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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Notice is hereby given of the Scottburgh Probus 19th Annual General Meeting to be held at our Scottburgh Golf Club venue at 13h00 on Monday, 7 March, 2011 ... a day not to be missed, so note it in your diary and be there.

BIRTHDAY BOYS

Many happy returns to our February birthday boys Syd Collier ~ 16th; Victor Nyenes and Roy de Carte ~ 28th. May your new year be blessed with abundant good health and loads of fun.

MEMBER NEWS

Appears no members have done/undone anything unt'ward recently, so will provide a brief comparison of this, versus last Probus-year's, club statistics. Number of members: remains 47. New members: two last year, six this year. Resignations: 2 last year, five this year. Guest speakers: three fewer this year. Get-to-know-you talks: three – same as last year. Attendance: averaging 75% versus 61% last year. Pretty darn good, well done guys!

SNIPPETS

- **Cursive writing for the scrapheap?** Could be; at least according to a Jan 17 article in the Sunday Times. The continual evolution and use of electronic and digital communication apparatus could well lead to handwriting joining the likes of Sanskrit and hieroglyphics on the 'past sell-by date', scrapheap. Could it be PROBE is helping accelerate this trend?
- About two-thirds of the world's top 100 universities are in English-speaking countries. *British Council*

DOC. PROBE ~ ex Natal Mercury

SUPER SPUDS: A recent news article states that while potatoes may be 'out of fashion, amid the low carb obsession', they're packed full of real goodness. High in B vitamins, vitamin C, potassium and fiber, they also provide 'lots of complex carbohydrates'. It goes on to say a New York Times report claims a skin-'n-all baked potato contains half the vitamin C and B6 RDA for adults, with only 220 calories and zero grams of fat. Suppose, topped with a good knob of butter, it's a little less healthy but boy do they taste great!

Q: What is the origin and meaning of the word 'barbeque'? (*answer on next page*)

'PACK' UP LAUGHING - from Sheila 'Pack'man

"Doctor," I said, "how do you determine whether or not an aging person should be put into an old age home?"

"Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then offer the person a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket and ask them to empty the bath."

"Oh, I understand." said I, "Being bigger, a normal person would use the bucket."

"No." he said, "Normal people pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"



Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Sailor?

If ever we needed proof of the worth of our 'Get-to-Know-You' lunchtime talks by members, it was as clear as the nose on your face at our January gathering. Granted, our august Sergeant-at-Arms Robert Cumming gave a stellar performance, but who amongst us even imagined his former life was a series of buns in the oven, along with loads of other juicy titbits. Absolutely fascinating, and great to get to know you better Bob. Well done sir!

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CRYSTAL BALLING

'PROBUS YEAREND LADIES' LUNCHEON: Scheduled for Friday, 25th February, at Pennington's Yellowwood Nursery, the "Count us in/out" list did the rounds at the January meeting and it appears well supported. Remember to hand your R130 per couple to Treasurer Mike Howlett at our Feb 7 meeting; fail to do so and your place/s will not be booked.

PROBUS BOWLS DAY: Remember that bowling spouses/partners are more than welcome to take part in this fun event, followed by the 'odd refreshment', plus a good lunch. Scheduled for Friday 15 April at the Mt. Edgecombe Bowling Club, Alex Arden will circulate the "Yeh, I'm/we're there with you guys!" list at our Feb 7 meeting.

A: 'Barbeque' means 'a framework of sticks', in Spanish.

IN DAYS OF YORE

In Elizabethan England average households ate mostly vegetables and only seldom had meat. Those who could afford a little pork would usually show it off by hanging it up for all to see, showing visitors the man of the house "*could bring home the bacon.*" Then, settling down together, the host would slice off small pieces and they'd all sit around and "*chew the fat.*"

NEXT MEETING

John Thompson is going to chat to us on cycling; focusing on 'MTB' in particular. Being of that era, to most of us MTB stood for Motor Torpedo Boat, but am assured it's now relates to well above the high water mark and refers to Mountain Biking. Come hear John peddle his views.



LAST LAUGH

Two priests went to Hawaii on vacation. Determined to make it a real break they decided against wearing anything that would identify them as clergy. So, as soon as the plane landed, they headed for a store and bought some outrageous shorts, shirts and sandals.

Next morning they 'hit the beach' dressed as tourists and while enjoying the sunshine this drop-dead gorgeous blonde, in a string bikini, came walking straight towards them. Nodding and smiling, she said, "*Good Morning Father. Good Morning Father,*" and then strolled on.

Looking at each other, both priests were stunned, so they went back to the store and bought even more outrageous outfits, including Sammy

Davis Jr. straw hats and sunglasses ... outfits so loud you could hear them before you saw them.

The following morning, decked out in their new attire, they settled into their beach chairs to enjoy the sunshine whereupon the same gorgeous blonde - this time topless and wearing only a thong - came sauntering by. Again she nodded at each of them as she said, "*Good morning, Father. Good morning, Father*" whereupon the one priest said, "*Just a minute, young lady.*" "*Yes, Father?*" she said. "*You're right,*" said he, "*we are indeed priests and proud of it, but I have to know ... dressed as we are, how in the world did you know?*"

"*B'gory, it's me Father, me, Sister Margaret.*"

C U AT OUR FEB. 7 GATHERING!