



PROBUS Club of Cambridge Newsletter

August 3, 2022

Our attendance was lower than usual at 67 but that it is a good sign. Life is gradually returning to normal, and more people are travelling and enjoying our wonderful summer weather.

During July, we unfortunately lost four members or past members – Larry Haney who would have celebrated his 100th birthday this month, Norman Lawson who was our club jester for many years, Sonny Snider who as his name implied had a sunny, warm and friendly smile for all, and Vern Copp who although was not currently a member was active with the club for many years.



On a happier note, we recognized that Dick Murphie celebrated his 90th birthday on July 3rd.

It was my pleasure to induct two new members – Mike Atkinson and Norm Warren. I hope that all members take the time to welcome and get to know these newest members who represent our future.

We are gradually returning to our past activities. Miles Lauzon has the planning in hand for the greatest golf tournament in the world on August 24th and Norm Steele is revving up the buses to take our members to the Blue Jays on September 13th. It is not too late to sign up for either or both of these events. As well many other activities are still being planned for the upcoming months.

Neville Darrell presented his vignette. He has had a fascinating career and is gifted orator as befits someone who was a senator and an elected representative in his native Bermuda

Our guest speaker Dr. Sharon Bal gave us an excellent overview of past problems with our health care system, and how the new provincial initiative to create Ontario Health Teams is addressing those concerns.

Dr. Sharon Bal reviewed with us the data that was used to distribute scarce COVID vaccines in the early days of the pandemic. Overall, she gave us optimism that the days of hallway healthcare may be numbered.

You can view the entire meeting by clicking on the button “Watch the Meeting Recording” below.

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

Recording of July 27 Meeting

Click on the button to view our last meeting recording.

Neville Darrell's vignette begins at the 13:30 minute mark.

Our guest speaker, Dr Sharon Bal begins at the 54:00 minute mark.

[Watch the Meeting Recording](#)

Guest Speaker on July 29

Our guest speaker was Dr. Sharon Bal who gave an informative presentation on our health care system including the health system landscape, COVID lessons learned and the future focus of health care.



Dr. Bal is no stranger to rolling up her sleeves to make a difference. From the early days of proposal development, she has been actively involved in the design and implementation of the Cambridge North Dumfries Ontario Health Team (OHT). For the past several years, she has been working to engage her physician colleagues and develop strong partnerships across various sectors to promote the importance of creating one seamless, integrated healthcare team to improve community care. In the year leading up to the creation of the OHT, Dr. Bal rallied colleagues to implement best practices and support surge planning – all to establish a more responsive primary care system. Her strong person-centered, team approach has made her a trusted leader in Waterloo-Wellington’s evolving system

She explained to us how Ontario is shifting from the LHIN structure to local Health Teams. The Cambridge and North Dumfries OHT, which was one of the first teams to be established, began operation just prior to COVID and is lead by Dr. Bal.

Ontario Health tapped Dr. Bal to oversee the local COVID-19 response in long-term care and retirement homes. She has fearlessly entered facilities considered destabilized and unsafe, as needed to assess residents, and help ensure their clinical needs could be met – no doubt making a difference to outcomes in these homes and saving lives. As the primary care contact for the region’s COVID-19 response, Dr. Bal has advocated for primary care involvement in testing and vaccination. She also ensured populations with the greatest vulnerabilities were not overlooked, working to support Indigenous community-led efforts around testing and vaccines, as well as collaborating with outreach workers to support local shelters, including during outbreaks.

Dr. Bal provided COVID data and examples with us to better understand the distribution of scarce COVID vaccines in the early days of the pandemic and lessons learned during COVID.

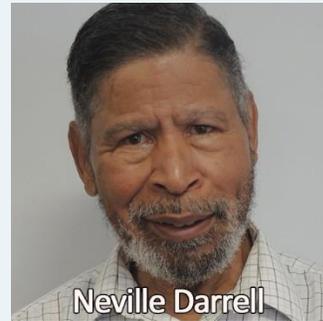
We are fortunate to have her contributing to our community.

To view her presentation, click on the “Watch the Meeting Recording” Button above. Her presentation starts at the 54:00 minute mark.



Neville Darrell's Vignette

Neville's vignette opened with a quote from William Shakespeare, "All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely Players; They have their exits and their entrances and one man (one woman) in his time plays many parts..."



Neville has played many parts through his life.

He has always believed in commitment to community and has adapted as new opportunities arose and he played another part.

Neville relocated to Canada in 1968 as a student from Bermuda and is a proud Canadian citizen.

The first years of his career was a Manager of Admission Assessment Residence for the Metro Children's Aid Society. Then he became Director of a Children of Justice Facility.

Neville had become an independent contractor helping new Canadians and Child Welfare Agencies with workshops and training. The Toronto Police tried to solve race problems with the Ethnic Relations Unit, 1970s – 1980s. He was assigned to a human rights task force. He was also involved in development of return-to-work policies for people with disabilities and engaged in employment equity.

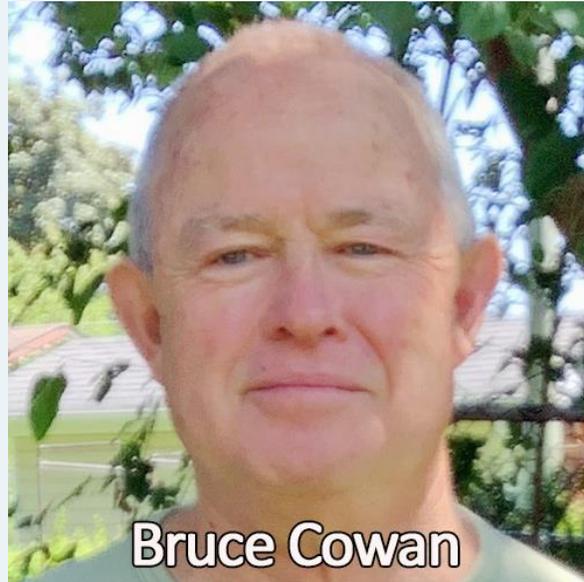
With the change in provincial government the employment equity efforts dwindled and in 1997 Neville had an opportunity to work for the Bermuda government in labour relations. That led to playing a key role in resolving a decades old dispute between hotel owners and workers, participated in transforming tourism in Bermuda and eventually was convinced to become a Member of Parliament in Bermuda.

After a heart attack he returned to Canada and after a quiet time recovering, he returned to work for community good. Neville joined the Picton Hospital Foundation and then the joined the board of the Southeastern LHIN before retiring.

To view the full vignette, click on the "Watch the Meeting Recording" Button above. The vignette starts at the 13:30 minute mark.

August Meeting

Our August meeting will feature vignettes from two of our members, Dave Ottenbrite and Bruce Cowan. Also, an interesting TED talk will be played.



Induction of New Members



Welcome to our club!



Mike Atkinson

Mike Atkinson grew up in Cambridge (Preston).

He joined the RCMP (1966) and started his career in Saskatchewan and worked in Alberta, northern Manitoba, Kitchener, Toronto, Ottawa (where he assumed duties in the Protective Policing Branch which involved providing physical security to Canadian and Foreign dignitaries along with the security of Government buildings and Foreign Embassies) and Cornwall.

After leaving the RCMP in 1995, he took a position at Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto which evolved into a larger role looking after security at several downtown hospitals. In 1998 he took on a “temporary” contract position at Apotex Inc and finally retired in 2017.

Mike moved to Cambridge this past October and plans to stay put.

His wife passed away in July of 2022. He has a daughter living in Cambridge, a son in Richmond Hill and 4 grandchildren.

Welcome to our club!



Norman Warren

Norman Warren was born on Bell Island, Newfoundland the youngest of eleven children. The family moved to Cambridge in 1967 where he went to Glenview Secondary school. He then spent a few years working in British Columbia at Utah Mines, as well as in the logging camps of Port Hardy and the pulp and paper mill in Powell River.

Returning to Cambridge, Norm spent 10 years building combines at the Massey Ferguson plant in Brantford. After buying a number of rental properties, he found his calling to be real estate, obtaining his licence in 1986, followed by a Broker's licence. The result of all that being: Norm Warren Realty Ltd., which he ran for 35 years before retiring.

Norm also generously volunteered his time for Real Estate Board Committees, as President of the Real Estate Board of Cambridge and served on the Economic Development Committee for the City of Cambridge from 1990 to 1992.

Now retired Norm and his wife enjoy travelling and spending time with their two grandchildren and golf.

Bridge Club

We all know the positive effect our PROBUS meetings have on our continuing sociability and stimulating of our brain cells. So do our bridge sessions.

After nearly three years off due to Covid-19 we're planning a re-start in September 2022. From mid-September to mid-June, we meet every two weeks for two tables of friendly bridge at the home of one of our eight regular players.

This means that two or three times a year each player hosts the Tuesday afternoon games (1 to 5 pm). The host provides some refreshments, two tables and score cards. Good times do not come cheap; the entry fee is \$2.00 every two weeks. Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and low score.

We have several spare players anxious to return and we have openings for three regular players. With so many new members over the recent years, it seems likely that some would have played in the past; or, if novices, would like to improve their skills.



Please give me a call or send me an e-mail.

Let the Games Begin!

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Annual Golf Tournament

August 24, 2022 (**Deadline for registration is August 10th**)

Grand Valley Golf Club

Tee Times beginning at 12 NOON

Dinner and Prizes at 5:30 PM

The best ball format makes this a fun event for golfers of all skill levels. PROBUS members are welcome to bring guests. A good way to introduce a friend to the fellowship of PROBUS.

Green fees with one half cart rental are the same as last year: \$45.00 payable directly to the golf club at check in. Pay for your own dinner from the menu.

No need to pay in advance for this event, but [please register](#) before August 10th.

Let's look forward to meeting old friends and making new ones.

Golf Tournament

For assistance with registering or any questions, please contact Miles Lauzon, golf tournament chair, at 519-267-8183 or mileslauzon@rogers.com . He will guide you through the registration process or, if you prefer, register for you.

Blue Jays Event

BLUE JAYS Day for our Club is September 13th. (**Deadline for registration is August 22nd**)

We have reserved a block of tickets so you can have up to three adult guests join you.

The bus leaves the RONA store parking lot on Pinebush Road, just east of Hespeler Road at 11:00 am for a 1:07 pm game against the Tampa Bay Rays.

The game ends about 4 pm and our bus takes us home to Cambridge. There is an optional dinner at a Cambridge restaurant at your own expense (restaurant TBD)

Tickets, including the bus trip to and from, are \$80 per person and reservations/payment can be made on the club website. Simply click on the Blue Jays button to the right, under the Blue Jays logo. Or you can pay at our monthly meeting.

On the web currently, the ticket prices for the Third Base Line (where our block of tickets is located) are going for over \$80 --- if you plan on attending, please book soon.

For more information, assistance with registering or additional guest tickets (you can bring more than 3 guests if you wish), please contact:

. . . Norm Steele, steelenorm013@gmail.com,

(519) 212-0303



Blue Jays

Billiards

Whether you are an experienced player or wanting to learn the game you are welcome to join us at Chicago Billiards (at the Delta) on the 3rd Friday of every month.

Please contact me for assistance registering or with any questions.

. . . Colin Brighton, 519-267-1182



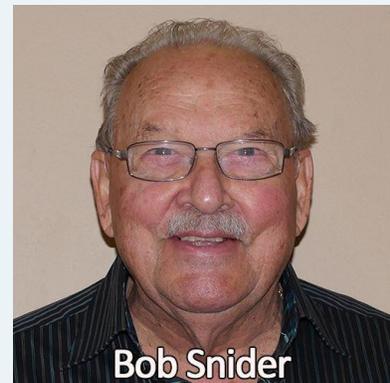
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In Memoriam

Robert "Sonny" Snider passed away on July 11, 2022 at age 95.

Sonny always had a smile and was a real gentleman. He loved billiards and always walked in with his personal pool cue.

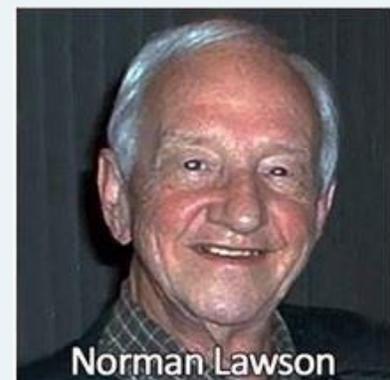
[Obituary information is available here](#)



Norman Lawson was 91 and had a good life.

Norman was born in Scotland, coming to Canada in 1954. He worked for Easter Seals doing the graphics for advertising and then branched out to other non-profits doing logos, pamphlets and newsletters etc. He was also a skilled proofreader.

Norman was a founding member of the Belleville PROBUS Club and an active member of ours when he moved to Cambridge. He was our Club Jester for many years.



Larry Haney was almost 100 years old when he passed away on July 1, 2022.

Larry enjoyed travel and wintering in Florida. He had been a long term member of the Masonic Lodge and PROBUS.

[Obituary information is available here](#)



Vernon "Vern" Copp recently passed away at age 95.

Vern was formerly a member of PROBUS. His family has provided a wonderful tribute to him in his obituary.

[Obituary information is available here](#)



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