



PROBUS CLUB OF AJAX MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

PROBUS Club of Ajax, Club #82 Ajax, Ontario

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The June 1st meeting will be hybrid (in person at the Ajax Community Centre and on Zoom).

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a lovely time of year – the flowers are starting to bloom, and the leaves are coming out on the trees. There is green everywhere. Winter is just a memory.

Because we realize that not everyone is comfortable being in person with a large group, our club will continue to have hybrid meetings. Our May 4 meeting had about 35 people attend in person and 18 on Zoom. We served coffee and tea at the meeting. The speaker, Denise Davy, was very informative and gave me a different perspective on people who are homeless.



Our club still requires people to volunteer for the management team. At the moment we do not have a vice-president. In September we will also need a president, speaker co-ordinator, newsletter editor, and special interest co-ordinator. If you are able to help with any of these positions, I would be happy to send you the job descriptions, so you have an idea of what is involved. My email is ajaxprobuspresident@gmail.com. Volunteers are necessary in order to have the club function.

The PROBUS Club of Ajax would like to increase our membership. If you have any friends or neighbours who might be interested in joining our club, please have them attend as a guest (either in person or on Zoom).

One of the other PROBUS clubs have a puzzle exchange. I realize that this is probably not the best time to start this because we are getting outdoors more with the warm weather, but I would like to try this with our club. I will bring one or two puzzles to the next meeting and invite anyone interested to do the same. If your puzzle is not picked up at the meeting, please take it home with you.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting.

Jane Wilson



MAY 4th HYBRID MEETING



Carol & Margaret at the door



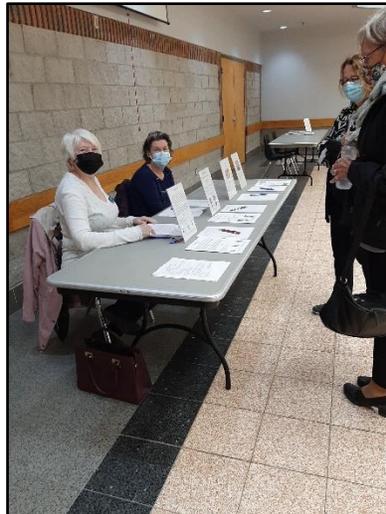
Jane opening the meeting



Rowena giving the financial report



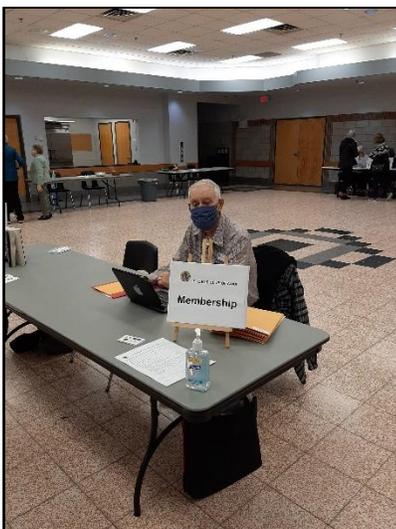
Laura Rae from Age Friendly Ajax



Julie & Elaine doing Social sign-ups



Jane, Bernie & Stewart serving coffee



Tom at the Membership table



Victoria introducing our speaker



Speaker Denise Davy & her assistant

Revised: COVID-19 PROTOCOL
PROBUS CLUB OF AJAX

The PROBUS Club of Ajax is a private social club for seniors. Given the ages of our members, it is imperative that safety be our highest priority. Our Club must manage the risk of COVID-19, as we re-introduce in-person meetings and activities. **Even though the Province of Ontario has lifted Proof of Vaccination and masking requirements, the Management Committee has decided to still require proof of vaccination and ask that masks continue to be worn for the foreseeable future for all in-person gatherings of the PROBUS Club of Ajax.**

All participants must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19. In addition, a minimum of two weeks must have passed since the second shot was administered. These vaccination requirements include, but are not limited to, our monthly membership meetings, interest group activities, and social events. We ask that masks be worn at the General Meetings and any in-door activities other than when meals are served.

This is how it will work:

- a) When you attend your first in-person membership meeting, bring your proof of vaccination (either the receipt you were given when you received the vaccination or the Ontario Government Vaccine Certificate). Your name will be recorded as having shown proof of vaccination when you enter the meeting room. **Admittance to the room will not be allowed if your Vaccination Receipt is not provided.** The Social Co-ordinator, Interest Group Co-ordinator and House Co-ordinator for membership meetings, will have access to a list of fully vaccinated Club members, and use this list when approving attendance at their respective activities so you will not need show your proof of vaccination after your first in-person meeting.
- b) This COVID-19 Protocol will be implemented at our Club's first in-person membership meeting. If there are any interest group activities or social events sanctioned by the PROBUS Club of Ajax, which occur prior to the first in-person membership meeting, then you must provide proof of vaccination at that time in order to participate in same.
- c) If you decide not to be vaccinated for COVID-19, you may attend any virtual events offered by the PROBUS Club of Ajax. This includes our Hybrid membership meetings, and Interest Groups provided on Zoom and Trickster. If you are not vaccinated, do not attend any in-person meetings, interest group activities or social outings etc. held by the PROBUS Club of Ajax.
- d) All COVID-19 Province of Ontario Regulations and Public Health Guidelines in effect at the time of the PROBUS Club of Ajax in-person gathering will prevail, including group size, physical distancing, mask requirements etc.

As stated above, member safety is of paramount importance within our Club. If you have any questions, please email them to ajaxprobuspresident@gmail.com

We are all looking forward to the opportunity of meeting again in-person.

Take care and stay safe.
Management Committee
PROBUS Club of Ajax
March 2022

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MEMBERSHIP

Sorry to report we have no new members this month. However, at the June 1st meeting I will have Name Badges and welcome envelopes for nine members who joined our ranks during the lockdown.

Please email or call me if you would like a copy of the membership list. Also, please keep in mind that our list is only as good as the information I receive, so if you have changed your personal information in any way please let me know.



Tom Rosebush, Membership Coordinator

437 981-6719 or tom.rosebush@gmail.com.

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FROM THE PROBUS TREASURER

How to Make an e-Transfer to Ajax PROBUS

You may now pay for memberships and social events by e-Transfer. Please follow the procedure exactly. Each bank has a slightly different system; however, the steps are the same, but may be in a different order.

- 1) Sign into online banking
- 2) Select Interact e-Transfer
- 3) Select "Send Money" or whatever name your bank calls it
- 4) Select the bank account from which you are sending money
- 5) In the Amount field, enter the amount you are sending
- 6) Enter the recipient: (each bank is slightly different in the way this works)
 - Select: Enter New Recipient
 - add the name PROBUS Club of Ajax
 - enter the email address: probusajxtreasurer@gmail.com
 - *double check to make sure the email address is exactly as above!!!*
- 7) **In the Comments box you MUST enter**
 - *Your name (and other names if it is for more than one person)
 - * What the money is for

If you do not put anything in the comments, we will have no idea why you are sending the money!

 - 8) Double check everything is correct, especially the email address!
 - 9) Go to next step – Review and Finish Transaction.
 - 10) Ajax Probus is using the safest method of e-Transfer which is Autodeposit. Once you hit send, the money will go directly to our account, and cannot be intercepted. (Passwords are not used in this method)

Last but not least: Notify the Membership Coordinator, or Social Coordinator that you have paid by e-Transfer.

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MEMBERS CORNER



One of my friends from the gym is moving to BC. We wanted to take her out for a farewell lunch and asked her where she would like to go. She chose the Getaway Restaurant at Casino Ajax. After we finished eating, we went outside onto a terrace and watched quarter horse racing. We had no idea there were going to be races that day, so were pleasantly surprised. What a terrific way to spend a lovely spring afternoon.

Barb Squires



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MEMBERS CORNER

We have decided that even after we return to normal activities, that we would like to continue with the Members Corner. It's a great way for us to get to know our fellow Ajax PROBUS members. Keep those articles coming. If they're not used immediately, they will be filed for future newsletters.

Thanks to everyone who have sent contributions so far. We've really enjoyed reading them.

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PROBUS SPEAKERS



JUNE 1, Mark Rector

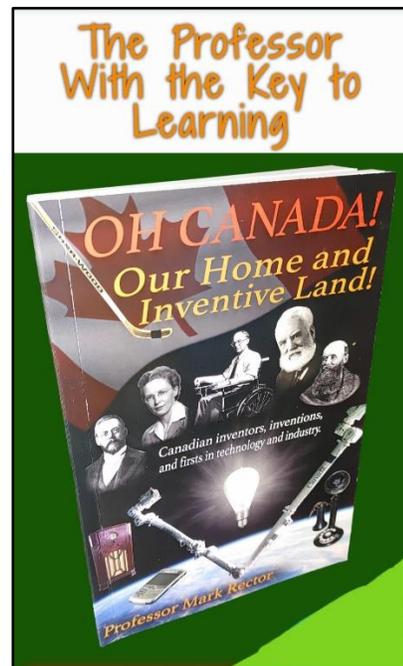
Author of, "Oh Canada! Our Home and Inventive Land"

Speaker Introduction:

Professor Mark Rector is recognized as a passionate, entertaining, and gifted speaker with the ability to hold and engage audiences of all sizes. His fun and enjoyable presentations on numerous topics include his multimedia presentation on Canadian inventors that's been amazing crowds and receiving standing ovations across the country.

Biography:

Professor Rector is a published author, public speaker, and a recently retired Professor of Electronics Engineering with a specialty in telecommunications. He has written numerous articles, contributed to nationally published textbooks, and just released his first book, "Oh Canada! Our Home and Inventive Land" (2018). It's already sold over 2,000 copies and is available at over 65 bookstores and museums across Canada.



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PROBUS SPEAKERS (Continued)



JULY 6 - Mike Daley

The Elvis Presley Story

Speaker Introduction:

Elvis defined rock and roll culture in the 1950s with hit records like “Heartbreak Hotel” and “Love Me Tender” and scored hits well into the 1970s like “In The Ghetto” and “Suspicious Minds.” The King of Rock and Roll led a life filled with triumphs and tragedies. His life and music are the subject of Dr. Mike Daley’s lecture.

Speaker Bio:

Dr. Mike Daley is a freelance popular music history lecturer around Toronto. He holds a Ph.D in musicology and has published widely on a variety of musical subjects. Mike's well-received lectures on the Beatles, Elvis, jazz, folk music and much more have gained him a strong following in the GTA. Mike also offers video lecture series on his website, mikedaleymusic.com and is currently writing a history of live music in the Yorkville coffee house district of Toronto in the 1950s and 1960s.



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AJAX PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS

RODEO (Ladies Lunch)	Dawn Thornton	Dining Out	Carol Breen
Bridge	Harvey Brodhecker	Cribbage	Reg Lawrance
Golf	Marcia Everitt Durham West	Breakfast Club	Julie Mathewson
Euchre	Julie Mathewson	Book Club	Bernie Rosebush
Billiards	Don Vorhees Pickering PROBUS	Movie Club	
Walking Club	Ron Mitchell & Maureen McVarish		

In-Person Activity Guideline

As we begin to resume in-person activities, we would like to remind our members that there is always a possible risk involved when socializing. Your personal decision to participate in any PROBUS in-person activity should be made knowing you are taking full responsibility for that decision. The PROBUS Club of Ajax cannot be deemed responsible for the decision of individual members. Your own personal health and safety should be your first concern. For everyone's safety, participating in a PROBUS Club of Ajax in-person activity will require you to be fully vaccinated and follow all Health Department and Provincial guidelines.

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SOCIAL



June 15th – Picton Wine Tour – Cost \$129

Welcome to Prince Edward County, a Designated Viticultural Area in Ontario with close to 40 wineries and new ones popping up every year. Our winemakers are true pioneers – tenacious, innovative, and passionate.

Includes:

- Return transportation by Motor Coach
- Bus departs by 8:45 am
- Lunch at Black Prince Winery with a tasting at another local Winery
- Visit to the “Lake in the Mountain”
- Driver’s Tip

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June 21st & 22nd – Shaw Festival Cost \$499 + hst

Your Tour includes:

- Guided tour of Whistling Gardens (largest collection of peonies in North America)
<https://www.whistlinggardens.ca/>
- Picnic lunch
- One night stay at Holiday Inn in Niagara on the Lake with breakfast
- Orchestra level ticket to “Importance of Being Earnest” & “Damn Yankees”
- Visit to Niagara-on-the-lake
- Driver’s tip & 407 Tolls



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July 14th – Westben Theatre Presents Abba Mia – Cost \$120

Afternoon includes:

- Return transportation by motor coach
- Picnic lunch
- Ticket for show
- Driver’s tip

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August 15th – Cruise the Toronto Harbour on the Obsessions III – Cost \$140

The OBSESSION III is a 78' beautiful motor yacht. Her main salon is large and spacious, featuring a raised area for live music. She can comfortably hold up to 190 guests. The real treat here however is the upper deck -- Obsession III has a fully retractable roof! Your guests can enjoy the largest dance deck in any weather. Our two-deck ship boasts an elegant dining room with scenic windows.

Includes:

- Return transportation by motor coach
- Dance and Dinner aboard the Obsession III
- Cruise in Toronto Harbor
- Driver’s tip



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Annual BBQ – Information available soon!



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Coming this Fall:

- 1000 Island Cruise with Kingston Penitentiary Tour (September)
- Frankenmuth / Mackinac Island (September 13th – 16th)
- Louise Penny Tour (late September)
- Micro-brewery Tour (October)
- Nashville / Memphis Tour (November 17th – 24th)
- St. Jacobs with play and Market (November 30th)
- Famous People Players (December 13th)

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Please contact Shirlie at shirlievanputten@rogers.com or 905-619-8583
For more information!

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PROBUS BRIDGE



MARATHON BRIDGE

Marathon Bridge will commence in September. Please confirm your team's participation to Harvey sometime during the summer.

BRIDGE IS BACK AT THE AJAX LIBRARY

Social bridge is back at the Ajax Library main branch, every Thursdays from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. It will run every Thursday until September at which time we will go back to alternating with lessons. There are no lessons until September just social bridge every Thursday afternoon.

You should wear a MASK for others comfort and safety.

Please hand SANITIZE upon entry to the Rotary Room using the sanitizer that is supplied.

Drinks will not be supplied. If you need to have a drink, please bring your own water bottle, and move away from the table to drink.

There is a LIMIT of 7 tables (28 players). This should handle the regular number of participants but if there are more players than 28 players, participation will be on a first come first serve basis.

During the past months we have been playing Bridge on Trickster. These games are now terminated.

I am looking forward to seeing real people and playing bridge with you. As with Marathon Bridge, these Library games are for fun and socialization.

Harvey Brodhecker

BRIDGING THE GAP BRIDGE

The last two months we have been having a series on cue bids. The first two items were Michael's cue bids. Today we will discuss a cue bid called the "Unusual No Trump". The opponent opens 1 of a suit and you jump to 2NT. This is unusual because in standard bridge it says you have 20 or 21 points and a balanced hand. It is most unusual because opener has 12 points, and you have 20. Therefore, the other 2 hands have at most 8 points between them. Therefore, this jump bid to 2NT is used to describe another more common occurrence. It says that you have two five card or longer suits that have not been bid by the opposition THAT ARE OF THE LOWEST RANK.

Here is an example. Opener bids 1 heart. Bid 2NT with a hand like this. (Spades) 5 (Hearts) J2 (Diamonds) A10975 (Clubs) KQ854. – two lowest ranking unbid suits. Another example is opener bids 1 diamond. Bid 2 NT with a hand like this. (Spades) 6 (Hearts) AK962 (Diamonds) 2 (Clubs) AKQ53 two lowest ranking unbid suits.

Partner then bids there best of the 2 described suits. The original Unusual No Trump bidder then passes or with a very powerful hand raises the suit.

Harvey Brodhecker

PROBUS RODEO GROUP



The Rodeo Lunch for June will be held on the 15th of June. It seems a bit early but that is the 3rd Wednesday in June.

In the past we enjoyed eating at Baton Rouge so I thought we could make a return trip there. Address is 26 Consumers Drive, Whitby. 905-444-9525

For those of you just returning to the dining out scene we have changed our start time to 1 p.m. Several members requested this as they need time to get from a regular Wed. morning meeting to the luncheon site. Another bonus is the rooms shouldn't be as crowded at this later time. Please notify me by June 10th or earlier if you would like to join us. Looking forward to meeting with you

Dawn

289-989-0641 dthorn000@gmail.com

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At the May meeting Nancy Hobart gave me some recipes. One of them is below:

Thank you Nancy



GRILLED SWEET POTATO AND CHICKPEA SALAD

INGREDIENTS:

2 sweet potatoes, scrubbed (about 1¼ lbs 570 g)
3 tbsp/45mL canola oil divided
½ tsp chili powder
1/8 tsp salt
1 can (19 oz/540g) chickpeas, drained and rinsed (unsalted)
2 tbsp/30 mL white wine vinegar
2 tbsp/8g fresh parsley, chopped
2 tbsp/8g mint or basil, chopped
¼ cup/58g gouda cheese (light) diced

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Cut sweet potatoes in half crosswise then in half again lengthwise. Cut each into thin wedges and place in a large bowl. Toss with 2 tbsp (30 mL) of the oil, chili powder and salt. Place on a greased grill over medium heat and grill, turning occasionally for about 10 minutes or until lightly charred and tender. Return to bowl and add chickpeas.
2. In a small bowl, whisk together remaining 1 tbsp (15 mL) of oil and vinegar. Drizzle over potato mixture and add parsley, basil and cheese. Toss well to combine.



BREAKFAST CLUB
and
EUCHRE
(Julie)



BREAKFAST CLUB

Come join us for breakfast on Tuesday, June 28th at 9:00. This month we'll go to Scrambles, 527 Westney Road South in Ajax. Call Julie at 905-686-0803 or email jmathewson@rogers.com to reserve your place.

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EUCHRE

This month our euchre games will be on Tuesday, June 14th and Tuesday, June 28th starting at 2:00 pm. Since tables have to be assigned in advance, email Julie at jmathewson@rogers.com by noon the day before if you plan to play.

We are still looking for one or two more players to act as occasional table hosts so we can avoid having to cancel games or limit players. Hosting is simple and it only takes a few minutes to send the invitations out to the others playing at your table. Let Julie know if you're interested.
 905-686-0803 or email jmathewson@rogers.com

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WORD GAMES

Do you like to play Wordle? Put your skills to the test with some of these other online games.

Canuckle - It's the same as Wordle but the answers all have Canadian relevance.

Quordle - Solve 4 Wordles at the same time in 9 tries. You have to figure out the words in order, but letters already guessed will show up in the other game boards, so you don't have to guess them again.

Octordle - Double the fun of Quordle, solve 8 Wordles at the same time in 13 tries (for the truly adventurous!)

Phrazle - Solve a word phrase in 6 attempts.

Nerdle - for math lovers! Figure out a mathematical formula in only 6 tries.

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PROBUS BOOK CLUB



IN-PERSON PROBUS BOOK CLUB MEETING

Meeting: **Date:** Wednesday, **June 25, 2022**
 Time: 1:00 p.m.
 Place: To be determined

Activity: Luncheon (**Still to be determined by group**).

Interested in reading, discussion, fun and fellowship, we welcome you to join our group.

For more information call or e-mail Bernie Rosebush at
905-426-1598 or bernie.rosebush@gmail.com

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<p>June 19th Father's Day</p>		<p>June 21st First Day of Summer</p>

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**I'M AT THAT AGE WHERE
MY MIND STILL THINKS
I'M 29, MY HUMOR
SUGGESTS I'M 12 WHILE
MY BODY MOSTLY KEEPS
ASKING IF I'M SURE I'M
NOT DEAD YET.**

I asked a supermarket market worker where they kept the tinned peaches. He said, "I'll see," and walked away. I asked another and he also said, "I'll see," and walked away.

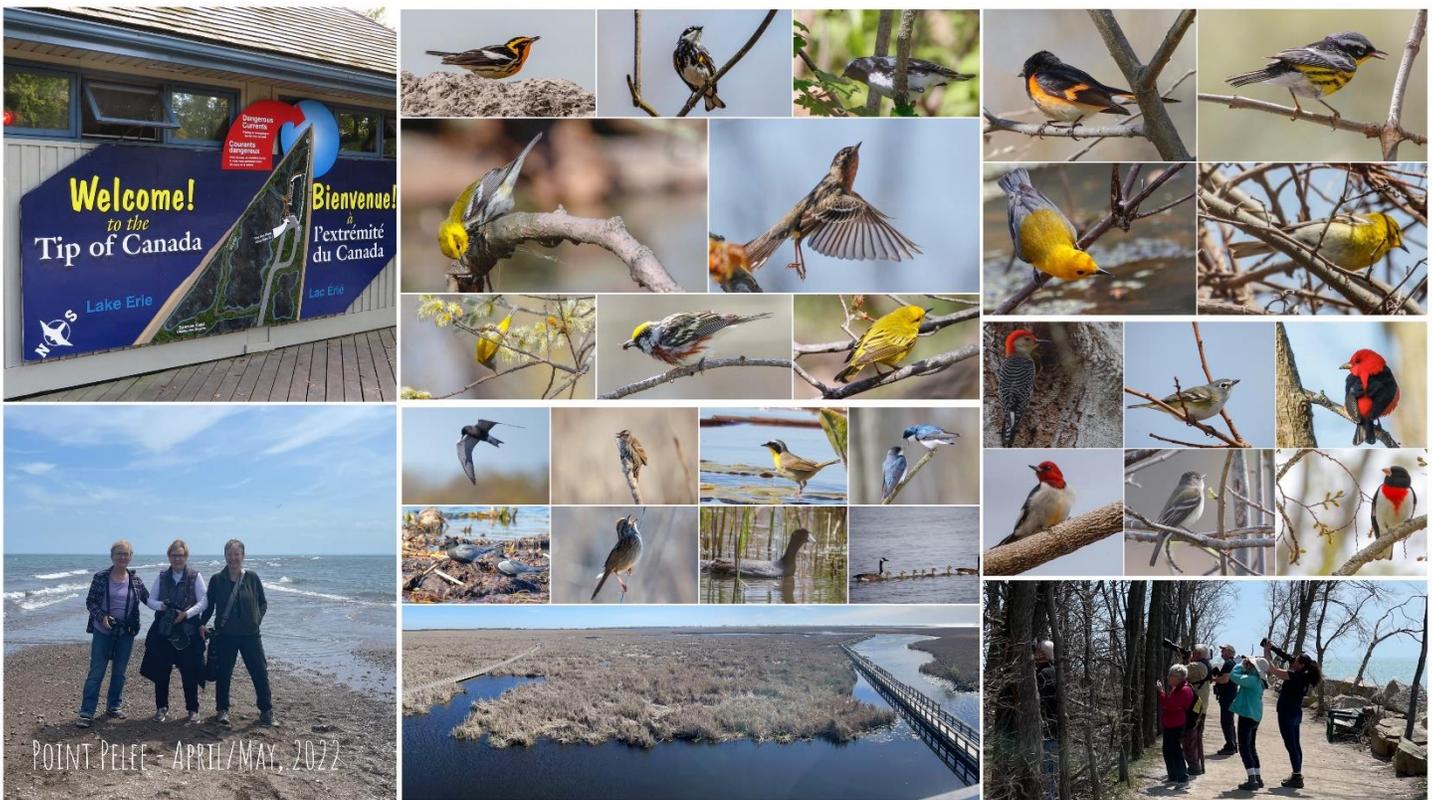
In the end I gave up and found them myself, in Aisle C.

Rambles with my Camera – Point Pelee National Park

(Maureen McVarish)

If you wanted to see the most bird species in one place in Ontario, a visit to Point Pelee National Park is your spot! It is actually a bird watcher's paradise as well as a haven for migratory birds. Because Point Pelee is the southernmost mainland in Canada (same latitude as Northern California) and because it is the first point of land along the migratory route of many birds, this relatively small park hosts a phenomenal number of species on the way to their northern nesting grounds. Birds arrive at the park tired and hungry making them easier to view and photograph. Warblers make up the majority of bird species passing through in early May followed by other songbirds. Waterfowl arrive earlier in March and April and shorebirds later into June.

I visited Point Pelee in April for a Ontario Field Ornithologists group outing and again in May for a week staying nearby. There are biking trails all the way from the gates of the park to the tip and a series of trails of various lengths and habitats including marshes, bogs and wetlands and forests. We visited many of the trails including a one kilometre loop marsh boardwalk and the trails south of the Visitor Centre down to the very tip where friends can pose for a photo just south of the 42nd parallel!



AJAX PROBUS CALENDAR, JUNE, 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10am PROBUS General Hybrid Meeting	2 2:30 pm Bridge	3 2 pm Zoom Chat	4
5	6 11 am Zoom Chat	7	8	9 2:30 pm Bridge	10 2 pm Zoom Chat	11
12	13 11 am Zoom Chat	14 2pm Euchre Trickster	15 Picton Wine Tour 1pm RODEO	16 2:30 pm Bridge	17 2 pm Zoom Chat	18
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26	27 11 am Zoom Chat	28 9am Breakfast Club 2pm Euchre Trickster	29	30 2:30 pm Bridge		

LIBRARY NEWS

“WHAT’S ON FOR JUNE, 2022

The link for What’s On is: www.ajaxlibrary.ca and click on ‘Programs’

(ctrl click for link)

AJAX PROBUS MANAGEMENT TEAM, 2021/2022

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Member-at-Large		
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Newsletter	Barb Squires	ajaxprobusexplorer@gmail.com

If you have a problem reaching a Management Team member at any of the above email addresses, send your email to ajaxprobusexplorer@gmail.com and it will get forwarded to the correct person

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For information on other PROBUS Clubs in Canada to: www.probus.org . Our Ajax PROBUS website: www.ajaxprobusexplorer.com.
Many thanks to those who sent in items for this issue

Comments and items are appreciated including photos of club events. Please send to: ajaxprobusexplorer@gmail.com