



The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion
February – 2012



The Canadian flag flies at half mast behind memorial at the Dundas Remembrance Day Services, 11th November, 2011.
Photograph courtesy Nils Foss



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President's Report

Welcome to 2012, our Christmas and New Year celebrations went very well with both events being well attended by members and guests alike.

We held a Burns Supper in conjunction with the Dundas Modular Train Club and all went well, we are looking forward to next year, do not be disappointed and get your tickets early next year.

You may be aware that in 2011 we have changed some of our Branch Bylaws to bring them in line with Ontario Provincial Command bylaws; and as a result, we will be holding more General Meetings during the year, this according to Provincial Command will allow you the membership more opportunity to be involved in the running of the Branch.

Please watch the white board, check the web site, or write down the dates listed in the Bullytin. Mark your calendar with these dates and plan to attend these meetings. 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.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to talk to me, or leave me a message and your number at the Branch and I will get in touch with you.

Thanks again.

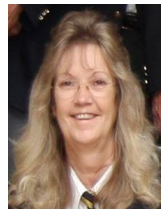
John Murphy - President, Branch 36



**John
Murphy
President**

Ways & Means Report

The Fish Fry Crew would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support. They work hard (and have a lot of laughs) and it's great to know that all of their hard work is paying off. The Fish Fry is one of the major contributors to the Branch. All of the proceeds go directly back to the Branch to help in what ever way is needed. I can't thank the crew enough for all of their help and dedication in making the Fish Frys such a wonderful success. As always they will continue on the second Friday of each month year round. We would love to see even more people out to enjoy a great dinner at a great price. If you can't stay for dinner, we have takeout orders as well, and children are always welcome to join us at the Branch for dinner.



**Dawn
Lewis
2nd Vice
President
&
Ways
and
Means
Chair**

The Easter Ham and Turkey Roll will be held Friday, 16th March beginning at 8 P.M. There will be spins on the wheel following the main draws. The tickets are still only \$5.00 each, and if you win your ticket is put back in the drum and you may win again. There are forty draws, and the odd numbered draws (eg.1, 3, 5, etc.) win a turkey, and the even numbered draws win a ham. Tickets will be available on the bar, or from a member at the beginning of February. You don't have to be there to win, but you do have to turn your ticket in to collect your prize. If you can help me out by selling a book or two or more of tickets, I would be very grateful. See me at the Branch, or ask the bar staff for tickets and we'll be glad to set you up with some.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who helps me out with all of my duties by keeping me on track and reminding me what I'm supposed to be doing, and when I'm supposed to be doing it. I appreciate each and every one of you. I couldn't do it alone. I really can't thank you enough.

**Every job is a self-portrait of the person who did it.
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Sir John A. MacDonald's Birthday



The Branch 36 Colour Party helped celebrate the birthday of Canada's first Prime Minister, Sir John A. MacDonald, which falls on 11th January, at a ceremony at his memorial in Gore Park in Hamilton on Sunday, 8th January, 2011.

Fish Fry Crews make it all possible

Our Fish Frys are successful due to the volunteers who make them possible. The **Kitchen Crew** consists of **Dawn Lewis, Pete Martin, Fay Jolly Kielty, Marie Kobylinski and Dale Lucking**. No-one has a particular job but they can all do any of the jobs if someone else is tied up elsewhere. The **Downstairs Crew** consists of **Marilyn Latchford, Stan and Sandra Hicks and Mal and Lynn Horner**.

Without a doubt we need to thank **Wayne O'Connor** for faithfully helping bring in "the groceries" each and every fish fry as well as covering the pool tables and all of the other little things that make the fish fry happen.

The **bar staff** deserves a huge thank you for the wonderful service that they show with smiles on their faces to all of the customers. Next time you see any of the above volunteers shake their hand and thank them for their work on the Fish Frys.

Colour Party Report

In the days leading up to Remembrance Day, our Colour Party was extremely busy. Starting at the end of October we began taking donations for Poppies at Sobey's in the Meadowlands.

We were also blessed with the addition of 3 new Colour Party members, to increase our ranks in time for the Remembrance Day parade and service. Our new Colour Party members are: Mark Mainprize, Marcel Trost and Jan Whiting.

Thanks to the participation of our new members, we fielded a Colour Party of 17 members in the Remembrance Day parade. After the parade a fund raising event was held at the Branch, and we raised enough money to help equip our newest members with Legion gear, and we had enough money left over to be able to purchase a new flag pole, pike and sling.

In the evening of 11th November, we attended the opening ceremonies of a hockey game at the Market Street (J.L.Grightmire) arena in Dundas, where 6 members presented the Colours.

On the evening of 14th November, 5 members attended the opening ceremonies of a hockey game at the Mohawk 4 Ice Centre, at 710 Mountain Brow Boulevard on Hamilton mountain. An honorarium was presented to the Branch for our participation in this event.

Branch members attending the Christmas Eve day party at the Branch, took part in a fund raising effort for the Colour Party. We appreciate the support of all our comrades.

On Sunday January 8th, 5 members of the Colour Party attended a celebration in downtown Hamilton to honour Sir John A. Macdonald's birthday at his statue in Gore Park.



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

James Byron Colour Party Commander - 905-578-2758

Membership Report

The renewals for 2012 are coming in very slowly this year. As of this writing there are approximately 200 members who have not renewed as of yet. I would urge you to drop by the Branch or mail in your 2012 dues which are \$50.00. We will return your membership card to you by mail.



**Mike
Alkerton
Membership
Chair**

We had a slight drop in numbers for the first time in many years. Last year we did not recruit as many new members as in previous years. I would ask you to bring in a friend, neighbor or relative and show them what we have to offer: Sports, Social Activities, Volunteer Work and if they show an interest sign them up.

“Just Bring One”

In order to save a few dollars (stamps now cost .69 cents with HST). If you would like your Bullytin by email let us know, then we won't have to send you a printed copy and that will save us money in printing and postage.

If you have an email address you would be alerted to events occurring at the Branch by email - let us know your email address. We don't hand out your email address to anyone; we use it only to notify you of events occurring at the Branch.

Hope to hear from you soon! The strength of a branch is in its membership!

As always any concerns or questions please contact me.

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

Ladies Auxiliary Report

The Ladies Auxiliary has been very busy this year. Our Beef on a Bun nights have been going extremely well and the addition of the Lasagna Roll-ups has been a wonderful one. Moving forward we will be offering sliced beef on a bun as well as pulled beef on a bun for those guests that would like one or other. The dates for our upcoming Beef nights are: February 24th, March 23rd, April 27 and May 25th. Thank you for all of your support, we greatly appreciate it.



**Terrie
Gubbins
President
Ladies
Auxiliary**

Our annual draw was a phenomenal success. A huge thank you to Dana Dilabbio for taking on this huge task. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the organizations and members who made a donation towards our draw this year. Without you the draw would not be a success. Many thanks also to those of you that took your time out to man the table and sell the tickets. Your contribution is invaluable. Lastly a great big thank you to the bartenders who helped us out in many, many ways. We thank everyone for their support and help.

Do you have extra Canadian Tire money lying around? If so, consider donating it to our auxiliary and we can put it to good use. We will now be collecting Canadian Tire money as an ongoing fundraiser to help achieve our goals. Please watch for a box in the legion to put your money.

This year we are hosting the LA Zone Cribbage Tournament, the LA Zone Dart Tournament and the LA District Dart Tournament. This means we have a very busy few months ahead of us. Good luck to all players in all of the tournaments.

The Ladies Auxiliary is always looking for members. If you have any questions in regards to our organization please don't hesitate to contact me. Also, keep your eye out for an upcoming flyer all about the LA. It will hopefully be very informative and full of information all about who we are and what we do. Lastly, if you have any suggestions for us we would welcome your thoughts.

Yours in Comradeship

Terrie Gubbins—L.A. President

Public Relations Report

E-Mail Addresses

A list of Branch 36 members' email addresses is kept secure, and used to notify them of Branch activities. Your email address is kept secure and is not handed out to anyone.

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

You can view our award winning newsletter "The Bullytin" online, and a benefit of this is that the pictures are in colour. If you decide that you want to view "The Bullytin" online only, you can stop copies being printed and save the Branch the cost of printing and mailing copies out. Contact the Branch 36 office and notify us if you wish to view online only.

Attention: Mountain Cable was purchased by Shaw Hamilton and your Mountain cable net email addresses were de-activated. You must contact Shaw Hamilton at 905-389-1393 and they will assist you in setting up a new @shaw.ca email account. Once your new email address is up and running please notify the Branch 36 to get your email address updated so that you can continue to get emails of Branch activities.



**Peter
Whittaker
Public
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Entertainment Report

A possible Daytona event may be held at the Branch if we can find a group to cook chicken wings for us.

Entertainment after the Beef on a Bun events has been discontinued until further notice.

If you would like to see something specific happen, or if you see someone you think might be entertaining please let us know.

We are looking for someone to decorate the Legion for Christmas next year. If you have any ideas or talents please let us know now so that the decorating can be planned.

The Open Microphone Nights after the Fish Frys are well attended and some very talented people have been entertaining us. You should try it yourself, you would entertain us and everyone always has a good time.



**Bob Turner
&**



**Chris Turner
Entertainment
Co-Chairs**

Thank you for the contribution of 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 was greatly appreciated. **Thank You again.**

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Sick Report - Stan Hicks

October - 2011

- 1st - Dan Cornell at home
- 13th - Bonnie Patro at General
- 17th - Bonnie Patro at home
- 18th - Randy Kynast in & out for surgery
- 18th - Bill Williamson at St.Joe's - kidney
- 21st - Visited Bill Williamson at St.Joe's - sore
- 21st - visited Randy Kynast at home - feeling good
- 21st - Bonnie Patro taking chemo
- 25th - Bill Williamson at home
- 25th - Trevor Meldrum at JVC
- 25th - Bruce Delottinville at home after surgery

November - 2011

- 1st - visited Trevor Meldrum at home - sore
- 1st - visited Bill Williamson at home - sore
- 5th - Jim Thornton had a fall - left leg gave out
- 7th - visited Jim Thornton at home - sore
- 7th - Karen Robillard, wife of Wayne Peters had surgery
- 10th - Bonnie Patro at JVR
- 12th - Jim Thornton out and about
- 16th - Bill Williamson out and about
- 22nd - visited Bonnie Patro at JVR - looking good
- 23rd - Shirley Laufmann at St.Joe's - not very good
- 29th - Bonnie Patro at home

December - 2011

- 3rd - Shirley Laufman at home
- 10th - Jim Lee at home
- 10th - Bonnie Patro out and about
- 13th - Jack Pollard at St.Joe's Villa
- 19th - visited Fred Scargall at home - feeling better
- 19th - visited Shirley Laufman at home
- 19th - Bill Williamson at General - fluid buildup
- 19th - Ken Harrison at General with stroke
- 19th - Stan Rankin at St.Joe's - hip
- 21st - visited Stan Rankin at St.Joe's - feeling good
- 21st - visited Ken Harrison at General - moving to rehab
- 21st - visited Bill Williamson at General - feeling not bad

January - 2012

- 1st - Anna White at JVC - hip
- 5th - Fred Scargall out and about
- 6th - visited Ken Harrison at General - coming along slow
- 6th - visited Stan Rankin at St.Joe's - looking good
- 6th - visited Bonnie Patro at home - looking good
- 7th - John Toomey at St.Joe's - cracked ribs and heart failure



**Stan Hicks
Sick
&
Last Post
Chair**

Last Post

Arthur Nevin - October 25th, 2011
Walter Love - November 3rd, 2011
Wilf Bave - November 3rd, 2011
(stepfather 1st Vice President Mel Horner)
Gerry Pack - November 24th, 2011
Gerard LeLieve - January 9th, 2012
Jack Sullivan - January 13th, 2012
Cliff Tootell - January 13th, 2012

We Will Remember Them

Honours and Awards Report

Our annual Branch Honours and Awards and Ladies Auxiliary Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, 3rd March, 2012.

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 13th February, please call the Branch and leave me a message.

Your 2012 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 17th.



**Charlie
Parsons
Honours and
Awards
Chair & 3rd
Vice
President**

If you get thrown from a horse, you have to get up and get back on, unless you landed on a cactus; then you have to roll around and scream in pain.

Colonel Cliff Tootell - 1937- 2012



It is with the deepest sadness that the 11th Field Regiment announces the passing of Colonel (retired) Cliff Tootell on January 13th after a brief and sudden illness. Col Tootell was a former CO and HCol of 11th Field and an active member of the Hamilton community. He will be missed by many - particularly the members of the HAA and 11 (H-W) Field with whom he spent much of his time.

Keeps You Thinking

The mind is like a parachute. It doesn't work unless it's open.

If you're going through hell, keep going - Winston Churchill

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then giving Fido only two of them.

Life is hard, but it's harder when you're stupid.

A day without sunshine is like, you know, night.

If it were not for electricity, we would all be watching TV by candlelight.

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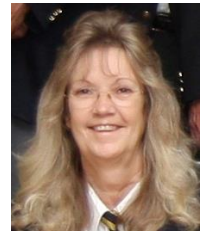
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Canteen Report

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. It's great to see so many people back at the Branch. We've been lucky, and the weather has made it easy to get out and about. January was a very busy month with lots of things happening from snooker, to retirement and birthday parties, and the Saturday meat draws.



Dawn Lewis
Canteen
Chair

Remember you can always book the Wentworth room free of charge for most any occasion on a first come, first served basis. Please feel free to call the Branch and see if the date that you would like is available.

If nothing has been booked downstairs, we have been closing the Canteen early. The cost of heating, lighting, wages, etc. is being wasted if there are not any members in the Branch (and the bar staff gets very lonely). We are trying to keep the cost of everything as low as we possibly can and we determined that this was the best way to do just that.

If you would like to book a function or party downstairs we would be more than happy to keep the Branch open so that you are able to enjoy it. Also feel free to bring your friends in and enjoy a chilled beverage. Who knows, they may just become one of our newest members. Strong membership builds a strong Branch.

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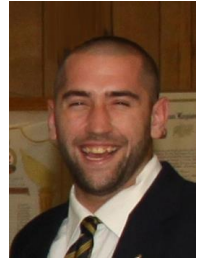
Sports Report

On Saturday, 7th January Branch 36 hosted the Zone B6 Snooker tournament. It was a great turnout, with a successful 50/50 draw, good food and all round good time. A Branch 36 team comprised of Jeff Boucher, Greg Griffith, Joe McDonald and Doug Lappin finished in 1st place losing only 1 game all day:



**Jordan
Deneau
&**

On Saturday, 14th January Branch 36 hosted the District B Snooker tournament. This also had a ve turnout. One Branch 36 team qualified to make it through to the Provincial tournament. We are glad and proud to say that Dundas came in 1st again, not losing a single game. This means that next year our Branch will host Zone B6 and District B Snooker tournaments again.



**Brody Howlett
Sports
Co-Chairs**

The Provincial Snooker tournament will be held on 3rd March in Pickering at Branch 606.

On Sunday, 15th January Branch 622 in Stoney Creek hosted the Zone B6 Cribbage tournament. Unfortunately none of our teams place well enough to move on.

On the 28th & 29th January Zone B6 Darts tournaments will be held at Branch 58 in Waterdown and Branch 622 in Stoney Creek.

There are still lots of Legion sports tournaments to be held see the list below and join in and support Branch 36.

Zone B6 - Darts - Branch 58 - Hamilton, 28th January

Zone B6 - Darts - Branch 622 - Stoney Creek, 29th January

District B - 8 Ball - Branch 56 - Port Colborne, 4th February

Zone B6 - Euchre - Branch 551 - Waterdown, 10th March

Zone B6 - Darts Mixed Teams - Dundas, 18th March

Zone B6 - Darts Mixed Doubles - Dundas, 24th March

District B - Shuffleboard - Branch 15 - Brampton, 28th April

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District B - Horseshoes - Branch 197 - Acton, 23rd June

District B - Golf - Branch 463 - South Brant, 14th July

Sign-up sheets for the above events are on the board in the Branch. Join in and sign up and represent Branch 36 at these events.

Poppy Fund Report

First and foremost, we would like to extend our sincerest thanks to **ALL** the volunteers who helped with the Poppy campaign of 2011. Without all the volunteers who donated time to distribute Poppys, make food for our volunteers or count endless buckets of coins, we would not have had such a successful year. It was really wonderful to see some new faces volunteering their time this year and we hope to see you again next year.

On Remembrance Day after the service and parade we were able to give donations to the Salvation Army, Wentworth Lodge, Blackadar Nursing Home, St. Joseph's Villa, Highgate Retirement Residence, Dundas Navy League and Sea Cadets, 2865 Army Cadets and Dundas 735 Air Cadets. We will be presenting more donations at the Honour & Awards dinner in March.

In December poinsettia arrangements with personalized Christmas cards were delivered to Veterans, and widows of Veterans in our local long term / retirement residences. This gesture was truly appreciated by both the Veterans and staff. Let's all try to remember our Veterans (young & old) not only on Remembrance Day, but throughout the year.

Once again, thank you to all for making the Poppy Campaign of 2011 such and success. Wishing you all the best for a happy & healthy 2012.



**Gerry Belec
Poppy Fund
Chair
&**



**Cheri
Harrington
Poppy Fund
Co-Chair**

Branch 36 - Upcoming Events

President's Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 3-4pm

Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm

February 2012 Events

10th - Friday - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

10th - Friday - Open Microphone Night - 7-9pm

11th - Saturday - Dundas Model Railway Flea Market -10am-3pm

21st - Tuesday - Monthly General Meeting - Wentworth Room - 7:30pm

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

March 2012 Events

3rd - Saturday - Honours & Awards and L.A. Awards - 6pm

9th - Friday - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

9th - Friday - Open Microphone Night - 7-9pm

16th - Friday - Easter Ham & Turkey Roll - 8pm

18th - Sunday - Zone B6 - Darts Mixed Teams

20th - Tuesday - Semi-Annual General Meeting - 7:30pm

23rd - Friday - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm

24th Saturday - Zone Darts Mixed Doubles -11:00am

April 2012 Events

6th - Friday - **Good Friday** - Branch CLOSED

8th - Sunday - **Easter Sunday** - Branch CLOSED

13th - Friday - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

13th - Friday - Open Microphone Night - 7-9pm

17th - Tuesday - Monthly General Meeting - Wentworth Room - 7:30pm

27th - Friday - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm

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