



# The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion

May - 2024

## St. Patrick's Day Celebration



On Saturday, 16th March, 2024 Branch 36 held a St. Patrick's Day celebration. Those who attended wore green, had a good time and donated goods to the Food Bank.

*Picture courtesy Peter Whittaker*



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## **President's Report**

Comrades,

With Spring and Summer just around the corner, it's time to do our spring clean-up once again! You can sign up in the clubroom in the next few weeks. Bring your rakes, blowers, and appetites! We have many jobs to get done before the June D-Day parade.



**Janice  
Mancini  
President**

Sadly, Catch the Ace has ended for this round. What a great success!! We went 32 weeks before the Ace was found. Congratulations to Olga Clarkson on her big payout of \$242,000.00!! Stay tuned for Catch the Ace popping up over the summer. We know he'll back soon, just not sure when! Let's hope for August / September.

We now have the funds to do some upgrades, changes and improvements at the Legion. We will also be making donations to The Terry Fox Run, McMaster Children's Hospital and other local community members in need. Stay tuned for an update on recipients. We will let you know how the funds were spent.

Wishing you all a great spring and summer! We will be having our usual 3rd Sunday of the month BBQ's starting in June. There will also be Canada Day celebrations on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing each of you at the BBQ's. There will also be live music provided.

Stay safe, stay healthy and be kind.

***Janice Mancini*** - President Branch 36

## Sports Report

Congratulations to some of our sports teams this season.

Our 8-ball team of Mark Johnston and Darryl Doolittle have reached the Dominion level.

Our senior dart team of Brian Mitchell, Doug Johnson, Bob Clayborne and Stan Sklepowicz have reached the Provincial level.

Our mixed dart team of Rachel Harrington and Rick Webster won the Zone competition. There were multiple teams and pairs that also qualified for the district mixed tournament.

We will be hosting Zone Washer Toss this spring and Shuffleboard and Horseshoes are upcoming events. These events are all posted on the sports bulletin board.

Good luck to all these teams.

***Stan Sklepowicz*** - 2nd Vice President and Sports Chair



**Stan  
Sklepowicz  
Sports Chair**

## Special Events Report

Sunday, 2nd June - "D - Day" & Church Service: St. James Anglican Church at 10:30am.

Monday, 11th November - Remembrance Day Parade. Plans are well on their way but have had to take a slow turn with the internet disruption at Hamilton City Hall. They are aware of our permit requests and will process them when they are back online.

Others have given us the same go ahead to proceed with the parade as they did last year.

***Greg Sherring*** - Special Events Chair



**Greg  
Sherring  
Special  
Events Chair**

## Cadet Organizations in the local area

“Many people think of Cadets as preparation for a career in the military, but it is really about preparing for life; about developing skills, the qualities and the confidence that will allow these young people to prosper and contribute to the Canada of tomorrow.” - **Senator Art Eggleton**, former Minister of National Defense.

Cadet organizations that the Dundas Legion helps support are listed below. If you are interested call the phone numbers supplied,

**Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps DUNDAS** parades on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm at the Dundas Lions Memorial Community Centre, located at 10 Market Street South, Dundas. **Phone:** 905-627-5622 (Please note, phone messages are answered Tuesday evenings Sept- June). Cadets are aged 12-19

**Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps 2865 Hamilton Artillery Battery** parades on Thursday evenings at the John Weir Foot Armoury located at 200 James St N, Hamilton. **Phone:** 905-577-4094 Cadets are aged 12-19

**Royal Canadian Air Cadet Corps 735 - Firebird Squadron** parades on Monday evenings at 6:30pm at the Dundas Lions Memorial Community Centre, located at 10 Market Street South, Dundas. **Phone:** 905-627-3917 Cadets are aged 12-19



**In November 1925, the Royal Canadian Legion was founded in Winnipeg, Manitoba, as the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Services League, incorporated by a 1926 special Act of Parliament. It grew steadily through the 1930s, then expanded rapidly following the Second World War.**

## **Banquet Hall Report**

The Banquet Hall is available for rental. For details, please email [rcibr36@cogeco.net](mailto:rcibr36@cogeco.net)

You will receive a response within 12-48 hours. You can also call 905-627-7221.

Space is filling up fast for the spring and summer months in 2024. Don't miss out!! Book rentals now.

***Janice Mancini*** – President and Banquet Hall Chair



**Janice  
Mancini  
Banquet Hall  
Chair**

## **Colour Party Report**

The Colour Party will be just as busy this year as they were in 2023. Parading the Colours at many local and not so local indoor and outdoor events in April, May, June, August and November.



**Greg Sherring  
Colour Party  
Commander**

### **Local Events:**

Sunday - 7th April - Honours and Awards Banquet at Branch 36, Dundas

Saturday - 20th April - Allan Cup at the J.L.Grightmire Arena, Dundas

Sunday - 5th May - "Liberation of The Netherlands" 80th Anniversary Celebration at the Canadian Warplane Heritage at Hamilton Airport.

Sunday - 2nd June - "D - Day" & Church Service at St. James Anglican Church, Dundas.

Wednesday - 26th June - "House of Providence" Parade & Picnic at St. Joseph's Villa, Dundas.

Thursday - 15th August - Dundas Cactus Parade.

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Monday - 11th November - Remembrance Day Parade, Dundas

Anyone wishing to join the Colour Party please see one of our members or contact the Branch 36 office at 905-627-7221 or myself @ 905-537-5995

**Greg Sherring** - Colour Party Commander

**Always Remember: They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. We will remember them.**

### **Membership Report**

Comrades:

Membership is doing very well. If the applications keep coming in the way they have been, we will have more members this year than last year.

This does not mean we can ease off on getting new members. If you know a friend or someone from work that is interested in meeting great people and having a good time, sign them up.

As always, we are still recruiting and as Mike Alkerton says if you “**Just Bring One**” to the Branch we can remain strong and a leader.

Many thanks to all.

**Charlie Parsons** - Membership Co-Chair



**Charlie Parsons**  
**Membership**  
**Co-Chair**

## Ladies Auxiliary Report

### Upcoming LA Events

Purse Campaign: Collecting large gently used purses to fill to donate to a local women's shelter. We will be collecting purses throughout the month of April. Donations can also include full size versions of the following items - toothpaste, toothbrush, hair brush, shampoo/conditioner, body wash and deodorant. A large bin will be on the stage under the TV for your donations.



**Sue  
Sklepowicz  
Ladies  
Auxiliary  
President**

Friday 19th April - Paint Night - Register with Barb Smith at (365) 366-2464 - cost \$50.

Friday 10th May - Tupperware Bingo - You can purchase your cards in advance from any LA member. They will also be selling Toonie squares to win \$100 worth of Tupperware.

Friday 24th May - BBQ Raffle - Raffle tickets are now being sold 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10 from any LA member for a new BBQ along with a grocery gift card, BBQ sauces and utensils. The draw will be held Friday, 24th May, 2024 at our Beef on a Bun Night.

Saturday, 4th May, and Sunday, 5th May - Craft Market and Tea Room from 10am to 4pm. Come out and check all the vendors out, and enjoy some sandwiches, treats, tea or coffee in our Tea Room.

Friday 26th April and May 24th - Beef on a Bun Nights followed by Euchre. (Returning in September.)

1st and 3rd Thursday of the month till the end of June - Thursday Afternoon Euchre - 1:00pm

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

## Ways and Means Report

We have completed our first Catch the Ace lottery, congratulations to our winner Olga C. from Water-down, who took home \$241,736. We also paid out over \$131,000 to our weekly winners.



**Peter Howard**  
**Ways and**  
**Means Chair**

We are finalizing the account and awaiting any outstanding deposits and expenses but at this stage I can tell you that we have raised in excess of \$250,000 for the Dundas Legion and the many local charities that we support including the Dundas Terry Fox Run, and McMaster Children's Hospital Foundation.

I would like to thank the members of the Legion's Catch the Ace Team Janice Mancini, Stan Sklepowicz and Bill Ralston for all their hard work, also Tammy Ackland ("Ace" designer and photographer), and Bev Westoby who helped with sales at The Legion.

Special thanks also go out to our colleagues from The Dundas Terry Fox Run - Nicole and Amy who did so much work in the background as well as on the nights of the draws, and who can forget our two Aces Tina and Jen who hosted the event.

Watch out for our next Catch the Ace coming soon

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

## Public Relations Report

Branch elections are scheduled for Wednesday, 1st May at 8pm. I urge you to attend and vote for your new Branch executive.

I will not be running for Public Relations but I will Be happy to help train anyone interested in this position.



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

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

## Poppy Fund Report

Thank you to Chris Slote for stepping up in the absence of Poppy Fund Chair Jim Byron.

Chris managed to run the campaign without a glitch. He had a few helpers which made it a little easier. Thank you to Greg Sherring and Mark Mainprize for helping Chris out and to Doug, Chris's brother in-law and to all the people who provided food for the sellers when they returned to the Legion.



**Janice  
Mancini  
Poppy Fund  
Substitute for  
Jim Byron and  
Chris Slote**

The Poppy Campaign brought in \$91,854.67 for the year 2023!!

The current balance of the Poppy Fund as of March 28, 2024 is \$129,111.12

We have just issued a cheque to St. Joseph's Villa Foundation for \$20,199.88 for a new bathing system. There are more recipients of funds coming in the near future once we have approval from command.

**Janice Mancini** (substitute for Jim Byron and Chris Slote - Poppy Fund Chairmen)

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## Honours and Awards Report

The Legions and Ladies Auxiliary Honours and Award and Veteran's Luncheon was held on Sunday, 7th April 7, 2024. It was very well attended.



**Sue  
Sklepowicz  
Honours &  
Awards  
Chair**

### Moments of note include:

Two life memberships were presented. Jim Byron, Ordinary member of 27 years, and Doug Rivers, Associate member of 14 years. Thank you for your continued hard work to support this Legion in the day-to-day challenges. Your commitment is greatly appreciated.

A Friendship Award was presented to Bill Grisdale as a community partner. Bill has supported the Legions through donations of costly equipment and services. Bill has been a true friend to this Legion.

Honours and Awards Pin recipients and pictures will be posted on our website.

**Sue Sklepowicz** - Honours & Awards Chair

**Ladies Auxiliary Spring Market and Tea Room**

**Saturday and Sunday, 4th and 5th May, 2024  
10:00am-4:00pm**

**Come find that unique gift for Mother's Day  
Home made products**

**Enjoy sandwiches, sweets and beverages in our Tea room**

**Free Admission - Everyone Welcome**

## 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.



**Rick Valois**  
Veterans  
Services Chair

To take the first step to your possible VAC benefits contact the Branch for an appointment.

**Rick Valois** - Veterans Services Chair

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### Sunday - 26th May - Spring Work Party - 9:00am

Volunteer some time to help spruce up the Branch.  
Bring your brooms, rakes and blowers.  
There will be both inside and outside tasks.

Add your name to the sign-up sheet next to the side door.

## Branch 36 Nevada Funds used in our Community



On 5th March, 2024, Bill Ralston, Dundas Branch 36 1st Vice President and Peter Howard, Dundas Br.36 3rd Vice President present a \$1,000 cheque from the Dundas Branch 36 Nevada Fund to Sheri-Lynn Moulton from the Dundas Salvation Army.

# Paul Wright Photography

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## Entertainment Report

Valentine Dance was a sellout crowd, dancing the night away to the golden oldies. We also got our green on for St Patrick's Day with DJ Jane Watson. Friday Pub Nights are here, first Friday of the month, featuring wings and fries for purchase and entertainment.



**Debbie Gibbins**  
Entertainment  
Chair

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Pub Nights:**

Friday, 5th April - featuring The Schmoe Bros (acoustic trio)

Friday, 3rd May - featuring Sivle

**Wing Nights** (replacing Fish Fry): Friday, June 14 featuring  
Johnny (DeMarchi) Guitar

**Sunday BBQ's:** 16th June - featuring Al Jordan  
21st July - featuring Tommy Gilham  
18th August - featuring Al Jordan

**CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS - Monday - 1st JULY** - Come out and celebrate 156 years of our beautiful country. Festivities and entertainment to be announced.

**Debbie Gibbins** - Entertainment Chair

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## Sick Report

### Sick Report - May 2024

Jim Byron is in rehab.  
Shirley Arnold is home.

**Bill Ralston** - 1st Vice President and Sick and  
Last Post Chair



**Bill Ralston**  
Sick and Last  
Post Chair

### **Last Post**

**Bob Twitchett - 25th February, 2024**  
**Dean Blackadar - 6th March, 2024**  
**Brian Mason - 20th March, 2024**  
**Rick George - 23rd March, 2024**  
**Marie Kobylinski - 23rd March, 2024**

***We Will Remember Them***

### **Why not be a VOLUNTEER**

In The Bullytin newsletter you often see pictures of Branch 36 events and quite often the pictures show Branch members who are volunteers who help make the events successful.

VOLUNTEERS help run events, and without them there would be no events.

You can be a VOLUNTEER and help make the Branch a great place to visit. Speak to any member of the Branch Executive and ask how you can take part and help.

## Youth Education Report

An awards ceremony for the Literary and Poster Contest winners will be conducted at Branch 36 on Saturday, 1st June 2024 at 1:00 PM. Approximately 50 students, family members, friends, and teachers are expected to attend. The photo below is from last year's presentation event. Everyone is welcome to attend.



**Tony  
Bratschitch  
Youth Education  
Chair**



Our Branch's 2023 Remembrance Literary and Poster Contest had 46 award winners in 12 categories. Nine entries achieved the Zone B-6 level awards, and three did well in District B's. Two of our students are still eligible to win at the Provincial level and, hopefully, move up to the Dominion.

The Royal Canadian Legion has conducted the Remembrance Contest for almost 50 years. Interacting with the students, families, and teachers and is heart-warming and rewarding.

**Tony Bratschitch** - Youth Education Chair

## **Branch 36 Upcoming Events Report**

President's Meat Draw - Every Saturday up to 8th June - 3-4pm  
Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 3-4pm  
2 chances to win every week

### **May 2024 Events**

**Wednesday - 1st - Annual Branch Elections - Upstairs - 8pm**

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

Friday - 3rd - Pub Night - Wings - 7pm - Sivle (Band) - 8-11pm

Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th - L.A. Spring Market and Tea Room - 10am-4pm

Friday - 10th - Fish Fry Night - 4:30-6:30pm

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

Wednesday - 15th - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00pm

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

Friday - 17th - TRIVIA NIGHT - Signup 7:00pm Start 7:30pm

Monday - 20th - May - Victoria Day - Branch Closed

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

Friday - 24th - Progressive Euchre - 7:15pm

Friday - 24<sup>th</sup> - Ladies Auxiliary Draw for a BBQ - 7:30pm

Sunday - 26th - Spring Work Party - 9am

### **June 2024 Events**

Sunday - 2nd - Annual D-Day Church Parade and service

Thursday - 6th - Summer Mixed Dart League Registration 7pm

Wednesday - 12th - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00pm

Friday - 14th June - Wing Night - 4:30-7:00pm

Sunday - 16th - Family BBQ - Bar open 2:00pm - BBQ-4-6pm

Tuesday - 18th - Branch 36 General Meeting - 8:00pm

### **July 2024 Events**

Monday - 1st - Canada Day Good Neighbor BBQ - 2-6pm

Friday - 12th July - Wing Night - 4:30-7:00pm

Sunday - 21st - Family Day BBQ - Bar open 2:00pm - BBQ - 4-6pm

### **August 2024 Events**

Monday - 5th - Civic Holiday - Branch Closed

Friday - 9th August - Wing Night - 4:30-7:00pm

Sunday - 18th - Family BBQ - Bar opens 2:00pm - BBQ - 4-6pm