



# The Probian

Probus Club of Perth

August 2025

## President's Message for AGM

**I**t has been my pleasure to be your Probus President for 2024-25.

This would not have been possible without our well-oiled Management Team.

Thank you to Past President Gail McAdam for all of her help to me, to the Team, and for her work filling the new slate of officers.

Thank you to George Braithwaite for choosing to stand as our new President, and for all your work as Vice President. Thank you, Maggie Foot for sitting in on our Management meetings this past year, and now standing for the position of Vice President.

To you, our Probus members, have you considered the possibility that you could be our next Vice President? It is a fabulous learning experience.

I have been on the Management Team for almost 20 years; 15 years as Assistant Social Convenor and then



as Social Chair. This year I will be Past President.

Last Fall I helped Craig Greenwood plan and host a Fall Conference for Eastern Ontario Probus Clubs. Our Club was well represented. We picked up some interesting ideas that

are still being practiced by our Club. Our Club is proud of Craig. For the past three years he has represented all of our Clubs in Eastern Ontario in his position as Director on the Canadian Probus Club Board. Today we thank Craig as he retires.

There are several highlights from this past year. The Speakers Committee always has an interesting speaker. Without hesitation, I know which one left an imprint on my mind.

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It was the time we listened to Arlene Quinn's magical music that Arlene herself wrote and sang. She was also an inspiring motivational speaker!

Thanks to Webmaster Colin Stephenson for creating and managing our website for the past twenty years, including circulating the Probian and Social News, and reminding us of up-coming meetings. Colin plans to retire from this position. Could you take on this role for our Club?

Gail Read and her Social Team have planned so many interesting and fun social events over the year. Thank you! The great news is that there are more planned events ahead for 2025-26.

This goodbye message as President is not complete without thanking Graeme Rutledge and Tony Thompson for taking care of Finance, and to Bill Michie for writing all of the minutes. Bill is a wealth of knowledge especially on the Constitution. Thank you, Team!

Now I pass on the torch to George Braithwaite.



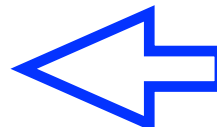
***A Thank You to  
Craig Greenwood!***

Craig Greenwood, a Probus Perth member, is presented with a certificate by Martin Buscher (the new President of Probus Canada) in recognition of his work as a Director on the Canadian Probus Club Board.

For the past three years, Craig has represented the Perth Probus Club, and all other clubs in Eastern Ontario.

***Of Note:***

Our September meeting will consist of the AGM, followed by our regular meeting.

**September  
Meeting**

Wednesday,  
September 3rd  
10:00 AM  
Perth Legion

**Reminders**

Bring your own  
**coffee mug**; help the  
environment.

**Book Exchange:**

Bring no more than  
FOUR books, take  
as many as you  
want.

**This Month's  
Guest Speaker:**

**Dr. David Philipp**  
will be speaking on  
the topic of 'How  
recreational angling  
is reshaping  
Ontario's bass  
population.'

**September's  
Personal Profile:**

## Membership

We regret to report that Gail Read, our Social Convener, and Ian McDonald were in a serious car accident this month. We wish them a speedy recovery.

### Perth Probus Management Team 2024-25

**President:** Mary Kilgour  
**Vice-President:** George Braithwaite  
**Past President:** Gail McAdam  
**Treasurer:** Graeme Rutledge\*  
**Secretary:** Bill Michie  
**Speakers:** John Byers  
**Membership:** Mary Vandenhoff  
**Social Events:** Gail Read  
**Probian Editor:** Yvonne Powell  
**Webmaster:** Colin Stephenson  
**Alt. Treasurer:** Tony Thompson\*  
**Member-at-Large:** Maggie Foot

We ended the 2024/25 season with a full membership of 205. These existing members have the opportunity to renew beginning in September. Once we are advised that any current members will not be renewing, we can offer those openings to those on the waiting list, in order of receipt of their applications.

Given that we already have a waiting list of seven, we would appreciate being informed as soon as possible of any current member who will **not** be renewing so we can offer the spaces to others. New members are immediately able to take advantage of all Probus activities.

**The final deadline for renewal is the November 5th Probus meeting,** at which time any previous member who has not renewed will have relinquished their spot.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Annual membership fees have been kept at \$35 for the coming season. Electronic transfer is the preferred method of payment at [finance@probusperth.ca](mailto:finance@probusperth.ca). **Please note on the transfer that your payment is for membership.** If you do choose to pay by cheque you can give it to Graeme at the payment desk at the back of the hall. He really prefers NOT to have to deal with cash.

Mary Vandenhoff

*Nominations for the members of our 2025-26 Management Team will be held during our AGM - which is held at the beginning of our September meeting.*

*Below is a list of these Nominees.*

### **2025-26 Management Team Nominees**

President	George Braithwaite
Vice President	Maggie Foot
Past President	Mary Kilgour
Secretary	Bill Michie
Treasurer	Graeme Rutledge (alternate: Tony Thompson)
Social/Special Events Chair	Gail Read
Speakers' Committee Chair	John Byers
Membership Coordinator	Mary Vandenhoff
Webmaster	Colin Stephenson
Probian Editor	Yvonne Powell
Director at Large (Assisting Tony Thompson)	David Brady

**Our Speaker for September:  
Dr. David Philipp**



For over 30 years, Dr. Philipp directed the Fish Genetics and Conservation Laboratory at the Illinois Natural History Survey, a research department within the Prairie Research at the University of Illinois.

His research group has helped to document the negative impacts of outbreeding depression that can result from hatchery stocking programs, as well as to illustrate the evolutionary effects that human impacts can have on natural populations; including how recreational angling affects survival, parental care activities, reproductive success, and annual recruitment of wild fish populations.

As one of the founders of the Fisheries Conservation Foundation, where he serves as Chair of its Board of Directors, Dave works to develop both educational and research-based programs for the conservation and management of fisheries, including projects in Bhutan, Canada, USA, Pakistan, Nepal, Thailand, and The Bahamas.

Dave is currently spearheading projects in Ontario designed to develop innovative conservation strategies for Black Bass.

The Perth Probus Club meets  
at the Royal Canadian Legion,  
26 Beckwith Street, Perth,  
on the first Wednesday of the month,  
September through May.  
Our June meeting is at an alternate  
location.

President - Mary Kilgour

Further information on the club,  
and contact details  
for other members of the Management  
Team  
can be found at:

[www.probusperth.ca/board.htm](http://www.probusperth.ca/board.htm)