



# The Phoghorn



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**Next Meeting** - Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 16th, at Lily Lake Pavilion in Rockwood Park. The speaker is a special surprise but I'm sure you won't be disappointed. Lunch will be available downstairs in Lily's Café.

This Phoghorn will be a little different as we have no Presidents report Minutes or Treasurers report. This was of course because last month Probus joined the army.

Some 43 members and a guest of President Brian, Rev. Alan Schooley of St. David's Church in Rothesay in full military fatigues as it was his last day in the army, boarded a very comfortable coach and we headed to Camp Gagetown. We were met with Military precision and conducted to the large training building where we were shown a short movie about Camp Gagetown, its capabilities as a training base and how it relates to the community.

We were introduced to the civilian instructors, all of whom were ex long serving NCO's in the army. By this time it was lunch time so we were bussed to the Officer's mess where we had an excellent lunch. If it's true an army marches on its stomach, Canada's army should be good for a lot of marching.

After lunch and a return to the training building we were divided into three groups and in rotation given a briefing on the LAV 3 Armoured personnel carrier and the Leopard 2 tank as used in Afghanistan. A lot of the training is done electronically like some very realistic computer games and members were heard to boast "I got a helicopter, you only got a truck". The small arms range was interesting in that although the weapons were genuine they were connected to a computerized system and an air system to simulate recoil. All that was lacking was the smell of burnt cordite. All in all an excellent and interesting trip that was organized for us by Carl Collins.

The trip home was uneventful and we arrived at 5 pm.

Watch our website for pictures of our military manoeuvres ( [www.sjprobus.ca](http://www.sjprobus.ca) )

This will be the last Phoghorn till the fall when we resume meetings in September.

*I'll take this opportunity to wish all members a pleasant and relaxing summer in good health.*

## Now for some truly side splitting humour to tide you over till September

*Ed and Leslie met while on a singles cruise and Ed fell head over heels for her. When they discovered they lived in the same city only a few miles apart Ed was ecstatic. He immediately started asking her out when they got home.*

*Within a couple of weeks, Ed had taken Leslie to dance clubs, restaurants, concerts, movies, and museums. Ed became convinced that Leslie was indeed his soul mate and true love. Every date seemed better than the last. On the one-month anniversary of their first dinner on the cruise ship, Ed took Leslie to a fine restaurant.*

*While having cocktails and waiting for their salad, Ed said, "I guess you can tell I'm very much in love with you. I'd like a little serious talk before our relationship continues to the next stage. So, before I get a box out of my jacket and ask you a life changing question, it's only fair to warn you, I'm a total golf nut. I play golf, I read about golf, I watch golf on TV. In short, I eat, sleep, and breathe golf. If that's going to be a problem, for us, you'd better say so now!"*

*Leslie took a deep breath and responded, "Ed, that certainly won't be a problem. I love you as you are and I love golf too; but, since we're being totally honest with each other, you need to know that for the last five years I've been a hooker."*

*"Oh wow! I see," Ed replied. He looked down at the table, and was quiet for a moment, deep in serious thought then he added, "You know, it's probably because you're not keeping your wrists straight when you hit the ball."*

*As time passes and I've had time to think and I have come up with the following list of the advantages of no longer being a spring chicken.*

1. Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
2. In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.
3. No one expects you to run--anywhere.
4. People call at 9 pm and ask, did I wake you?
5. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
6. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
7. Things you buy now won't wear out.
8. You can eat supper at 4 pm.
9. You can live without sex but not your glasses.
10. You get into heated arguments about pension plans.
11. You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
12. You quit trying to hold your stomach in no matter who walks into the room.
13. You sing along with elevator music.
14. Your eyes won't get much worse.
15. Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.
16. Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.
17. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
18. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.

We all may seem a sorry lot,  
But we rejoice for what we've got.  
We have each day and what it brings  
And on our pensions live like kings.  
For the press that accuses what we take  
To coin a phrase, "Let them eat cake."  
We've paid our share for unused knowledge  
As the kids are now all done with college.  
We complain to them about our health  
As they worry about our dwindling wealth.  
And though our wardrobes may be plain  
We'll suffer no more labor or pain.  
Now it's with cane we do our strut  
And if we can't drive - we still can putt.  
We're mean and tough, meet all demands,  
Why, M&M's melt in our hands.  
Yes, we're still here, and it does delight us  
That you join our fight against arthritis.  
But we ask you make a pledge today  
That you'll be careful what you say.  
We have to spread "Over the Hill" fear  
Or we'll have those young folks over here.



**Have a great summer.  
See you in September!!**