



The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion
May – 2017

2017 Honours and Awards Luncheon



The 2017 Honours and Awards Luncheon was held on a Sunday afternoon for the first time and everyone enjoyed the meal and the presentations made by both the Branch and the Ladies Auxiliary. *Picture courtesy P. Whittaker*



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President's Report

Time for the spring edition - isn't that a welcome thought! The Easter bunny is on his way and we certainly are getting lots of spring showers to help the plants and yes, the grass grow.

There have been lots of great events here at the Branch since my last report - what a busy place! Isn't that wonderful! I have to give credit to the Entertainment Committee for all the hard work they put in to ensure that we are all entertained! We have been lucky to have Chris and Rob Turner as our Entertainment "gurus" for several years now and I am sure that everyone will agree that they have done a fabulous job! We are sorry that they have decided to take a break but I am happy to welcome Janice Mancini to this position. You have big shoes to fill Janice but I am sure that you are up to it!



**Gord
Sharpe
President**

We went in a little different direction with our Annual Honours and Awards this year, trying a different time and day. This was met with varying opinions but was well attended and the business of the meeting went ahead as usual. Many thanks to the organizers and those involved in the set up and all the little details that make this event special.

In upcoming events, I would like to remind you that our Branch election will take place on Wednesday, May 3rd and I would encourage all of our members to attend that night and also to consider becoming involved in the various volunteer rolls which are necessary to keep our branch running smoothly.

Another sign of spring is the winding down of all the winter leagues! Thanks to all those who organize and facilitate these activities, and to those who come out and take part! These activities help make it possible for our Branch to keeping going and growing!

Please keep abreast of all upcoming activities by checking the Branch website and the bulletin boards often! Many thanks to Peter Whittaker for doing such a great job on this newsletter and maintaining the website! Please, check it out!

Gord Sharpe - President Branch 36

Sports Report

The winter season of Legion sports has concluded. We will be finishing our in-house snooker, darts and shuffleboard over the next few weeks and the different end of year league banquets will begin.

Overall it was a successful season for our competitive teams as one of our snooker teams advanced to the Provincials Tournament. The team consisted of Joe McDonald, Mark Johnston, Nick Siefert and Doug Laan.

Our 8-ball team of Mark Johnston and Nick Siefert also advanced to the Provincial Tournament.

The Cribbage team of Sue Logue, Cathy Howlett, Debra Firth and Brenda Glass also made it to the Provincials. Although none of the teams advanced to Dominion, they all reported that they enjoyed themselves.

Our Mixed Dart Team of Bill Leckie, Terry Kobylinski, Sue and Stan Sklepowicz have advanced to the District Tournament.

Postings for summer activities are now posted. So take a look at the sports board by the side door if you are interested in Golf, Horseshoes or Ring Toss.

Stan Sklepowicz - Sports Chair



**Stan
Sklepowicz
Sports
Chair**

Honours and Awards Report

The Honours and Awards and the Ladies Auxiliary Presentations Luncheon event went well - having it on a Sunday afternoon for the first time and everyone who attended enjoyed the great meal provided.

You, the membership, must think about recognizing next year those who help make Branch 36 such a great Legion and nominate people for Certifications of Appreciation, or even nominate them to be Legionnaire of the Year.



**Bill Ralston
Honours and
Awards
Chair**

Bill Ralston - 2nd Vice President and Honours and Awards Chair

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

Entertainment Report

As the Entertainment season winds down, Bob and I would like to remind everyone of the free Easter Egg hunt April 15th. It's open to the general public and all we ask is that you bring a donation for the food bank.

The final Trivia Night will be in May, and be sure to check out the new Euchre Night after Beef on a Bun. Both are open to the general public and only cost \$5 a player.

Lastly, thank you to all those who have helped support Bob and I during our time as Entertainment Co-Chairs. We appreciate the support and hope to see you out at events next year!

Chris Turner - Entertainment Co-Chair



Rob Turner
and



Chris Turner
Entertainment
Co-Chairs

Reminder

We switch to summer hours starting in May. The Branch will not be open on Sundays during the summer starting May 7th. I'd like to thank our bar staff and Dale for their support to our Legion and all the work they do. Don't forget to tip your bartender.

Dave Hawthorne – 3rd Vice President

Bursary Report

The Bursaries are closed now for 2017. Please see me in September for next year.

The Branch itself also gives (5) five bursaries of \$500.00 - only 4 of were given out for the last year????

Mike Alkerton - Bursary Chair



Mike Alkerton
Bursary
Chair

Banquet Hall Report

We are currently in discussions regarding use and prices of the banquet hall. One of our major items of concern is catering. As we have fewer catered events and no designated legion caterer we have to decide whether we will continue to provide catering or not.

Setting dishes, cleaning up afterwards, supplying of linens, and use of the kitchen are all items we are looking at.

Watch for changes coming in the near future.

Doug Rivers - 1st Vice President and Banquet Hall Chair



Doug Rivers
Banquet Hall
Chair

Last Post
<p>Howard Wilson - 10th January, 2017 Wilf Coon - 12th January, 2017 Robert Jadesk - 15th January, 2017 Lloyd Hannis - 5th February, 2017 Frank Jones Sr. - 12th February, 2017 Maurier Gratton - 22nd March, 2017</p>
We Will Remember Them

Colour Party Report

On March 5th the Branch 36 Colour Party had the honour of presenting the colours at the Honours and Awards and Ladies Auxiliary awards Luncheon. A special presentation took place after the luncheon, at which the Colour Party presented our own Geoff Hodgson with a Royal Canadian Legion Canada 150 medal for his long and excellent service to the Colour Party.



James Byron
Colour Party
Commander

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 Branch 36 has an Award winning unit and we'd like to make sure we keep it that way.

Our next practices will be:

Tuesday evening - 9th May, 2017 at 7:00pm

Tuesday evening - 12th September, 2017 at 7:00pm

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

The Development of the Royal Canadian Air Force

From the moment Canadian airmen first flew with the Royal Flying Corps and Royal Naval Air Service, the Royal Canadian Air Force evolved to meet current and future challenges.

The Royal Flying Corps Canada (RFCC) was established in late January 1917 to recruit and train Canadians for service in the Royal Flying Corps during the First World War. Canadians who wanted to join the RFC transferred from the Army or obtained a flying certificate from a private company and then travelled to Great Britain in hopes of being selected.

The first graduating class of the Royal Flying Corps Canada was at Camp Borden, Ontario, in May 1917. The history of the Royal Canadian Air Force begins in 1920, when the air force was created as the Canadian Air Force (CAF). In 1924 the CAF was renamed the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) when it was granted the royal title by King George V.

In 2017 the Royal Canadian Air Force is marking the 100th anniversary of the first military pilot training in Canada.

Membership Report

The 2017 Membership year has gone well thanks to the help of you, the membership.

We should be at, or close to being the largest Branch in our zone (B6); however, we must work to maintain our numbers.

There are still some members not paid for 2017 and this will be the last Bullytin they receive.

If you have moved or have any change in address please let us know. I hate spending .85 cents plus HST on a stamp only to have the envelope returned.

If you would like to have correspondence forwarded to you electronically from the Branch send us your email address – it should be noted that it is kept secure, will only be used for Branch communication with you and will not be handed out to anyone else.

As always if you have any concerns or questions please contact me at 905-628-2822 - home, or 905-627-7221 - Branch 36.

Mike Alkerton - Membership Chair “Just Bring One”

P.S. Don't forget the Branch Elections on Wednesday, 3rd May, 2017 at 8:00pm. It is very important that you attend.

Special Events Report

Our D-Day memorial church parade is on Sunday, June 4th, 2017. We hope to have a good turnout of Branch 36 members.

Fall in at the Legion at 09:30am. At 10:00 am we will march to St.James Church to take part in the service at 10:30am. Those unable to march are invited to join us at the church. The parade is open to all Legion members. We will return to the Legion after the church service for refreshments.

Dave Hawthorne - 3rd Vice President and Special Events Chair



Mike Alkerton
Membership
Chair



Dave Hawthorne
Special Events
Chair

Ladies Auxiliary Report

Happy Spring Comrades,

Your Ladies Auxiliary has been keeping busy as usual. For the last couple of months immediately following our Beef on a Bun Nights we've hosted a Progressive Euchre - at our first one in February there were only 3 tables, but word of mouth worked wonders and the following month (March) we had 10 tables. It's \$5 to register and depending on the turn-out generous prizes are handed out for top scores and most lone hands. So come out and enjoy a wonderful Beef or Lasagna dinner and stay for a great night of cards.



Debbie Cooley
Ladies
Auxiliary
President

I am writing this report immediately after returning from our April meeting and I can now tell you the results of our yearly elections. President: Debbie Cooley, Vice President: Terry Kobylinski, Treasurer: Gerry Hopkins, Secretary: Janice Mancini, Sgt. at Arms: Barb Smith, Executive: Marie Kobylinski, Geri McPhail, Judy Hall-Wright, Liz Portier, Terrie Gubbins. And Terry Kobylinski is also our Sports Officer. Hope I haven't forgotten any one.

Our Treasurer Gerry is now home recuperating from knee surgery and we are all wishing her a speedy recovery.

Sports wise: Terry K. and Terrie G. are heading to Kingston for Provincial Singles and Doubles darts on the 22nd of this month (April) so best of luck to them. We had 2 teams that played in District team darts in Stoney Creek on April 1st and all we can say is we had a good time. The same for the team that went on to District cribbage. Just a lovely afternoon playing cards in Font Hill.

At the Honors and Awards luncheon, congrats to Shirley Arnold for receiving her 45 year pin, to Stephanie Cooley for receiving her 5 year pin and also her 10 year Legion pin. And to Janice Mancini for receiving a Certificate of Appreciation. And thanks to all my Ladies for presenting me with a Certificate of Merit.

Our next Beef Night is April 28th and the final one (until September) is May 26th. Hope to see y'all there and please feel welcome to stay and play euchre after.

Sincerely **Debbie Cooley** - President of the Br. 36 Ladies Auxiliary

House and Grounds Report

Hello again comrades. I always say that I don't have much to report, but I do have a few items of interest - I love the idea of announcing the Spring Cleanup Party, it says that winter is almost gone.



Paul Penney
House &
Grounds
Chair

As usual we'll have a bit of painting to do - like the beer door entrance and our back entrance, also the barbecue storage shed I built, etc..

I'll borrow my friend Bill Grisdale's scissor lift and remove the old a/c units from the wall and turn them into a few dollars!!!!

Our smoking tent took a hit in the last windstorm, I'll have a look to see if I can find another bargain, or we fix this one up for one more season ??? Speaking of windstorm - we had one tree crash down at the back gate area, comrade Gord Sharpe and I made it disappear.

We had a small situation with the glass washer - it tried to swallow a plastic bottle cap so we gave it the Heimlich maneuver and it seems fine now.

All in all were not in too bad shape considering her age and I'd like to give a little shout out to comrade Glenn Ehrlich for keeping her clean and shiny.

P.S. spring work party will be held on Sunday, MAY 28th, see you there!!! to get the Branch in good shape for our Annual D-Day church service parade on Sunday, 4th June.

There will be a signup sheet for the work party on the board in the branch and it always helps keep our club in good shape.

Thank you all for taking part. **"Many hands make light work!"**

Paul Penney - House and Grounds Chair

St.Patrick's Celebration Enjoyed by all



Branch 36 held the annual St.Patrick's Day Celebration and everyone enjoyed the dancing and celebration.

Picture courtesy P.Whittaker

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

Sick Report

January - 2017

- 17th - Grant Rumley at home
- 20th - Bob Raynsford at General - heart
- 27th - Sue Logue at St.Joe's - surgery now home
- 30th - talked with Sue Logue - sore
- 31st - Paul Penney had pin pulled on thumb



**Stan Hicks
Sick and
Last Post
Chair**

February - 2017

- 1st - Bob Raynsford at Juravinski - back and home
- 2nd - Alex Hunter at Juravinski - fluid on lungs
- 7th - John McCurdy had heart attack
- 10th - John McCurdy at home
- 13th - Alex Hunter at home
- 20th - Mike Alkerton visited Fred Scargall at St.Peter's
- 21st - Maurier Gratton in hospital in Burlington
- 25th - Len Raynsford at General
- 27th - Ruth May at General - heart
- 28th - Dorothy Myers - mild heart attack
- 28th - Ruth May having more tests - ICU
- 28th - Fred Scargall moved to Blackadar's

March - 2017

- 1st - Visited Fred Scargall at Blackadar's
- 1st - Geoffrey Jay at General - pneumonia
- 1st - Ruth May at home
- 7th - Maurier Gratton not very good
- 7th - Vivian Thornton at hospital
- 9th - Vivian Thornton at home
- 9th - Len Raynsford at Amica

April - 2017

- 1st - Bill Main at St.Joe's
- 3rd - Jim Thornton moved to Wentworth Lodge

Stan Hicks - Sick and Last Post Chair

What do you call a magic dog? A Labracadabrador.

Two fish are sitting in a tank. One looks over at the other and says: "Hey, do you know how to drive this thing?"

Poppy Fund Report

The Poppy Fund presented Certificates of Appreciation at the Honours and Awards Luncheon to the following Poppy Fund Campaign volunteers:

Milt Aucoin	Jim Bolegoh
Jim MacIntyre	Charlie Parsons
Bill Ralston	Pat Risk
Doug Rivers	Len Sharpe
Jill Zess	



Jim Byron
Poppy Fund
Chair

Without the help of our volunteers, the Poppy Fund Campaign wouldn't happen and many worthy organizations wouldn't benefit from the support of the Poppy Fund.

The Poppy Fund also distributed funds to the following:

St. Joseph's Villa - \$15,000
Juravinski Clinic - \$15,000
Bob Kemp Hospice - \$2,000

Our Poppy Fund bank balance as of 28th February, 2017 was:
\$109,066.51

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

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

Sunday – 28th May - Spring Work Party - 9:00am

Volunteer some time to help spruce up the Branch for the Branch 36 Annual 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.

Youth Education Report - *Tony Bratschich* Youth Education Chair

Poster & Literary Contest awards were recently presented to a number of students in recognition of their essays, poems and posters commemorating Remembrance



Students in Grades 1-12 provided their creativity in writing and art based a variety of themes about our Canadian men and women who went to war and, especially, about those who did not come back back.

Rehoboth Christian School, which has actively participated in our Remembrance activities for 38 years, conducted two student assemblies - one senior and one junior - where we were able to present six students with medallions, framed certificates and gifts.

There were over 150 students and teachers in each Rehoboth assembly who warmly applauded the Remembrance contest achievements of these young students.



Another school, *Immaculate Conception*, had a full assembly of approximately 600 students and teachers along with dozens of parents in which one student was recognized for three awards in our contest. The joyous expression on the young student's face was representative of her excitement.

Whenever possible, parents are encouraged to be a part of the presentation of the awards. In this case, at the Immaculate Conception School assembly, the student's mother and father each proudly draped a medallion over their daughter's shoulders.



There is an ongoing remarkable story of a local family's participation in our annual contest. Of the six young home-taught siblings shown in this photo, the two older girls have accumulated nine awards over the past three years. Every visit to this family is a heart-warming experience.

This year, one young girl received three awards for her posters. In anticipation of my visit, she created another poster depicting me in my Legion uniform carry medals and a certificate.



Once again, the Annual Poster & Literary Contest has been successful in reaching out to our students to commemorate the valour and sacrifices of our soldiers and veterans.

Canteen Report

This is my last report as canteen chair as I am stepping down. Taking over the responsibilities will be Dave Hawthorne. Dave is very well qualified for the position and will do an excellent job working with our great bar staff.



Doug Rivers
Canteen
Chair

I would like to welcome Leanne Robinson to our team. She joins Sue, Al, Pam, Judy Hall-Wright, Judy Wilson and Elaine to bring you the best in bar service and I would like to thank them all for their help, ideas and patience during the time we worked together.

Thank you all.

Doug Rivers - 1st Vice President and Canteen Chair

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Branch 36 - Upcoming Events

Presidents Meat Draw – Every Saturday in April - 3-4pm
President's Meat Draw - Saturday 7th and 14th May - 3-4pm
Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm

April 2017 Events

Saturday - 15th April - The Dundas Legion presents its 6th Annual Easter Egg TIMES: Baby to 3yrs - 8:30am / 4 to 7 yrs - 9:00am / Everyone else - 9:30am
Sunday - 16th April - Easter Sunday - BRANCH CLOSED
Friday - 28th April - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm
Friday - 28th April – “Progressive Euchre” - 7:30pm - Open to the Public

May 2017 Events

Wednesday - 3rd May - Branch 36 Annual Elections - Upstairs - 8pm
Tuesday - 9th May - Branch 36 Colour Party Practice - 7:00pm
Tuesday - 9th May 9th May - Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00pm
Friday - 12th May - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm
Friday - 12th May - Trivia Night - 7:30pm
Monday - 22nd May - Victoria Day - BRANCH CLOSED
Friday - 26th May - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm
Friday - 26th May - "Progressive Euchre" - 7:30pm - Open to the Public
Sunday - 28th May - Annual Spring Work Party - 9:00am

June 2017 Events

Sunday - 4th June - Branch 36 D-Day Parade and Service - Fall in - 9:45am
Friday - 9th June - Wing Night - 5:30-7:30pm
Tuesday - 13th June - Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00pm
Sunday - 18th June - Family BBQ - Open 2:30pm - Family BBQ - 4:00pm
Tuesday - 20th June - Monthly General Meeting - 8:00pm

July 2017 Events

Saturday - 1st July - Canada Day Good Neighbor BBQ - 2-7pm
Saturday - 1st July - Dundas Modular Railway Open House - 2-6pm
Friday - 14th July - Wing Night - 5:30-7:30pm
Sunday - 16th July - Family BBQ - Open - 2:30pm - Family BBQ - 4-6pm

August 2017 Events

Monday - 7th August - Civic Holiday – Branch closed
Friday - 11th August - Wing Night - 5:30-7:30pm
Sunday - 20th August - Family BBQ - Open - 2:30pm - Family BBQ - 4-6pm

**Invite your friends and relatives to Legion events !
New Legion members are always Welcome
Call or visit the Branch for more information**