



Lakeside Buzz



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HELLO FROM THE PRESIDENT (Jim McMinn)



Hi everyone. I hope you are doing well and keeping healthy as we begin August. In June we sent out an email and membership survey to collect your thoughts on reopening PROBUS Pickering Lakeside. Thank you to the 138 members who took time to respond. It is evident that the majority of members want to carefully make the transition to returning to our meetings and activities (please see our [website](#) for more information on the survey). For those of you who would like a ZOOM meeting we are considering one for the fall. More information

to come. PROBUS Canada is encouraging these meetings for all clubs.

We have been very pleased to have [Peter Lewarne](#) start up our first Lakeside golf and encourage you to join us. We have all levels of players attending so just sign up under [golf activity](#) if you want to play. The book club "Cover to Cover" has been meeting virtually. Many thanks to Susan Woodward who is coordinating the meetings. As we move into Stage 3 we are looking forward to reopening other activities and interest groups. Time and circumstances will tell. Finally, please be sure to check our [website](#) often as there is a lot of information posted for you there. Now here's our featured Management Team member, Peter Davidson, Treasurer Extraordinaire!

HELLO FROM THE TREASURER (Peter Davidson)



This month it's my turn to say a few words until we can return to general meetings and the regular monthly Buzz. I was a Charter Member of PROBUS Pickering, after it was established in 2013, and provided some assistance to the Treasurer in the early years. When PROBUS Pickering grew to over 350 members, it was time to set up another club and PROBUS Pickering Lakeside was established in January 2019. I was excited by the opportunity to be involved with the management of a new club from the very beginning, and the rapid growth of a second Pickering PROBUS club was amazing.

Shortly before I took on the Treasurer role, our Webmaster had set up our website using software that was specifically designed for club memberships. What a great thing that was as it allows easy communication, registration, and payments. Electronic transactions are widely used now and the ability to register for events and pay online, or with a credit card at meetings provides such convenience. No longer does the Treasurer have to carry large quantities of cheques to deposit in the bank; the payments are transferred automatically into our account each night. I have thoroughly enjoyed the last 18 months, although the last four months have been terribly quiet, almost boring, and I cannot wait until we open up again!

BACK TO BUSINESS



As you all know, wearing a mask or face covering is now mandatory in public indoor settings so don't leave home without one, and be very sure you're wearing yours correctly. They have become quite a fashion statement and are now readily available for purchase online or in many stores if you're unable to make your own. Together with hand washing, adhering to this rule when we can't keep our distance of 6 feet is the least we can do to help stop the spread of COVID-19. The great news is that we are finally in Stage 3, which includes the opening up of gyms, bars, dine-in restaurants, and public spaces so life is slowly returning to a new normal just in time for the remainder of the summer. It feels very cathartic to be able to shop, interact and socialize again, even with all the protocols and restrictions, and it makes us appreciate our freedom even more. Hopefully it won't be too long before we're able to resume our Lakeside meetings and activities, even though it will be in a very different format. Also, you're reminded that, even though we're not sending out renewal notices right now, you're all still members until the situation becomes clearer, so be sure to check our [website](#) regularly for all updates.

BRAIN TEASERS (answers at bottom of page)

1. Johnny's mother had 3 children. The first child was called April, the second was called May. What was the name of the third child?
2. Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?
3. How much dirt is there in a hole that measures two feet by three feet by four feet?
4. What word in the English Language is always spelled incorrectly?
5. Billy was born on December 28th, yet his birthday is always in the summer.



CONFUSCIOUS SAY?

- Toilet out of order. Please use floor below.
- In a laundromat: Automatic washing machines. Please remove all your clothes when the light goes out.
- In a London department store: Bargain basement upstairs.
- In a Safari park: Elephants. Please stay in your car.
- Something went wrong in jet crash, expert says.
- War dims hope for peace.

LAST LAUGHS



Answers to brain teasers (how many did you guess correctly?)

1. Johnny, of course.
2. Mt. Everest. It just wasn't discovered yet.
3. There is no dirt in a hole.
4. Incorrectly.
5. Billy lives in the southern hemisphere.