



Beaver Valley Probus Club The Grapevine

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Current Activities

by Viv Alper

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Backroads Cycling
 Birding
 Book Club Chapter One
 Book Club Chapter Too
 Bridge (starts Oct. 12)
 Canasta
 Canoeing
 Casual Dining
 Computer
 Cooking Together
 Cue Sports
 Digital Photography
 Dining About Town
 Easy Cycling
 Euchre
 Gardening
 Gourmet -not really
 Hiking
 Meditation Practice
 Music
 Nordic Pole Walking
 Scrabble
 Singles Fare
 Stitch & Bitch
 Target Shooting (ends Sept.)
 Travel
 Watercolours/Acrylics/Oils
 Wood Carving

With many thanks to Bruno Schulze for his past work as Coordinator; the Investment Club has now closed up shop.

"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".

President's Message

Welcome back to all members after what we are sure has been for most of you an exceptional summer. As we look back on two months of outdoor activities and (mostly) warm, sunny days, I would like to express on your behalf our sincere appreciation to Sharon and Al Black and Seija Wolf who have worked so hard during the summer break on producing the Grapevine, our new online newsletter, the second issue of which you are reading now. We know some of you have had problems with accessing the hyperlinks contained in the first issue. After some exhaustive research by Al Black it appears that in some cases the default security settings of your PDF reader (usually Adobe Reader) do not permit non-PDF documents to be opened or information from the PDF document to be passed to the internet. Luckily this is an easy fix. Anyone still experiencing these problems is urged to contact one of our coaches for advice. The many positive comments received from you since the Grapevine was launched last month are very gratifying, but we will continue to need your feedback, positive and negative, for your newsletter to become what you want it to be. Finally, remember Al Black is conducting a special session at 12:00 (before our September meeting) to demonstrate how to navigate the Beaver Valley Probus Club website including The Grapevine pages.



Experience and Share..... by Sharon Black

Whether you drive or cycle our back roads, canoe our beautiful rivers or walk, hike or snowshoe our peaceful nature trails, you can't help but appreciate the numerous "gems" in our area. We are opening a section of our newsletter for articles describing these unique features as experienced by our members. All members are welcome to submit articles.

For our first article in this series, by Jim Couse, [click here](#).

Hair Raising Stories from the Garden Group

by Carol Hethrington

On August 11th, 15 keen gardeners met at "The Artful Garden" in Bracebridge for a morning of awe, inspiration and fun. The gardens were wonderful, particularly the vegetable garden, but unfortunately the art show interfered – gorgeous man-sized mobiles, humorous metal cutouts, whimsical statuary – so we doubt if anyone noticed too many plants!

For the rest of the story & more pictures, [click here](#).



Reminders of Upcoming Club Events

Theatre [\(details\)](#)

- Oct 4 **Merry Wives of Windsor** – Bus departs BVCC at 8:45am - Tickets will be handed out then.
Dec 7 **Memphis (the Musical not the City)** – Departure from BVCC at 9:45 am – Contact Vicki Kellar

2012 Membership Renewal Time is Approaching

Next month, [October] we will be mailing the renewal forms to members. **If you do not wish to renew for 2012/13** we would be grateful if you would telephone us, e-mail membership@beavervalleyprobus.com or mail a note to Membership, Beaver Valley Probus Club, Box 148, Clarksburg, Ontario, NOH 1J0, before October 15, and we will not include you in the renewal form mailing next month.

The renewal forms will be sent in October to all members and we ask **each member** to confirm that the details shown on their renewal form are correct as we have them on our records. If any of your information has changed please note your new details on the right of the renewal form and we will amend our records accordingly. Thank you.

Since the completed form constitutes the Club's record of your membership for the current year, if you do not wish to renew, and have not advised us previously, just return the form noting your decision.

If you do wish to renew, please be certain to **return the renewal form [corrected as necessary] with a cheque for \$30** [no cash please], to Beaver Valley Probus Club, P.O. Box 148, Clarksburg ON NOH 1J0, by Jan 31, 2012.

Same household couples may send a joint cheque (for \$60) as long as ***both renewal forms*** are included with the cheque.

Note: You may postdate your cheque(s) to Jan 31, 2012.

Our current membership year ends on January 31, 2012 which will be the final date for membership renewal so ***please note, any member whose renewal has not been received by January 31, 2012 will be removed from the 2012 membership list.***

CONGRATULATIONS to Wiwi Thomsen

for once again completing the 2 day 175 km MS Ride In August. This was Wiwi's 11th ride for Multiple Sclerosis and she plans to participate in it until she is 80! This year she raised \$3002.00.



Hints & Tips
... by Al Black

To view many of the documents on our website and "The Grapevine" you require a PDF viewer like Adobe Reader. Your coaching team is familiar with Adobe Reader settings and can help if you are having difficulty. If you do not have Adobe Reader on your computer you can download a free copy at www.adobe.com.

Recently, changes have been made to the links used in the newsletter to make it easier for our MAC users to view the "details". If you have experienced difficulties in the August newsletter, try it again now.

Your coaching team will be available to assist you up until the end of October, so be sure to contact them if you run into any glitches. Seija and Al are available in September and Seija and John in October.

You may also be interested in joining me at 12 noon on the day of our September meeting for my presentation:

Accessing & Navigating the Electronic Newsletter & Website.



RESERVE THIS DATE!!!

Tuesday, December 6th is the date of our Christmas brunch at Alpine Ski Club. The committee is planning a slightly new format so we will be starting at 11 am and having a holiday brunch instead of a turkey dinner. More details, as they come available, will be posted in Club Events section of the website. Tickets will be available at both the October & November meetings.

Activity Group Updates

Many pictures have been added to several sections of our website. [Click here](#) and enjoy!

The **Carving group** will meet again, on Mondays after Labour Day, at Errinrung Nursing Home, from 1 to 4 p.m. We are going to start a Celtic Love Spoon exercise, so anyone interested should just show up.

Our **Singles Fare** theme for 25 Sept. @6pm is YOUR FAVOURITE. The hosts are Bev Johnston and Brenda Ratkay. Our theme for 30 Oct. @6pm is LOCAVORE and the hosts are Peggy Corson and Ann Bardoel. Thanks to Mary Dillon the schedules are available on our website [click here](#). We have gone back to 2 groups as we were short of spares last year. Our members are incredibly busy with family and travel.

The **Garden** group Tour of Georgian Hills Winery on October 6th at 2 pm includes a vineyard and winery tour followed by a tasting session with 5 wines (including an ice wine) paired with suggested local food. Cost is \$20 and limited to 20 people. Additional details are available in the gardening section of our website [click here](#).

The **Hiking** schedule is as follows (*October dates are tentative*):

September 22	Bognor Marsh Ridge (4th line) to Woodford	8km
September 29	Hogg's Falls Horse Trail Loop	6km
October 6	The Glen, a little north of Owen Sound	6.7km
October 13	Graham's Hill Road to Horse Trail	6km
October 20	The Karsts to Talisman	5km
October 27	Skidders Bluff to Bruces Caves	8.5km

Travel to Sardinia and the Northern Lake District of Italy. Come and join Adrienne, our tour leader and 20 of us who have already joined up for this great trip in September 2012. There is room for 5 more people. This trip is open to Probus members till NOV. 1. After that Adrienne has a waiting list of non Probus members wishing to join us. More information will be available at our September meeting or email Adrienne for the itinerary and application forms.

Everyone is welcome to participate in **Dining About Town**. Arrangements have been made for your dining pleasure, October 12 at Simplicity Bistro in Thornbury and November 9th at Tesoro Italian restaurant in Collingwood.....[details](#).

The **Gourmet (not really!)** group starts up again Thursday, Sept 22 with 3 hosts and almost 30 diners. Call Gayle if you think you might be interested in joining us. We invite you to participate in a 'test' meal. [Click here](#) for more details and photos available on the website.

Newspaper Editors

Seija Wolf
Sharon Black

Website

Al and Sharon Black

Constructive comments and suggestions from our members are always appreciated.

Message from your Editors

Here is what our readers are saying . . .

- Excellent newsletter. Congratulations on producing an informative and easy to read, well illustrated, inter-active newsletter! *Lorraine Lowe*
- Congratulations..... to the team who put together such an exciting publication of The Grapevine our new format newsletter for the Beaver Valley Probus.... We really like it; no we love it.... so looking forward to the next or first full publication.... *Danielle Anderson*
- Great job on the new Newsletter. It has as much detail as anyone could ask for and is very easy to navigate. Well Done! *John Corrigan*

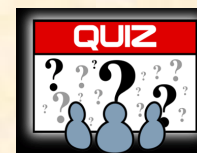
... and the accolades kept rolling in. We thank you for all your encouraging words regarding the new format and content of "The Grapevine". Our thanks also go to John Berrington for heading up the project, to Al Black for his excellent technical support and the entire Communications Strategy team for their suggestions and support.

A conversation at Target Shooting (a true story)

Yknow, we have to watch it. The girls are getting better than we are !!!



Ya, I'm not shooting worth a darn today.



[click here](#)

and to



Name That Tune

[click here](#)

for a double chance to win 1
free membership

September's Speaker

As noted in last month's newsletter, our speaker for September is Carl Cosack, whose subject will be the proposed Melancthon mega quarry.... [read on](#).

The following website will give you some advanced information on this subject

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8ZkwK22hql>

The Last Word

submitted by John Berrington

"It is only here in large portions of Canada that wonderous second wind, the Indian summer, attains its amplitude and heavenly perfection, — the temperatures; the sunny haze; the mellow, rich delicate, almost flavoured air:
Enough to live — enough to merely be."

Walt Whitman, Diary in Canada. (1880)

October's Speaker

Karen Carruthers is Communications Officer with the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC), where she chairs the biennial Leading Edge Conference series on the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Reserve and coordinates the agency's communications program including website, publications and community outreach. A graduate of Queen's University and the Royal Military College of Canada, Karen spent ten years in the museum field before joining the NEC.

Karen Carruthers will provide a presentation on the Niagara Escarpment program, highlighting the Escarpment's unique geology and ecology, as well as its tourism destinations and scenic landscapes. She will also describe the Niagara Escarpment's Biosphere Reserve designation and international recognition of the Niagara Escarpment as one of the world's natural wonders. The presentation includes a history of the Niagara Escarpment Commission as a land use planning agency of Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources, and its role administering the Niagara Escarpment Plan, Canada's first large-scale environmental land use plan. An overview of current land use planning challenges and opportunities and a time for questions will wrap up the presentation.

Look forward to seeing you at
our next meeting on September 27th
starting with a Learning Opportunity at 12 noon
followed by Fellowship at 1–1:30 p.m.