

Probus Club of Burlington



Newsletter

March 2024

From Lake Erie to the Arctic Coast: A 3,400 KM Solo Canoe Journey. Adam Shoalts will enthral us with his adventures at the March 21st meeting

Professional adventurer and bestselling author Adam Shoalts shares with us the story of his solo canoe journey from Lake Erie to the Arctic, including practical tips to help with the planning of your next 3,400 km canoe trip.

Here are link to articles from Oct 14 from the [Hamilton Spectator](#) and [Toronto Star](#) about Adam Shoalts.

*“Due to Adam’s contractual commitments, we are not allowed to ‘stream or record his presentation. This means the March meeting will be all in person with **no Zoom** or posting to YouTube. If you want to catch this exciting presentation please plan to attend in person, and bring any potential new member.”*

Adam Shoalts is a professional adventurer, archaeologist, geographer and Westaway Explorer-in-Residence at the Royal Canadian Geographical Society. His expeditions range from mapping rivers to archaeological projects, but Shoalts is best known for his long solo journeys, including crossing alone nearly 4,000 km of Canada’s Arctic. Named



one of the “greatest living explorers” by CBC and even declared “Canada’s Indiana Jones” by the Toronto Star, Shoalts’s latest adventure was a 3,400 km solo journey from Lake Erie to the Arctic, the subject of his new national bestselling book *Where the Falcon Flies*, which has spent 16 consecutive weeks on the Globe and Mail's bestseller list.

His other books include *Alone Against the North*, *A History of Canada in 10 Maps*, and *Beyond the Trees: A Journey Alone Across Canada's Arctic*, and *The Whisper on the Night Wind*, all of them national bestsellers. He has a PhD from McMaster University in history, and in his free time, enjoys long walks in the woods.



Upcoming Speakers

18 April - Paul Sharman, Deputy Mayor of Burlington and Halton Regional and Burlington City Councilor

16 May - Jason Stitt, Cyber Security

President's Message

I want to thank Chris Walker for his leadership in 2023 as club president, and also to Bob English, who in his role as past president, willingly shared his wisdom and guidance with us over the past 12 months.

I look forward to an exciting year in 2024 as our management team strives to ensure that we continue to provide exceptional value to our members.



Neil Berger is updating our marketing brochure as well as working in the community to increase awareness of our Probus Club. Gary Hindley is looking at improvements to our website (along with Bill Valcour), as well as continuing his outstanding work on Club communications.

Dave Rokosh is focused on setting up tours and events for us over the next few months, we have Tom Evans looking after the golf tournament, Bob Dickison is



busy lining up coffee sponsors, and Kevin Harraher is working on the speaker schedule for the year.



I also would like to welcome Bill Williams as our new First VP. We still have openings for a Second VP, as well as a Membership Chair, should anyone be interested in joining the management team.



I want to thank those of you who have already reached out to me with words of encouragement in my new role, and I look forward to hearing your feedback on how we can continue to improve as a Club.

Thank you for your support, and I'll see you at the next meeting.

Keith Dobson 289-880-5230

Are you a social media whiz? Do you have an hour or two a month to offer? Would you like to help your Probus Club reach out? If you answered yes to these questions, please contact Keith Dobson, President.

New Members

Ken Cowan, B. Math, CPA

Born; 1955, Scarborough On

Education; U of W (B. Math, CA)

Prior to retirement and our move to Burlington, we resided in Newmarket On., for 35 years, raising 3 children (one of which is now a resident of Burlington).

Married to Laura Cowan with whom we have raised 3 children, A daughter, now residing in Burlington with her husband and two children. A son married and living in Bowmanville (grandson expected in the Spring). And a second son living the good life in DT Toronto.



Retired from Morguard Investments Limited as VP Risk, National Programs after 26 years. Morguard is a real estate owner and manager of commercial real estate in Canada and the US. A portfolio of approximately \$20 billion in office, retail, industrial and residential properties. Prior to Morguard I was with Ticor Real Estate Services, an Asset Manager of commercial real estate for various Canadian Pension Funds. Interests include; hiking, walking, photography, curling, and getting to know our new surroundings of Burlington.



Richard M. Law

Richard was born on the 24th of September, 1949 in Toronto. My early years were spent growing up in the area of Toronto known as Cabbagetown. A very interesting place to grow up indeed.

After high school graduation in 1967 he attended the University of Toronto and completed a 4- year BA Honours Degree in 1972. This was followed by a 1-year B Ed. Degree, also at the University of Toronto.

In 1973 he started his teaching career at secondary schools in Saint John, New Brunswick.

Returning to Ontario he continued his career as a Professor at Humber College in Toronto. He retired 34 years later in 2013.

Along the way he married his wife, Beth Law in 1984 and became a father to his son Jonathan in 1993.

He has co-authored a Statistics text and published a Historical Fiction novel.

Guests at our February meeting:

Wendell Mountain – guest of Ed Eves

Ed Wrobel -guest of Ken McCutcheon

Membership Chair Position

We are looking for someone to lead our Membership Committee. This is not a recruitment role, but rather an administrative team that manages members' information and keeps numbers up to date. The committee is not responsible for finding new members, but is there to ensure that new members are welcomed and have the answers they need to onboard successfully

The Committee currently has 2 excellent members, Ian MacIntyre and Ray Paquette who are active in keeping records accurate. The Committee needs a voice at the Management Committee level and as such is seeking someone to accept the role as Membership Chair.

Please see Keith Dobson if you are interested.

Greeters (always) wanted!

Are you new(ish) to the Probus Club? Do you see a lot of faces that you would like to get to know better? Then you will enjoy becoming one of our greeters! All you need to do is arrive at 9:30 and shake hands! (No test afterwards!) Contact Keith Dobson kdobson1257@gmail.com to get your name on the list.



Coffee Sponsor in February

Our coffee sponsor last month was: The Probus Club of Burlington

Yes! We were our own sponsor!

Social Events arranged by Dave Rokosh

PROBUS CLUB OF BURLINGTON BREAKFAST



All club members welcomed

HARVEST TABLE
3350 FAIRVIEW AVENUE
THURSDAY March 7th at 8:30am

Join us for lunch at The Squire, 3537 Fairview St., Burlington, after our Probus Meeting. Members and guests welcome.

Annual Golf Tournament - REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

The annual interclub Golf Tournament with the Lakeshore Probus Club is scheduled for May 17th 2024
Details are provided in the LINK below.

Thanks, Thomas L. Evans Email: "tomevans1933@gmail.com"

Full details of the Golf Tournament can be read by clicking [HERE](#)



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Technology Interest Group



We are a joint, Burlington and Lakeshore Probus Club group, who get together to discuss current developments in technology including but not limited to computers. We help solve each others technology and computer related issues. We meet the 4th Thursday of the month at 10 am (one week after our regular Probus meeting) at the Burlington East Presbyterian Church on Walkers Line and have an option to join via Zoom. The cost is \$5 per meeting. If you would like to join us please email Bob Dickison at rgdickison@gmail.com and he will add you to our email list.

Do you enjoy being a member of Probus?



If you do, then, no doubt you have friends who would also like Probus. Do them a favor and invite them to join you as a guest at one of our meetings. We have many interesting speakers over the next few months!

Should you need an application form for friends who would like to join us this year, you can visit our website at <https://www.probusclubofburlington.ca/> or email Keith Dobson at kdobson1257@gmail.com

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