



The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion
November - 2023



Lest We Forget



Remembrance

*Visit the Veterans Graves in Woodland Cemetery in
Aldershot and have a memorable experience.*

Picture courtesy Peter Whittaker

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<http://www.br36dundas.org>

President's Report

Comrades,

Welcome back from your summer vacations. Hoping you all had a safe & enjoyable summer with friends and family. Our summer BBQ's and Pig Roast were well attended in June, July, August as were the Friday night wing nights. We are always looking for volunteers to help out with these events. I can't figure out why no one likes to do dishes?



**Janice
Mancini
President**

In September, we revived the Legion Week that hasn't been held in quite a few years. On the Wednesday evening we hosted the Air Force Club and had a friendly game of Snooker. It came down to the very last shot of the night breaking the tie and giving the win to the Legion. We also had the Catch the Ace draw going on with beer tasting from the Shed and free Pizza from Dominos. What a great turnout that night! On Saturday we had our Triathlon with players competing in Shuffleboard, Darts, and Horseshoes!! Terry Kobylinski and Brett Taylor were the winners! Congratulations to both of them, and thank you to all who attended. We are looking forward to planning another triathlon for the 2024 season.

Heading into the fall we have a number of events planned. The Poppy Campaign is getting ready to roll out on 27th October, as is the Remembrance Day Celebrations on 11th November. If you are looking for a way to support your Legion and the Community, pop by and talk to Jim or Chris who will be set up in the Wentworth room. They will be happy to find something for you to do.

It seems too early to say this, however, this is the last Bullytin until February 2024. Wishing you all a happy, healthy, winter season, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

My final thought is this...with all the turmoil going on in the world, hug your family and friends, be grateful we are Canadian, but most of all, BE KIND.

Janice Mancini - President Branch 36

Ways and Means Report

Comrades,

As I write this, we are in week 10 of our Dundas Catch the Ace and the Ace has not been won! The jackpot is already over \$14,000.



Peter Howard
Ways and Means Chair

Our objective is to make Dundas Catch the Ace a regular feature of our fundraising efforts and so, once the jackpot has been won, it is our intention to apply for the next license.

Our initial goals were to generate revenue for Dundas Legion and the many charities that our branch supports, plus The Dundas Terry Fox Run and McMaster Children's Hospital Foundation, and also to boost our Wednesday night attendance at the Legion when we hold the draw, all of these objectives have been met.

Thanks everyone for your support in purchasing tickets and a special thank you to the Catch the Ace team, Janice Mancini, Bill Ralston and Stan Sklepowicz, and our colleagues at the Dundas Terry Fox Run - Nicole, Amy, Tina and Jenn.

Tickets are on sale online at dundascatchtheace.com and can also be purchased every Wednesday at the Dundas Legion from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Peter Howard - 3rd Vice President and Ways and Means Chair

Honours and Awards and Veterans Luncheon

SAVE THIS DATE: Sunday, 24th March, 2024
Doors open at 12:00pm / Luncheon served 1:00pm
Cost: to be determined



Sue Sklepowicz
Honours and Awards Chair

Let me know if you feel someone is deserving of recognition or an award.

Committee Members: Bert Richardson, Robert Bolton, Mel Horner, Barb Smith and Teresa McConnell

Sue Sklepowicz - Honours and Awards Chair 905-537-7862

Public Relations Report

We try to make you aware of Branch 36 events through the media. Unfortunately, the local media don't have print versions but they do have websites. You can easily view upcoming events online by linking to: <http://br36dundas.org/clubroom.htm> You can also save the Upcoming Events page in this newsletter to remind you of events at Branch 36.



**Peter
Whittaker
Public
Relations**

Peter Whittaker - Public Relations Chair

Sports Report

Our fall in-house sports has started with darts, snooker and shuffleboard.

The competitive season will be starting early this year as Zone 8 ball has been added to the schedule on October 28 in Burlington. The other events will be posted on the sports board as they come up.



**Stan
Sklepowicz
Sports
Chair**

Congratulations to Mark Johnson and Darryl Doolittle for making the provincial golf tournament.

Thank you to all who participated in the Legion week triathlon and especially Mel and Lynn Horner for organizing it. Hopefully this will be an annual event as it used to be.

Keep an eye on the sports board and our website for upcoming events.

Stan Sklepowicz - 2nd Vice President and Sports Chair

Remembrance Day Parade & Service - 11th November, 2023

10:15am - Fall in at Dundas Firehall at Memorial Square

10:30am - Parade to War Memorial at Community Center

10:45am - Remembrance Day Service and Wreath laying

Program to follow: March back to Branch 36 for reception and presentations at 12:00 noon

Food Banks and YOU

You might easily have to use a Food Bank someday, so why not make a contribution to the food bank now. Branch 36 has a box in the clubroom for your food bank contributions NOW.

Each time you come into Branch 36 bring a non-perishable food item with you and make a contribution to the food bank.

Please make your contribution NOW!

Join the Branch 36 Colour Party

It takes many people to keep our award winning Colour Party active, and the active numbers are getting low, which means we may not be able to show as many flags as everyone enjoys seeing on parade. If you're interested, come to one of our practices on most second Tuesdays of each month from September to May at 7pm in the upstairs Legion Banquet Hall. Meet and talk to our members. We also help new Colour Party members with Legion uniforms. Come out and see us in the Remembrance Day Parade.

Call Greg Sherring - Colour Party commander at 905-385-5539.

Membership Report

“**Just Bring One**” has been our theme for several years now and it seems to work. You, the members are bringing in new members, which allows us to be the largest branch in our District.

The 2024 membership year has started, and after a long summer of inactivity we could use the cash flow. So please try to be an “**Early Bird**”, there will be a draw at the end of November for those of you who have already paid your dues for 2024. You could win your dues back.



**Mike
Alkerton
Membership
Chair**

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The price remains the same \$55.00. You can mail it in “or” the best way is to stop by the Branch and pay by cheque or cash.

By being an “**Early Bird**”, you make Charlie Parson’s, Bev Westoby’s and my job a lot easier, so please help us out.

Any questions see or call me - Mike at 905-628-2822 or see Charlie Parsons.

Mike Alkerton - Membership Chair

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Bursary Report

There are Bursaries available for some students who are full-time post-secondary students.

See me if you have questions.

Mike Alkerton - Bursary Chair
(Home 905-628-2822 or Branch 905-627-7221)



Mike Alkerton
Bursary Chair

Banquet Hall Rental

The Banquet Hall is available for rental.

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

The Wentworth Room downstairs is available for a donation to Branch 36 on a first come basis and accommodates from 5-65 people.

It can be used for retirement parties, memorial services, meetings, birthdays, and any other function you may require. Just call the office to book the room (905) 627-7221.

Ladies Auxiliary Report

It has been a tough several weeks for our Ladies Auxiliary with the passing of two prominent LA members. On 23rd August, 2023 Gerry Hopkins, a 30-year member and on 28th September, 2023, Dana Dilabbio, a 27-year member passed away. Both gone way too soon and will be greatly missed..



**Sue
Sklepowicz
President
Ladies
Auxiliary**

As we continue with LA business, we are announcing the return of the full LA Christmas Draw. Items will be displayed and tickets available to purchase starting Friday, 3rd November. Sales will continue throughout the month with the draw taking place on Friday, 1st December in conjunction with the Legions Sports Turkey Roll. We are looking for new donations. If you have something you would like to donate, or know of a business we can contact, please let us know.

Our 3rd Paint night will take place on Friday, 17th November at 7pm. Cost is \$50 for a 12x16 canvas. See posters for example of the Christmas Gnome to be painted. To register please call Barb at (365) 366-2464.

There is a time change for our 27th October Beef night. We will be serving dinner from 4:30-6:30 for October only and will return to our regular hours 5:30-7:30pm in November.

The Progressive Euchre has been changed – it now follows the Fish Fry. The November Friday Euchre will be on Friday, 3rd November and after that on the 2nd Friday of each month. Registration opens at 6:30pm. Play begins at 7:00pm.

The LA monthly meeting had been moved from the 2nd Tuesday of the month to the 2nd Wednesday of the month effective October 2023.

Yours in comradeship

Sue Sklepowicz - President Ladies Auxiliary (905-537-7862)

“Lest We Forget”

Annual Poppy Day Fund Campaign For the Relief of Veterans, their Widows and Orphans



Poppy Fund Committee

Jim Byron

Chris Slote

Stan Hicks

Wayne O'Connor

Mark Mainprize

Dear Comrades and Friends:

I would like to take this opportunity to bring your mind once again to our Annual Poppy Day Campaign.

One day each year we ask the people of Canada to wear a Poppy in remembrance of the thousands of brave men and women who gave their lives so that we may live in freedom, with the right to worship God in our own way.

Throughout the country thousands of Canadian service men and women returned to their families, and due to the ravages of war suffer from disability, sickness, unemployment and the penalty of growing old and need assistance.

In 1926 we assumed an obligation to assist Veterans, their widows, and their wives and families in the many difficulties which constantly confront them – such as sickness pensions.

We, your Dundas Poppy Committee, remember 365 days of the year, so we ask that on November 11th, you will remember the sacrifices made by Veterans for us, and wear a Poppy.

Any donations to our Poppy Fund will be gratefully received and acknowledged with a tax receipt.

Please forward your donation to:
Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 36
280 King Street West,
Dundas, Ontario L9H 1W1

Cheques should be made payable to - “**DUNDAS POPPY FUND**”. An official receipt will be forwarded for Income Tax purposes.

“A Poppy is easier to carry than a Cross”

Yours Sincerely

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

***** 2023 Poppy Campaign *****

Poppy Distributers Needed

Campaign Dates: October 27th, 28th, 30th and 31st, November 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th.

A sheet has been posted in the Branch asking you to supply your name and date(s) available and your phone number.

Jim Byron - Poppy Campaign Chairman (905-578-2758)

Poppy Fund Report

Donations to the 3 cadet corps in our area were approved at the General Meeting which took place September 19th, 2023.

735 Firebird Squadron - \$2,000.00

2865 Army Cadet Corps. - \$2,000.00

Navy League of Dundas - \$5,000.00

A cheque for \$10,000 was presented at the Ontario Convention towards “Operation Leave the Streets Behind” to Ontario Provincial Command. This program assists Homeless Veterans.

The current balance of the Poppy Fund as of July 31st is:
\$96,786.75

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



Jim Byron
Poppy Fund
Chair

Special Events Report

The permit for the 2023 Remembrance Day Parade has been approved as long as one stipulation is followed. The stipulation being that we follow the federal CAF regulations governing service personnel carrying service weapons in parades and firing blanks at Remembrance services. I have requested a copy of those regulations from Capt. Nicholas Besterd (Adjutant) from the 11th Artillery Field Regt. in Guelph.



Greg Sherring
Special
Events Chair

This year we will have one of our own taking the salute from the podium, which hasn't happened since 2018.

Previously we would have had two golf carts to take a few of our vets in the parade but no requests have been received yet. One golf cart will be ordered to take our Veteran Leo Shadle (who celebrated his 100th birthday last April 26 and will be taking the salute) from the Cenotaph to the podium before the parade leaves the Cenotaph service and return him to the Legion following the Parade.

"We Will Remember"

Greg Sherring - Special Events Co-Ordinator

Fall Work Party

Fall is here and we are asking for volunteers for our Fall Work Party to get the building and grounds ship-shape in time for Remembrance week and to show our veterans that we care.

If you are coming add your name to the sign-up sheet in the clubroom so we know how many we will have to feed.

Everyone is welcome to come as we have various jobs to be done. This year's work party starts at 9:00am on Sunday, 5th November, 2023 and a light lunch will be served to all those who attend.

Catch the Ace Draw Weekly Winner on 4th October, 2023



On Wednesday, the 4th of October, during the weekly Dundas Catch the Ace Draw, Rosemary K. accepted a cheque for \$1,265.00 as a winner of the Weekly Draw, from Peter Howard, Dundas Legion Catch the Ace Draw administrator. Check out the Jackpot prize at the <https://dundascatchtheace.com> where you can also buy tickets, and also every Wednesday at Branch 36 from 4:30-7:30pm.

Just remember...if the world didn't suck, we'd all fall off.

Dogs have masters. Cats have staff.

My mother never saw the irony in calling me a son-of-a-bitch.

If I got 50 cents for every failed math exam, I'd have \$6.30 now.

Entertainment Report

Hello Comrades,

Get your Spook on for our Halloween party, Saturday, October 28th at 8:00 p.m. Bring a non-perishable food item for entry to be donated to the Food Bank. Prizes and draws. Entertainment provided by DJ Mark.

Coming Saturday, December 2nd at 8:00 pm, it's THE MUDMEN, Canada's Celtic Rock Warriors 25th Anniversary Tour. Tickets will be available at the bar; \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Wear your plaid to show your support.

Join us for celebrations Christmas Eve and New Years Eve with DJ entertainment.

Debbie Gibbins - Entertainment Chair

Sick Report

John Bart in Juravinski for hip

John Bart now at home

Bill Ralston - 1st Vice President and Sick Chair



Debbie Gibbins
Entertainment
Co-Chair



Bill Ralston
Sick / Last
Post Chair

Last Post

Gerry Hopkins - 23rd August, 2023
Hugh Graham - 2nd September, 2023
Dana Dilabbio - 28th September, 2023
Gord Price - 5th October, 2023

We Will Remember Them

Banquet Hall Report

The Banquet Hall is available for rental. For details, please email rcibr36@cogeco.net You will receive a response within 12-48 hours. You can also call 905-627-7221.



**Janice
Mancini
Banquet
Hall Chair**

Space is filling up fast for the fall / winter months and into 2024. Don't miss out!! Book rentals now.

Janice Mancini - President and Banquet Hall Chair

Colour Party Report

On August 17 the Colour Party marched the flags in their first Cactus Parade. Joining the Colour Party were Officers CO 2Lt (N) Michael Sweika, TO 2Lt (N) Michael Harris with 5 of their cadets from RCSCC Dundas. Four members of the Br.396, Chippawa Legion from Niagara Falls and Veteran John David from the Dundas Air Force Club. It was a memorable experience, as we will join in this parade for years to come.



**Greg
Sherring
Colour
Commander**

Our next parade will be the annual Remembrance Day Parade on Saturday, 11th November to begin at the Dundas Firehall, parading up King Street to the War Memorial at the Community Centre. After the ceremony the parade will continue up King Street, passing a viewing platform, which will have one of our Vets, Leo Shaidle who is 100 years of age, then parade up to the Dundas Legion for comradeship, awards, and draws.

Interested in joining the Colour Party? Enquire at Br.36 Dundas Legion, or talk to any member of the Colour Party.

Greg Sherring - Colour Commander 905-537-5995

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Canteen Report

Welcome to our 2 newest bar stewards, Tim Mahoney and Dori Gallagher. They are replacing our 2 part time stewards Elaine and Leanne who have decided not to return. Many thanks to Elaine and Leanne for their dedication and commitment over the last 10 years or so. You will be sincerely missed by all!

We've added a few new items to the menu as well. Stella Artois, and Shed Tall Boys are now available at the bar.

Janice Mancini - Canteen Co-Chair



**Janice
Mancini
Canteen
Co-Chair**

Veterans Services Report

Comrades, as your Branch Service Officer I can best assist Veterans at our branch by identifying those of you 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 (905-393-2463)



**Rick Valois
Veterans
Services
Chair**

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Branch 36 Colour Party leads Parade



On Thursday, 17th August, 2023 the Branch 36 Colour Party marched in the 48th Dundas Cactus Festival Parade.

Branch 36 Upcoming Events

President's Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 3-4pm
Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm

Every Wednesday - Dundas Online Catch the Ace Draw - 8pm

October 2023 Events

Friday - 27th - Poppy Campaign Kickoff Day

Friday - 27th - Beef on a Bun - 4:30-6:30pm

Saturday - 28th - Halloween Celebration - Bring canned good for admission - 7:30pm

November 2023 Events

Thursday - 2nd - Thursday Afternoon Progressive Euchre - 1:30pm

Friday - 3rd - Fish Fry Night - 4:30-6:30pm

Friday - 3rd - Progressive Euchre - 7:30pm

Sunday - 5th - Fall Work Party - 9am - Bring your rake / broom

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November 2023 Events continued

Tuesday - 7th - Branch 36 Colour Party Practise - 7pm

Saturday - 11th - Remembrance Day Parade and Service

10:15am - Parade falls in at Dundas Firehall in Memorial Square

10:30am - Parade marches to Memorial at Community Centre

10:45am - Memorial service commences

Wednesday - 15th - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7pm

Thursday - 16th - Thursday Afternoon - Progressive Euchre - 1:30pm

Friday - 17th - Trivia Night - Signup - Open to Everyone - 7pm

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

December 2023 Events

Friday - 1st - Sports Turkey Roll and Ladies Auxiliary Draw - 7:00pm

Thursday - 7th - Thursday Afternoon - Progressive Euchre - 1:30pm

Friday - 8th - Fish Fry Night - 4:30-6:30pm

Friday - 8th - Progressive Euchre - 7:30pm

Tuesday - 12th - Branch 36 Colour Party Practise - 7pm

Wednesday - 13th - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7pm

Friday - 15th - Trivia Night - Signup - Open to Everyone - 7:00pm

Thursday - 21st - Thursday Afternoon - Progressive Euchre - 1:30pm

Sunday - 24th - Carol Singing Contest - Noon-5pm

Monday - 25th - Christmas Day - Branch Closed

Tuesday - 26th - Boxing Day - Branch Closed

Sunday - 31st - New Year's Eve Celebration - 8pm

January 2024 Events

Monday - 1st - Boxing Day - Branch Closed

Tuesday - 2nd - Branch Closed

Thursday - 4th - Thursday Afternoon - Progressive Euchre - 1:30pm

Tuesday - 9th - Branch 36 Colour Party Practise - 7pm

Wednesday - 10th - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7pm

Friday - 12th - Fish Fry - 4:30-6:30pm

Friday - 12th - Progressive Euchre - 6:30pm

Thursday - 18th - Thursday Afternoon - Progressive Euchre - 1:30pm

Friday - 19th - Trivia Night - Signup - Open to Everyone - 7:00pm

Friday - 26th - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm

Live up to your Legion oath and volunteer to distribute Poppies.

Volunteer sign-up sheet is be posted in Branch