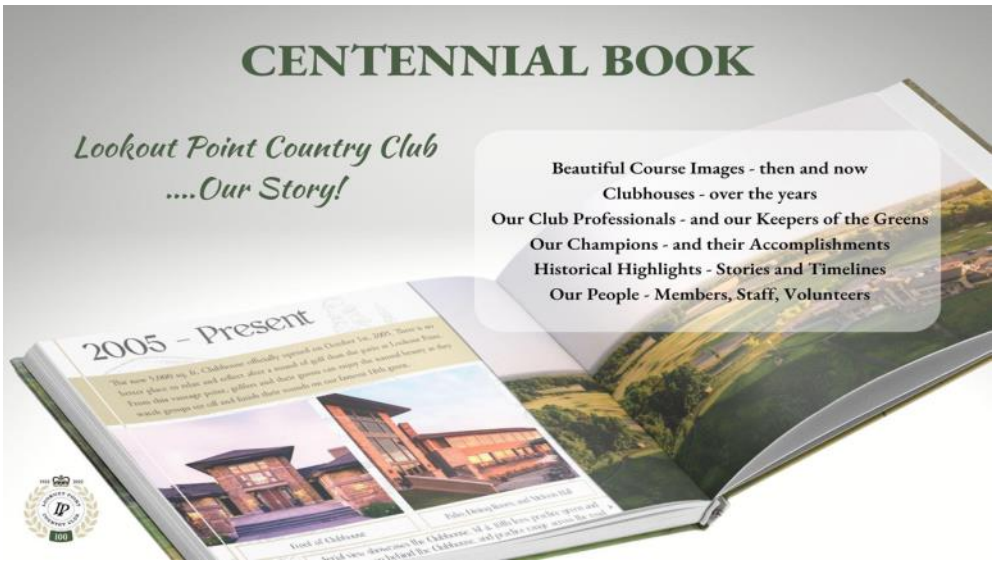
Peter Scott is originally from East Kilbride, Scotland. He immigrated to Canada in 1980 and has been a resident of Fonthill for the past 33 years. Peter is an avid golfer and a member of Lookout Point Golf Club, which is located on the outskirts of town.

About seven years ago a committee was formed at the club to write the history of the golf club, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2022. The project was a labour of love for the committee. The result of their hard work and research was a beautiful colour hardcover book.

This limited edition book covers a period of 100 years at Lookout Point. It includes chapters on the General Brock Hotel Open, the course architect Walter Travis, club members and staff, the different clubhouses, club champions and a hole-by-hole description of the course.

Most residents of Fonthill and indeed many of our members were unaware of the club's history. Some of the most recognisable names in golf have played at LPCC; seven have been inducted into the world golf hall of fame! Peter will talk about the history of the club, some of the notable golfers who have played LP and why the course is a unique, one of a kind golfing experience.

On the day of the presentation Lookout Point is offering Probus Members an opportunity to purchase these books for $35 tax included, approximately 50% off the cost.



Past Special Event:
Afternoon Tea Feb. 13

Our Afternoon Tea at the Savoy Room was really great. We had nine people attend (two couldn't make it because of the weather). The server was exceptional and took care of our every wish. The tea sandwiches and goodies were delicious and freshly made. The extensive tea selection was wonderful. This restaurant is beautifully decorated in a Victorian theme, adding to our Afternoon Tea experience.

Past Special Event at Parkway Social: Mardi Gras Bowling March 4

Wine Tasting Group:
Villa Romana Beamsville March 6

'Appy Hour Group:
February 24

This was the 29th 'Appy Hour for our club and the first time it was hosted on a **Monday.** Fortunately, we are mostly retired and **Monday** can be a great day to have a party. The challenge for some was remembering that the next day wasn't Saturday! And our next, "Appy Hour," St Patrick's Day, will also be on a **Monday**!

Hosting an 'Appy Hour in February can be a challenge but not when the host washes his garage floor, sets up chairs and a heater and ushers guests into the kitchen through the garage! Not the usual way of greeting guests but certainly workable.

As always the food was beautiful, plentiful and delicious. There was no shortage of conversation based on local and world events and all enjoyed their time in the middle of winter!

Cheers, Marian

Cycling Interest Group
Safe Cycling Courses

Safe Cycling Enhancement Courses

Spring is an ideal time to consider taking a safe cycling course before the season starts in earnest. Bike Niagara is offering courses that enhance your cycling knowledge and skills to lower your risks and stay out of harms way. Courses are composed of an in-class component with presentation slides and static demonstrations, and/or an on-bike session with your bicycle in a car free environment followed by an optional short on road bike ride. Course and registration details are provided below. Contact Dave Hunt for any questions or further information at 905-892-4773 or jordave@cogeco.ca

1. **Adult On-bike Course, FREE– 2 hrs., 10:00am to noon, Bethany Church parking lot, 1040 Balfour St., Fenwick. Sat. May 10, 2025 (rain date May 17th).** Course includes safety tips, equipment checks, 8 individual bike handling skills, plus a review of group riding skills followed by a short road ride to a lunch location. Show up with your bike and helmet and have fun while enhancing your cycling skills. Please contact Dave Hunt to register at 905-892-4773 or jordave@cogeco.ca

2. **Adult Bike Safety Course, 2 hour In-class and/or 2 hour On-bike, City of Welland, Welland Community Centre,** 145 Lincoln St., Welland, ON L3B 6E1. Register with the Town of Welland at 905-735-1700, Ext. 4000. $10 fee required, covers both courses.

   In-Class Presentation, Welland Community Centre, Activity Room, Sat. May 24, 2025, 10:00am to noon – Contents include safety principles, equipment essentials, traffic positioning, rules of the road, and hazards.

   On-Bike Session, Welland Community Centre, Parking Lot, Sat. May 31, 2025, 10:00am to noon (rain date June 7th) – Key items covered with your bike will include pre-ride safety checks, handling skills, emergency maneuvers and a short road ride.

2024-2025 Pelham Probus Club

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- General Club Enquiries: probuspelham@gmail.com
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- Newsletter Submissions: The Newsletter is a place to keep our club members informed of the many events and activities that are happening in the life of our club. We encourage you, if you are in charge of an event, or just an interested member, to submit promotional material, write-ups following events, and especially pictures that we can include so we can all share in celebrating all the good things that are happening. A reminder that the newsletter generally goes out the second Friday of the month, so the Monday of that week is our ideal deadline for submissions.

The Last Word

Singer, songwriter, and actress Dolly Parton on gratitude:

"I make a point to appreciate all the little things in my life, because I learned early that if you don't, you get disappointed a lot. If you do, you might be pleasantly surprised quite often.

“I go out and smell the air after a good, hard rain. I re-read passages from my favorite books. I hold the little treasures that somebody special gave me. By keeping my eyes open for unexpected joys, I find the world gives back more than we sometimes think."

Source: Dream More (paraphrased)