



The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion
August – 2016



Branch 36 celebrated Canada Day with a Good Neighbour BBQ where Chester the Clown amused everyone with face painting with the children, a magic show, and playing the guitar.



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President's Report

Summer 2016 is racing by and hasn't it been a hot one! Great weather for all the summer events! I take this opportunity to give a belated welcome back to the summer dart league, and the Duffer's Golf league. Glad to have you back!



Gord Sharpe
President

Our first ever Wing Night in July was a great success! Thanks to everyone who volunteered and attended supporting us in this new venture. We have had lots of positive feedback and for those that didn't make it out in July, please put August 12th on the calendar!

Our summer steak barbeques have been a hit so much so that the July turnout exceeded our expectations! We will be sure to have lots of supplies on hand for the BBQ on August 21st. Come out and let us do the cooking in this hot weather!

Our Canada Day BBQ was a busy day with Chester the Clown in to entertain the children and Mike Woods in to get us in the party mood! It was great to see all of the families who attended and to see the children enjoying the many activities including the great display put on by the Dundas Modular train club. Thanks to the many volunteers on that day without which we could not hold our special events. Special thanks to Joe Thoroughgood who braved the heat and did all the barbequing for the day.

We are looking forward to the Cactus Festival, always a highlight in our town. As usual we will have our float in the parade and a get-together afterward with a barbeque at our branch.

Our Fish Fry nights took a hiatus for the summer but will be back in September, along with the Ladies Auxiliary Beef on a Bun - Two popular events at our branch that I am sure you look forward to each month!

Invite your friends to join you for our special events. We will always welcome new members to our branch!

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Fall and winter events are coming up fast so you should think now about signing up for the winter sports activities in the branch. There are men's, women's and mixed leagues for darts, men's and women's leagues for snooker and a mixed league for shuffleboard.

The President's meat draw will kick off on September 10th. Your ongoing support of this draw is very important to the branch.

If you have any questions be sure to ask me when you see me around the Branch, or leave a message and phone number with the bar steward and I will get back to you.

Enjoy the rest of the summer. Remember winter is coming!

Gord Sharpe - President Branch 36

Honours and Awards Report

I know it's early in the year, but I would like to let you know that the Veteran's Christmas dinner will be held on Wednesday, 7th December, 2016. All veterans from WW I, WW II, Korea, Afghanistan, Vietnam and peace-keepers, and caregivers or wives are invited.

The Honours and Awards Banquet is changing from Saturday night to Sunday afternoon. It will be held at 1pm on Sunday, 5th March, 2017. All pin recipients, and caregivers or wives are invited.

Bill Ralston - Honours and Awards Chair



Bill Ralston
2nd Vice
President
Honours and
Awards
Chair

Banquet Hall Rental

The Banquet Hall is available for rental.

For details call the office at (905) 627-7221.

The Wentworth Room downstairs is available at no charge for use on a first come basis and will accommodate from 5-65 people.

It can be used for retirement parties, memorial services, meetings, birthdays and any other party you can think of. Just call the office to book the room (905) 627-7221.

Membership Report

Please Note !

Due to increases in per capita payments to Toronto and Ottawa, cost of stamps, printing and miscellaneous items, the Branch at the June meeting, passed an increase of (5) five dollars to Branch dues for the year 2017.

It has been 5 years since our last dues increase; therefore the dues for 2017 will be (55) fifty-five dollars.

Our membership has had a net loss of 25 members since September of last year. This loss is due to non-renewal, attrition, transfers and not recruiting enough new members.

So if you know a veteran, or someone who has served, or someone who is interested in joining, bring them on a visit and tour the Branch and get them signed up.

The Legion year (2017) starts in the first week of September. There will be an 'Early-Bird' draw that will include all Branch 36 members who have renewed their membership before November 30th. You could win back your dues.

Please try to renew as soon as possible. After a long slow summer the Branch needs the cash flow. You can pay by cheque, debit or good old cash.

For you snowbirds who head south please give your Branch a thought so I don't have to chase you down next April. Remember the Branch Motto "Just Bring One"

If you have any questions please call me at the Branch (905-627-7221) or at home (905-628-2822).

Mike Alkerton - Membership Chair

"Just Bring One"

P.S. Legion Membership is open to all Commonwealth subjects and Canadian citizens.



**Mike
Alkerton
Membership
Chair**

Banquet Hall Report

Branch 36 is pleased to carry on the tradition of offering the Wentworth Room free of charge for functions up to 65 persons. The customer is welcome to bring in their own food, plates, cutlery and tablecloths. You may bring in tea and coffee, cups, sugar and milk. You are not allowed to bring in any pop, juice, water or alcohol. These must be purchased from our bar. The customer must not expect to occupy the room any later than they have booked, with a reasonable clean-up time. Sunday bookings are never any later than 5:00 p.m.



Doug Rivers
1st Vice
President
Banquet Hall
Chair

Access to the room on Saturday's is 12:00 noon and on Sundays, 1:00 p.m. If you are interested in booking the Wentworth Room please call 905-627-7221 for further information and availability.

Doug Rivers - Banquet Hall Chair

Colour Party Report

On June 5th the Colour Party took part in the Branch 36 D-Day Church Parade along with members from our local Sea, Army and Air cadet corps.

Our Colour Party always has openings for new members. A few extra members would make it easier in case of illness or unavailability. Training and help getting uniforms will be provided. At the moment Dundas has an award winning unit and we'd like to make sure we keep it that way.



Jim Byron
Colour Party
Commander
Sergeant at
Arms

Our next practices will be:

- Tuesday evening September 13th at 7:00 pm
- Tuesday evening October 11th at 7:00 pm
- Tuesday evening November 8th at 7:00 pm
- Tuesday evening December 13th at 7:00 pm

Jim Byron - Colour Party Commander - 905-578-2758

Entertainment Report

While organized entertainment is done for the summer, please be sure to come out to our Wing Nights and enjoy the music of Mike Woods.

Also be sure to keep an eye out for events beginning in the fall. Little Peter and the Elegants will be helping us celebrate the Legion's 90th Birthday on the 4th November and Trivia will start after the Fish Fry in October.

The Mixed Shuffleboard League Crew would like to invite perspective members to join them for an Open House on Wednesday, 28th September. Watch the website and Facebook page for details.

Chris Turner - Entertainment Chair



Chris Turner
Entertainment
Chair

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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.

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

Bursary Report

Quite a number of students received Legion Bursaries last year. Most of them sent thank you notes, which gives us a sense of accomplishment, This is because when we hand out an application we never hear about it unless the student tells us.

Again this year there will be (5) five “Belec Bursary” awards given out by Branch 36. There is a difference in the eligibility for these awards.

Please contact me in September for both these awards.

Mike Alkerton – Bursary Chair



Mike Alkerton
Bursary
Chair

Special Events Report

On Sunday, 5th June Branch 36 held our annual D-Day Parade and church service and I would like to thank all who took part and remembered our fallen comrades.

On Thursday, 18th August we will enter our Legion float in the 41st Cactus Festival Parade and I'd like to thank all volunteers who help build the float, and those who ride on it in the parade.

On Friday, 11th November Branch 36 will take part in the Dundas Remembrance Day Parade and Service. Last year there was a large turnout at the service and I hope all Legion members that can, will take in the parade and service held at the Memorial located at the Dundas Community Center and come to the Branch after the service.



Dave
Hawthorne
3rd Vice
President
Special
Events
Chair

Dave Hawthorne - Special Events Chair

Happiness is like potato salad - share it and you have a picnic!

If at first you don't success, try reading the instructions.

Public Relations Report

For a small fee (\$25.00 an issue) we include the business cards of Sponsors in The Bullytin. In this way we recognize these people and hope that Branch 36 members will use their services.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Sponsors of The Bullytin. Your contributions help us to pay some of the costs of printing and distributing The Bullytin.

If you would like to have your business card appear In The Bullytin please get in touch with the Branch Office at 905-627-7721 or speak to me when I am in the Branch. We publish the Bullytin 4 times each year in August, November, February and May.

I see lots of photographs being taken at Branch 36 events with digital cameras, and if you have a nice picture you might get it in The Bullytin. Just attach your file(s) to an email and send it to the Branch email address: rclbr36@cogeco.net In your email please supply the name of the event, the name of the photographer(so they can be credited), and when applicable the names of people in the picture.

Peter Whittaker - Public Relations Chair



**Peter
Whittaker
Public
Relations
Chair**



At the Branch 36 Good Neighbor BBQ on Canada Day, the Dundas Modular Train club held an Open House where their displays were set up for viewing.

In the picture at the left you can see a train passing by a replica of our Branch 36 building complete with an artillery piece displayed In the side garden.

Spring Work Party a Success

The Branch Spring Work Party this year was a great success. I was impressed with the turnout on Sunday, 29th May, and even though it was very warm everyone did a great job.

I want to give a shout out to Jack Murnaghan for taking the leaves away in his trailer to dispose of them, and it saved us having to rent a dumpster bin. I would also like to thank Peter Martin and Marie Kobylinski who fed the troops with great food.

Linda Rivers, Mary Whittaker, Leanne and Caitlin Robinson did a great job cleaning inside the Branch.

Thanks to all those in attendance - Mary Whittaker, Linda Rivers, Leanne and Caitlin Robinson, Marilyn Latchford, Gord Sharpe, Jack Murnaghan, Jim Sherring, Fred Haddock, Leo Shaidle, Dave Steele, Denny Moyer, Stan Hicks, Doug Rivers, Larry O'Connor, Helmut Schiller, Mark Mainprize, Brian Holme, Gary Ingram, Wayne O'Connor and Dave Hawthorne.

Good job folks!

Paul Penney - House and Grounds Chair

P.S. The Fall Work Party is on Sunday, 6th November. I hope you take part to make the Branch look good for Remembrance Day.



**Paul
Penney
House and
Grounds
Chair**

Dundas History

On 2nd November, 1917 Dundas was visited by its first aeroplane, when a plane from Camp Borden got lost and landed on the Hunter farm on the York Road.

In August, 1920 the price of sugar rose to twenty-three cents a pound, but by December it had dropped back to 8 cents a pound. The year 1920 also brought a sewage system to Dundas, and the following year Main and King Streets were paved, an event which was celebrated with a Street Dance on October 19th, 1921.

In 1923, houses in Dundas were numbered for the first time.

Sick Report

April 2016

11th - Tammy Valois in and out of hospital
13th - Ron Belmore at Juravinski for test - at home now
13th - Pat Risk at Juravinski - surgery
19th - Ron Kenyon at Juravinski - test
24th - Lyle Rayner at General ICU - heart
26th - Lyle Raynor at home
29th - Stan Rankine at St.Joe's - had a fall



**Stan Hicks
Sick
and
Last Post
Chair**

May 2016

4th - Stan Rankine at home
5th - Pat Risk at home
9th - Ron Kenyon at home
11th - Kim Place had surgery - at home with sister
24th - Chuck Clarkson at St.Joe's - heatstroke
27th - Chuck Clarkson at home resting

June 2016

1st - Brett Taylor - had surgery - now home
2nd - Peter Arnold - had surgery - now home
4th - Jim Thornton at Juravinski
13th - Pat Dumayne at General - slight stroke
15th - visited Pat Dumayne at General - sore right hand
16th - Pat Dumayne at home
26th - Fred Haddock at General
30th - Fred Haddock at home

July 2016

3rd - Earl Gerrie at St.Joe's
14th - Jim Thornton at home
20th - Jim Thornton at Juravinski and home

Stan Hicks – Sick and Last Post Chair

The school of experience would be more pleasant
if there were a vacation once in a while.

There is nothing wrong with the younger generation
that the older generation didn't outgrow.

Good to forgive, best to forget.

Last Post

Willma Williamson - 3rd June, 2016

(Wife of Past President John Williamson)

George Martin - 18th June, 2016

A.J. McManamy - 30th June, 2016

Normand Courchesne - 8th July, 2016

Earl Gerrie - 12th July, 2016

We Will Remember Them

Poppy Fund Report

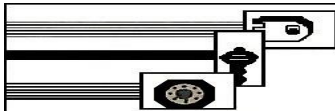
The Poppy Fund is requesting permission to forward \$2,000 to the Parkwood Veterans Hospital in London, Ontario.

The current balance of the Poppy Fund is \$68,935.59.

Jim Byron - Poppy Fund Chair (905-578-2758)



Jim Byron
Poppy Fund
Chair



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The Longest Street in the World is in Canada

The distinction of the longest street in the world belongs to Yonge Street in the Province of Ontario. Yonge Street starts at Lake Ontario, and runs north through central and northern Ontario to the area of Rainy River, on the Ontario – Minnesota border, a distance of over 1178 miles / 1896 kilometres.

Canteen Report

The majority of our security cameras are now installed and a special thanks goes out to Doug Lapin, Gord Sharpe, Paul Penney and Mike Alkerton for all of their work.

Thanks also to our bar staff, Sue, Al, Pam, both Judy's, Candace and Elaine. You are basically the front line of our branch and we want you to know we appreciate the great job you do.

Doua Rivers - Canteen Chair



Doug Rivers
1st Vice
President
Canteen
Chair

Taking the engine out for a drive?



A young engineer gets guidance from his mom to operate his first steam engine, while his sister looks on, at the Branch 36 Good Neighbor BBQ held on Canada Day.



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Sports Report

Summer is almost over so don't forget to come and register to play in the Branch Sport Leagues that operate through the winter. We have active Mens, Womens and Mixed Darts Leagues, Mens and Womens Snooker Leagues and a Mixed Shuffleboard league at Branch 36. See page 16 for registration dates for these in-house leagues.



**Stan
Sklepowicz
Sports
Chair**

Legion members can represent Branch 36 at Legion Sport Tournaments at Legions across Ontario. The sports at these tournaments include Bowling, Cribbage, Curling, Euchre, Golf, Horseshoes, and Lawn Bowling. We may not have an in-house League for a sport, but watch the Sports board (next to the side door) for signup sheets for these tournaments in the future.

Stan Sklepowicz - Sports Chair

Canada Day Good Neighbor BBQ Entertainment



Chester the Clown entertains diners at Branch 36's Canada Day Good Neighbour BBQ.

House Report

Well comrades, I sometimes sit and wonder what will I say in my report and most times it's quite routine stuff like the work party, etc..



**Paul
Penney
House
Chair**

This time there's quite a bit of news to tell you, starting with a new air conditioner in the Wentworth room. We managed to sneak through last year with a little charge in the old air conditioner unit, but this year we had to condemn it. I plan to take down all the old units and scrap them, at least we'll have a few dollars to help offset the cost.

Next is the kitchen - we've replaced the big cook stove and upgraded all the gas piping to bring it up to code, so come out and support the Fish Fry and the Beef on a Bun nights to help pay for this new stove.

Finally we've completed the security camera project. I'd like to give a great shout out to Doug LAPPIN for all his technical help on the project and thanks to everyone else who worked on this project to make it happen.

As I've said before we are in pretty good shape (mechanically), and now hopefully we can work a bit on the cosmetics.

Paul Penney - House and Grounds Chair

"Many hands make light work!"

A rectangular advertisement for Kim Place Carpentry. The background is light grey with a white ruler-like border at the top and bottom. On the left is a logo with the letters 'KP' in white on an orange square. To the right, 'Kim Place' is written in a cursive font, and 'CARPENTRY' is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the logo, it says 'HOME RENOVATIONS'. In the center, 'SINCE 1981' is written in white on an orange semi-circle. To the right, 'LICENSED CONTRACTOR' is written in orange. At the bottom, there is a dark grey bar with white text: 'PHONE 905-520-4440' on the left, a crossed hammer and pickaxe icon in the center, and '1905 HWY #5 WEST TROY, ONTARIO, LOR 2B0' on the right.

Branch 36 - Upcoming Events

August 2016 Events

Thursday - 18th August - volunteers build Legion's float - 9:30am
Thursday - 18th August - Ride float in Cactus Festival Paraded - 5:30pm
Sunday - 21st August - Family BBQ Open - 2:30pm BBQ - 4-6pm

September 2016 Events

President's Meat Draw - Starts on Saturday 10th September - 3-4pm
Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm
Monday - 5th September - Labour Day - Statutory Holiday - CLOSED
Thursday - 8th September - Lady's Thursday Darts Registration - 7pm
Thursday - 8th September - Men's Thursday Darts Registration - 7pm
Members of the Public are invited to play in the Thursday Men's Winter Dart League but must become Legion members to play in subsequent years.

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

Sunday - 11th September - Registration - Sunday Mixed Darts - 2pm

Monday - 12th September - Monday Night Valley Mixed Darts - 8pm

Tuesday - 13th September - Branch 36 Colour Party Practice - 7pm

Tuesday - 13th September - Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7pm

Sunday - 18th September - Start of Legion Week

Tuesday - 20th September - Bi-Annual General Meeting - 8pm

Wednesday - 21st September - Snooker Challenge vs HAFA - 7pm

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

Friday - 23rd September - Turkey Roll - 8pm

Saturday - 24th September - Legion Triathlon - register 12:00-12:30pm

Monday - 26th September - Men's Snooker starts tonight - 7:00pm

Wednesday - 28th September - Mixed Shuffleboard League - Open House and Registration - 7:30pm

Wednesday - 28th September - Lady's Snooker starts tonight - 7:30pm

October 2016 Events

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

Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm

Sunday 9th October - Thanksgiving - Branch CLOSED

Monday 10th October - Thanksgiving - Branch CLOSED

Tuesday - 11th October - Branch 36 Colour Party Practice - 7pm

Tuesday - 11th October - Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7pm

Friday - 14th October - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

Friday - 14th October - First Trivia Night of the season - 7:30pm

Friday - 28th October - 2015 Poppy Fund Campaign Kick-off Day

Friday - 28th October - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm

November 2016 Events

Friday - 4th November - Legion 90th Birthday Dance - 8:00pm