



The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion
August - 2008



Early Branch Members Hard at Work

Renovations were made to the Branch 36 building in 1947.

If you recognize anyone in the picture above, please contact the Branch office, and let us know the names of these volunteers, so that they can be recognized and the picture placed on the Branch 36 website.

The General Meeting is on 17th September at 8:00 pm.
All voting members are asked to attend.

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President's Report - *John Murphy*

This is my first report as your new President .This past couple of months since the election has been a huge learning curve for me, however as always our Past President Comrade Mike has been very, very supportive. I'm not sure when we last had a sitting President who had a full time job but I am so glad he's there.

It was an Honour and a privilege to represent the branch at the Dominion Convention in Ottawa this June. Both Suzi and I learned a lot about the politics of the "Legion" at the top, but also, the amazing things the "Legion" does, and can do, for our Vets. We made some new and hopefully beneficial contacts for the branch and will continue to develop these relationships as we grow.

This summer has been the wettest "I" can remember but we came through without drowning, however, not without your support. You will see some of these activities reported by your Chairpersons contained within this Bullytin - GREAT JOB GUYS !

The Bi-Annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday Sept 17 at 8.00pm, it is very important for you to be there as one of the topics will be a proposed bar increase. We have not had an increase on the bar for at least 4 years, and with everything going up, we must take measures to ensure that we, "The Membership", and "Branch 36" stay viable. This will also enable us to continue our support for our Veterans, and their families - past and present, our local kids programs, and local hospital community needs, to name a few.

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So remember I'm the new guy, if I don't say Hi to you, I apologize; why not say Hi to me, introduce yourself and I promise I will make every effort to call you by your first name every time we meet.

Legion Week starts Sunday, 21st September, so watch out for signs around the branch about activities that may be scheduled.

John Murphy - President

Past President's Report

For the past 5 years it has been my privilege and honour to serve you as President of Branch 36.

As with any organization there were a few problems, but with the support of the membership and a strong executive we overcame these obstacles.

We now have a new President – comrade John Murphy. In order to remain as successful as we have comrade John will need the same level of support from you the membership.

Unlike some other clubs Branch 36 is all volunteer. If you are asked to help, please consider the request seriously. If you haven't been asked and feel you have time to help please let us know.

Thank You to the Staff, Executive and Branch Members for the past 5 years - without your help and co-operation the Branch could not operate.

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Looking forward to the future and a successful 2008-2009 year.

Mike Alkerton - Past President.

P.S. I'm not going away, I have been asked to continue as membership chairman. See you in September.

Ways & Means - Dawn Lewis, Al Blackburn, Wayne McKay

Welcome back from the summer that didn't really happen. Things at the Branch will be back in fully swing soon and we are looking forward to seeing all of the faces that we have missed throughout the summer. The Fish Frys were very successful over the summer, and of course they will continue on the 2nd Friday of each month. We really look forward to seeing you there with your friends and family. Remember that you do not have to be a member to attend the Fish Frys and children are welcome.

We have one more BBQ this season and it is scheduled for Sunday, 21st September from 4 until 6pm. The Branch is open at 2:30pm so that you can get a chilled beverage before dinner. The menu and prices can't be beat, and no one goes away hungry. We hope to see everyone rain or shine, the meals go on.

Al Blackburn has been running the Saturday afternoon meat draws at 4:30pm every week and we just want to remind you to drop your loonie in an envelope and drop it in the box on the left hand side of the bar. Remember that you don't have to be there to win. Just put your name and phone number on the envelope and wait for the call. Where else can you get such a great cut of meat for a buck?

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The Thanksgiving Turkey Roll is also coming up. It is scheduled for Friday, 3rd October at 8pm. Tickets will be on sale in early September from members of the Branch, and at the bar. The cost is still \$5.00 per ticket for 40 chances to win a ham or turkey

Youth Dart Registration is on Wednesday, 10th September, starting at 6:30pm and youth between the ages of 10 and 18 are welcome to come and sign up. We play Wednesday nights from 6:30 until 8pm upstairs at the Branch. This is a fun mixed league for the kids. Let your children, grandchildren and the neighbor's kids know about this. The more the noisier. We have a lot of fun.

There are a lot of things coming up in the future, so watch for the books to be returning to the tables in the very near future. If there is anything that you would like to see advertised (free of charge, of course) in the book, feel free to drop me a note, or call the Branch and leave a message, or see me at the Branch, and I will be happy to do what I can for you.

Once again, a big Thank You for supporting all of the functions at the Branch. It's you that makes Your Branch so successful.

Dawn Lewis

1st Vice President –Ways and Means

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Branch 36 Winter Sport Leagues - Registration Dates

Thursday - 4th September - Women's Winter Dart League

Thursday - 4th September - Men's Winter Dart League

Monday - 8th September - Dundas Valley Mixed Dart League

Wednesday - 10th September - Youth Darts League

Sunday - 14th September - Fun Darts Mixed League

Saturday - 20th September – Winter Darts League

Tuesday - 23rd September - King of the Hill Snooker

Monday - 29th September - Men's Winter Snooker

Wednesday - 1st October - Women's Winter Snooker

Sports Report - Len Owen

I hope everyone had a great summer and you are now ready to get involved in the house league sports that are now starting up at the branch. Why not bring a friend, join a league and have a good time. I know as the summer comes to an end I look forward to Thursday night darts and the other sports events over the winter.

Congratulations to our golfers Greg Paterson, Bob Anderson, Rick Podunski and Glen Ehrlick who qualified for the Provincials to be held in Delaware on September 6th. Best of luck Guys.

As your new Sport Officer I hope to get to know and work with as many of you as possible. Please feel free to let me know how I may assist you and your sport.

Looking forward to working with you this year.

Len Owen - Sports

Membership - *Mike Alkerton*

The “**Early Bird**” drive will start late **in September**. The dues will remain the same at \$45.00.

It is important that you try to renew as soon as possible. There will be prizes for “Early Birds” again this year. If you renew early it is a great help to the membership staff.

We didn’t recruit new members as well last year as we have in the past. It’s a good time to bring in your friends and relatives to see what the Branch is like, and what we have to offer.

“Just Bring One”

If we all, our membership problems will be solved.

In order to keep you up-to-date on events at the Branch we have an e-mail database. If we don’t have your e-mail address we would like to have it, and it will be kept confidential and used only for Branch business. Please submit it when you pay your dues.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions please contact me. *Mike Alkerton*



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House Report - *John Murphy*

We have been busy over the last couple of long weekends when we were closed. Some volunteers renovated the bathrooms, both upstairs and down. We are almost finished, we had a problem matching up a tile colour in the men's room downstairs, but hope to have that completed by mid-September.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our "Let's clean it up for Veterans day", also known as a "work party", but when you think about who you are cleaning it up for, that should make a difference. If your parents were to come for a visit, wouldn't you clean, sweep and paint if necessary? Come on out and join us and have some fun.

John Murphy - House Chair

Special Events - *Gord Sharpe*

Thank you to those volunteers who recently helped in the building of a Legion float for the Dundas Cactus Festival Parade.

Thank you also to those who rode the float in the parade. Although there was a little rain, a good time was had by all involved, and the parade watchers gave a much appreciated round of applause when the float passed.

Gord Sharpe – Special Events

Ladies Auxiliary - Terry Gubbins - L.A.President

Beef on a Bun nights:

Friday, 26th September, 2008

Friday, 24th October, 2008

Friday, 28th November, 2008

Friday, 23rd Jan., 2009

Friday, 27th February, 2009

Friday, 27th March, 2009

Friday, 24th April, 2009

Friday, 22nd May, 2009

Entertainment - John Murphy

Summer is over, fall is coming, what will we do on a Friday night –mmmmm???? “I wonder what’s going on at the Legion.” Watch this space for scheduled entertainment events.

John Murphy - Entertainment

Canteen – Lynn Horner

The summer is nearly over and we are looking forward to fall activities to start. We have 2 new bar staff – Kelly Zuliniak and Fay Pearlman who are training for support of our regular staff.

As we have had so many price increases and, just about everyone we deal with is now adding fuel surcharges, we will have to look at a price increase. Please attend the general meeting on 17th September to find out more about price increases.

Branch History - Peter Whittaker

The building housing Branch 36 was built in 1846 to house a church called the Blue Stone Church.

Since 1877, this building has been used for many purposes such as a stable, a planing mill, a dance hall, a bingo hall, and since 1946 as a Royal Canadian Legion hall.



The May 2008 Bullytin asked if you could identify the active branch member in the picture on the front cover - see below left. A recent picture of him also appears below.



If you guessed Leo Shaidle you were right.

Sick Call - Stan Hicks

April

- 8 – Flip Floyd in General & home 14 April
- 15 – Bill Hyslop – Having Test
- 16 – Dawn Lewis in for eyes and home, Rod Gallant in General for by-pass
- 20 – visited Rod Gallant in General
- 20 – Dawson Carter not well
- 25 – Gord Sharpe has shingles – feeling better

May

- 2 – Virginal Lawrence – small stroke in MUMC
- 7 - Rod Gallant at home
- 7 - Ed Ward at MUMC - home 28th May
- 7 - Chuck Clarkson at hospital, now home
- 12 - Tony Sharica at St.Joe's
- 14 - Bill Taylor at General for by-pass - home 14th May
- 16 - Ken Slote at MUMC - home 15th May
- 21 - Gerry Pack had a fall - home 1st July
- 26 - Marg Festing at MUMC - heart attack – feeling better home 13th June

June

- 7 - Tony Sharica had kidney operation - home 14th June

July

- 2 Gerry Chamberlain moved from St.Peter's to Villa Dundas
- 3 - Eugene Tobin in Joseph Brant hospital
- 15 - Jim Thornton at Henderson for hip surgery
- 18 - visited Ron Anderson at home - had mild heart attack
- 18 - visited Jim Thornton at Henderson - feeling good
- 26 - Jim Thornton home - feeling better each day
- 29 - visited Bill Nelson - not very good.

Last Post - Stan Hicks

Dawson Carter – 20th May, 2008

Ross McVea – 24th May, 2008

Bill Linton – 27th May, 2008

Charley Palmer – 21 June, 2008

Bill Nelson – 30th July, 2008

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