

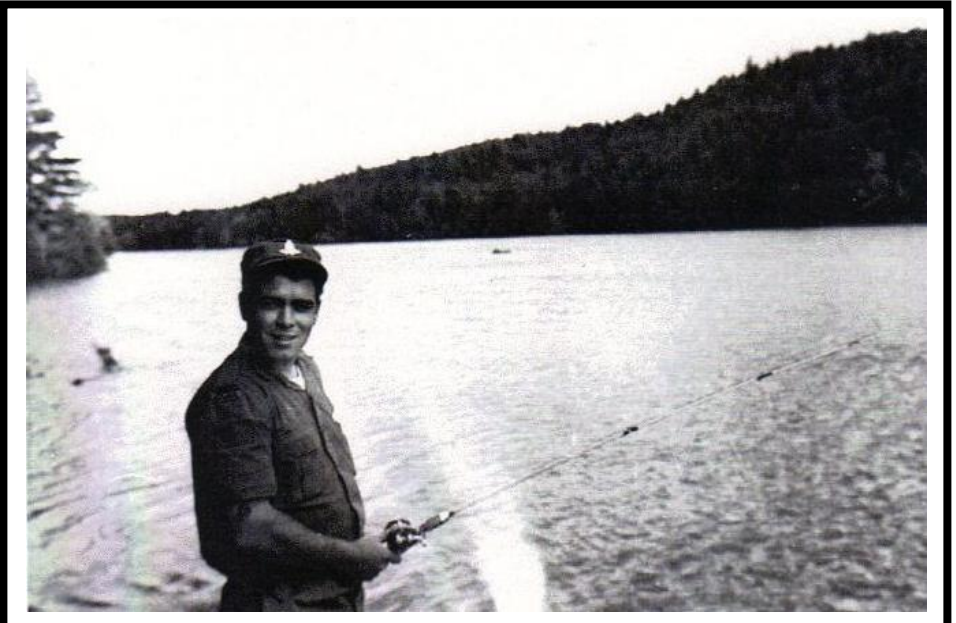


# The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36 - 862 Members

The Royal Canadian Legion

April - 2011



Do you recognize this Branch 36 veteran? He served with the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, and is seen here taking a well deserved time out during Brigade War Games at C.F.B. Petawawa in 1959. See page 4 for answer.



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## **President's Report**



**John  
Murphy  
President**

At long last the winter is almost over and spring is on the way (we hope). It has been a busy time at the branch with the Fish Fry nights and the Ladies Auxiliary's Beef on a Bun having had great success and they continue to grow. We started a new feature on Fish Fry nights called "Open Mike Night" run by Chris and Rob Turner. If you can play an instrument or sing, why not come out and have some fun?

The general meeting which was held in March was well attended. This is the perfect opportunity for members to air their views and be involved in the voting process when required.

**Branch elections will be held on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 8pm sharp. Come out and vote for your new executive.**

**If you are interested in running for office, please let us know and someone will nominate you.**

We continue to have more and more members give us their email addresses. This is an excellent way for us to communicate with the membership and keep you informed of the events that are going on at the Branch.

If you have not given us your email address yet, why not, we promise not to give your information to any outside source. It will be used for Branch 36 communications only .

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to speak to me in the Branch or leave a message in the office, and I will be happy to call you and address them.

***John Murphy - President***

**Correction: Apologies to Rod Gallant and Greg Paterson for the misspelling of their names in the February issue of the Bullytin.**

## Ways & Means Report

A BIG Thank You to everyone that supports our Fish Fry's (Friday) of every month. Please remember that this event continues all through the summer. This is the biggest and best Fish Fry around.

Please remember that if for any reason you're not happy with your meal, you need to speak up. If there's a problem and we are not told about it we can't fix it. You can tell me or any of the fish fry crew and we will do our best to make sure your next meal meets your expectations.

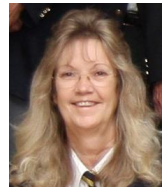
Good news travels fast, but bad news travels even faster.

The Family BBQ's will be starting up again in June, with the first one as usual on Father's Day. Bring Dad and the rest of the family and enjoy a great steak, chicken, or hamburg dinner with all of the fixin's. We will be cooking from 4pm until 6pm and the bar will be open at 2pm to allow you some time to enjoy a chilled beverage before dinner.

The remaining BBQ's will be on July 17, August 21, and September 18 to wrap up the season. We look forward to seeing you and your family and friends at the Branch throughout the summer.

Remember to put your loonie in an envelope with your name on it and drop it in the box next to the bar for the Weekly Meat draw. This draw continues all through the summer. If you don't think you'll be at the Branch on Saturday afternoon, please include your phone number so that we can let you know that you have won.

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



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

## Banquet Hall Report

The Banquet Hall has lots of dates available, and it can be booked for any event you need to plan, and the cost is always friendly to your wallet. The Wentworth Room is also available free of charge to anyone. For more information call the Legion office at 905-627-7221.

***Age doesn't always bring wisdom. Sometimes age comes alone.***

## Identify the Legion Member - Answer



If you guessed Art Alkerton you were correct. He is pictured above on a visit to C.F.B. Shilo in Manitoba. Not often seen around the Branch, this 48 year member is Mike Alkerton's brother. If you see him in the Branch tell his brother Mike.

## *Life Members awarded at Banquet*



**Marilyn Latchford and Dawn Lewis with Legion Life Member awards presented to them at the 2011 Honours and Awards Banquet.**

## Colour Party Report

The Colour Party took part in the Honours and Awards Dinner that took place on 5<sup>th</sup> March. On 16<sup>th</sup> March we paraded the colours for the Bi-Annual General Meeting. As always, we were there to parade the colours and initiate new members into the Legion.

We are looking forward to the Church Parade taking place in June and as always we have openings in the Colour Party for new members. If interested please contact:



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

***James Byron - Colour Party commander - 905-578-2758***

### ***Snooker Tournament Food a great success !!!***

In March the Branch hosted a Legion snooker tournament and the volunteers who contributed to make such events successful must be thanked. The following Ladies Auxiliary members prepared and served food at the recent snooker tournament and it was enjoyed by all.

**Bev Westoby, Pat Raynsford, Marg Renton, Courtney Cornell, Lena Holtved, Tina Cheeseman, Tina Slaght, Sandy Pulliam, Sandra Hicks and Marie Kobylinsky**

## Bursaries

Bursaries are made available by the Royal Canadian Legion to assist in children's education. If you are interested in this please see me in September. Thank you.

***Mike Alkerton - Bursaries Chair***

***Don't frown. You never know who is falling in love with your smile.***

## Membership Report

At the General Meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup> a motion was passed to raise the Branch dues to \$50.00 for the 2012 Legion year. The reason for this is higher per capita costs, postage and stationary.

As of this Bullytin our numbers are down about 4% from this time last year. I would hope those members who are not paid up yet will get in to the Branch and renew soon..

Our recruiting never stops, if you know someone who shows an interest, please bring them in to see what we have to offer and then get them signed up.

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

***Mike Alkerton - Membership Chair***



**Mike  
Alkerton  
Membership  
Chair**

**“Just Bring One”**

## Special Events Report

On Sunday, 5th June, 2011 we will be having our annual church parade. All those wishing to take part please fall in at the Branch at **09:45am**.

Everyone is welcome to join the formation as we make our way to St. James Anglican Church.

We will march off at **10:15am** and proceed to St. James church on Melville Street.

For those who cannot march in the parade, but wish to attend the church service, it will start at **10:30am** and all are welcome to attend.

Lunch will be available at the Legion after the service.

***Gord Sharpe - Special Events Chair***



**Gord Sharpe  
Special  
Events  
Chair**

## Ladies Auxiliary Report

Our final beef on a bun night will be held on Friday May 27th from 5:30 until 7:30. Come on out and enjoy a great dinner for \$8 and the Legion usually has entertainment as well. These nights will commence again in September. Our fall beef nights will be held on Friday September 23rd, Friday October 28th and Friday November 25th.



**Terrie  
Gubbins  
Ladies  
Auxiliary  
President**

We have been doing quite well in the area of sports. We placed 1st in the Zone Cribbage Tournament and went on to the District Tournament where we placed 6th and get to go on to Provincials.

We also placed 1st in the District Singles and Doubles Dart Tournament and will be going on to Provincials at the end of April.

To top it all off we placed 1st and 2nd in the Zone Team Dart Tournament and then went on to District where we placed 1st. We will be hosting the Zone Cribbage, Zone Team Dart and District Team Dart tournaments in 2012. Congratulations to all who participated and good luck in the upcoming tournaments.

We visited Ethel Lampman and presented her with her 50 year pin as well as her 55 year bar. The visit went really well and I'd like to thank Gerry Hopkins and Terry Kobylinski in joining me for the presentation. We will also be visiting Ruth Rivers to present her 50 year pin in the near future. I'd like to congratulate the following members for receiving their years of service pins as well: Pauline Whittaker - 35 year pin; Arlene Gross - 30 year pin and Dana Dilabbio - 15 year pin.

Our annual draw will be back again in the fall and we are looking forward to having many great prizes up for grabs.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our members for all of their hard work throughout the LA season. I'd also like to thank the Legion for their continued support.

Yours in Comradeship,

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**Terrie Gubbins - President - Ladies Auxiliary**

## Saturday Meat draws at the Legion

Each Saturday from September through May we hold the **President's Meat Draws** at 3:pm, and year round each Saturday we hold the **Weekly Meat Draws** at 4:30pm.

I have attended the Meat Draws and truly enjoy the friendly atmosphere at the Branch, along with conversation and camaraderie among fellow comrades. I was even lucky enough to win one of the meat prizes. The meat prizes are purchased freshly each week at Costco's.

Branch members always make sure they get to the Branch on Saturday afternoons around 2:30pm in time for the **President's Meat Draws**, which start at 3pm for the 1<sup>st</sup> of 6 meat draws.

Tickets for the first three draws are \$1 each, and the winner has their choice of the various meat cuts on display. The next ticket costs \$2 but it is good for the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> draws.

If you're busy and can't get to the Branch on Saturday then the **Weekly Meat Draw** will give you a chance to win a meat prize every Saturday at 4:30pm.

A box is mounted on the wall to the left side of the bar with envelopes and pencils so you can enter this draw whenever you're in the Branch. Just put a loonie in an envelope, seal it, write your name on the outside and place it in the box on the wall. At 4:30pm each Saturday, the tickets are removed from the entry box and meat prizes are awarded to 2 lucky recipients. If the winners aren't in the Branch when the draws occur, they are immediately notified by phone of their win and can pick up their prize from the Branch.

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



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

**Sunday - 29th May - Spring Work Party - 9:00am** Volunteer some time to help spruce up the Branch for our D-Day Church Parade. Both inside and outside tasks are available - Add your name to the sign-up sheet next to the smoking entrance doorway.

## 2011 Honours and Awards Recipients



the Legion.

### House Report

The long cold winter is over and spring is upon us, and this year's Spring Clean Up Party will be held Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2011 starting at 9.00am.

Volunteer some time to help spruce up the Branch in time for the D-Day Church Parade to be held on the following Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2011.

There will be a sign up sheet posted on the Events Bulletin board.

Lunch will be provided to all the volunteers. It is only a couple of hours of light work and a great lunch.

***Hal Hamilton - House Chair***



**Hal  
Hamilton  
House  
Chair**

## **Sick Report - Stan Hicks**

### **January - 2011**

- 20 - Ken Slote at General
- 20 - Randy Kynast at home after surgery on foot
- 20 - Dawn Lewis at home - wrist compound
- 22 - visited Randy Kynast at home
- 31 - Deb Cooley at General - bypass

### **February - 2011**

- 05 - Deb Cooley at home
- 08 - Mike Alkerton visited Jack Sullivan at retirement home - 97 years old - okay
- 10 - Alex Brown at Juravinski
- 12 - Alex Brown - not very good
- 14 - George Kay under the weather - heart
- 15 - Pat O'Connor at Mac
- 15 - Dana Dilabbio at St.Joe's - foot
- 20 - Dana Dilabbio at home
- 23 - Marg Payner at General - no visitors
- 25 - Joan Alkerton at General - bypass

### **March - 2011**

- 02 - Marg Payner at home
- 03 - Joan Alkerton at home
- 03 - Pat O'Connor at home
- 03 - Roy Gunn at hospital
- 04 - Roy Gunn at home - broken ribs
- 12 - Alex Brown moved to Bob Kemp hospice

### **April - 2011**

- 06 - G.G. Livingston - heart
- 07 - Suzi Mellon - day surgery- at home
- 09 - Suzi Mellon - still sore 09 - Pat O'Connor at St.Peters



**Stan Hicks  
Sick / Last  
Post  
Chair**

### **Last Post**

**Art Chambers - January 21st, 2011  
Ken Slote - January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Art Denardis - February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Marilyn Scott - March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**We Will Remember Them**

## Honours and Awards Report

Deviate: to turn aside or diverge from a course of action. Well that was the flavour of the evening. Our Honours and Awards and Ladies Auxiliary Awards Banquet was "fandabbydozie" (Hi Mum!).

A great time was had by all. Many deserving members received Certificates of Merit or Appreciation and many received Years of Service Pins. Please take a moment to check out the photos on our Branch website (link to: <http://br36dundas.org/awards2011/awards2011.html>).

Congratulations to Sandra Hicks as our Legionnaire of the Year, and to Stan Hicks, who received the Legions Meritorious Service Medal. They are our own "Royal Couple" at the Branch for the next year!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the event a success.

***John Murphy for Suzi Mellen - Honours & Awards Chair***



**Suzi Mellen  
Honours  
and Awards  
Chair**

## Branch Elections - Come on out and VOTE - It's your duty!

The Legion is a democratic organization and each year we have an election to vote for the executive to run our Branch. Our election is at **8pm on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2011**. Any Branch 36 Legion member is eligible to run for any position, and all Branch 36 Legion members can vote in the election. If you are interested in helping to run the Branch, or you want to vote for someone in a position on the executive come on out and vote.

Only with the participation of the membership can the Legion stay healthy. You may not be able to get to the Branch on election night, but it doesn't mean you can't take part. Let John Murphy the current Branch President know about your interest to take part, and I am sure he will present it at the election.

You may not wish to be on the Executive, but there are lots of appointed positions for those wishing to take part in running the Branch, so you may not want to run for President, but you can still take part - come on out and let the current executive know of your interest.

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

## Youth Education Report

Again this year, we are very proud to announce that a number of Valley City Branch 36 students, who won recognition in the November Remembrance Day poster, poetry and essay contests have won further recognition at the Zone level in Burlington.



**Lorne  
Evans  
Youth  
Education  
Chair**

Just after Remembrance Day, we sifted through approximately 100 entries, and submitted the winners' work to Zone. One student from Dundas Valley City Branch 36 earned a silver medal at Zone:

Stephanie Nevan - Intermediate Poetry

In addition, 3 Valley City students have placed first at Zone. This is an excellent result in our third year of competition entries. We had one winner in 2008, and one in 2009 advance through Zone to the Provincial level of competition, and this year Valley City has three! (First Hockeysville, and now this! Where will it end?)

These 3 students are:

Kaitlyn Den Dekker (Senior Essay)  
Michele Lobbezoo (Senior Poetry)  
Sidney Kennelly (Senior Poster / Black & White),

It's interesting that some of these students (or their siblings) have won recognition in past year's competitions, so it appears that this is very good experience for today's students, tomorrow's citizens.

Special thanks are due to two Valley City members who originally helped to evaluate all the entries in November: Tony Bratchitsch from Valley Town Toastmasters, who obviously helped choose some outstanding local district winners, as a number of them have advanced to the Provincial level of competition.

Sincere thanks to Branch 36 Valley City Legion for their financial support of Youth Education, and particularly to Comrade Mike Alkerton for his continuing moral support of Youth Education through this Branch.

**Lorne Evans - Youth Education Chair**

***Brain cells come and brain cells go, but fat cells live forever.***

## **Canteen Report**

The Canteen will soon be on summer hours and that means that we will not be open on Sunday's except for the Family Bbq's.

We will also be closing the bar at 6pm on Saturday's if there is not a function booked in the Wentworth Room or the Banquet Hall. We will continue to take bookings for both of these rooms so if you want to have a birthday, anniversary or any other type of party the rooms are still available and we will remain open to allow you to enjoy your Branch.

This decision was made because we understand that people would much rather be outside enjoying the weather (and a drink) rather than sitting inside. Remember, you can still book the front room or the banquet hall on Saturday nights and you will be accommodated on a first come first served basis.

***Dawn Lewis - Chair Canteen and 1st Vice President***

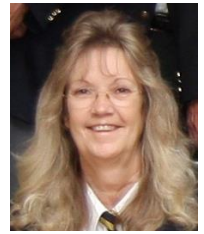
## **Poppy Fund Report**

To everyone who donated to our Poppy Fund campaign I extend a hearty and grateful THANK YOU.

Cherie Harrington, Poppy Fund Treasurer, and I would like to thank all those who volunteered a couple of hours to collect donations for the Poppy Fund. Without the help of you, the volunteers, we wouldn't have a successful Poppy Fund campaign.

Volunteers taking part reported an interest by all those donating to the Poppy Fund, maybe because they see more of our armed forces on television, and so are more aware of all veterans. All age groups in the community are glad to donate to the Poppy Fund and it is sad that we still don't get enough volunteers to man all of the collection posts all of the time. If we have more volunteers we will collect more donations.

Please think seriously about taking part in our next Poppy Fund campaign. All you will need is a couple of hours, so please sign up when you see posters appear in the branch. Thank you again.



**Dawn Lewis  
Canteen  
Chair**



**Gerry Belec  
Poppy Fund  
Chair**

## Sports Report

On January 29<sup>th</sup>, Valley City Dundas Branch 36 hosted Singles and Doubles, Zone Darts. We had a successful turnout, and we would like to thank everyone who helped out. Barry Peer and Eamon Morgan qualified for District, but unfortunately Eamon Morgan could not continue play so Jim KIELTY filled in for him.



**Jordan  
Deneau  
&**

On January 30<sup>th</sup>, team Zone Darts was hosted by Battlefield Stoney Creek Branch 622.

On March 26<sup>th</sup>, Mount Hamilton Branch 163 hosted Zone Brenda Glass, Elmer Cantello, Gerry Belec and Gerry Reigheld qualified for District, which will be hosted by Port Colborne Branch 56 on 16<sup>th</sup> April.



**Brody  
Howlett  
Sports  
Co-Chairs**

On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Battlefield Stoney Creek Branch 622 is hosting mixed Zone Darts for Doubles and Teams.

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, Valley City Dundas Branch 36 is hosting District Youth Darts.

There are still some sports events to take place and sign-up sheets for them are on the board. Take a look and sign up.

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

#### **Dundas Model Train Display at the Legion - Gord Sharpe**

On Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, during the Legion Fish Fry, the Dundas Modular Railway Club, which is based at the Dundas Legion Branch 36, will have their model train display in operation in the upstairs Banquet hall.

Anyone attending the Fish Fry is welcome to come upstairs to view the display which will be open to the public from 4:00pm until 9:00pm on Friday evening May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to see the newest activity at the Legion in action. **Admission is FREE to all.**

***There is always death and taxes; however, death doesn't get worse every year.***

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## **Branch 36 - Upcoming Events**

### **April 2011**

Wednesday - 27th April - Ladies Snooker Banquet Schwaben Inn  
Friday - 29th April - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm  
Friday - 29th April - Entertainment - 7-10pm music from Dave Burden  
Saturday - 30th April - Legion District Youth Darts Tournament Registration -  
08:30am Play at 09:00am

### **May 2011**

#### **Wednesday - 4th May - Branch Election - 8pm Elect your Executive**

Thursday - 5th May - Ladies Darts Annual Meeting - 6pm Wentworth Room  
Thursday - 5th May - Ladies Darts Banquet - 7pm Wentworth Room  
Saturday - 7th May - Sunday Fun Darts Banquet - 6pm Wentworth Room  
Friday - 13th May - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm  
Friday - 13th May - Friday - Open Microphone Night - 7-9pm  
Monday - 23rd May - VICTORIA DAY - CLOSED  
Friday - 27th May - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm  
Friday - 27th May - Entertainment - 7-10pm music from Dave Burden  
Sunday - 29th May - Semi-Annual Spring Work Party – 9:00am

### **June 2011**

Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm  
Sunday - 5th June – D-Day Church Parade – 09:30am  
Friday - 10th June - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm  
Sunday - 19th June – Family Barbeque – 4-6pm

### **July 2011**

Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm  
Friday – 1st July - CANADA DAY - Bar 12 noon-5pm and  
Good Neighbour BBQ from 2pm to 5pm  
Friday - 8th July - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm  
Sunday – 17th July – Family Barbeque – 4-6pm

### **August 2011**

Monday – 1st August – CIVIC HOLIDAY - CLOSED  
Friday - 12th August - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm  
Sunday - 21st August - Family Barbeque - 4-6pm

### **September 2011**

Monday – 5th September - LABOUR DAY - CLOSED  
Wednesday - 7th September - Youth Darts Registration - 6:30pm  
Thursday - 8th September - Lady's Darts Registration - 7pm  
Thursday - 8th September – Men's Darts Registration - 7pm  
Friday - 9th September - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm  
Sunday - 18th September - Family Barbeque - 4-6pm  
Friday - 23rd September - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm