



# PROBUS Club of Cambridge Newsletter

October 4, 2021

Our Annual General Meeting on Zoom went off without a hitch, thanks to careful planning by our outgoing President Peter Hunton, Rad Bazzul, chair of the nominating committee and our technical team.

During this past year, Peter and his team did an amazing job and met the challenge of running the club for a full year on Zoom. Thank you to all and congratulations on a job well done.



In the coming months, I look forward to working with the new team. I sincerely hope that the worst of Covid is behind us, and that we can very soon return to 'normal', both in our daily lives and in PROBUS.

Brenda Irving, our guest speaker, was informative and entertaining. While watching and listening to her, it is obvious that she is passionate about her work.

It was fun hearing of the antics she experienced while going to school in Preston and later being a female in male dominated sports - including the challenges she faced in the locker rooms. Her telling of the stories behind the stories was particularly engaging.

Just click the button below to view the recording of the AGM. If you want to review just the speaker's presentation, it starts at the 21:00 mark.

Our next meeting on October 27th is our annual Veteran's Meeting and a full program is planned by our Veteran's committee.

We are planning on the October meeting being in person, subject to any significant change in the public health status in our community.

To gain entry to the hall, you must have proof that you are fully vaccinated. Face masks must be worn unless seated and consuming a beverage. Since we will not be serving coffee, we encourage you to bring your own beverage, although bottled water will be available.

Prior to the meeting, we will be providing you with the complete list of requirements.

If for whatever reason you choose not to attend this meeting in person, it will be recorded and available to watch on Zoom shortly afterwards.

Feel free to forward this newsletter to a friend who may be a prospective future member. Consider also providing your friend's email address to Bob McBlain, our Membership Chair, for further follow-up.

. . . Ron Woynarski, President

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## **Recording of September 29 Meeting**

Click on the button to view our last meeting recording. The speaker portion begins at the 21:00 minute mark.

[Watch the Meeting Recording](#)

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## **Brenda Irving Sports Broadcasting Professional**

In our September meeting, Brenda Irving was our guest speaker.

Brenda is a Sports Broadcasting professional. In 2016, Brenda Irving was inducted into the Cambridge Sports Hall of Fame.

She shared many aspects of her career in a male-dominated profession, as well as highlights from the Olympics and world calibre sporting events around the world.

To view the recording of her presentation, click on the Watch the Meeting Recording link above. She is introduced at the 21:00 minute mark.



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## **Ted Barris Military Historian and Author**

Ted is guest speaker for our meeting on October 27th.

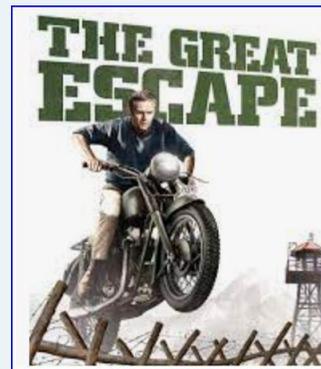
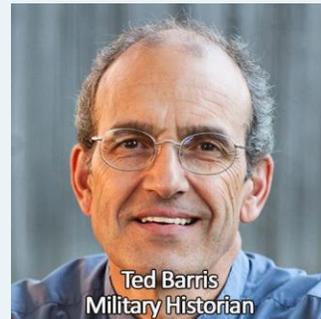
He is a famous Canadian writer, journalist, professor and broadcaster.

He writes a weekly column, "The Barris Beat", and is a regular contributor to The Globe and Mail and the National Post.

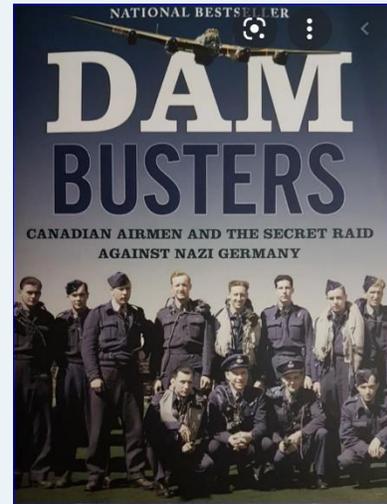
His non-fiction works focus on Canada's military heritage.

Ted has authored 18 books, including:

- Dam Busters: Canadian Airmen and The Secret Raid Against Nazi Germany (2018)



- Fire Canoe: Prairie Steamboat Days Revisited 2nd Edition (1977)
- The Great Escape: A Canadian Story (2013)
- Victory at Vimy: Canada Comes of Age, April 9–12, 1917 (2007)
- Juno: Canadians at D-Day June 6, 1944 (2004)
- Deadlock in Korea : Canadians at War, 1950-1953 (1998)
- Playing Overtime: A Celebration of Oldtimers Hockey (1995)
- Days of Victory: Canadians Remember, 1939-1945 (1995)
- Behind the Glory: Canada's Role in the Allied Air War (1992)



## Use of Wild Apricot for Event Management

“Wild Apricot” is the new computer software that we now use to manage virtually all of the Club’s operations, including our new improved website, the meeting and events program, all member communications and the membership renewal and dues collection process.

Recently I used Wild Apricot ‘s event module to organize the annual golf tournament. The first step was to post the event details, with registration instructions, on the website calendar and activities list. Then automated email reminders were set up to be sent to the membership at predetermined points in time as the event data drew nearer.

By signing on to the website, members were easily able to view the event details, register themselves, add a guest or cancel an already made registration.

Alternatively, I as event organizer, was able to perform these tasks for them on request.

The registration process can be set up to ask for information relevant to the event. For example, for the golf tournament, those registering were asked to indicate that they had been vaccinated. Though not required for this particular event, the system can also manage online prepayments and track the actual check in of registrants at the event venue.

Sending emails to registrants with information updates on the event program, schedule etc. was extremely easy. The ability to download the registrant list to my computer was a big help in setting up player groups and assigning tee times.

The many benefits of using Wild Apricot for this first club event were evident. In the future, when we have a full program of activities and special interest groups, the system will save the organizers enormous amounts of time.

But more importantly, online access via the website to event details and individual registration information will provide many convenient features for members. When is the next billiards club meeting? What is the deadline to register for race night at Flamborough Downs? Did I make the advance payment for the Christmas lunch?

Yet again, Probus No. 1 is at the forefront of using technology to make our Club better and better.

. . . Miles Lauzon, Golf Tournament Organizer

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## **Outgoing Members of the Management Committee**

**Dennis Mercier:** Having been a Secretary of the Committee of Management for the last five years, I have welcomed the experience of working with dedicated men looking to provide our PROBUS Club with the best membership experience possible.

We have worked together to digitize almost all Club records and used technology to place them in a repository that will serve future committees well. Welcoming that challenge, we have triumphed to ultimately have Wild Apricot to lighten the load for

all and unknowingly preparing for the pandemic that prevented us from enjoying the best part - meeting in-person.

In am proud to be a continuing member of the PROBUS Club of Cambridge, even though I have a London address...

. . . Dennis Mercier

**Jack Kok:** It has been a pleasure to have served on the Committee of Management over the last six years. It has reinforced in me the dedication to the club that the committee members have towards making the club the great club that it is.

It is my hope that we soon can meet again in person at the hall. I look forward to the camaraderie and enjoyment we have there. I thank all of you that assisted me during my tenure on the committee of management.

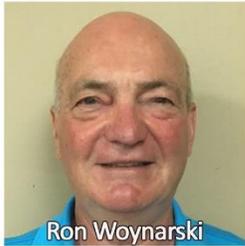
My PROBUS experience was and is greatly enhanced by knowing you and participating in the management of the club.

. . . Jack Kok

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## **New Management Committee**

Rad Bazzul, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the final slate of the 2021 / 2022 Management Committee at the General Meeting on September 29th as proposed by the Nominations Committee, and acclaimed by the Management Committee.



Ron Woynarski

**President**



Bob Howison

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President**



Norm Steele

**2nd Vice-President**



Peter Hunton

**Past President**



Harold Fines

**Secretary**

Assistant:  
TBD



Jim Cook

**Treasurer**

Assistant:  
Colin Brighton



Mike Jeans

**Vignettes**



Ivan Robinson

**Archivist**



Richard Shanks

**Chair: Activities**

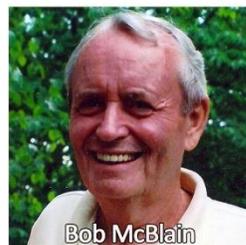
Committee Member:  
Alvin Glaab



Iain Hutchinson

**Chair: Club Services**

Committee Members:  
George Barrie, Ian Sinclair



Bob McBlain

**Chair: Membership**

Committee Member:  
Rad Bazzul



Paul Tunks

**Chair: Newsletter**

Committee Member:  
Dan Clements



Dan Clements

**Chair: Speakers**

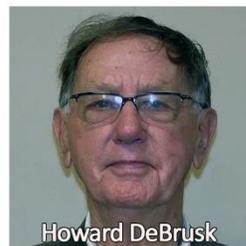
Committee Member:  
Bob Sanders



Mark Maloney

**Chair: Technology**

Committee Members:  
Dan Clements, Paul  
Tunks, Mike Jeans



Howard DeBrusk

**Chair: Welcome**

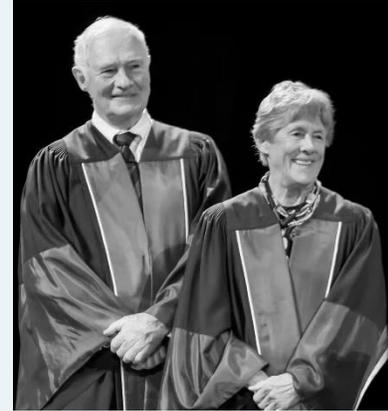
Committee Members:  
George Lee, Bill Babstock



## David and Sharon Johnston Special PROBUS Meeting

The Sunshine Women's PROBUS Club of Waterloo had Dr. David and Mrs. Sharon Johnston share their experiences with us in their September club ZOOM meeting.

They would like to share the meeting recording with all of us!



[Watch Recording](#)

**Below are comments provided from Peter Hutton:**

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“What nice people!” was my immediate reaction to the Johnstons’ participation in the Sunshine Club’s excellent meeting last month. Especially heart warming was David’s description of their weekend at Balmoral Castle with the Queen and Prince Phillip. Just two couples enjoying time in the country!

The former Governor General clearly has a deep and abiding love for Canada and he made this clear every time he spoke about his time as our Queen’s representative. As I watched the recording, I found this a pleasant antidote to current news items and the recent election campaign – this really is a great country to live in and we should count our blessings.

Having spent more than a decade in rural Waterloo Region, David used the Mennonite “Barn Raising” as an example of how society can engage cooperatively to solve problems. His several books written since his “retirement” expand greatly on these themes.

Sharon Johnston, David’s wife and companion of 58 years, shared with us a fascinating history, including early contact with residential schools, which she is describing in a series of novels.

They both have strong views on how the Indigenous community can evolve into a more equal part of the Canadian whole.

Congratulations to the Sunshine PROBUS Club of Waterloo for mounting a splendid event, and allowing us to be a part of it.

Their books are available through [Wordsworth Books](#) in Waterloo, or at these links:  
[Trust: Twenty Ways to Build a Better Country](#) by David Johnston  
[Patchwork Society](#) by Sharon Johnston

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## Trivia Contest

At the September 15 questions and answers were provided by Dennis Souder featuring questions of current news, historic election facts, transportation and space.

The winner was Mark Maloney with Mike Jeans only 1 point behind.

Next month Mark will provide the questions.

To register for our monthly Trivia Contest activity, you must first log in to [our web site](#), then visit the Activities section, find the Trivia Contest item and click the Register button.

Please contact me for assistance registering or with any questions.

. . . Dan Clements, 519-212-8267



**PROBUS CANADA**  
"NEWSLETTER"

The September 2021 PROBUS CANADA Newsletter lead article explains how the hugely successful PROBUS Canada Zoom support program was the brainchild of Dan Clements, Rad Bazzul and Martin Capper (our Regional Director). It describes how Dan was instrumental in helping set up the program.

[PROBUS Canada Newsletter Sept 2021.pdf](#)

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## **PROBUS Global Newsletter June 2021**

Check out the September 2021 PROBUS Global Newsletter for information on how clubs from around the world are operating during COVID.

[PROBUS Global Newsletter Sept 2021.pdf](#)

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