

Milton Probus Pulse



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Next Meeting: Wednesday, Oct 6th, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m. (via Zoom)

Presidents Message: (Shirley Mathews 905-636-8680 mathews@sympatico.ca)



Cool days bring the first hint of fall. As I look out my study window, I also see a splash of red and yellow in the trees across the way. Soon it will be Thanksgiving. I look forward to spending time with my small family bubble during the Thanksgiving weekend. We are now beginning our seventh season living with COVID. Without the fellowship of other Probus members, we are all looking for new and interesting things to keep ourselves occupied. For the first time in many years, I've started a jigsaw puzzle. As it

has 1000 pieces, I'm giving myself until Christmas to finish it.

In the next few weeks, your management team will be sending out an information gathering poll pertaining to Christmas festivities, and a more general survey around the comfort level of returning to in person General Meetings, special interest groups, and special events. Please take a few moments to respond to the poll as your input will be invaluable.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a healthy, safe and happy Thanksgiving.

“Our Strength is in Fellowship,
Our Success is in Participation.”



Vice Presidents Message: (Bill Scarrow 905-878-7176 billy@scarrow.ca)

Dear Valued Customer,

We are writing to share upcoming changes to Zoom software releases designed to optimize security and platform performance that may require action.

Beginning November 1, 2021, customers will be required to update their Zoom software to ensure it is [no more than nine months](#) behind the current version, at any given time. From that point on, users will be prompted to update their software when using the platform should their version fall behind this nine-month window. For example, if on November 1st the latest version of the Zoom Client was released in September 2021, customers who try to access Zoom services with a version prior to January 2021 will be prompted to update to a more recent version in order to access the platform.

This change is in line with industry practices and designed to help ensure that Zoom users receive the latest Zoom features, as well as any privacy and security enhancements we make to the platform. **To prepare for the new schedule, we recommend customers update to the latest release supported by their organization or at minimum software version 5.5.0, prior to November 1st.** Starting in September, we will introduce a prompted update to help customers update to the latest version of the Zoom client. If you have prompted updates turned off for your organization, you will not see the prompt.

As always, we recommend you regularly download and update to the latest version of the Zoom software by checking for updates within the Zoom client or by navigating to zoom.us/download to take advantage of all our latest security and functionality features.

This policy will affect:

Zoom Client: Windows, Mac, Linux, iOS, and Android (5.5.0)

Zoom Rooms (5.5.0)

Zoom Rooms Controller (5.5.0)

Zoom Phone Appliances (5.6.0)

Outlook Plug-in (5.5.1)

Browser Scheduler Extensions for Chrome (1.6.3) & Firefox (2.1.13)

VDI Client (5.5.0)

Virtual Room Connector (4.4.6)

Meetings Connector (4.6.3)

Recording Connector (3.8.41)

Client SDK (5.5.0)

Please note that while the minimum Zoom Client software version required for this schedule is 5.5.0, we may require additional updates outside of this release window to address larger security or compliance features. We always encourage customers to look at our [release notes](#) for any included security enhancements.

We will continue to share reminders and additional information as we approach the implementation of this policy. Thank you for your partnership as we continually work to make our platform more secure and deliver a better experience for our customers. Please feel free to reach out to the [Zoom Support Team](#) if you have any additional questions or need assistance to update your organization.
Team Zoom

From Our Program Director: (Carol Streeter 343-996-7519 streeter.ci@gmail.com)

October Speaker; Tanya McCready and Hank DeBruin



Husband and wife team, Tanya McCready and Hank DeBruin, owners of Winterdance Dogsled Tours, enjoy sharing their story. Twenty-one years ago, Hank and Tanya quit their jobs and moved to Ontario's wilderness to build their dream of starting a business, a family, and creating a lifestyle around their beloved Siberian Huskies.

Hank and their huskies have had many adventures from Maine to Alaska including competing in six 1,000-mile races in Alaska and the Yukon plus many 200 - 400 mile races.

Hank and Tanya also have a 2,500 tree maple syrup farm and have co-written two books. Their latest book, Journey of 1,000 Miles, released just last Christmas has become an international best seller.

They share their lives with their four children, 150 huskies, and five cats.

Looking for volunteers:

“An important part of each Probus meeting is our guest speaker. Each meeting requires two volunteers. The Co-chairs are requesting that members consider volunteering to introduce or thank our speakers. We will provide the introduction; but the person who thanks the speaker will have to draw comments from the presentation. If you can help out, please email one of the following Co-chairs.

Carol Streeter at streeter.ci@gmail.com

Carole Budworth at caroleb42@hotmail.com Brian Budworth at bbudworth@cogeco.ca

From our Membership Director: (Anne Eadie 905-878-7143; eadies@cogeco.ca)

I am always pleased to welcome new members to our group – we are now up to 148 members
Please reach out and welcome our newest members. Lynn Townley, Heather Collier, John & Marjorie Clark.
FYI Special Group Conveners their Interests/Hobbies are:

- Lynn – Art, Reading, Gardening, Swimming.
- Heather – Reading, Walking
- Marjorie – Reading, Bridge
- John - Travel, Bridge, Wine, Stamps, Investments, Blue Jays.

Please make the following changes or additions to your Membership Directory

Page 4 Email change - Carole Budworth email is now caroleb42@hotmail.com

Additions to Membership Directory to date.

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From our Special Events Director: (Henry Popp 905-876-3241: 19hooper38@gmail.com)

Mini Putt for Glory

Probus Milton members enjoyed a morning of mini putting at Vic Hadfield course this month. Each hole is named after a hockey team and is located off Trafalgar Road at Britannia.

BONNIE CHAPMAN was the winner for the women while WALTER EADIE came up with the lowest score for the men. Congratulations!

Hole's in One were achieved by Brian and Carole Budworth, Walter, Meg Shellard and Pat McIntyre.

Every player had difficulty at #10 belonging to the Tampa Bay Lightning. The name Tampa is believed to have come for the Calusa phrase "Sticks of Fire". Obviously no one had a stick a fire when they attempted this hole as the ball kept rolling Back again and again!

We are glad you enjoyed your time with friends on a beautiful September day. Hopefully next year we can meet up afterwards to share a meal together.



Special Events: Fall colours tour

During the week after Thanksgiving or the week after that, depending upon when seems to be best to see the fall colours, we will have a fall tour in and around Milton and Halton Region. Details will be made known to the membership via e-mail when a date has been selected.

From our Fellowship Director: (Patricia McIntyre 905-876-4040; pat.mcintyre@sympatico.ca)

Greeting Cards



Dear Probus Members:

If you are aware of a member who is ill, hospitalized or lost a loved one, please advise the Fellowship Team or a member of the Management Committee.

Pat McIntyre..905 876 4040 pat.mcintyre@sympatico.ca

Thank you.



Photo's from Diane Miller

Special Interest Groups

7 The Hiking Club (Leader Terry Cole 905-845-0171; terryjane@sympatico.ca)

It seems I have just welcomed you back from our summer hiatus and already we have entered the autumn months. For much of the summer we have attained monthly records in both steps and participants. However, during our latest heat wave the numbers dropped drastically (understandably) but with the cool weather upon us I would have expected the numbers to climb back up, which they have not. Perhaps the explanation is as simple as grandkids off to school and we grands are back to babysitting because moms and dads have gone back to work.

September's numbers show we have amassed an additional 218791 steps. This brings us to a grand total of 87,414,527

I would like all Probus members to feel welcome to join our merry band of hikers on our weekly outings. For now will be walking in social distance mode but rest assured we will get to group outings when Covid allows us to.



Photos from Marlene Murphy



Photo's from David Wentzel

8-1 Jokers (Linda Reid 905-878-7717; dlreid@sympatico.ca)

Online Joker Game History

Did you ever wonder how a flat wooden joker board evolved into an online joker board game? Our very own magical wizard **Bob Streeter** has developed and programmed the online Joker boards, for our entertainment. Bob Streeter started developing his first online Joker Board in April 2020.

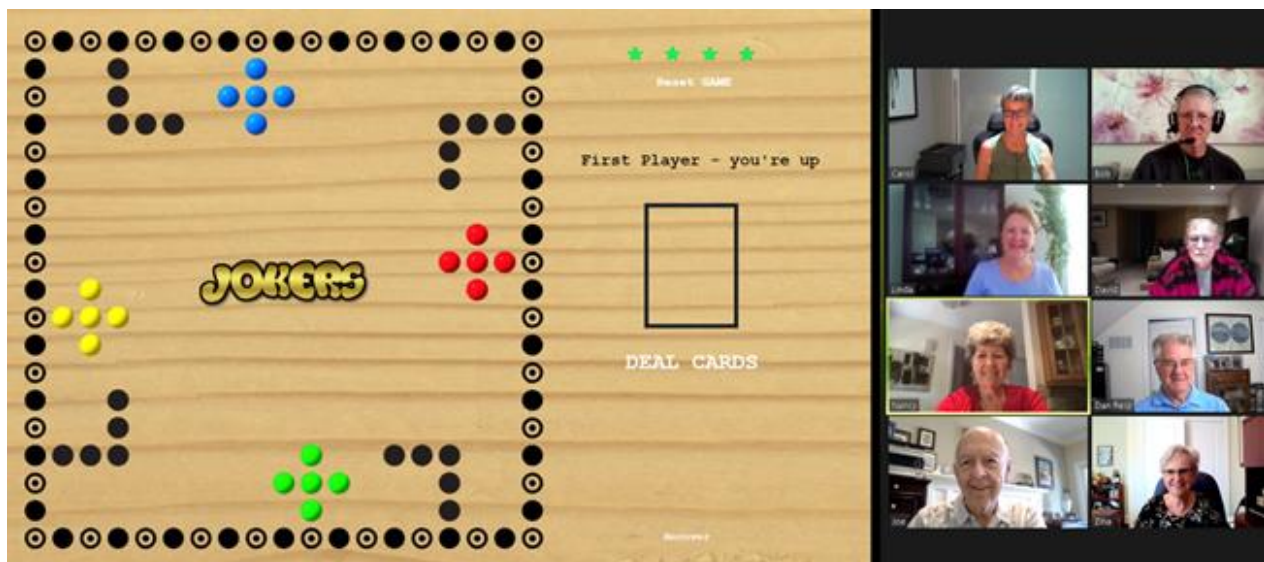


Spring 2020, Dan and Linda Reid started playing Joker games with friends using a stand with an iPhone on FaceTime to display the joker board moves for each player. The players used hand held cards and Dan and I moved all the marbles.



Fall 2020, we started playing Bob's First online game using Zoom with club members for a about four months with hand held cards. It was great to talk with friends and have an online joker game. Three months later, Martin Capper's relative developed a browser version from standalone software.

Winter 2021, The Test Group; Dave & Nancy Lynn, Dan & Linda Reid, Joe & Zina Yaworski and Bob & Carol Streeter started testing Bob's first online Joker Game every Thursday afternoon for 8 weeks using Zoom. Sizing the joker board to fit our computer screens and playing in break-out-rooms to test the joker game.



Spring 2021, Bob developed and released another online Joker Game with animation to see the marbles move with cards on the screen for four players using Zoom. The Test Group got busy and in two weeks we trained (51) joker club members on how to access and play the online game. Bob provided numerous “Help Sessions” when needed. We invited 8 to 12 players in break-out-rooms with us to practice playing the game.

Summer 2021, Bob developed and released another NEW online Joker Game with cards, video and sound built into the joker board, without using Zoom. There were also mute and video options. The Test Group got busy again and trained (20) joker members on how to access and play the game. We asked joker members to help out by calling other members to set up games.



September 2021, The Test Group started testing Bob’s latest updates in break-out-rooms. A new update is the Recover Button, when another player presses Recover it will let a player who is having problems log back into the game.

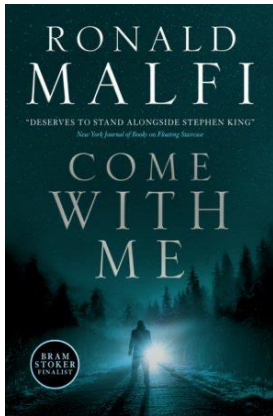
Bob is always making changes to enhance the game:

Like highlighting the marble colours; leaving a yellow star where a marble was moved from; alternating solid circles with bull’s eye circles on the board. Reset game, cards, video, sound, mute and video on/off options. Stars light up when you join the game and whose turn to play is highlighted on the board responding to the player’s marble colour. When a Joker lands on an opponent’s marble the board actually says “I’m Sorry.”

Bob has worked for a year and a half to develop, programme and update the Joker boards, which has provided us with wonderful entertainment during the pandemic.

We appreciate Bob’s dedication and would like to express our gratitude for the numerous hours he spent developing the online joker games. We are so fortunate to have Bob in our Probus Club.

9 Spinecrackers (Nancy Lynn 905-319-0191; lynn67.personal@gmail.com)



Once more Zoom has worked wonders for our group. From coast to coast (Newfoundland to Vancouver), and town to town, (Burlington to Milton), our group gathered to share our lives and books. We talked of family celebrations and upcoming tasks, of the health of friends and the day to day members' accomplishments and future plans.. What a Group!

Come With Me by Ronald Malfi was Tom Carey's choice this month. The story evolves after the main character's wife is murdered and he discovers there were secrets in their marriage and lives. We found many discussion points throughout the book, from what genre it might fit into (Horror/Mystery/Thriller) from how people deal with grief, to what exactly is a ghost. As Caroll suggested, we may always be checking our closet lighting in the future.



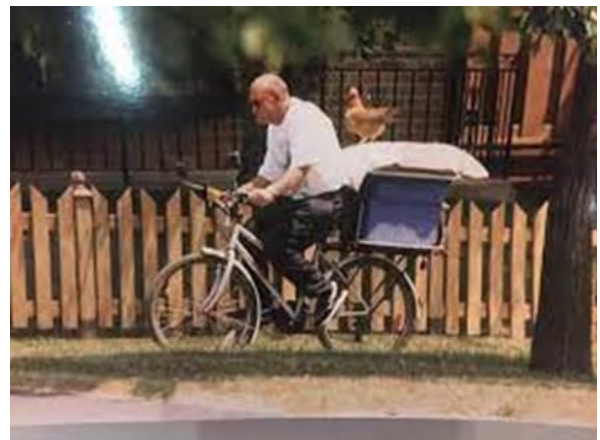
Suds Sippers Beer Tasting Club (Walter Eadie 905-691-5100; walter.eadie@cogeco.ca)

After a summer break, a small but enthusiastic group of Sippers got together by Zoom in September. Each of us introduced beers that we had discovered over the summer. As usual, our selections covered the range from Radlers to strong ales. However, the favourite brewery turned out to be Muskoka Brewery with three of choosing one of their great beers.

The highlight of the night was when David Wentzell introduced a beer we didn't know from a local brewery we didn't know – Chicken Man Pale Ale from Furnace Room Brewery in Georgetown (now added to our list for a field trip post-pandemic).

Seems like every new beer has a great backstory these days and it turns out that Chicken Man was named after a real Georgetown personality and cult figure – trust me, Google knows everything.

Check Probus Pulse for our October meeting.



13 Shutterbugs (905-878-5862; david.g.wentzell@gmail.com)

It was a Shutterbug Summer, as we learned at our Zoom meeting on September 21. Our photographers shared a variety of pictures taken through the “lazy, hazy, crazy days”. Marlene Murphy enjoyed beach time with family. Diane Miller got mechanical at a Milton Cruise Night. Nancy Lynn did some floral Rorschach tests at the Royal Botanical Gardens. David Wentzell was never far from his camera in the everyday beauty of Tobermory. Photos by our group members can be seen throughout this edition of The Pulse (other than Nancy’s NSFW creations!).

We are always open to new participants. If you would like more information on our group and our activities please contact David Wentzell.

14 Clässical Crüe (905-878-5862; david.g.wentzell@gmail.com)

Clässical Crüe: The Crüe met over Zoom on September 8 and enjoyed a program of some exhilarating symphony finales. We can now say for certain, that composers work hard to ensure that the audience is wide awake during the last movement of a symphony. The strings go full speed ahead, the brass blares, the big drums beat and the cymbals crash with abandon. As we saw, the conductors also get a workout!

We will meet next on October 13 for a program of song that explores all the corners of the repertoire. We welcome all Club members to join us for a listen and a chat about music of the ages.

Use this link to join a classical music listening experience with your Milton Probus friends (Oct. 13th @ 2:00):
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82592995634?pwd=NINkUE1FZm8rSkdTQnYrdnJvdXhwUT09>

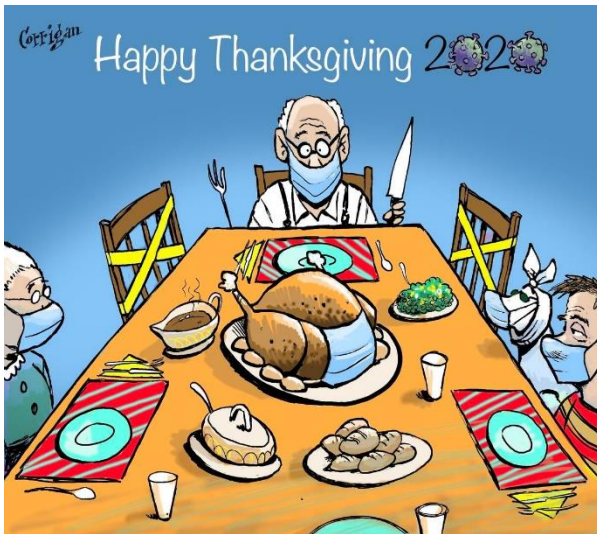


JOKES AND WISE WORDS OF THE MONTH

(Send your submission for possible inclusion in a future newsletter)

A TURKEY SPEAKS

I have never understood
why anyone would
roast the turkey
and shuck the clams
and crisp the croutons
and shell the peas
and candy the sweets
and compote the cranberries
and bake the pies
and clear the table
and wash the dishes
and fall into bed
when they could sit back
and enjoy a hamburger.



Hopefully this year will be better for all...

AT GRANDMA'S HOUSE

I like the taste of turkey
Any time throughout the year
But it never seems to taste as good
As when Thanksgiving's here.
Could be it's all the trimmings
That are cooked with it to eat-
But I think it's eating at Grandma's house
That makes it such a treat!

Management Committee:

2021/22

President	Shirley Mathews	905-636-8680
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Special Events Dir.	Henry Popp	905-876-3241
Treasurer	Alice Carey	905-336-6309

Club Activity Schedule

Club	Date/Time	Convenor	Telephone	Email
Board Games – Jokers - <i>Joker</i>	1st Fri. - 1:30 pm	Linda Reid	905-878-7717	dlreid@sympatico.ca
Board Games – Jokers - <i>Jester Joker</i>	2nd Tues.- 1:30 pm	Peter Sneyd	905-693-1708	psneyd@sympatico.ca
Board Games – Jokers – <i>Wee Joker</i>	3rd Fri. - 1:30 pm	Brian Murphy	905-659-2288	brian_e_murphy@hotmail.com
Book Club - <i>Spinecrackers</i>	2nd Thurs. - 1:30 pm	Nancy Lynn	905-319-0191	lynn67.personal@gmail.com
Book Club – <i>Bookies</i>	3 rd Wed – 1:30 pm			
Classical Music	2 nd Wed. – 2:00 pm	David Wentzell	905-878-5862	david.g.wentzell@gmail.com
Cards - Bid Euchre - <i>Friday</i>	2nd Fri. – 3:00 pm	Zina Yaworski	905-878-3959	joe_zina@hotmail.com
Cards - Bid Euchre – <i>Wednesday</i>	4th Wed. - 1:30 pm	Myra Faichnie	905-878-6615	billmyra@sympatico.ca
Cards - Bridge	4th Thurs. - 1:00 pm	Kathy Sellers	647-227-7036	kathleensellers@hotmail.com
Cards - Canasta	4th Fri. - 1:00 pm	Alice Carey	905-336-6309	carealic@sympatico.ca
Cards - Euchre	3rd Wed. - 7:30 pm	Carol Crawford	519-836-1985	dcraw4d@sympatico.ca
Dining – <i>Bits and Bites</i>	3rd Thurs. - 5:00 pm	Carol Elliott	905-875-3980	celliot7@cogeco.ca
Photography	3 rd Tues. – 2:00 pm	David Wentzell	905-878-5862	david.g.wentzell@gmail.com
Probus Info Network - PIN	Online only - no meetings	Bill Turnbull	905-878-9573	turnbullwt@yahoo.com
Tastings – Beer – <i>Suds Sippers</i>	3rd Tues. - 7:00 pm	Walter Eadie	905-691-5100	walter.eadie@cogeco.ca
Tastings – Wine - <i>Grape Expectations</i>	4th Tues. - 7:00 pm	Alice Carey	905-336-6309	carealic@sympatico.ca
Travel – Event Coordinator		Walter Eadie	905-691-5100	walter.eadie@cogeco.ca
Walkers – <i>The Hiking Club</i>	Every Mon. - 9:30 am	Terry Cole	905-845-0171	terryjane@sympatico.ca

OCTOBER

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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<p>1:30 PM Jokers - Joker Linda Reid</p>
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<p>9:30 AM The Hiking Club E-mail notification Terry Cole</p>
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<p>Zoom for Jokers Time Booked 1:30 till 5:00</p>
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<p>10:00 AM General Meeting Zoom Shirley Mathews</p>

<p>Zoom for Jokers Time Booked 1:30 till 5:00</p>
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<p>3:00 PM Bid Euchre - Friday Zina Yaworski</p>
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<p>9:30 AM The Hiking Club E-mail notification Terry Cole Thanksgiving Day</p>

<p>1:30 PM Jokers – Jester Joker Peter Sneyd Zoom for Jokers Time Booked 1:30 till 5:00</p>

<p>2:00 PM Music - Clässical Crüe Via Zoom David Wentzell</p>
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<p>1:30 PM Book Club - Spinecrackers Zoom Nancy Lynn</p>

<p>1:30 PM Jokers – Wee Joker Brian Murphy</p>
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<p>9:30 AM The Hiking Club E-mail notification Terry Cole 2:00 PM Executive Meeting Zoom Shirley Mathews</p>

<p>2:00 PM Photography - Shutterbugs Zia Zoom David Wentzell 7:00 PM Beer – Suds Sippers Zoom Meeting Walter Eadie</p>

<p>1:30 PM Book Club – Bookies 7:30 PM Cards - Euchre Carol Crawford</p>

<p>5:00 PM Dining – Bits and Bites Carol Elliott Zoom for Jokers Time Booked 1:30 till 5:00</p>

<p>1:00 PM Cards - Canasta Alice Carey</p>
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<p>9:30 AM The Hiking Club E-mail notification Terry Cole</p>
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<p>7:00 PM Wine – Grape Expectations Alice Carey Zoom for Jokers Time Booked 1:30 till 5:00</p>

<p>1:30 PM Bid Euchre - Wednesday Myra Faichnie</p>

<p>1:00 PM Cards - Bridge Kathy Sellers Zoom for Jokers Time Booked 1:30 till 5:00</p>
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