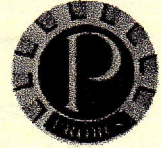




# The Wasagan



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**SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING**  
*Understanding the Benefits of Tai Chi*  
*Lynda Trimble with her Demonstration Team*

**September Member Profile:**  
**Brian Passmore**

## SOCIAL EVENTS

**Golf Tournament (Best Ball) – Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. – Marlwood Golf Course**  
**Cost - \$45.00 (Dinner only - \$12.00)**

Tee off time 2 pm. (You will be called with your exact tee time.) Dinner - steak or chicken (assuming you want steak if you haven't advised us). Frank Tate is now making up the teams of the interested people (48). If you haven't already signed up and would like to, see Frank today. This will be a fun day, and if you've never golfed before - now is the time. Rating for the golfers -- good, fair & willing. Don't forget the putting contest. There will be a 50/50 draw and a door prize (for all attending). Prizes for all golfers. If anyone would like to donate a prize, see Bill Travis. Frank Tate has been organizing this event along with his sidekick, Marilyn Ruse. Remember this is the last day to sign up!!!

**Car Tour (not Rally) - Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> Cost \$18.00 (includes dinner)**  
Meet at Wasaga Stars Arena at 1:45 pm. Cars to leave every 2 minutes starting at 2pm. You will be given directions & questions. -Wear Fun Hats for this event (several prizes for the best). Only four (4) in a car (possibly two drivers and two observers). On route you will be required to follow specific directions and make stated observations as you travel. We will end up somewhere? for dinner at 6 pm. If you're completely lost by 5:30 pm, open the envelope to see where dinner will be. Prizes for highest score, etc. Frank Tate and his sister Birdie Hawkins have been organizing this event and they are the only one's that know where we're going..... Sound like a lot of fun!!! If you don't have 4 in a car or don't want to drive, we'll assign you with other people.

**Silent Auction October 5<sup>th</sup> General Meeting Cost - \$7.00 (same as last yr.)**  
60 tickets/lunch included in the \$7.00 cost, with more tickets available at 10 for \$1. Tickets are deposited in cups on the tables. **Dress** is "Beachcomber Style" & Bill Travis will again be our auctioneer. (Ladies making sandwiches the day before the event will be called). **WE HOPE YOU REMEMBERED TO BRING YOUR DONATED ARTICLE(S) TODAY.** If you forgot, we have 3 locations to drop off articles **before** Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. (1) Joan Porter, 30 Smallman (429-9260) (2) Joanne Scruton, 44 Silverbirch (422-0976) and (3) Marilyn Ruse, 6 Sunrise Circle (422-0271).



### **Future Events....**

Georgian Downs Racing & Dinner on Tues. Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> with cost of \$32 plus \$8 if bus used. Need at least 20 people to proceed with arrangements.

During the Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting we will have the fabulous singing group, the Thornbury Harmony North Choir, sing for us at about 11:15 am.

The Collingwood Legion has again been booked for the **Christmas Party and Dance** on December 3rd. Last year's DJ will again entertain us. Tickets on sale at Oct. General Meeting.

**Curling for Fun** with Luncheon & prizes planned for January.

The **Mixed Golf Tournaments** being organized by Bill Travis could use a little more support. The next one is planned for October to end the golf season. Contact Bill at 422-1148 for more details.

### **Past Events**

#### **First Anniversary BBQ – Heritage Park, Elmvale – Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**

The sky was gray and ominous, threatening rain at any moment, but this did not dampen the enthusiasm of the 127 Beachcombers who gathered for this event. Bill Travis and Joanne Scruton organized a few laugh-filled egg-citing "old-time" games of egg toss, water balloon toss and "no-hands" balloon pass. A special thanks to John & Judy Harrison for filling the balloons with their hot air. The roast beef supplied by Brown's Catering was scrumptious

#### **August Meeting      *Member Profile :* - Irene Chambers -**

Irene began life on a typical foggy day in London, England. Here she spent her childhood, the youngest of six children, with her loving parents who took them on camping trips, and taught them the love of the outdoors at an early age.

At the outbreak of WW II, she was evacuated to the English countryside, ending up in Devonshire where she spent 2 years living with local families. Missing her parents very much, she finally convinced them to let her return to London, just in time to experience the horrors of the V-1 and V-2 blitzes. When her favourite teacher was lost in the bombing of her school, she lost all interest in schooling; and left on her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. Lying about her age, she got a job as a junior clerk in a publishing house in Fleet Street.

At this tender age of 14 she fell madly in love with a gorgeous sailor who was singing in a local pub. They agreed to correspond during his sea duty. She kept busy with her new job, and attended night school over the next 3 years to complete her education. When the war came to an end, her sailor boy, Fred, returned home, recovering from wounds, but decorated for bravery. At age 18, she was persuaded to marry her returning hero.

Because of a severe housing shortage, they decided to emigrate to Canada. After a very stormy sea passage, they settled into an east end Toronto housekeeping room for a few years, sharing a bathroom and cooking on a hotplate. After a short return to England to find the housing shortage unchanged, they came back to Canada and finally saved enough money to buy a house in Scarborough, where they raised their son and daughter.

Once the children were older, she returned to the workforce getting a job at General Publishing as a clerk, but worked her way up to Secretary to the Executive President. Her duties involved publicity and entertaining various people including the great Canadian author, Farley Mowat.

She loves the outdoors, and has taken up skiing, boating, camping, and golfing over the years. After 10 years in publishing, she moved to an assistant buyer position with Consumers' Gas where she stayed for 11 years. She then worked part time in a travel business, organizing travel groups and doing considerable travel in Europe, herself. She has been involved with volunteer work for many years, working with the deaf, the elderly, and the severely brain damaged. She and Fred have entertained with singing and impersonations at many clubs and groups. Irene has taken up painting and has taken part in many art shows. Her four grandchildren keep her busy in any spare time she might have. They moved to Wasaga Beach from Huntsville, 11 years ago and they love the area and the great people.

Thank you for giving all of us this snapshot of your life. We feel that we know you a lot better now.



Anyone who would like to take a few minutes to tell us about your life is urged to contact our Speakers Convener (Diane Nagel).....and she will be happy to schedule you in.

### SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

*	Book Club	Contact	Joanne Scruton	429-0976
*	Gourmet Dinner Club	Contact	Betty Keyes	429-6064
*	Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners	Contact	Joanne Scruton	429-0976
*	Mixed Golf Group	Contact	Bill Travis	422-1148
*	Restaurant Dinner Group	Contact	Diane Nagel	428-3209

The Restaurant Dinner Group had its first outing on July 27<sup>th</sup> with 51 diners meeting at the Sovereign, in Creemore. The food was great and the dinner company, superb. Those attending are asked to pass on their evaluations of the evening to the Convener, Diane Nagel.

The Book Club has been ably headed by Joanne Scruton. She lost no time in organizing all interested participants. They meet at each others homes and come ready to discuss the current month's book choice. Over coffee and goodies, they have some lively discussions stemming from their opinions of the reading material. They rate each book on a scale of 1 to 5, 5 being one which would be highly recommended. They seldom all agree, but that does not matter. They are Happy Bookers (!) who share a love of reading and good discussion. Thanks to Joanne for getting the Group organized.

These are their chosen book selections until Spring.

September- The Fourth Hand by John Irving

October- The House of Sand and Fog – Andre Dupus III (They will read this selection and then watch the video at Joanne's home, over wine and pop corn!!!, to draw their comparisons )

November- Too Close to the Falls- Cathy Gildener February- Women of Silk – Gail Tsukyama

December- The Guardian – Nicholas Sparks March- The Red Tent – Anita Diamant

January- The Kitchen God's Wife – Amy Tan

### DON'T FORGET.....

- Please notify the Membership Convener (Deborah Ferris) of any changes to your address, phone no., etc
- We **urge** you to sign in at the Membership table each meeting when you arrive, as we use this information for sending out copies of the Wasagan to those members who were not able to attend. This way, absent members can be kept informed on Club activities.
- Wear your name tag to all Probus events. It makes it much easier for us Seniors to recognize each other and learn Member's names.

### Lucky Draw Winners from August Meeting –

We were not able to hold a 50/50 draw at the August meeting due to unforeseen circumstances. Have your money ready for this month.

### BIRTHDAYS

To those who celebrated a birthday in August, we wish you many happy returns.



**Get Well/Sympathy Cards**

There were a few get well cards sent out in August. We hope these people are feeling better. We offer our deepest sympathies to Don & Shirley Allan, on the loss of Don's mother. Please, please, let the Goodwill Convener (Lynda Trimble - 429-3402) know of any hospital stays or deaths involving our members so an appropriate card can be sent. Also, if you need a ride to any Probus event, contact Linda. She can help you find a ride.

**MEMBERSHIP**

At last count, we have 160 members. Some new people still have to return their application sheet.

Here is an easy recipe provided for your enjoyment, by our Secretary, Doris Willis, and coming with a "Two Thumbs Up" by Gary, her quality control expert.

**CREAM CHEESE POUND CAKE**

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| 3 cups Original Bisquick    | 1/8 tsp salt                         |
| 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar | 6 eggs                               |
| 3/4 cup margarine or butter | 1 pkg ( 8 oz ) softened cream cheese |
| 1/2 cup all purpose flour   | powdered ( icing ) sugar if desired  |
| 1 tsp vanilla               |                                      |

Heat the oven at 350 degrees F. Grease and flour a bundt pan or two loaf pans. Beat all ingredients together, except the powdered sugar, for about 4 minutes. Pour into the pan(s). Bake 55 – 60 minutes. Cool 5 minutes, then invert onto a plate. Cool completely for about 1 hour, then dust with powdered sugar

**THE LAST WORD:**

The last word this month belongs to our President. Can't believe that September has come around so fast and we are back on what a lot of us consider home turf for our General Meetings. Just back from our first anniversary BBQ, and what a great time we had - I've taken the pictures to prove it! A gathering like this is the place where we get to meet and mingle (and did we mingle!). This is how we make new friends. Sign up for the Golf Tournament, Car Rally, Book Club, Restaurant Club, Cards ..... SIGN UP and participate! If you don't see an outing or activity to your liking, the suggestion box is always set up; we will try our best to accommodate you. We try to make our General Meetings as interesting and informative as possible, but remember, it is a starting point. Get involved, meet people and have fun!

*Luci Worch*

**Next General Meeting October 5, 2004 at the Wasaga Stars Arena**

Speaker:- Bruce Young    Topic:- Photography *moved to Nov. Meeting*

Arrive at 9:30 to enjoy coffee or tea with your friends prior to the meeting at 10:00

**Management Team**

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			50/50:	Jean Gibson	429-8309

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