



# The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36 - 862 Members

The Royal Canadian Legion  
February – 2011



**Rod Gallant, Jim McHugh, Jim Sherring, Paul Penney, Frank Holk, Bill Williamson and Ray Newington get ready to eat at Branch 36's Annual Veteran's Christmas Dinner held 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2010.**



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## President's Report

Welcome to 2011, our Christmas and New Year celebrations went very well with both events being well attended by members and guests alike .



**John  
Murphy  
President**

Unfortunately we had to cancel the Burns supper this year, however we will do everything in our power to bring it back next January.

The next General Meeting will be on Wednesday March 16th at 8 pm. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. It is important that you keep yourself informed about what is happening within your Branch and this is a good way to have your say.

Thank you to all those unsung volunteer heroes who tirelessly help throughout the year, without you there would be no Branch. The Legion runs on volunteers. If you have a skill or just want to help, let us know. I'm sure we can find something for you to do.

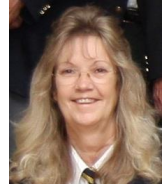
Thanks again.

*John Murnhv*

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## Ways & Means Report

The fish fry's continue to do very well and we have noticed lately that there have been a lot more takeout orders. This is a good thing, in that we are getting more people to support these events. Even though they chose not to stay and enjoy the entertainment after, they are still helping to support the Branch by enjoying a great meal. Sometimes seating can be at a premium, so we are inviting you to come early and get your chosen seat(s), and stay later to enjoy the entertainment. Some of our members are really talented, and you are never quite sure what a member (or non member) may do each time.



**Dawn  
Lewis  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice  
President  
&  
Ways &  
Means  
Chair**

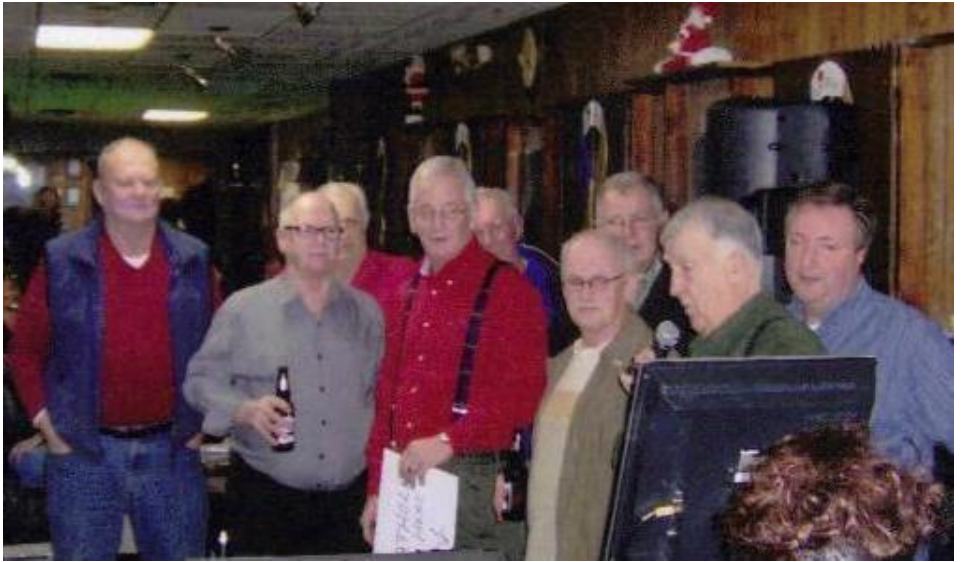
Invite your friends to join you for a really enjoyable evening of food and entertainment all at a great price.

The Easter Ham & Turkey Roll will be held on Friday April 15th, at 8pm. There will be 40 draws for turkeys and hams and we will be having spins on the wheel following the main draw. Tickets are still \$5.00 each and will be available in late March.

Please see me or ask at the bar if you are able to help out by selling a book or two. We'll have you set up and selling in no time.

I really appreciate all of the people who step up to help me with all of the events that I run. I absolutely could not do it without you. **THANK YOU!!**

## Carol singing at Branch 36



**On Christmas Eve day each year there is an informal carol singing competition at Branch 36. In the picture above the carolers look on as Mike Alkerton entertains with a solo.**

## Identify your fellow Legion Members



**Do you recognize the Branch 36 veterans pictured above?  
Turn to page 15 to see if you are correct.**

## Colour Party Report

The Colour Party took part in the “Branch Bylaws Meeting” on December 15<sup>th</sup>. As always, we were there to parade the colours and initiate new members into the Legion.

On December 24<sup>th</sup> we sold raffle tickets that helped raise enough money to purchase a new sling and other equipment used to outfit our latest volunteer - Patty Matthews.

On Sunday January 9<sup>th</sup> we had the honour of carrying our colours in downtown Hamilton to the statue of Sir John A. Macdonald to help celebrate his birthday. We were proud to have Jim Kielty join us in the parade. Our presence was appreciated by all those who attended.

As always we have openings in the Colour Party for new members. If interested please contact:  
James Byron (Colour Party Commander) 905-578-2758

### Bursaries

Bursaries are available for children and grandchildren of Ordinary and Associate members to assist in their education. Some changes have been made. Please see me.

*Mike Alkerton* - Past President and Membership Chair



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

**Attention Comrades:** Turkey Roll News The Easter Ham & Turkey Roll will be held on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2011 at 8pm. There will be 40 draws for the Turkeys and Hams, with spins on the wheel to follow. Get your tickets early, as all tickets for the last Turkey Roll were sold out before the event.

## Membership Report

The ‘Early Bird’ membership drive went well. There were 5 early birds who won back their dues. On 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2010 we had 629 members who have paid their dues for 2011, which is about 75% of our total membership. We still have over 200 members who have not renewed yet. Thank you to those who renewed early, and to those who have not yet renewed you should have received a notice by now. I would urge you to drop by the Branch, or mail in your 2011 dues – they are still \$45.



**Mike  
Alkerton  
Membership  
Chair**

We are always recruiting new members. Some members of the Canadian public think that only veterans can become members of the Royal Canadian Legion, but this is not the case. The Legion was originally formed by veterans of Canada’s armed forces, but a large number of today’s Legion members have never served in the armed forces, and I am sure that there are many would-be members out there who would become members of the Royal Canadian Legion if they just knew that they can join. If you know somebody who would like to join, bring them in one day and show them what we have to offer.

A strong membership makes a strong Branch. As always if there any concerns or questions please feel free to contact me.

*Mike Alkerton*

**“Just Bring One”**

## Ladies Auxiliary Report

Well a New Year is underway and as usual we are very busy. Our upcoming beef on a bun nights are as follows: January 28th, February 25th and March 25th. Please join us and fill yourself up with a wonderful meal for only \$8.

Our team of Terry Kobylinski, Gerry Hopkins, Debbie Cooley and Terrie Gubbins placed 1st in the LA Zone Cribbage Tournament held at Branch 163 on January 16th. Congratulations ladies. Good luck at District in Ridgeway on March 12th.

The team of Terry Kobylinski and Terrie Gubbins placed 1st in the District Doubles Dart Tournament held in November at Branch 163. Congratulations ladies and good luck at Provincials which will be held on April 23rd in Corunna.

The LA Zone Team Dart Tournament will be held at Branch 58 on Sunday February 20th. Good luck to all our members who will be participating.

If there is anybody out there who is interested in becoming a member or who would like information please contact us. We would be more than happy to answer any and all questions.

Yours in Comradeship,

*Terrie Gubbins* - President - Ladies Auxiliary



Terrie  
Gubbins  
President  
Ladies  
Auxiliary

# Public Relations Report

## Bulletin Sponsors

I would like to welcome 3 new sponsors to the Bullytin - Leo Daigle's Pioneer Station, Adriana Romkes' Domestic Details and Ash Chimney Sweeps. I would also like to welcome back as sponsors Dr. Wayne Pineau, Wright Tree Service and Frid & Nagy Collision Service.



**Peter Whittaker**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President and Public Relations Chair

Our other sponsors are Heritage Complete Home Care, Karen Robillard's Country Candids Photography and Simpson & Watson Lawyers.

I would like to thank these Dundas business people for their contributions that assist in the cost of printing this newsletter and ask that you utilize their services when possible.

**Thank you** for the contribution of 14 boxes 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 members assist their fellow citizens and it was greatly appreciated. **Thank You again.**






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## Entertainment Report

**Friday - 11th February-Open Mic Night-7pm**  
**Friday - 25th February - Dave Burden - 7pm**  
**Friday - 11th March - Open Mic Night -7pm**  
**Friday - 25th March - Dave Burden -7pm**  
**Friday - 8th April - Open Mic Night -7pm**  
**Friday – 29th April - Dave Burden -7pm**



**Eamon  
Morgan  
Entertainment  
Chair**

## Email addresses

**Did you miss an event at the Legion because you weren't aware of it? If so, you should supply your email address to the Branch 36 office.**

**We maintain a list of members' email addresses. These email addresses are kept secure, and used only to keep you aware of events taking place at the Branch. Your email address is not handed out to anyone.**

**If you get a new email address please supply it to the Branch 36 office and you will continue to get Bulletins of events taking place at Branch 36.**

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## Sick Report - Stan Hicks

### November - 2010

- 19 - Deb Cooley at Hospital for tests
- 26 - Deb Cooley at home
- 26 - John Toomey moved to Villa
- 26 - Ken Slote at Bertram Place



**Stan Hicks**  
**Sick / Last**  
**Post**  
**Chair**

### December - 2010

- 03 - Jean Davin at Milton Hospital
- 08 - Jean Davin at home
- 10 - Don Durst at General for surgery
- 15 - Don Durst at General post surgery

### January - 2011

- 14 - Bob Potter not very good
- 14 - John Toomey at home

### **Last Post**

**George Smith – November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010**  
*(above Father of Lynn Horner)*  
**Ted Ofield – January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011**  
**Bob Potter – January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**We Will Remember Them**

## Honours and Awards Report

Our annual Branch Honours and Awards and Ladies Auxiliary Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, 5th March, 2011. This will also be the Ladies Auxiliary Birthday celebration.



**Suzi Mellen**  
Honours  
and Awards  
Chair

I will be making calls in February to those who are eligible for years of service pins. If you believe you are eligible for a pin and have not received a phone call by 14th February, please call the Branch and leave me a message.

Your 2011 membership card needs to read 6, 11, 16, 21, etc. (for years of service) to receive a pin.

Tickets will be on sale in February. This event was a sellout last year so get your \$20.00 tickets early. If you would like to nominate someone for an award, please leave a note in the suggestion box at the Branch, or see me at the Branch before Friday, February 18th.

*John Murphy for Suzi Mellen*



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## Youth Education Report

Again this year, some of the Valley Branch's student participants in the Remembrance Poetry, Poster and Essay competitions have won further recognition and a monetary prize at the next level.

The odd thing is, given the nature of communication in this aspect of Legion work, I have not been unable as yet, to discover exactly who these talented students are!

It will be interesting and exciting to see whether the number of such successful competitors equals the significant number of hard working winners that enjoyed such success last year.

At any rate, we continue to strive to encourage local students at all academic levels to participate in this variety of competitive categories - poetry, posters, whether black and white, or colour, and essays, and to be involved in this meaningful project which commemorates the courage and sacrifice of the many Canadian men and women who have selflessly served their country over the years.



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from year to year*

## Canteen Report

Things have been going well in the canteen lately. We have had several bookings for the Wentworth Room and this is a big plus for us. Remember that there is no charge for the room and the only thing that we ask is that you do not bring in your own beverages, including pop, water, juice, punch, etc. Our return for the free booking is on the sales that we make at the bar. Please feel free to ask about booking the room. It is available every day of the week during the winter, and Monday to Saturday during the summer, on a first come first served basis and children are also allowed.



Dawn Lewis  
Canteen  
Chair

We have also added Canadian 67 at the bar. This is a low carb, low calorie beer and it is priced at regular bar price.

Sports are also in full swing and there should be something for everyone. Check the sign up sheets posted by the side door to see some of the sports competitions that are upcoming.

This is your Branch and it's up to all of us to keep it neat and clean. Remember that there is no smoking outside the front doors. That is what the shelter at the back door is for. If you see someone smoking at the front doors, there may be a problem. Maybe they are unable to read, or maybe they don't know where the butt hut is. The other option is to assume that they are on fire and you should take appropriate action. Please speak up and let them know that this is not a smoking area.

*Dawn Lewis*

## Sports Report

On Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> January, Branch 36 hosted the Legion Zone Cribbage and Snooker Tournaments and the Legion District Snooker Tournament. We had no Branch winners in the Zone Cribbage Tournament, but Branch 36 teams were more successful in the Zone and District Snooker Tournaments. In the Zone Snooker Tournament 2 teams from Branch 36 tied for first place. Members of these winning are listed below.

### Dundas A

*Jeff Boucher*  
*Greg Griffith*  
*Rick Okis*  
*Greg Paterson*

### Dundas B

*Doug Lappin*  
*Peter Leone*  
*Brian Stroud*  
*Ken Wilson*



**Jordan  
Deneau  
&**



**Brody  
Howlett  
Sports  
Co-Chairs**

At the District Snooker Tournament a Branch 36 team took first place. Members of that winning team are listed below.

### Dundas A

*Jeff Boucher*  
*Greg Griffith*  
*Rick Okis*  
*Greg Paterson*

You are invited to sign up and represent Branch 36 at various Legion Sports. Check out the events and signup sheets for them posted on the side door wall at the Branch. You are sure to enjoy going to and playing in these Legion Tournaments.

*Jordan Deneau and Brody Howlett - Sports Co-Chairs*

## Identify the Legion Members - Answers



**If you guessed Murry Floyd you were right. Murray served with Canada's Peace Keeping forces. Murray is responsible for the artwork on the ceiling tiles in the Branch that commemorate our members.**



**If you guessed Frank Holk you were right. Frank is 91 years old with 41 years of Legion service. He was in the RCNVR from 1937 to 1962, serving as a signalman on 39 ships, and he retired as Deputy Chief of the Hamilton Fire Department.**

## Branch 36 - Upcoming Events

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

### February 2011 Events

Friday - 11th February - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm  
Friday - 11th February - Open Microphone Night - 7-9pm  
Friday - 25th February - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm  
Friday - 25th February - music from Dave Burden - 7-10pm

### March 2011 Events

Saturday - 5<sup>th</sup> March - Honours & Awards & L.A.Awards - 5:30pm  
Friday - 11th March - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm  
Friday - 11th March - Open Microphone Night - 7-9pm  
Wednesday -16 March - BiAnnual General Meeting - 8pm  
Friday - 25th March - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm  
Friday - 25th March - music from Dave Burden - 7-10pm

### April 2011 Events

Friday - 8th April - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm  
Friday - 8th April - Open Microphone Night - 7-9pm  
Friday - 15th April - Easter Ham & Turkey Roll - 8pm  
Friday - 22nd April - GOOD FRIDAY - CLOSED  
Friday - 24th April - EASTER SUNDAY - CLOSED  
Friday - 29th April - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm  
Friday - 29th April - music from Dave Burden - 7-10pm

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