



# Beaver Valley Probus Club The Grapevine

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## Current Activities

Viv Alper  
[\(details\)](#)

Backroads Cycling  
Canasta  
Canoeing  
Casual Dining  
Cooking Together  
Cue Sports Group  
Digital Photography  
Easy Cycling  
Euchre  
Gardening  
Gourmet (not really)  
Music  
Nature Walking  
Nordic Pole Walking  
Scrabble  
Stitch & Bitch Crafts  
Target Shooting  
Travel

Welcome and a big thank  
you to our new  
Activity Coordinators:

**Digital Photography**  
Peter Smith

**Dining About Town**  
Joan Uglow & Phyllis Thomas  
Travel

Brenda Ratkay &  
Barbara McCullough

*"Please be advised that all events and activities of the Beaver Valley Probus Club are organized for the benefit and enjoyment of its Members. Individuals who participate do so at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety".*

## Welcome to the introductory issue of The Grapevine

.... submitted by John Berrington, President

This is the Beaver Valley Probus Club's e-newsletter. When you read The Grapevine online, you will have access to full details of current and upcoming events and Club activities, full size colour photographs, newspaper articles and other features, simply by clicking on a link (usually in blue text and underlined). If you have opted to receive the hard copy of The Grapevine you will receive a summary of events and activities with occasional small black and white photographs. This introductory issue represents a taste only of what will be available from September onwards.

### Why the change?

We felt that we could improve the content of our newsletter by using the power of the internet to provide the kind of additional detail simply not available in the paper version, for example, colour photos, audio/video clips, links to external and Probus websites, links to Google maps, as well as the ability to provide automated e-mail response for members wishing to make reservations for a club event. The possibility of making online payments is also being investigated.

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## Fawn Attends Probus Casual Dining



Marge and Dave Allin were hosting a Probus Casual Dining dinner for thirteen people at their house on Sunnyside Beach just north of Meaford. During the meal, Dave told a true story about a fawn he found in distress. Dena Lewin (one of their guests), an active rescuer of wildlife, was extremely agitated by it.

Dena and Dave passed up dessert and instead rescued the fawn. They made a triumphant return to the Probus gathering where the fawn was fed. Dena held the fawn while it enjoyed 2% lactose-free milk. Later it was transferred to the Windrush Rehabilitation Centre near Brantford where a veterinarian examined the fawn and its behavior. The fawn had been imprinted by humans before and then left to fend for itself and would not have survived had Dena and Dave not intervened.

*For the complete, amazing story by Dave Allin and more photos [click here](#).*

Congratulations to the "Name Our Newsletter" Competition winner

**Margaret Morgan**

*Thanks to all who participated.*

## Reminders of Upcoming Club Events

### Theatre [\(details\)](#)

- Oct 4 **Merry Wives of Windsor** - Departure time to be determined - Contact Stella Zahradnik  
Dec 7 **Memphis (the Musical not the City)** - Departure from BVCC at 9:45 am - Contact Vicki Kellar



## A pair of wolfs ran off with the prizes!!!

*by Al Black*

The Target Shooters gathered to compete with our rifles and handguns and party. The weather was great, the competition was close and the wolfs ran off with the prizes. We were lucky enough to capture them on camera!!! For the story and photos ....[click here](#) .

## Welcome (continued from page 1)

We believe that the vast majority of members have an internet connection, and even for those who do not have broadband, the new format will be easier and quicker to access than the previous version. As noted above, we will continue to make a hard copy newsletter available although the content will obviously be less comprehensive than that provided by the online version.

### How did we do it?

A Communications Committee was set up two months ago to review all aspects of communications within the club, including the newsletter, website, email and phone, and to recommend improvements. The committee, which included Activity Coordinators, Social Convenor, Webmaster, Newsletter editor and other Management Committee members, presented a [Communications Guide](#) from which emerged the decision to proceed with our online newsletter. Since early June, Sharon and Al Black, together with Seija Wolf have been working on this project - this issue of The Grapevine is the preliminary result.

### What's next?

We realize not everyone is familiar or comfortable with navigating the web, so a **Familiarization Session ("Show and Tell") open to all members will take place at the BVCC at 12:00 noon on September 27th** (immediately before our monthly general meeting). At this session, Al Black will demonstrate how to navigate the Beaver Valley Probus Club website including The Grapevine pages.

Additionally, **"Website Coaches" are now available for advice for a limited period**, initially by phone, and subsequently, if necessary, in person. **Coaching is limited to questions specifically related to the Probus website. See the following schedule for details.**

### COACHING SCHEDULE

August 15 to 31	September	October
Seija Wolf	Seija Wolf	Seija Wolf
Al Black	Al Black	John Berrington
John Berrington		

### In Conclusion

We hope you enjoy reading the first issue of The Grapevine online. Your feedback will help us to improve. Please pass on your comments and suggestions to the Editors or any member of the Management Committee, or if you prefer, leave a note in the Suggestion Box at the next meeting.

## There is a STAR amongst us !

*Ingrid Quickert writes ....*

On Friday on our way home from Lake Huron, Herb and I chanced upon a village where we found a picture of a well known face! The ice cream cones there are worthwhile stopping for....*To uncover who our celebrity member is [click here](#).*



### The Boys (& Girls) of Summer

*by Vicki Kellar*

Twenty-nine B.V. Probus members and guests attended the Drayton Festival, King's Wharf production of The Melville Boys on July 20th. The location, the weather and the show combined to produce a super summer day.

More photos . . . [click here](#).



## Hints & Tips

... by Al & Sharon Black

Here are the 2 best methods of getting to our website:

- Type [www.beavervalleyprobus.com](http://www.beavervalleyprobus.com) into your address bar. If you don't have an address bar, go to tools and activate it.
- If using Google, type in [Beaver Valley Probus Club](#) and search. When the list of options comes up, click on the link that leads to [www.beavervalleyprobus.com](http://www.beavervalleyprobus.com).

Either way you will get to the main page of the website and you will have access to all of its more than 1400 pages and 1200 pictures.

In some cases you may need to [refresh](#) your screen to get the most up-to-date issue.

If you need help, be sure to contact your coaches listed on page 2.

## Activity Group Updates

### Tomato tasting at the Beaver Valley Flower Farm on September 1<sup>st</sup>

This event was cancelled last year because of tomato blight. Anastasia Sparling will have over 20 different kinds of tomatoes to sample, all colours, shapes and sizes to determine which you like best. You can buy what you like and order up the plants you find irresistible for your own garden next spring.

### Sardinia [Italian] & the Northern Lake District of Italy September 17 to Oct 2 2012

Our own Probus member Adrienne Corti has arranged a trip for us to Italy next year. She will take 25 people and there are already 14 people who are going. Call Brenda if you want the names of those going. We will spend a week on the Island of Sardinia staying at 2 different hotels and 1 week on the mainland staying at 1 hotel taking day trips to Milan, Turin, 2 day trips to Switzerland and more. Like Italy, Sardinia is steeped in history. The scenery is breath taking. Cost is \$4000 plus airfare. Airfare will be determined later in the year. For more information contact Adrienne or Brenda.

### Groups coming back in September from summer hiatus

Computer - Hiking - Meditation - Singles Fare - Woodcarving - Water Colours, Oils & Acrylics

## September's Speaker

by Peter Armstrong



This month's speaker is Carl Cosack, whose subject will be the proposed Melancthon mega quarry. Carl has raised cattle at Peace Valley Ranch since the middle of 1975. This 1200 acres ranch has survived the full frontal hit by the 1985 tornado; its legacy is still being felt today.

In part, his commitment to community includes having been the Carter Secretary of the Honeywood Lions Club, a Victim's Liaison Officer with the Shelburne Detachment of the OPP, a school bus driver for Langdon's, and Vice President of Operations for California based Oliver Ranch, establishing a fully functioning producer to consumer internet based meat retailing business in 2007.

With his wife Natalie, along with four children ages 22 to 13, three of those in University, they manage 100 Black Angus Cows, a freezer beef business and some 30 horses.

The love of cows and horses has led them to develop the agro-tourism business of Rawhide Adventures where city slickers can come and learn the skills of true western style horsemanship and livestock management. He is a huge fan of John Wayne and loves everything "western".

Carl has been a NDACT board member since that organizations inception in January of 2009; he has been Vice Chair since the spring of 2011. I will let him tell you the rest of the story.



[click here](#)

for a chance to win 1 free membership

### *The Last Word*

submitted by Barb Thompson

**"Change is not made without inconvenience, even from worse to better." ~ Richard Hooker**

(Richard Hooker was a 16th century Anglican priest and theologian.)

#### **Newspaper Editors**

Seija Wolf  
Sharon Black

#### **Website**

Al and Sharon Black

Constructive comments and suggestions from our members are always appreciated.

Look forward to seeing you at  
our next meeting  
September 27<sup>th</sup>  
starting with Fellowship at 1-1:30