



The Probian

Summer Edition 2022

Probus Club of Perth



Welcome back! I hope the 'mini-break' was a time for everyone to enjoy the '**Jolly Month of July**' with its prolific array of splendid blooming flowers not only in gardens but also along our roadsides. It's the perfect month for



holidaying especially In Canada. And, internationally too.



'Jolly July' is a good month to enjoy ice cream on the patio or on a park bench! Especially, when it's hot and humid!

'Awesome August', is the best month for vegetable gardens, fruit-bearing trees and bushes yielding their bountiful harvest.



Those who wish to capture their 'freshness' over the long cold winter months are very busy canning or freezing their produce! Days long gone by for me! However, being a 'Prairie-girl', the wonderful sight of wheat fields ripening is beholding. Don't forget it's time for shucking corn and corn roasts!

Upcoming, '**Serene September**' sees the ending of some vacationing time along with children returning to school. Not forgetting our own club returning to 'in-person' meetings. Finally, at long last!



'Serene September' is also a splendid month for 'apple-lovers' especially for those who enjoy apple pie with Cheddar Cheese or à la mode!

The lingering summer days of September provides extra time to enjoy the beauty of all things that bloom!

There are many other delights to be enjoyed during the months of '**Jolly July**', '**Awesome August**' and

'Serene September', including wild plants like ...



Goat's Beard, which is also known as the 'Showy Goat's-Beard', 'Meadow Salsify', 'Jack-Go-To-Bed-At-Noon', or 'Noonflower'. Goat's Beard is a member of the Aster family found primarily in disturbed habitats (e.g., fields and roadsides) across most of North America and parts of Europe and Central Asia. It has ornamental, medicinal, and edible properties, and is attractive to pollinating bees and other insects.

Photo courtesy of photographer, KevinTullet.
Information courtesy of Rob Rainer.

— SEPTEMBER MEETING —



We are pleased to announce our September meeting is 'In-Person' on Wednesday, September 7, at the Royal Canadian Legion in Perth at 9:30 a.m. Covid protocol will be in place. We regret there will be no coffee available. But,

at least we can enjoy our 'new normal/in-person' meeting by going for lunch at The Stone Cellar!



➡ The AGM meeting is scheduled at 10:00 a.m.



— SEPTEMBER SPEAKER —

Gary Smith's Topic: "Russia and Ice War Diplomats"



In 1972, Gary Smith was a young diplomat on his first posting in Russia. Aside from his formal diplomatic duties he was also playing hockey in the Moscow beer league, which might best be characterized as informal diplomatic duties. So when the Soviet Union and Canada finally got around to organizing a Summit Hockey Series between their best and ours, Gary found himself on the inside track

at every twist and turn of a complicated and fascinating historical event that marked the lives of both nations.

Gary was the 'natural choice', our man in Moscow who spoke Russian, understood Russian hockey ambitions and the closeted world of Soviet decision-making. As the trusted liaison officer for both sides and the only non-Russian accredited member of the Russian Hockey team on the Canadian leg of the series, Gary was intimately involved in almost every argument and decision taken between two opposing political systems (and their hockey representatives) each determined to win at all costs. In short, Gary got the two

mercurial sides working together, kept them working together through difficult circumstances and won their respect in spite of any disappointment or triumph on either side. Little wonder then, that Gary has been an important component or glue for many post '72 anniversaries between the surviving participants including the upcoming Fiftieth this September 2022.

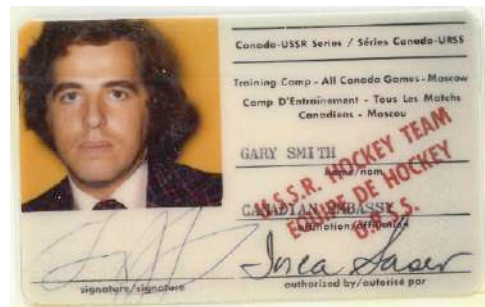
In his best-selling book **'Ice War Diplomat'**, Gary tells us the fascinating, magnetic backstory behind the '72 Hockey Summit series. Press response and public interest in Gary's book has been excellent, it's now into its third printing in Canada and will soon be available in the US, UK and the EU. Even a feature-length documentary film **'IceBreaker'** has been made, based in part on Gary's extraordinary role during the most celebrated event in Canadian sports history. Please be sure and join us at the Legion on September 7th to hear Gary's insightful analysis of the critical events, past and present that touch upon the '72 Summit Series.

Personal autographed copies of Gary's book **'Ice War Diplomat'** will be available for sale after the Probus Club meeting is concluded.

Important Announcement: The film, **'IceBreaker'**, will premiere in Perth and be shown at the Studio Theatre (currently scheduled for 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 7 following Gary's Probus presentation). These showings are expected to sell out quickly so get your tickets in advance through **"Tickets Please"**.

As a matter of interest, here's a photograph of Gary in his earlier days:

"Author's Hockey Canada identity card issued in Montréal on August 31, 1972 registering Canadian Diplomat as a member of the USSR hockey team."



A commentary and excerpt from Gary's book is available on the Canadian History magazine's website:

<https://www.canadashistory.ca/explore/books/behind-the-summit-series>

John Byers • Chair • Speaker's Committee



— PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE —



Dear Members,

I hope you are enjoying a glorious summer. As we see more local produce appearing at the farmers' markets, we know that autumn is just around the corner. And with that we turn our attention to the opportunities the fall season provides.

After a long hiatus due to the Pandemic, Probus Perth is planning to resume in-person meetings in September. We look forward to greeting you on September 7th at the Perth Legion where appropriate protocols will enable us to deliver a safe environment for our meetings. The meeting will commence at 10:00 a.m. with our Annual General Meeting (AGM), followed by the General Meeting with guest speaker, Gary Smith. Documents regarding the AGM are available in the AGM Section of the Probus Perth website.

The AGM will mark the conclusion of my term as President. Although the Pandemic significantly impacted how we functioned as a club, the Management Team worked diligently to ensure that you remained connected via Zoom meetings, through emails and the Newsletter. The Speakers Committee sourced excellent speakers that informed and entertained us during our Zoom meetings. The Social Committee kept us apprised of interesting virtual and local programs and sourced events where we could safely gather.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Management Team and serving as your President for the past two years. I only regret that, due to COVID, I was not able to meet with you in person and get to know you better.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Management Team with whom I have had the privilege of serving. They are a wonderful group of dedicated women and men who give generously of their time and talents. Thank you!

I wish you all the best as you enjoy the remaining days of summer and look forward to seeing you in September!

Warm Regards,

Lois-Anne



— FINANCE —



The Finance Report is posted on our club's website at <http://probusperth.ca/agm.htm>

Graeme Rutledge • Treasurer

NOMINATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT —

Below is the PROPOSED Slate for the Probus Perth Management Team for 2022/2023:

President: Susan Freeman

Vice President Nominee: Gail McAdam

Past President: Lois-Anne Brebner

Secretary: Bill Michie

Treasurer: Graeme Rutledge (Alternate Tony Thompson)

Membership Chairperson: Aline McRory

Social/Special Events Chairperson: Mary Kilgour (Alternate Gail Read)

Speakers Committee: John Byers. (Alternate may be any one member of the Speakers Committee, as advised by John.)

Webmaster: Colin Stephenson

Probian Editor: Gayda Errett

A.V. Coordinator: David Batchelor

Any further nominations (with the nominee's consent to stand) must be conveyed to the Nomination Committee at pastpresident@probus.ca at least 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting, that is, by August 17, 2022.

No nomination will be considered or presented to the membership if the Committee does not receive it by that date.

The FINALISED Slate for the Probus Perth Management Team for 2022/2023 will be communicated to the membership and formally presented for voting at the Annual General Meeting on September 7, 2022.

Only votes from those present at the meeting can be counted.

Liz Leonard • Nomination Committee



— MEMBERSHIP —



to our Club!

We have 205 members with 4 on our Waiting List. We look forward to welcoming '*new and returning members*' at our '*in-person*' September meeting.

Aline McRory • Membership Convener



— SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT —



Lunch After Sept 7th Meeting

12:00 Noon at The Stone Cellar
Sign-up at meeting.



Social Events in September ...



The Tangled Garden
7 Church Street, Westport
Thursday, September 1st at
11:45 a.m. Reservation for
26. Sign up: social-gail@probusperth.ca



Follow-up with a waterfront walk
or stop at the Westport Brewing Co. with friends.

“Art”



Thursday, September 15th at 5:00 p.m.
at Fiddleheads. (Maximum 20)

7:30 p.m. at Studio Theatre. Sign-up:
social-gail@probusperth.ca



Please pay \$19/ticket by e-transfer to
Probus Club of Perth or send a cheque to Probus Club of Perth, Box 20131,
Shoppers Drug Mart, Perth, ON, K7H 3M6.



Wheelers' Pancake House & Museum



Wednesday, September 28th at
11:45 a.m. Limit 30

Sign up:
social-gail@probusperth.ca



An Update of Community Events that may be of interest to you ...

August 13th-14th	Perth Garlic Festival Location: Perth Fair Grounds on Arthur Street
August 13th	Raphael Weinroth-Browne Harmony Concerts Presented by Studio Theatre www.harmonyconcerts.ca
September 2nd-4th	Perth Fair Location: Perth Fair Grounds on Arthur Street

Mary Kilgour & Gail Read • Social Conveners





"It's always wise to look ahead but not further than you can see."

Winston Churchill



*'Communal sharing' ...
When there's enough for all.*



"My WiFi went down for 5 minutes so I had to talk to my family. They seem like nice people."

Anonymous



The Perth Probus Club meets at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall, 26 Beckwith Street, Perth, on the first Wednesday of the month, September through June.

President: Lois-Anne Brebner president@probusperth.ca

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Further information on the club and contact details for the other members of the Management Team can be found at:
www.probusperth.ca/board.htm