



# Phoghorn

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Next Meeting Wednesday December 10th 10am at Saint John Boys & Girls Club

This is our annual Christmas Feast and our guests and entertainment will be the Saint John String Quartet. In addition there will be a competition for the best Christmas necktie with a fabulous prize for the winner. Also a Puppy draw for some real nice brown puppies along with a bonus for the 60/40 winner, so let's have a good turnout for some festive fun and of course our very special lunch. Our Speaker next month (January) will be of interest to all members as the topic is something we all have to face eventually.

## Minutes of November Meeting

The monthly meeting convened at 10 am, or as soon thereafter as President Ralph Wood finally succeeded in bringing 32 rowdy gentlemen to order, which he noted took much longer than 175 ladies at their Probuss meeting yesterday. (The Men's Probuss was invited to hear their guest speaker on the DART program.)

Following O Canada, Gordon Mouland led a singalong, and Willard Buckley took a count of 15 for pork lunch.

Minutes of the October meeting were recorded by Willard and published in the Phoghorn. They were accepted on motion of Gordon Mouland and seconded by Ralph Murray.

Finances: A vague report noting that nothing has changed, was conveyed by Don Mitchener, who is away.

Member Illnesses: It was reported that Wylie McGinley is unwell, that Tom Neill had a stroke, that Clive Douthwright is recovering at home, and that Francis Quinn is in hospital waiting for a special care home.

Guest → New Member: John Doyle introduced David Flewelling, retired from Willett Food Group. He paid initial fee and membership, and was pinned.

## President's Comments:

- The next meeting, featuring the Saint John String Quartet and \$10 turkey dinner, will be on December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Willard should be notified of any changes of mailing or e-mailing addresses.
- The website, [www.sjprobuss.ca](http://www.sjprobuss.ca), has new material including a photo of Ralph Wood laying a Remembrance Day wreath on behalf of the Club.
- The speaker at yesterday's Ladies Probuss meeting has been invited to talk to us at our February meeting.

- Those on the waiting list for the Ladies Probus Club have been polled re joining us as a mixed Club – they all said no thanks.
- A nationwide Probus Day is tentatively set for sometime in March. Cities are encouraged to fly the Probus banner for that day.
- The Ladies Club will host the next Atlantic Regional meeting in the spring.

**Jokes Department:** Carl Tompkins told one from his recent trip to Newfoundland. Ralph Wood read excerpts from “My (Little) Sister’s Jokes”, refusing to take responsibility himself for their quality or lack thereof – but one joke about “Ducks Unlimited” in Heaven did get a laugh.

**Bequest:** A cheque for \$1000 was received from the Estate of the Late Ross Coates. The best use for this bequest will be discussed.

**60-40 Draw:** Gordon Graham, last month’s winner, coordinated ticket sales today. \$69 was won by John McMillan and donated to the Boys and Girls Club.

**Guest Speaker:** Ralph Wood introduced Gordon Dempsey, Club member, who spoke on his career in the RCAF where he rose to the rank of Flight Lieutenant. He flew many types of aircraft including Mach2, rescue helicopters, and Hercules 130. There was a Q & A period, and members were invited to share any of their own service stories.

**Meeting adjourned** at noon for lunch. Next meeting December 10<sup>th</sup>, not 17<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

**Robert Taylor, Secretary.**

Now for something you've been anticipating all month!

**Yes the Fabulous Festive Funnies**

A grasshopper walks into a bar. The bartender says "Hey, we've got a drink named after you!" The grasshopper says, "What, you've got a drink named Bob?"

Did you hear about the constipated mathematician?

He worked it out with a pencil!

What's the difference between deer nuts and beer nuts?

Beer nuts are \$1.49. Deer nuts are under a buck.

Two detectives from Manhattan South were assigned a mugging case in an alley off Wall Street. They arrived and talked to the victim, a turtle named Arthur.

"You were mugged?" the first detective says.

"Yes," the turtle sniffed, "By a gang of snails!"

"Tell us what happened," the second detective said.

"I don't know," the turtle sighed, "It all happened so fast!"

I had a linguistics professor who said that it's man's ability to use language that makes him the dominant species on the planet. That may be. But I think there's one other thing that separates us from animals. We aren't afraid of vacuum cleaners.

A Russian couple was walking down the street in St. Petersburg the other night, when the man felt a drop hit his nose. "I think it's raining," he said to his wife.

"No, that felt more like snow to me," she replied. "No, I'm sure it was just rain, he said." Well, as these things go, they were about to have a major argument about whether it was raining or snowing. Just then they saw a minor communist party official walking toward them. "Let's not fight about it," the man said, "let's ask Comrade Rudolph whether it's officially raining or snowing."

As the official approached, the man said, "Tell us, Comrade Rudolph, is it officially raining or snowing?"

"It's raining, of course," he answered and walked on. But the woman insisted: "I know that felt like snow!" To which the man quietly replied: "Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear!"

**To all our Members,their Families and friends the Phoghorn wishes you all a Joyous Happy Christmas and Yes just a little Merry too.**

