



# The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion  
February – 2015



Rick Valois, Veterans Service Officer and Gord Sharpe, Branch President present flowers to Bev McCraw the Silver Cross mother, who participated in our 2014 Remembrance Day Service.

Photograph courtesy Karen Robillard



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## President's Report

Happy New Year everyone! 2015 is shaping up to be a banner year for our branch with many new members and lots of great events planned for the year! Please check out the event calendar and plan to attend as many as possible! I highly recommend the Valentines dance! I have attended the past 2 years and I would recommend the band to anyone! Fantastic!



**Gord  
Sharpe  
President**

Also remember that the branch is open all day every day and is a great place to drop in and meet friends or make some new ones! A lot of exciting and invigorating conversations take place in the warm legion club room on a cold wintry afternoon!

I would like to thank my executive and all of the other volunteers who work so hard to keep our branch running smoothly. It certainly makes my job easier! We do have a great need for a member to take on the position of branch secretary. This position entails coming to the meetings to take minutes and also some correspondence. Also there is a member position becoming available for back-up office relief. For more information on these two positions please call Dale in the branch office at 905-627-7221.

On a final note I would like to add a word of caution. We do our best to keep the walks and parking lot clear of ice and snow but in these winter months this is almost impossible, so I ask you all to walk carefully in these areas! Your safety is important to us! Thank you.

**Gord Sharpe** - President Branch 36

Too soon we get old, too late we get smart.

A flashlight is a case for holding dead batteries.

A real cowboy ain't the one that gets on a bull to show off to a bunch of girls, a real cowboy is the man that is out in the snow at 10 below caring for his cows before anything else.

## Ways & Means Report

Well, the countdown for Spring is on and with that, I am happy to announce that due to volunteers stepping up for our Legion Branch, the Family Bar -B-Q's will be back this year! Watch your upcoming Bullytin's and your e-mails for dates.

Our Fish Fry's are doing very well and I would like to personally thank our cook - **Peter Martin**, the kitchen staff - **Marie, Dale, Fay** and **Dave**, our cashiers - **Joy** and **Sandra**, our dinner caller outer - **Stan** and of course the one who organizes it all - **Marilyn Latchford**.

If I have missed anyone who has ever helped out with the Fish Frys, I am very sorry because without ALL of you, it would not be as successful as it is.

**Keep warm and dream SPRING !**

**Cheri Harrington** - 3rd Vice President and Ways & Means Chair

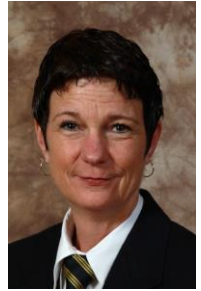
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If you don't want a hard copy let our office know along with your email address. You will be notified by email when an issue is available online. The Branch saves money when this is done and an added benefit when you use the internet is that you will see all photographs in living colour.

**Peter Whittaker** - Public Relations Chair



**Cheri  
Harrington  
Ways &  
Means  
Chair**



**Peter  
Whittaker  
Public  
Relations  
Chair**

## Poppy Fund Report

In going over the places we normally deliver Poinsettias, I discovered that a number of retirement homes and nursing homes had been left off our list. This year I'm proud to report that we have delivered a total of 144 plants to the following locations in our area: Wentworth Lodge, Blackadars, Shalom Village, St. Joseph's Villa and Highgate.

The newest additions are: Meadowlands Retirement Community, Chartwell Willowgrove, Carrington Place and Meadows Long Term Care.

I am looking forward to applying at the General Meeting in January for permission to spend the following:

St. Joseph's Villa - \$15,000.00

Juravinski Clinic - \$15,000.00

Meadowlands Retirement Community - \$6,542.00

Salvation Army - \$4,000.00

Sea Cadets - \$2,000.00

Army Cadets - \$2,000.00

The current balance in the Poppy Fund Trust is \$123,629.08

The Youth and Education chair has also been provided with pins to honour those who took part in the art and poetry contest.)

**Jim Byron** - Poppy Chair (905-578-2758)

## Membership

As of this writing on January 16th, 2015 there are approximately 200 members who have not renewed for 2015.

To those of you who have renewed Thank You, to those who have not yet renewed I would ask that you please make an effort to do so. You can pay at the Branch by cash or debit card or you can mail a



**Jim  
Bryden  
Poppy  
Fund**



**Mike  
Alkerton  
Membership  
Chair**

cheque in and we will send your 2015 card back to you by mail.

If your dues are not paid as of January 31st, 2015 you will not receive your Legion Magazine and are no longer a member in good standing with the Royal Canadian Legion. If you have not renewed you will be notified by e-mail. If you have not paid and receive a notice please accept my apology.

We never stop recruiting new members – remember our motto – “Just Bring One” and as always if you have any concerns or questions please contact me.

**Mike Alkerton - Membership Chair**

**“Just Bring One”**

P.S. Membership makes us strong in the Community and also in the Legion.

### **Colour Party Report**

On November 11th the Colour Party had 7 members the Remembrance Day Ceremony. The parade was augmented by members of the Navy, Army and Air cadet corps. For the first time we paraded the American flag.

Our Colour Party always has openings for new members. Training and help getting uniforms will be provided. At the moment Dundas has one of the better units and we'd like to make sure we keep it that way.

Our next practices will be:

Tuesday evening January 13th at 7:00 pm.

Tuesday evening February 10th at 7:00 pm.

Tuesday evening March 10th at 7:00 pm.

Tuesday evening April 14th at 7:00 pm.

Tuesday evening May 12th at 7:00 pm.



**James  
Byron  
Colour  
Party  
Commander**

**Jim Byron - Colour Party Commander - 905-578-2758**

## Ladies Auxiliary Report

I hope this finds everyone recuperating from a very Merry Christmas and New Year's holiday. Now it's back to business as usual.

Our annual Christmas fund raiser was its usual success. We were able to do quite a bit for our vets and community to assure that they enjoyed some Christmas cheer. Together with the Salvation Army we helped a local family out with food, drink and some gifts. We put together some Christmas gifts for some seniors in the Blackadar Nursing Home that have no family to think of them at this time of year.

I would again like to thank everyone who contributed their time, handy work, crafts and donations of prizes and gift certificates. They truly help us to help others in a more substantial way.

Two of our ladies, Gerry Hopkins and Terrie Gubbins, have done an amazing job visiting our local elementary schools and getting letters from them out to our vets to thank them for their services to our great country. Great Job Ladies !

Sports: Terrie Kobylinski is now going on to Provincial Singles Darts in April, and we hosted Zone Cribbage on 11th January. Our team of Gerry Hopkins, Terry Kobylinski, Terrie Gubbins and myself came in 6th and will be going on to our District level tournament in Ridgeway in March.

We have Zone Team Darts coming up on 15th February at Stoney Creek Branch 662. We usually have fun playing in this, so Good Luck Ladies.

Till next Bullytin, yours in comradeship

**Debbie Cooley** - Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary President



**Debbie Cooley**  
**Ladies**  
**Auxiliary**  
**President**

## **Branch 36 Legion Building Trivia**

The Branch 36 building has had a long and interesting history.

The building was originally known as the Bluestone Church for many years, built in the late 1840's for the Presbyterian Church, The early name came from the bluish limestone used for its construction.

The building has had varied uses in the years after it was sold by the church and has been used as a storehouse, a planing mill, a dance hall, a barber shop and even a bingo hall.

In 1946 shortly after the Second World War ended, the building was purchased by the Branch 36 of the Royal Canadian Legion.

The Legion added a new façade to the exterior in 1953, and over the years it has been the scene of regular activities in support of Canada's Veterans.

## **Banquet Hall Rental**

**The Banquet Hall is available for rental.**

**For details call the office at (905) 627-7221.**

**The Wentworth Room downstairs is available at no charge for use on a first come basis and will accommodate from 5-65 people. It is used for memorial services, meetings, birthdays, retirement parties, and any other party you can think of. Just call the office to book the room (905) 627-7221.**



**Valentine Dance - Saturday,  
14th February, 2015 with music from  
Little Peter and the Elegants**

**Tickets \$15 now at the bar, \$20 at  
the door.**



## Youth Education Report

### Annual Literary and Poster Contest

The Branch 36 2014 Remembrance Poster and Literary Contest had 139 entries from Grades 1-12 students. There were 15 category winners forwarded to the Zone for further competition. Although we haven't yet received a written report from the Zone, seven of our winning branch entries were returned to us; therefore, it's a fairly safe bet to state that eight of our students' submissions were winners.



**Tony  
Bratschitch  
Youth  
Education  
Chair**

The next level of judging is at the District level with, hopefully, some of our students' work proceeding to the Provincial and Dominion levels.

The 2014 Remembrance Contest saw almost double the number of submissions over last year. While a lot of that increase can undoubtedly be attributed to Canadians' compassion for last year's tragedies, we are encouraged by the overall growth of interest in this contest by our community.

**Tony Bratschitch** - Youth Education Chair

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## Entertainment Report

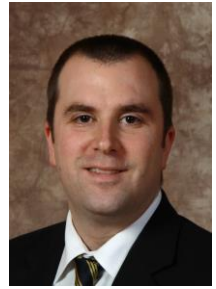
Our 3rd Annual Valentine's Dance is fast approaching on Saturday, 14th February, with music supplied by Peter and the Elegants, a great eight piece rock band.

The dance is open to the public and you can bring friends. It will also include a Late Night Dinner and prizes. Tickets for the dance are available now at the bar for \$15 each, and will also be available at the door for \$20 each.

We continue to hold Trivia Night competitions at 7:30pm after each Fish Fry event which are held on the second Friday of the month. The branch recently purchased a projector for our use and we can now ask Trivia questions about pictures projected onto a screen.

Come on out and bring your friends and form a team for the Trivia competition, or you can come and enjoy the entertainment of those taking part in the Trivia competition.

**Chris Turner** - Entertainment Co-Chair



**Chris Turner  
&**

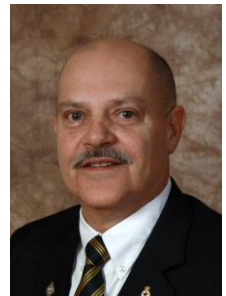


**Bob  
Turner  
Entertainment  
Co-Chairs**

## Veterans Services Report

Comrades, as your Branch Service Officer I can best assist the Veterans of our branch by identifying those with unmet health needs and possible benefits from Veterans Affairs Canada(VAC) and all referrals are kept confidential. To take the first step to your possible VAC benefits contact the Branch for an appointment.

**Rick Valois** - Veterans Services Chair



**Rick Valois  
2nd Vice  
President  
and  
Veterans  
Services Chair**

## Sick Report

### October - 2014

16th - Ron Wilson at St.Joe's.

18th - Ron Wilson at St.Joe's had surgery.

### November - 2014

14th - Ron Wilson at home.

20th - Gerry Reicheld had surgery.

25th - Charlie Readman at St.Pete's – not very good

28th - Jack Marshall at Cambridge Memorial

### December - 2014

2nd - Lloyd Hannis at St.Joe's – heart.

5th - Jack Marshall at home.

9th - Lloyd Hannis at home.

17th - Stan Rankine at St.Joe's.

19th - Visited Stan Rankine at St.Joe's.

28th - Visited Stan Rankine at St.Joe's.

28th - Rick Okis at General.

28th - Joe MacDonald at home.

31st - Stan Rankine at home.

### January - 2015

2nd - Rick Okis at home.



**Stan Hicks  
Sick and  
Last Post**

## **Last Post**

**Jim Wilson - 17th October, 2014  
James Russell - 21st October, 2014  
Mike Dunn - 14th November, 2014  
Charlie Readman - 6th December, 2014  
Tom Martlew - 6th January, 2015**

**We Will Remember Them**

## Honours and Awards Report

The Branch 36 Honours and Awards dinner will be held on Saturday, 7th March, 2015. This is always held with the Ladies Auxiliary Birthday and Honours and Awards presentations.

This is the night we pat ourselves on the back for all the good work we have done in the community and recognize our members who have achieved milestones. Many of those present will also receive pins recognizing their years of service in the Legion.

To receive a pin for years of service your membership card must say 6 years to get your 5 year pin, 11 years for your 10 year pin, 16 for your 15 year pin, etc. and so forth.

If you do not wish to attend the dinner but wish to have a years of service pin, it can be purchased from Mike Alkerton, our Branch Membership chair.

Tickets for the dinner will go on sale at the bar in mid-February and will be limited.

***Bill Ralston*** - Honours and Awards Chair



**Bill Ralston  
Honours &  
Awards  
Chair**

## Banquet Hall Report

If you or someone you know is having a party, stag and doe, wedding or any event and you need a hall, call the Legion at 905-627-7221 to check availability of dates, and check our website to see what we offer.

Bookings have been coming in quite regularly, so don't hesitate and give us a call.

***Doug Rivers*** - 1st Vice President and Banquet Hall Chair



**Doug  
Rivers  
Banquet Hall  
Chair**

## Dundas Veteran visits Juno beach



Branch 36 member Bill Bury is shown on Juno beach. It was here that his tank sank during the D-Day invasion of Europe.

### Canteen Report

Happy New Year to everyone, and at this time I would like to send a special thank-you to all our bar staff.

To Al, Sue, Pam, Judy H. Judy W, Shari, and Jen thanks for doing a great job, and thanks for all the help you have given me over the past year.

You may have noticed a new face currently training on the bar and we will soon be welcoming John White as a member of our staff.



**Doug Rivers**  
Canteen  
Chair

**Doug Rivers** - 1st Vice President and Canteen Chair

## House and Grounds Report

Comrades we're slowly getting through these winter blahs, but we had to deal with a few issues lately, the compressor on the beer cooler downstairs, and the fan motor on the food cooler upstairs.





**Paul Penney**  
**Grounds**  
**Chair**

The high winds we had destroyed our smoke tent so we now have a new one.

I am getting pricing on flooring tile for the stairway upstairs, and the upstairs hallway. President Gord Sharpe and I are going to try to finalize pricing and bring it up for approval at a Branch Group meeting.

1st Vice President and Banquet Hall Chair Doug Rivers has requested a few things for the Banquet Hall which I'm going to try to do soon(think spring).

**Paul Penney** - House and Grounds Chair  
**"Many Hands Make Light Work"**

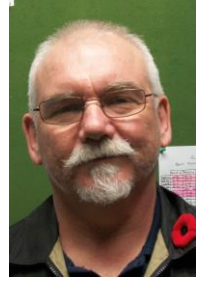
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## Sports Report

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We had a very successful Turkey Roll on 5th December.

With the start of the New Year we immediately jumped in by hosting the Zone Snooker Tournament. The teams made up of Dan Glumicic, Mark Johnston, Doug Lappen, Greg Griffen and Brian Stroud, Rick Dickens, Ken Wilson, Brian Poole both won the Zone Tournament - they tied for first place and then proceeded to win District Snooker the next weekend. They will be representing Branch 36 at the Provincial Snooker Tournament being held on the 7th March here at Branch 36.



**Stan  
Sklepowicz  
Sports  
Chair**

We also had 2 teams entered in the Zone Cribbage Tournament that was held on the 17th of January.

Upcoming Sports will be Single, Double and Team Darts Tournaments being held at Mount Hamilton Branch 163 and Stoney Creek Branch 662 respectively on 31st January and 1st February.

The following month will have District 8-Ball at Port Credit Branch 82 on 7th February, District Cribbage at Cooksville Branch 582 on 14th February and District Darts at Ports Credit Branch 82 on 21st February. Waterdown Branch 551 will have Zone Euchre on 28th February.

**Stan Sklepowicz** - Sports Chair

### Christmas Food Contributions well received

**Thank you for your contributions of food and a Turkey to our Christmas Food Drive. They were given to the Salvation Army for distribution. Your generosity shows that Branch 36 assists our fellow citizens, and it was greatly appreciated.**

## Branch Event Photograph






Jim Byron, Branch Poppy Fund chair watches as Branch 36 President Gord Sharpe presents a cheque for \$1,500 for the Blackadar retirement home to Amy Reid and Activation Aid Melissa Wheeler.

Picture courtesy Karen Robillard

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## Branch 36 - Upcoming Events

President's Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 3-4pm

6 chances to win every week

Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm

2 chances to win every week - put your Looney in an envelope at the Bar with your name and phone number

## February 2015 Events

Tuesday - 10th February - Branch 36 Colour Party Practice - 7:00pm

Friday - 13th February - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

Friday 13th February - Trivia Night - 7:30pm

**Saturday - 14th February - Valentine Dance** - music by Little Peter and the Elegants Tickets \$15 at the bar now or \$20 at the door. Late night snack included. Public is Welcome. Doors Open at 7pm music at 8pm.

## March 2015 Events

**Saturday - 7th March - Honours & Awards and Ladies Auxiliary Presentations Banquet** - Open - 5:30pm, Dinner - 6:30pm Tickets on sale the bar.

Tuesday - 10th March - Branch 36 Colour Party Practice - 7:00pm

Friday - 13th March - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

Friday - 13th March - Trivia Night - 7:30pm

**Saturday - 14th March - St.Patrick's Day Celebration** 7:30pm with music from DJ Jane Watson Open to the Public and Admission is Free  
Friday - 27th March - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm

## April 2015 Events

Friday - 3rd April - GOOD FRIDAY- Statutory Holiday - BRANCH CLOSED

**Saturday - 4th April - 4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt** - 8:30am

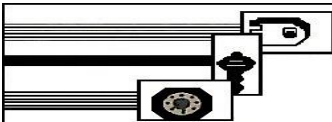
Friday - 10th April - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

Friday - 10th April - Trivia Night - 7:30pm

Tuesday - 14th April - Branch 36 Colour Party Practice - 7:00pm

Tuesday - 21st April - Monthly General Meeting

Friday - 24th April - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm



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