



The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion

August - 2024

Catch the Ace \$56,172.90 Cheque Presentation



Stan Sklepowicz, Br.36 2nd Vice President gives Catch the Ace cheque to Vanessa Macedo Development Officer for McMaster Children's Hospital Foundation.



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President's Report

This has been the hottest, rainiest summer I can remember!! I hope you have all stayed hydrated, cool and healthy over the last few months.



**Janice
Mancini
President**

Welcome to our 2 newest executive members. Debbie Gibbins has accepted the positions of Secretary and Entertainment Chair. Mal Horner has accepted the position of 3rd Vice President and Sports Chair.

It's great to have Mal and Lynn Horner back in Dundas and supporting the Legion by sharing many years of their past experience and knowledge. They have both been a godsend to Branch 36. Welcome Back!!!

As you know, the Legion runs on Volunteers. We are always looking for help with Wing Nights, Fish Fries and BBQs, etc.

If you can spare a few hours here and there, it would be greatly appreciated. There will be some sign-up sheets in the Legion next week. Please feel free to add your name and phone number if you would like to help out.

As Summer is coming to an end in the near future, I would like to thank those volunteers who helped us with the Wing Nights and the Summer BBQs, without you, we wouldn't be able to do what we do!

Stay safe, stay healthy, be kind.

Janice Mancini - President, Branch 36

Branch 36 has Male, Female and Mixed Sports leagues that play from September to May. The leagues attract many who play in Darts, Pool and Shuffleboard leagues. Be sure to register in the leagues in September in order to play.

Ways and Means Report

Comrades, as I write this report we are gearing up for our next Dundas Catch The Ace. Online sales, dundascatchtheace.com, will start on Wednesday July 24th, in-person sales at The Legion commence on July 31st, which is also the night of the first draw and then every Wednesday 4.30 pm to 7.30 pm.



Peter Howard
Ways and
Means Chair

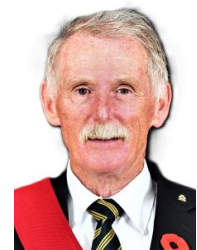
The Previous Catch The Ace, won in March, raised over \$280,000 for The Dundas Legion and many local charities including, McMaster Children's Hospital Foundation, The Dundas Terry Fox Run, Hamilton Boys and Girls Clubs, Dundas Community Services, Routes Youth Group and The Cancer Assistance program.

This time we are partnering with the St. Joseph;s Villa Foundation here in Dundas, look out for us in the Dundas Cactus Festival Parade and come and visit us at our booth during The Cactus Festival.

Peter Howard - Ways and Means Chair

Colour Party Report

The Colour Party will be joining the 2024 Cactus Festival Parade on Thursday, 15th August. We will be behind the Dundas Pipe & Drum Band who will be leading the parade.



Greg
Sherring
Colour Party
Commander

The parade will again be forming up at the Dundas Drive-In Park where the band will head out the park gates and proceed down Cross turning east on Park turning right on York and turning right on King where the parade will follow to the Lions Community Center then turning left on Market past the G.L. Grightmire Arena to Mill Street. The parade will disburse there.

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Branch 36 will be having a tented table on King Street during the festival weekend, stop by, ask about the Colour Party, they are always looking for members to join or just come out to see what the Colour Party does in the community and at parades. Ask about the "Catch the Ace", inquire about the workings of the Legion, ask about the sports that Legion members are involved in such as Darts, Pool, Shuffleboard, Golf and 8 Ball - there are competitive and fun leagues for all.

The next big event will be Monday November 11 for the annual Remembrance Day Parade. For more information about the Colour Party call me at 905-537-5995.

Greg Sherring - Colour Party Commander

Poppy Fund Report

Some very generous donations have been made to the Poppy Fund in the name of:

Becky Hurl
Marie Kobylinski
Grant Rumley
Joe Whittaker



Jim Byron
Poppy Fund
Chair

I am in the process of sending in the financial information from 1st October, 2024 to 31st December, 2024. This will bring us into alignment with Dominion Command who changed our year end date.

The current balance of the Poppy Fund as of May 31st is:
\$57,980.20

James Byron - Poppy Fund Chair - 289-309-2907

Your day usually goes in the same direction as the corners of your mouth.

It is better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak and remove all doubt.

Ladies Auxiliary Report

A huge **Thank You** to to all who contributed to making our first Purse Campaign such a success. As a result, 35 purses were distributed to local women's shelters serving clients who are dealing with homelessness, poverty, mental illness and violence. This was our first campaign and we are hoping to make it an annual event. Again, your support is truly appreciated.



**Sue
Sklepowicz
President
Ladies
Auxiliary**

Our 2nd Spring Market and Tea House was a great success as was the BBQ raffle. Winner of the BBQ and accessories was Doug McConnell. Congratulations. Thank you to all who support our events.

We had our first Tupperware Bingo with a great turnout. We are looking forward to planning another one

Beef night returns the 4th Friday of the month in September thru May (with the exception of Dec) from 5:30-7:30, followed by evening Euchre - Registration at 7:15pm play at 7:30pm - cost \$5. Hope to see you there.

Thursday afternoon Euchre will return the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month beginning on Thursday, 19th September with registration at 1.30pm - cost \$5.

The annual Christmas draw will be set up periodically throughout the month of November with the Draw taking place on Friday, 8th December in conjunction with the Legion Turkey Roll.

We will be hosting Zone Singles/Doubles Dart tournament on Sunday, 15th September, 2024. The Doubles team of Barb Smith and Teresa McConnell placed 1st in Zones last year which enables us to host this year's Zone Tournament. They also continued on thru District to then place 1st in Provincials. Congratulation to this mighty duo.

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Keep a look out for posters advertising our next events (Paint night, Tupperware Bingo or maybe something new).

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

Ladies Auxiliary is looking for New Members

We are always looking for new members. We are involved in fund raising events that include: Monthly Beef on a Bun Night, Evening and Afternoon Euchre, Spring BBQ Raffle, Tupperware Bingo, Purse Campaign, Spring Market and Tea House and the Christmas Draw

Funds raised are then utilized to make donations to:

- Our own Branch 36
- Ladies Auxiliary Command programs including Bursary Fund (Children and grandchildren of LA members can apply for \$1,000 per year bursary to support post-secondary full time education),
- Parkwood Hospital (Veteran's Hospital) and Charitable Foundation (Veterans Welfare, Programs for Aging Veterans, Medical Research and Equipment)
- Salvation Army Christmas Program providing Meals and Gifts for a Family of Four.
- Salvation Army Food Bank
- Purse Campaign: Donation of purses filled with daily necessities to local women's shelters.
- Dundas Community Services, which is an organization that cater to the needs of seniors and individuals requiring assistance (meals on wheels, assisted transportation, caregiver support etc.)

Help Us Help Our Community. If you are interested in joining us please call me: Sue Sklepowicz (905) 537-7862

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

Canteen Report

As you are aware, the LCBO strike has ended!! We were prepared for a few weeks should the strike carry on; however, we are in the clear and have survived the potential disaster that could have been!



**Janice
Mancini
Canteen
Chair**

We are now offering some new brands on the bar. We have recently started selling Michelob Ultra and Miller High Life. Both beers have done well over the quiet summer months so we will continue to carry them into the fall season.

Welcome to our newest Bar Steward, Jennifer Frid. Jenn will be helping out in the Banquet Hall and the Canteen.

Welcome aboard Jennifer!!


Janice Mancini - President and Canteen Chair


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Sports Report

On 13th July we had our Sports Fun Day. It was Well attended with 32 players. We played Corn-hole, Washer Toss, Darts, Shuffleboard and 8 ball. Fun was had by all.



**Mal Horner
Sports
Chair**

Unfortunately, we could not find any volunteers to help with the B.B.Q. so we ordered pizza at a cost of \$42.05 taken from registration and the 50/50 draw.

20th July - We had one team of senior golfers go to District Golf. They were Ed Desroches and Mark Johnston. I am pleased to say they qualified for Provincial level golf. Congratulations to Ed and Mark and Good Luck at the Provincials.

We are now into the summer months where Sports have slowed down. We still have Legion Branch 36 Golf on Wednesdays at Oak Gables. If interested see Brian Holme.. I'm sure he will help you out if needed.

At this time, I would like to thank all of the Sports people who help run and organize our Sporting events throughout the year. We at Branch 36 could not do it without you and it is must appreciated,

This is my report for now, See You at the Branch.

Mal Horner - 3rd Vice President and Sports Chair

Sunday – 3rd November - Fall Work Party - 9:00am

Volunteer some time to help spruce up the Branch for the Branch 36 Remembrance Day Parade.

Both inside and outside tasks are available - Add your name to the sign-up sheet next to the smoking entrance doorway.

Public Relations Report

In “The Bullytin” you will see business cards. They are the cards of people we call Sponsors. They contribute \$25 to have cards displayed. Their contributions help us with the cost of printing the newsletter.

I hope when you need a service you remember the cards and support these ‘local’ businesses.

Tammy Mansfield - Public Relations Officer



**Tammy
Mansfield
Public
Relations
Officer**

Veterans Services Report

Comrades, as your Branch Service Officer I can best assist the Veterans of 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



**Rick Valois
Veterans
Services Chair**

Walking will keep you fit

Staying fit means exercise, but exercising doesn't need a gym. Walking is great exercise and the **Dundas Driving Park** is a pleasant place to just walk and enjoy it.

The park always has walkers doing laps around the roadway in the park. You can stop for a rest at any time and watch Baseball, Tennis or Lawn Bowling.

Banquet Hall Report

The Banquet Hall has been rather quiet over the summer months.

If you are looking for an economical venue to hold your party, we have some openings until the end of December! Call or email for details.



Janice Mancini
Banquet Hall
Chair

Janice Mancini - President and Banquet Hall Chair

Colour Party Member Support



On Saturday, 1st June, 2024 Greg Sherring, Branch36 Colour Party Commander, presented the Branch Service medal to Jim Sherring for his work with the award-winning Branch 36 Colour Party.

Membership and Bursary Report

It is absolutely amazing how quickly the year has flown by. Membership is growing at a good rate, but as the end of summer approaches things are slowing down.

We need to keep the momentum going to build and keep our standing as the biggest legion in the district.

“Just bring one”

With September on the horizon, I would like to remind people of the two bursaries we have available.

One is with the Royal Canadian Legion Provincial Command. You can get the necessary forms for this online or ask for them at the Branch. This runs from 1st September to the last Friday in March.

We also have a bursary specifically for our Branch - the Gerry Belec Bursary. This starts in September as well to the end of January. The forms for this are available at the Branch.

Charlie Parsons - Membership and Bursary Chair



**Charlie
Parsons
Membership
Chair**

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Special Events Report

On Saturday, 1st June Robert Bolton and I attended the 2024 RCSCC Dundas Sea Cadets Annual Ceremonial Review.

On Sunday, 2nd June the branch held its annual “D” Day Church service at St. James Anglican Church after which Mark Mainprize, Tony Bratschitsch and I attended the 735 Firebird Squadron Annual Ceremonial Review and change of command at JL Grightmire Arena where Major Dave Forster handed over command to Capt. Sean McNamara.

On Thursday, 20th June I attended the 2865 Hamilton Wentworth Artillery Cadet Annual Ceremonial Review and Awards Ceremony at the VC John Foote Armory in Hamilton.

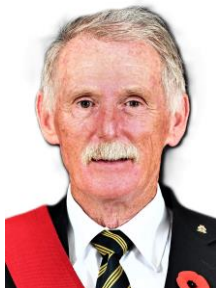
On Wednesday 26th June Branch 36 members lead by President Janice Mancini with Ways and Means Chair Peter Howard and the Branch 36 Colour Party with two pipers of the Dundas Pipe and Drum Band attended the St. Joseph’s Villa annual “House of Providence” Parade and picnic.

On Thursday 15th August, the “Cactus Festival” will start the weekend with a parade beginning at 4:30pm. The parade leaves Dundas Drive-In Park heading south on Cross St. Turning East on Park St. Turning South on Park St then turning West on King St to the Lions Community Ctr. Where the parade will turn south on Market St. To Mill St.

Good news: Just received word that the permit process from the City of Hamilton is now accepting applications after the Cybr Attach from last January. The applications for the Remembrance Day Parade are now in the works with many of our supporters to be contacted.

"We Will Remember"

Greg Sherring - Special Events Chair



**Greg
Sherring
Special Events
Chair**

Flag presented to Dundas Real McCoys hockey team



Branch 36 Colour Party members Chris Slote, Tony Bratschitsch and Greg Sherring presented a flag to Dundas Real McCoys hockey team President Don Roberts (2nd from right) for the team's win of the 2024 Allan Cup.

Entertainment Report

The last 3 months we have seen some great entertainment and more to come. Canada Day was a blast with Matt Gauthier. Friday Pub Nights and Wing Nights have been well attended with great entertainment. Visit br36dundas.org for more details and updates.



Debbie Gibbins
Entertainment
Chair

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday - 18th August - Family BBQ - featuring Al Jordan

Pub Nights - 1st Friday of the month

Friday - 6th September - featuring Johnny (Guitar) DeMarchi

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Friday - 4th October - featuring Matt Gauthier
Friday - 1st November – featuring Matt Gauthier

Line Dancing Lessons:- Sunday, 8th September - 2-5pm

BIG NEWS: Saturday, 23rd November - **THE MUDMEN** are returning. Stay tuned for ticket sales.

Debbie Gibbins - Entertainment Chair

Last Post
Mary Whittaker - 23rd April, 2024 Grant Rumley - 2nd May, 2024 Joe Whittaker - 8th June, 2024 Ken Martin - 25th June - 2024
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Bill Ralston
Last Post
Chair

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Branch 36 Upcoming Events

President's Meat Draw - Starts 7th September
Every Saturday - 3-4pm - 6 chances to win every week
Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm
Catch the Ace Draw - Every Wednesday until its won

August 2024 Events

Friday - 9th August - Wing Night - 5:30-7:30pm
Sunday - 18th - Family BBQ - Bar opens 2:30pm

September 2024 Events

Monday - 2nd - Labour Day - Statutory Holiday - Branch
Closed

Thursday - 5th - **Mens Thursday Darts Registration** - 7pm
Thursday - 12th - **Ladies Thursday Darts starts play** - 8pm
Sunday - 8th - **Sunday Fun Dart League** - 2pm Signup sheet
should be posted on Sports board mid-August.

Monday - 9th - **Monday Night Mixed Dart League** - 8pm -
This is the opening night for this league.

Upcoming events continued next page....

Tuesday - 10th - Colour Party Practice - 7pm
Wednesday - 11th - Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7pm
Friday - 13th - Fish Fry - 4:30-6:30pm
Sunday - 15th - Legion Week Starts Toda13
Tuesday - 17th - General Meeting - 8pm - everyone should attend
Saturday - 21st - Legion Week Triathlon - Register 11:00am
Lunch 1:00pm - \$5 per person
Wednesday - 25th - **Shuffleboard Mixed League** - 7:30pm
Friday - 27th - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm
Friday - 27th - Progressive Euchre - 7:15pm – Open to Public
Monday - 30th - **Women's Snooker League** Starts - 12noon
Monday - 30th - **Men's Snooker League** Starts -7:30pm

October 2024 Events

Tuesday - 8th - Colour Party Practice - 7:00pm
Wednesday - 9th - Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary Meets - 7:00pm
Friday - 11th - Fish Fry - 4:30-6:30pm
Sunday - 13th - Thanksgiving - Branch Closed
Monday - 14th - Thanksgiving Day - Branch Closed
Friday - 18th - First Trivia Night of the season - Signup at 7pm
Starts at 7:30pm. Open to the Public - \$5 per contestant with max of 8 on a team, or come and be entertained and learn some Trivia.
Friday - 25th - 2024 Poppy Fund Campaign Kick Off Day
Live up to your Legion oath and volunteer to distribute Poppies.
Volunteer sign-up sheet will be posted in Branch
Friday - 25th - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm
Friday - 25th - Progressive Euchre - 7:15pm – Open to Public

November 2024 Events

Sunday - 3rd - Fall Work Party - 9am - Bring your rake / broom
Monday - 11th - Remembrance Day Parade and Service
All Legion members and veterans are invited to take part.
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
Reception 12 noon at Branch 36