



The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36 - 862 Members

The Royal Canadian Legion
August – 2011



Stan Hicks was recently awarded a Veteran's Affairs Commendation for his ongoing contributions to the community and its veterans by the Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Veterans Affairs. Continued on page 8



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President's Report

Well the summer is almost over, and what a summer it was, hot, dry, and not long enough. Let's hope the fall brings an equally enjoyable Indian summer.



**John
Murphy
President**

Although the summer is traditionally a quiet time thanks goes out to those members who supported us throughout that time. Without your support we would be struggling like many other branches and only open on certain days or operating on shorter hours.

This year we will be celebrating our 85TH birthday and we are planning a dance on Saturday, 24th September, at the end Legion Week. We have the Liverpool Four booked and tickets are \$5.00 and will be available to branch members and their guest's first. Watch for posters at the branch and check your email for details. Come out and celebrate our birthday at this price, and with this band the tickets won't last long.

Hopefully by the time you read this, work will have started on banquet hall renovations. In order for the Branch to remain viable, rental of the hall is a very important source of revenue for us, and with the new decor we look forward to having the hall booked every weekend.

Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary, Ladies Darts, Mens Darts, D.V.M.D.L., Ladies Snooker, Mens Snooker, our winter Sunday Fun Dart League and the summer Thursday Dart League and the Dundas Modular Railway Club for your financial donations to the Branch. These funds will allow us to continue with our renovations to your Branch.

And lastly thank you to all those unsung heroes who work very hard behind the scenes at our Fish Frys, Beef on a Bun, Barbecues, President's meat draw, and all our branch hosted sports events, without your help we would never be successful.

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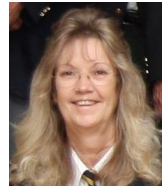
President's Report continued

Our General Meeting will be Wednesday, 21st September at 8:00pm. Come out and have your say and/or show support for your executive. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to talk to me in the branch, or leave a message with the office and I will contact you.

John Murphy - President

Ways & Means Report

The Fish Fry's and BBQs have been very successful even during this busy vacation season. The August BBQ is on the Sunday of Cactus Festival, and we hope that after you've spent some time downtown over the weekend, that you'll consider a cooked to order steak or chicken dinner. We serve dinner from 4pm until 6pm and we promise that you won't go away hungry. The September BBQ is the last one of the season, and it will be on September 18th. We hope to see you here at the Branch.



**Dawn
Lewis
2nd Vice
President
&
Ways &
Means
Chair**

I can't begin to thank the volunteers Al, Susan and Terry enough for their dedication to the BBQs and the Branch. They've done an absolutely fabulous job outside in the really hot weather that we've had. Thank you again to each of you. I'm not forgetting the other volunteers that have literally put their sweat into the Branch this summer both at Fish Frys and BBQs either. We all know who you are and we also know how much you enjoy being in the spotlight, so we won't mention any names. Thank you. Thank you.

One thing that I would like to ask of all of the people who attend these events. If for any reason, and I mean ANY reason, that you are not completely satisfied with your meal, please speak up. If you're not happy, we're not happy. If there is a problem that we

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Ways & Means Report continued

don't know about, we can't fix it. If your steak is not done to order, let us know and we promise to make it right. If you're not happy with a meal at the Fish Fry, please let us know and we will replace your order. Your choice, we'll replace it now, or we'll give you a free meal next time. We want you full, and happy. You can see me personally, leave me a note, or speak with any of the other volunteers and they will make it right. We really do appreciate your support in all of the things that we do to raise money for YOUR Branch. We want this to be the place that you want it to be. Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Dawn Lewis - 2nd Vice President & Ways & Means Chair

P.S.: We will be running the Youth Dart League again this year. If you know of any boys or girls between the ages of 9 and 18 that would be interested in playing, please mark September 7th on your calendar. We will be having registration in the front room from 6:30 until 8pm. The cost is \$2.00 to register and \$2.00 per week. This is a mixed fun league that runs on Wednesday nights upstairs, between 6:30 and 8pm. The kids have a lot of fun and can make some new friends. There is no experience needed. Many of our Youth Dart players have gone on to become Legion members and now play in the adult leagues.

Thanks for getting the word out - Dawn

Banquet Hall Report

The Banquet Hall has lots of dates available, and it can be booked for any event you need to plan, and the cost is always friendly to your wallet. The Wentworth Room is also available free of charge to anyone. For more information call the Legion office at 905-627-7221.

Life is a waste of time and time is a waste of life, so waste your time and have the time of your life!

Colour Party Report

On May 29th the Branch 36 Colour Party took part in a graveside dedication service for Constable Robert Ashbaugh, a member of the North West Police from 1882 to 1885. The N.W.M.P. later became the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Colour Party members from Dundas Valley City Branch 36, and the East Hamilton Branch 58 and the Stoney Creek Battlefield Branch 622 were present and our own Bill Armstrong carried the National Flag in his R.C.M.P. uniform.

We paraded in the Dundas Valley City Branch 36 Church Parade on June 5th and were proud to have all 3 service branches represented by cadet corps members. This gave us a combined Colour Party of 13 members.

On June 18th 2 members of the Dundas Valley City Branch 36 Colour Party and the Stoney Creek with Battlefield Branch 622 paraded at the Zone B Sports event that were held in the Mohawk Sports Park, on Mohawk Road in Hamilton.

As always we have openings in the Colour Party for new members. If you are interested please contact:

James Byron (Colour Party Commander) at 905-578-2758.



**James
Byron
Sergeant at
Arms
&
Colour Party
Commander**

Bursaries

Bursaries are available to children or grandchildren of Ordinary, Life or Associate members. They must be for full time post secondary students.

If you are interested in this please see me.

Mike Alkerton - Bursaries Chair

Membership Report

Please note! As passed at the last general meeting dues for the 2012 Legion year will be \$50.00. This is due to the fact that everything is going up in cost – stamps, printing, etc..

If you have a computer and feel that you don't need a paper copy of the Branch 36 Bullytin please email us at rclbr36@cogeco.net and let us know. This would be a large saving to the Branch.

The Bullytin can always be viewed online in full living colour on the Branch's website at <http://www.br36dundas.org/bullytin/bullytin.htm>

Our numbers for 2011 dropped about 3% from 2010. This is the first time in 10 years so we must recruit better. Bring your friends or relatives in and "Just Bring One" new member and we will get our membership back to where we were.

The strength of a Branch is in its membership. As always if you have any questions please contact me.

Mike Alkerton – Membership Chair

"Just Bring One"

Special Events Report

On Thursday, 18th August we will be decorating a float for the Dundas Cactus Festival Parade. We will be decorating the float starting at 10am and welcome any volunteers who wish to help. Thank you in advance for your support.

Anyone wishing to take part and ride on the float will need to be at the Legion no later than 5:30 p.m.

Gord Sharpe - Special Events Chair



**Mike
Alkerton
Membership
Chair**



**Gord
Sharpe
Special
Events
Chair**

Ladies Auxiliary Report

Another LA season is beginning and we hope everyone had a safe, happy and healthy summer. The first meeting of the season will be held on Tuesday September 13th, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

The Beef on a Bun nights will continue and **on the first Beef night we will have an added menu item.** Beef nights run from 5:30 until 7:30 so please come out and enjoy.

The upcoming beef nights are as follows: Friday September 23rd, Friday October 28th and Friday November 25th.

We will also be holding our annual draw again this year so please keep an eye open for draw dates. Once again there will be some great prizes to be won.

We are always open to new ideas so please don't hesitate to come to us with an idea and we'll see if we can make it come to light. If you or anyone you know would be interested in becoming a LA member please come and talk to us. We would be happy to answer any questions in regards to this.

Your in Comradeship,

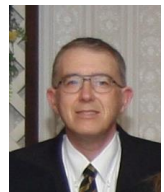
Terrie Gubbins - Ladies Auxiliary President

Free Wireless Internet access to the Internet comes to Branch 36

On Friday, 8th July, 2011 we installed access to the Internet using free WiFi technology at Branch 36. Now anyone with an Internet account who brings their laptop, capable of using wireless access to the Internet, can use that feature while in the Branch. To complete the free WiFi access while in Branch 36 ask the Bartender for the current pass phrase to use the WiFi access.



**Terrie
Gubbins
Ladies
Auxiliary
President**



**Peter
Whittaker
Public
Relations
Chair**

Stan Hicks is a Canadian Forces Veteran. He has been active within his Community and has been an active member of the Royal Canadian Legion for more than 40 years. He has served on most Executive positions, including branch president for eight years. Stan is very active with the annual Poppy Campaign, annual Remembrance Day ceremonies and parades. Committed to assisting Veterans in his community, Stan brings Veterans to and from medical appointments and does so at his own expense. Stan is already the recipient of the Queen's Jubilee Medal for his ongoing contributions to the community.

Remember When? – Your help is needed.

I was looking at some pictures of an older Remembrance Day parade. Among the pictures was one of 3 ladies, who appear to be veterans, taking the salute from the Parade as it marched back to Branch 36. I uploaded the parade pictures to our web site, and am trying to put some names to the faces. If you know the names of any of the ladies in the picture below, or the year, please write it down and drop it off at the Branch. Thank you.

Peter Whittaker - Public Relations Officer



House Report

As your new House Chair I must report that we have had a number of problems arise, some new, and some old. As you can appreciate this is an old building with numerous problems. We do our best to maintain it.



Mal Horner
House
Chair

In June we had Cogeco come in to solve some problems we were having with our cable. A number of problems were discovered - some Branch, some Cogeco. We replaced a splitter box with a new amplifier plus connected a booster to the television. There is also a problem with the outside line and Cogeco is to investigate.

The walk-in cooler downstairs is still giving us problems with freeze up. We had Rick Mills come in to take a look and he washed and blew everything clean. He determined the reason it was freezing up was either heat or dirt. We will be keeping a close eye on it.

Mike Alkerton and I have placed new filters in the club room downstairs. This should improve the air quality.

As you can see comrades, with House, there is never a dull moment, so until my next report, see you at the Branch.

Mal Horner – 1st Vice President and House Chair

You know you're Canadian If...

You have Canadian Tire money in your kitchen drawers.

You can complete the phrase: "The good old ____ game is the best ____ you can ____."

You've taken your kids trick-or-treating in a blizzard.

You understand the phrase "Could you pass me a serviette, I just dropped my poutine, on the chesterfield."

You've ever had your tongue frozen to something.

Driving is better in the winter because the potholes are filled in with snow.

You know the last letter of the alphabet is pronounced "Zed".

Sick Report - Stan Hicks

April – 2011

- 15th - Suzi Mellen shoulder surgery
- 17th - Suzi Mellen better each day
- 18th - Ernie Bodden in Juravinski
- 20th - Ernie Bodden getting better, may be home
Thursday or Friday
- 27th - Ernie Bodden at Juravinski - small stroke

May - 2011

- 2nd - Greg Boomer Griffith at Juravinski - hip problem.
- 3rd - Visited Greg Boomer Griffith at Juravinski
- 3rd - Visited Ernie Bodden at Juravinski
- 5th - Greg Boomer Griffith at home
- 13th - Ernie Bodden at home
- 18th - Kathleen Stirrup - knee at son's place
- 28th - Ernie Bodden feeling good
- 28th - Bill MacPhail - in and out – surgery

June - 2011

- 11th - Kathleen Sturrup - home, out and about
- 23rd - Visited Peter Holroyd at home - feeling good
- 23rd – Rod Gallant at St.Joe's - fluid buildup

July - 2011

- 2nd - Rod Gallant at home - out and about
- 21st - Tom Martlew at General - fluid buildup
- 26th - Visited Tom Martlew at home - feeling good

August - 2011

- 3rd - Chuck Clarkson at St.Joe's - test on lungs



**Stan Hicks
Sick / Last
Post
Chair**

Last Post

**J.F.Glen Murphy - April 25th, 2011
Pat O'Connor - May 8th, 2011
C.E.Oliver - May 10th, 2011
Fred Alophe - May 14th, 2011
Norma Veestra - June 18th, 2011
Alex Brown - July 17th, 2011**

We Will Remember Them

Entertainment Report

The Shuffleboard has been purchased is installed in its new home in the Branch. We are figuring out what the per game cost will be, so for the summer, it's free to use. All proceeds were raised during the Open Microphone Nights at the Fish Frys by doing a 50/50 draw, or raffling off items generously donated by local businesses. It was great to hear from the vast majority of member's that we spoke to, how happy they were to have a shuffleboard back at the Branch.

As Chris and I are new to this, we would love some input into what the membership would like to see as far as entertainment goes. I know we've received a lot of feedback that you folks get tired of seeing the same acts over and over, so any input is more than welcome.

Again, the Open Microphone Nights after the Fish Frys are a great time, and we'd love to see some of you talented members and your friends, come out and showcase your talents.

Also, for the last Saturday of Legion week, September 24, and the Branch's 85th birthday, we're having The Liverpool 4 upstairs. They are a great Beatles tribute band, and their costumes and equipment is vintage to the era. Come on out and help us celebrate the Branch's 85th birthday.

Again, please feel free to drop any suggestions off for Chris and I, and we'll do our best to see we have a better mix of talent for our events.

Bob and Chris Turner - Entertainment Co-Chairs



**Bob Turner
Entertainment
Co-Chair**



**Chris Turner
Entertainment
Co-Chair**

If you get thrown from a horse, you have to get up and get back on, unless you landed on a cactus; then you have to roll around and scream in pain.

Youth Education Report

Some years ago, Valley City Branch 36 re-introduced Remembrance Poster, Poetry, and Essay competitions open to local and regional students in grades 4 to 12. We continue to send registration packages to Public, Separate, Christian, and Hebrew elementary and secondary schools.

Last year, we received over 100 posters (colour, and black-and-white), essays, and poems addressing the themes of Remembrance and Sacrifice. The work was of such high quality that many of these student projects advanced to higher levels of competition, where numbers of them won further recognition.

As well as commending these talented students, Valley City Branch 36 has rewarded them with cash bursaries, recently totalling as much as \$500 in total.

This year, we will continue to offer our local young people this opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices of Canadian men and women in protecting and winning our - and others freedom. Please encourage family and friends to get involved. For additional information, contact me through the Branch at 905 627-7221 or email at rclbr36@cogeco.net

Lorne Evans - Youth Education Chair



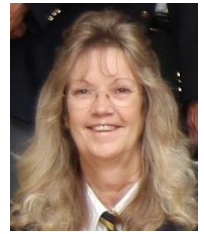
**Lorne
Evans
Youth
Education
Chair**

Sometimes I want to be a kid again, back to the time when:

Decisions were made by going "eeny-meeny-miney-mo."
It was unbelievable that dodgeball wasn't an Olympic event.
Nobody was prettier than Mom.
Getting a foot of snow was a dream come true.
Ice cream was considered a basic food group.
Being old referred to anyone over 20.
Scrapes and bruises were kissed and made better.

Canteen Report

Things have been going well in the canteen. We have 2 new part time bar stewards, Jarius and Gord. Jarius will be working both upstairs and downstairs and Gord will be working upstairs in the banquet hall. I hope that you will join me in making both of these guys feel welcome and comfortable. We have had to say good bye to Kelly as she has found full time employment and we all wish her the very best and much happiness with her new career.



Dawn Lewis
Canteen
Chair

Although the summer months are always the slow time around the Branch it has been great to see so many of you when you do stop in, and we look forward to seeing so many more of you once the sports start up in the fall.

Dawn Lewis - 2nd Vice President & Canteen Chair

Canada Day Celebrations at Branch 36



Legion members and the public celebrate Canada Day at Branch 36 with a BBQ.

Sports Report

On April 30th the District Youth Darts Tournament was held here at Branch 36 in Dundas, and there was a great turnout.

On May 28th the Provincial Youth Darts Tournament was held at Branch 6 in Owen Sound. Dan Hamilton, Dan Rhiel, Henry Wiebe and Matt Flaherty made it on for the Junior team. Lexie Revill and Rhyleigh Hopkins made it on for our Junior Doubles team. Dan Rhiel and Matt Flaherty made it on for Junior Singles. Mitchell Purchase, Rachel Harrington, A.J.Lewis and Curtis Holmes made it on for the Seniors teams. Mitchell Purchase and Rachel Harrington, A.J.Lewis and Curtis Holmes made it for the Doubles teams. Mitchell Purchase made it on for the Singles. Everyone played great, but unfortunately nobody placed in the standings.



**Jordan
Deneau
&**



**Brody
Howlett
Sports
Co-Chairs**

District Mixed Darts were held on May 14th at Port Credit Branch 82. Jason Lewis and Dana Dilabbo, Brody and Kathy Howlett, Mike Horner and Deb Cooley made it there for doubles. Barry Peer, Melissa Jolly, Bill Lecky and Gerry Hopkins made it there for teams. No-one from our Branch made it on to Provincials, but a good day was enjoyed by all.

On June 11th at South Brant Branch 463 Terry Kobylinski and Terry Gubbins, Brody Howlett and Jordan Deneau played in District Horseshoes.

On July 16th, Grimsby Branch 127 hosted the District Golf Tournament which was held at Pelham Hills Golf and Country Club. Four teams from Branch 36 entered. It was a good turnout and the weather was excellent

Jordan Deneau and Brody Howlett - Sports Co-Chairs

Keep smiling, it makes people wonder what you've been up to.

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Branch 36 - Upcoming Events

August 2011

Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm
Thursday - 18th - Build Legion Float - 10:00am.
Sunday - 21st - Family BBQ - 2:30pm - Refreshments
4:00-6:00pm - BBQ

September 2011

President's Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 3-4pm
Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm
Monday - 5th - **Labour Day - CLOSED**
Wednesday -7th -Youth Darts Registrations - 6:30pm
Thursday - 8th - Womens Winter Darts Registrations - 7:00pm
Thursday - 8th - Mens Winter Darts Registrations - 7:00pm
Sunday - 11th - Sunday Mixed Darts Registrations -2:00-4:00pm
Friday - 9th - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm
Friday - 9th - Open Microphone Night -7:00-9:00pm
Sunday - 18th - Family BBQ - 2:30pm - Refreshments
- 4:00-6:00pm - BBQ
Wednesday - 21st Semi-Annual Meeting - 8:00pm
Friday - 23rd - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm
Saturday - 24th - Liverpool 4 Tribute band 7 -11pm

October 2011

President's Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 3-4pm
Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm
Friday - 7th - Thanksgiving Turkey Roll - 8pm
Monday - 10th - **Thanksgiving - CLOSED**
Friday - 14th - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm
Friday - 28th - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm