



# The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion  
August – 2015



The Dundas Poppy Fund helped veterans at the Meadowlands Retirement Community in Ancaster get a piano. Dawn McKirdy, Lifestyle Manager and Jim Byron, Poppy Chair for the Branch 36 Poppy fund and Veteran residents - Ivor James, Bill Lees, George Ferguson and John Vanderboom admire the piano.



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## President's Report

Summer 2015 is racing by and so are the many summer events at our branch. A belated welcome to the summer dart league and the Duffers golf league which has restarted after a few years hiatus. Also our summer steak barbeques have been a hit but we would love to see more people out to enjoy. Next up is Sunday, August 23rd. See you there!



**Gord Sharpe**  
**President**

Our Canada Day BBQ was the most successful yet. Our apologies for the shortage in burgers and dogs but the turnout was greater than we had anticipated. Next year we will be better prepared! It was great to see all of the families who attended and to see the children enjoying the many activities including the great display put on by the Dundas Modular train club. Thanks to the many volunteers on that day without whom we could not hold our special events. Special thanks to Joe Thorogood who braved the heat and did all the barbequing for the day. Also to the Turner brothers who started off the entertainment for the afternoon which was highlighted by a performance by Mike Woods.

We are looking forward to the Cactus Festival, always a highlight in our town. As usual we will have our float in the parade and a get-together afterward with a barbeque at our branch.

Of course our Fish Fry nights continue through the summer and I would like to thank the volunteers who come out every month and ensure that this very popular event continues throughout the year! Fall and winter events are coming up fast so you should think now about signing up for the winter sports activities in the branch. There are mens, womens and mixed leagues for darts, mens and womens leagues for snooker and a mixed league for shuffleboard.

I know it's only August, but you should plan to take part in the following events: (1) the Poppy Campaign starts on Friday, 30th October, (2) the Fall Work Party on Sunday, November 8th to clean up the Branch for Remembrance and (3) the Remembrance Day Parade on Wednesday, November 11th for all men and who are available.

If you have any questions be sure to ask me when you see me around  
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the Branch, or leave a message and phone number with the bar steward and I will get back to you.

The Presidents Meat Draw will kick off on September 12th. Your ongoing support of this draw is very important to the branch.

Enjoy the rest of the summer. Remember winter is coming!

**Gord Sharpe** - President Branch 36

### **Ways & Means Report**

On June 9th, I was proud to represent President Gord and Branch 36 as the Reviewing Officer at the 71st Annual Ceremonial Revue of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps Dundas.

This was a great evening with demonstrations by the cadets, and award ceremonies.

The Corps paid tribute to the Branch for our continuing support which is greatly appreciated. I was deeply impressed with the event, and it was an honour for me to attend.



**Doug Rivers**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice**  
**President**  
**and**  
**Ways**  
**& Means**  
**Chair**

**Doug Rivers** – Ways & Means Chair

## **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 can be used for retirement parties, memorial services, meetings, birthdays and any other party you can think of. Just call the office to book the room (905) 627-7221.**

## **Bursary Report**

The Legion offers Bursaries to children and grandchildren of Ordinary members, also children of Associate members. I have the forms and information at the Branch. Please ask for same.

To be eligible the student's father, grandfather, mother, grandmother does not have to be a Legion member.

The Branch also offers 5 (five) Belec Bursary awards to students. Please see me for details.

***Mike Alkerton*** - Bursary Chair



**Mike Alkerton**  
Bursary Chair

## **Public Relations Report**

There is a suggestion box to the right of the doorway into the office from the clubroom. This box has various uses. If you have a suggestion to make that will improve Branch 36 feel free to put it in the box.

If you think someone should be recognized for their volunteering at our Branch then put a suggestion into the box. At our Annual Honours and Awards banquet Branch 36, the Dundas Poppy Fund and the Ladies Auxillary try to recognize and show appreciation to individuals with the presentation of various certificates.

Give a description of what someone has done to make your visit to Branch 36 a memorable visit. Input from you the membership helps make Branch 36 work so well and we should recognize those who make an effort.

***Peter Whittaker*** - Public Relations Chair



**Peter Whittaker**  
Public Relations Chair

## **Banquet Hall Report**

I would like to thank Mike, Gord and Linda for pitching in with the set-ups for our last couple of banquets. It really was a big help. I would also like to give a big thanks to Jeff for the great job he does with the arrangements and set-ups of the tables and chairs for all of our events. It's a lot of behind the scenes work that is not often mentioned, but is very much appreciated!

We have a great hall with great rates, so spread the word and call 905-627-7221 for available dates and information.

***Doug Rivers*** - Banquet Hall Chair



**Doug Rivers**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice**  
**President**  
**and**  
**Banquet Hall**  
**Chair**

## **Colour Party Report**

The Colour Party attended Church Parade on June 7th and with the addition of 9 members of the cadet corps we were able to field a Colour Party of 15.

The Colour Party attended the funeral of Bill Taylor on July 30th with 4 members attending.

We are all looking forward to the Cactus Festival.

Branch 36 has an Award winning unit and we'd like to make sure we keep it that way.

Our Colour Party always has openings for new members. Training and help getting uniforms will be provided.

Our next practices will be:

Tuesday evening September 8th at 7:00 pm.

Tuesday evening October 6th at 7:00 pm.

Tuesday evening November 10th at 7:00 pm.

Tuesday evening December 8th at 7:00 pm.

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



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

## Entertainment Report

Registration / signup night for the Mixed Shuffleboard league will be Wednesday, 9th September and play will begin on 16th September.

Trivia Nights will start up again in October after the Fish Fry on Friday, 9th October.

Events are being planned for October so keep an eye open in the Branch for event posters.

**Chris Turner** - Entertainment Chair



**Chris Turner**  
Entertainment  
Chair

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## 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**  
Veterans  
Services Chair

## In the town of Dundas....

Garbage collection, costing five cents a week, was commenced in 1917 and Dundas was visited by its first aeroplane the same year, when on November 2nd, a plane from Camp Borden got lost and landed on the Hunter farm on the York Road.

## Membership Report

To all of you who brought new members to the Branch last year - **Thank You !** Your efforts helped keep our numbers up at near 2014 levels. As you know membership is the lifeblood of organizations.

**Well Done.**



**Mike Alkerton**  
**Membership**  
**Chair**

However! this is a new year and we must be ever on the outlook for new members. To all members of the Branch remember our motto **“Just Bring One”**.

As there has been no increase in per capita to Toronto or Ottawa, the dues for 2016 will remain the same at \$50.00 (fifty) dollars.

The summer is a very slow time at the Branch and our funds are depleted. I would ask you to please try to be an “Early Bird” with your membership dues. This would truly help the financial health of the Branch.

You can pay your dues at the Branch by Cash, Cheque or Debit card. If you can't make it to the Branch you can mail in a cheque and we will return your membership card by mail.

There will be a General Meeting on Tuesday, 15th September at 8:00pm Please try to attend as the last meeting in June was cancelled because no members showed up. How bad is that!

Some new members from last year have not yet been initiated, if you have not, I would be pleased to see you at this meeting. Please make an effort to attend.

As always if you have any concerns or questions please contact me.

**Mike Alkerton** - Membership Chair

**“Just Bring One”**

**Everyone makes mistakes. The trick is to make mistakes when nobody is looking.**

**Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.**



## House Report

I'm happy to report that we had no major problems, v always good news (financially).

Comrade Sharpe and I have plans for improving the stairway up to the Banquet Hall - we can't seem to find the time right now, but it is on our 'To Do' list and we will complete it some day.

Big thanks to you guys who help take care of the small situations, see you at the Cactus Festival Parade - on the float I hope !!!

**Paul Penney** - House and Grounds Chair  
**"Many hands make light work!"**



**Paul  
Penney  
House and  
Grounds  
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### **Canada Day Good Neighbor BBQ Birthday Cake**



At our Canada Day Good Neighbor BBQ, Marie Kobolinski slices out a piece of Canada Day birthday cake that was enjoyed by everyone who came to the BBQ

## **Spring Work Party a Success**

The Branch Spring Work Party this year was a great success. A lot of work was done inside and outside the Branch by a great group of volunteers. Our gardens were tended, and the grass was cut and the parking lot swept and cleaned.

The Fall Work Party is on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> November and I hope all Legion members will take part to make the Branch look great for Remembrance Day.

***Paul Penney*** - House and Grounds Chair



**Paul  
Penney  
House and  
Grounds  
Chair**

## **Special Events Report**

On Sunday, 7th June Branch 36 held our annual D-Day Parade and church service and I would like to thank all who took part and remembered our fallen comrades.

In Thursday, 13th August we will enter our Legion float in the 40th Cactus Festival Parade and I would like to thank all the volunteers who help build the float, and anyone who rides on it in the parade.

On Wednesday, 11th November Branch 36 will take part in the Dundas Remembrance Day Parade and Service. Last year there was a large turnout at the service and I hope all Legion members that can, will take in the parade and service held at the Memorial located at the Dundas Community Center and come to the Branch after the service.

***Dave Hawthorne*** - Special Events Chair



**Dave  
Hawthorne  
Special  
Events  
Chair**

## Sick Report

### April 2015

7th - Ron Kenyon at home  
10th - Lloyd Hannis at home  
13th - George Buhlman at General  
18th - George Buhlman moved to St.Pete's



**Stan Hicks**  
**Sick**  
**and**  
**Last Post**  
**Chair**

### May 2015

4th - George Martin at St.Joe's - surgery  
7th - Len Owen at Juravinski - surgery  
13th - Jim Lewis at St.Joe's - in and out  
13th - Jerry Hopkins had surgery on knee  
20th - George Buhlman at General - hip surgery

### June 2015

5th - Jim Lewis at St.Joe's  
12th- George Buhlman moved to Juravinski  
19th - Jim Lewis moved to Yorkview, Dundas  
19th - Dorothy Matthews at General and home  
26th - Edna Hall at Juravinski

### July 2015

7th - Bill Taylor at Juravinski - acute Leukemia  
7th - Paul Penney at home and sick  
8th - Bill Taylor at Juravinski - went with Mike Alkerton to visit  
9th - Paul Penney sick at home - visited with him  
9th - Jim Thornton at General  
9th - Jim McHugh at General  
9th - Edna Hall at Yorkview, Dundas  
23rd - Bill Taylor moved to St.Pete's

**Stan Hicks** – Sick and Last Post Chair

<b>Last Post</b>
<b>Paul Copeman - 6th April, 2015</b> <b>Andrew Lupton - 2nd May, 2015</b> <b>Dennis Lyell - 16th June, 2015</b> <b>George Buhlman - 4th July, 2015</b> <i>(Past President Branch 36)</i> <b>Bill Taylor - 28th July, 2015</b>
<b>We Will Remember Them</b>

## Poppy Fund Report

I attended a Poppy seminar which took place at Stoney Creek Legion on July 25th and learned that the Poppy Campaign will begin on October 30th this year. I'm looking forward to seeing how well we do this year after raising almost \$95,000 last year.



**Jim Byron**  
**Poppy Fund**  
**Chair**

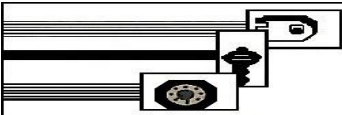
The money was used to support our cadets corps, seniors retirement centres, and helping our vets get some of the things they needed.

In one instance we were able to provide a motorized wheel chair to one, and were able to provide the batteries to make it mobile.

I'm hoping that the members will be able to volunteer once again for this worthy cause.

The current balance in the Poppy Fund Trust is \$62,748.98

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



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## Canteen Report

Just a reminder that we will be returning to regular hours on Tuesday, Sept. 8. Also, with the success of the Canada Day Celebrations, we will be looking at providing additional bar stewards for some of our future events.

Our bar staff do an excellent job, so lets all give a big thank-you to Al, Sue, Pam, Judy H, Judy W, Jennifer, Candace and Elaine for a job well done!



**Doug Rivers**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice**  
**President**  
**and**  
**Canteen**  
**Chair**

**Doug Rivers** - Canteen Chair

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## **Sports Report**

Summer is almost over so don't forget to come and register to play in the Branch Sport Leagues that operate through the winter. We have active with Mens, Womens and Mixed Darts Leagues, Mens and Womens Snooker Leagues and a Mixed Shuffleboard league at Branch 36.

Any Legion members can go on to represent Branch 36 at Legion Sport Tournaments at different Legions across Ontario. These Tournaments include Bowling, Cribbage, Curling, Euchre, Golf, Horseshoes, and Lawn Bowling. We may not have an in-house League for a sport, but watch the Sports board for sign-up sheets



**Stan  
Sklepowicz  
Sports  
Chair**

***Stan Sklepowicz*** - Sports Chair

### **Hot time on the grill at the Canada Day BBQ**



**Joe Thorogood** cooked some delicious burgers and hot dogs on the grill while **Gord Sharpe** got the orders on the plates for those who came to our Canada Day Good Neighbor BBQ.

## Youth Education Report

The Annual Literary & Poster Contest is mostly about "Remembrance" with a good dosage of "Service to the Community" mixed in. The contest is an excellent way of connecting our country's greatest resource - our children - with the best values that our society has to offer as embodied by the Royal Canadian Legion.



**Tony  
Bratschitch  
Youth  
Education  
Chair**

The Branch 36 area schools in the 2014 Legion Remembrance Poster & Literary Contest had 139 entries from Grades 1-12 students. There were 15 category winners from the area schools that were forwarded to the Zone and District for further competition, with 3 of them ultimately winning Gold awards at the Ontario Command level. Those students are Mark and Laura Elgersma of Reheboth Christian School and Srinidhi Shaw of Westdale Secondary School.

The 2014 contest saw almost double the number of submissions over the previous 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.

This year we can expect the same level, hopefully more, of the same type of contributions from the students in our area. We will continue to involve the students' teachers, schools and families in the recognition activities while promoting the great values that The Royal Canadian Legion represent in our community.

Regards,

**Tony Bratschitch** - Youth Education Chair

A horizontal banner advertisement for Kim Place Carpentry. The background is light gray with a ruler-like scale at the top and bottom. On the left is a logo with the letters 'KP' in white on an orange square. To its right, the name 'Kim Place' is written in a cursive font, with 'CARPENTRY' in a bold, black, sans-serif font below it. In the center, there is an orange semi-circle containing the text 'SINCE 1981'. To the right of the semi-circle, the text 'LICENSED CONTRACTOR' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there is a dark gray bar with white text. On the left, it says 'PHONE 905-520-4440'. In the center, there is a crossed hammer and pickaxe icon. On the right, it says '1905 HWY #5 WEST TROY, ONTARIO, L0R 2B0'.

## **Branch 36 - Upcoming Events**

President's Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 3pm starting 12th September  
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

### **August 2015 Events**

Monday - 3rd August - Civic Holiday - Branch CLOSED

Thursday - 13th August - Cactus Festival Parade -

10:00am - help build and decorate Legion float

5:30pm - ride on the Legion Float in the Parade

6:45pm - Parade leaves Dundas Driving Park

Friday - 14th August - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

Sunday - 23rd August - Family BBQ - chilled refreshments - 2:30pm BBQ - 4-6pm

### **September 2015 Events**

Tuesday - 1st September - Labour Day - Statutory Holiday - Branch Closed

Thursday - 3rd September - Mens Thursday Dart League Registration - 7pm

Tuesday - 8th September - Branch 36 Colour Party Practice - 7:00pm

Wednesday - 9th September - Shuffleboard Mixed League Registration - 7:30pm

Thursday - 10th September - Registration for Ladies Thursday Dart League - 8pm

Friday - 11th September - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

Sunday - 13th September - Registration for Sunday Mixed Dart League - 2pm

Tuesday - 15th September - Bi-Annual General Meeting - Banquet Hall - 7:30pm

Friday - 25th September - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm

### **October 2015 Events**

Tuesday - 6th October - Branch 36 Colour Party Practice - 7:00pm

Friday - 9th October - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

Friday - 9th October - First Trivia Night of the season - 7:30pm

Sunday 11th October - Thanksgiving - Branch CLOSED

Monday 12th October - Thanksgiving - Branch CLOSED

Friday - 23th October - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm

Friday - 30th October - 2015 Poppy Fund Campaign Kick Off Day

Be sure to live up to your Legion oath and volunteer a few hours to distribute Poppies. Volunteer sheet will be posted in Branch

**Invite your friends and relatives to Legion events !**

**New Legion Members are Always Welcome**

**Call or visit the Branch for more information**