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2026—2027 Executive Team members

PRESIDENT----------Tony Aziz
Pass President----------Carl White
Vice President----------Gordon Barnett
Second Vic President----------Brent Seely
Secretary---------- Ross Mouland
Treasurer----------Sid Lodhi
Assistant Treasurer----------Larry Timms

At the annual GPM in June, a new executive was voted in.
Here is your Executive for 2026—2027 year.

Tony Aziz is our new President.

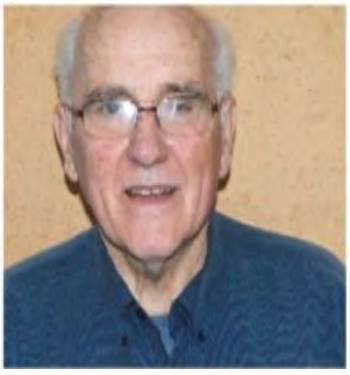
Carl White—past president

Gordon Burnett –out 1st V.P.

Brent Seely – our 2nd V.P.

Ross Mouland—Secretary

Sid Iodhi—Treasurer



Larry Timms, Assistant Treasurer

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Once again, the summer months have come and gone. Hopefully, you have all enjoyed the nice weather of the past weeks, and hopefully Fall will bring us more sunshine and some warm temperatures.

Of course, the silver lining of the season is that our Probus Club meetings will resume after our summer break. The first meeting of the new Probus year is on Wednesday Sept. 16th, 10:00am start (9:30 for coffee and conversation), at Villa Madonna. We hope to see you there!

As you know, our Club membership numbers have experienced significant growth over the past year thanks to the hard work of the Membership Committee. We now have seventy-five paid-up Members, a number that is about 30% larger than ever before. With your help our Membership will continue to grow in the coming year so that we can serve more of our fellow retirees.

The focus' for the coming year within our club will be on delivering added value to our members, and more Member involvement within more committees.

To this end our September 16th meeting will be focused on what that "value" looks like to you. Rather than having an outside Speaker, the Management Committee and the Sub-Committees will be seeking your thoughts on several subjects. We look forward to your input as it will play a major role in guiding our Club's future direction.

These will include:

- What do you get out of Probus, and what can we do to improve it?
- Speakers – what past topics have been of most interest, topics of future interest, specific speaker suggestions, etc.?
- Outside Trips – suggestions for places of interest
- Outside Activities – what activities would be of interest to you? (Coffee get-together(s) between meetings, hobby groups, games groups, recreational activity groups, etc.??)
- Lunch and Lunch Offerings – what works and what does not work for you?

In closing, the Management Committee and I are very optimistic that the coming year will be an exciting one for The Saint John Probus Club. I hope to see you all on Sept. 16th to renew acquittances and get your input on the road ahead.

Members that have a Birthday in the month of September;

Gerald O'Brian
Steven Porter
Brian Wheelock

Note. The Executive Management committee held a meeting during the month of August. *President Tony* will provide an update on items discussed for the year 2027.

The proposed Budget for the year 2026—2027.

PROBUS CLUB SAINT JOHN N.B

PROPOSED BUDGET

ENDING MAY 31,2027

REVENUE

1. MEMBERSHIP DUES (80 @ $ 55/ person)		$ 4,400
2. ORIENTATION FEE (12 @ $ 50/person)		$ 600
3. 50/50 DRAW . (Club Share)		$ 800
	Total.	$ 5,800

EXPENSES

1. INSURANCE (75 @ $ 4/person)		$ 300
2. WEBSITE		$ 200
3. ROOM RENTAL (Estimate)		$. 650
4. COFFEE & SNACKS (@ $ 286 X 7 Meetings)		$ 2,000
5. PHOGHORN.		$ 300
6. GIFT FOR SPEAKERS		$ 400
7. ORIENTATION FEE (12 @ $ 50/person)		$ 600
8. COMPLIMENTARY MEALS		$. 100
9. LUNCH GUARANTEE		$ 450
10. STATONARY		$ 150
11. CONTINGENCY ALLOWANCE		$. 650
	Total	$. 5,800

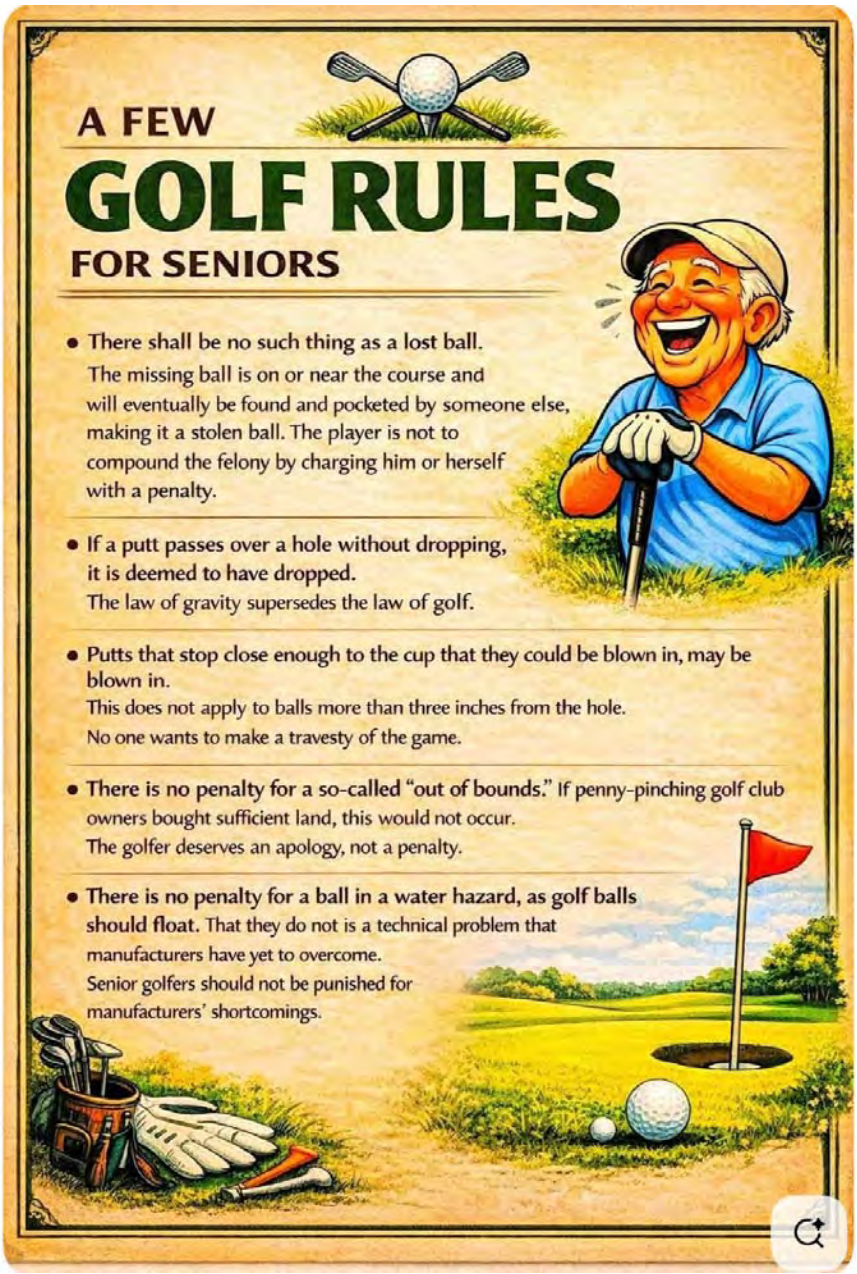
It is with regret that it has been announced the PROBUS SJ has lost one of its long-standing members this week. ***Mr. Carl Thompkins*** passed away on Tuesday August 03, 2026.
Carl was a past president during the years 2003-2004.
Carl was active in the club's functions until a few years ago with his health issues.
Carl is also known to be the person to call, at the meeting, for his famous "joke" book.
It provided some humor. He will be missed.

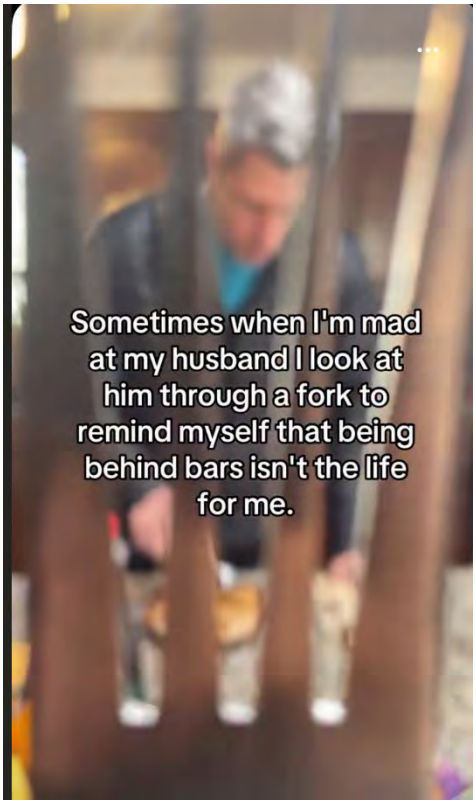
Someone asked me what we did during Covid a few years ago. This picture was taken Around the 2020-2021 season. Everyone is hiding!

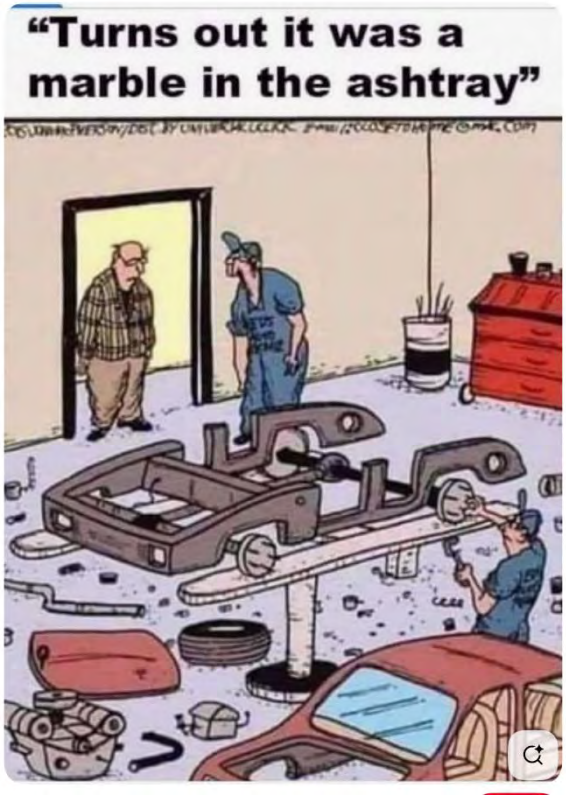
Notes:

- ***Since there was no meeting in August, there are no pictures!***
- ***Lunch will be Lasagna.***
- ***The September meeting will be the 16th at 10:00am at the Villa Madona Retreat house in Rothesay. Same location as last year for you newer members.***

SOME HUMOR







How many apples grow on a tree?

all of them.

Why did the M&M go to college?

because it wanted to be a smartie.

If the right side of the brain controls the left side of the body

then lefties are the only ones with the right mind

Why do you keep a bull from charging?

you take away its credit card.

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***A Professional and Business Retirees Club*.**

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Meetings are at the *Villa Madonna Retreat House in Rothesay NB,*
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