



# The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion  
May - 2019

## St.Valentine's Dance



Dancing to the music of Little Peter and the Elegants at the Branch 36 Valentine Dance. *Picture courtesy Peter Whittaker*



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## **President's Report**

Time for the spring edition! It has been a long winter and we deserve some milder weather!

I have it on good authority that the Easter Bunny is on his way with lots of treats so don't miss this exciting event at our branch! A sure sign of Spring!

There have been many great events here at the branch since my last report – what a busy place! Isn't it wonderful!

I have to give credit to the Entertainment Committee (Janice Mancini) for all the hard work she puts in to ensure that we are all entertained! The Valentine dance and the St. Patrick's Day dance were great examples of her expertise! Both were well attended and a great time was had by all !

I was sorry to have missed our Annual Honours and Awards banquet this year but I heard that it was another successful event! Many thanks to the organizers and those involved in the set up and all the little details that make this event special. Congratulations to all those who received pins and awards.

In upcoming events, I would like to remind you that our branch election will take place on Wednesday, 1st May 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 sports 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 keep going and growing!

Please keep abreast of all upcoming activities by checking the Branch website and the bulletin boards often! Many thanks to  
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**Gord  
Sharpe  
President**

Peter Whittaker for doing such a great job on this newsletter and maintaining the website! Please, check it out!

To complete my report, I would like to announce that we have applied for and received a grant from the Federal Government to replace the flooring in the Wentworth Room and also upstairs in the room used by the Train Club. Work will begin soon and as we tear out and replace the flooring, I would apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

**Gord Sharpe** - President Branch 36

## **Sports Report**

Spring has arrived and our indoor activities are starting to wind down.

Our team of Mark Johnston, Nick Seifert, Dave Puddy and Ken Wilson represented Branch 36 at the District Snooker hosted here at Branch 36 and also at Provincials in Toronto. We will be hosting the Zone Snooker Tournament next year.



**Stan  
Sklepowicz  
Sports  
Chair**

Our team of Brodie and Cathy Howett, Janice Mancini and Brian Mitchel are representing Branch 36 at District Mixed Darts.

Summer Sports will be starting soon. The Duffers Golf League sign-up begins on 11th April, and will continue on the 8th and 25th April during Men's Darts on Thursday Evenings. Hopefully the league will start play on 2nd May weather permitting. Any questions please direct them to Janice Mancini or Brian Holme.

Competitive Washer Toss, Horseshoes and Golf have been posted on the Sports board – take a gander if you are interested and add your name to represent Branch 36.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Brian Stroud for the successful Tony Lambert and Golden Horseshoe snooker tournament that was held at the Branch recently.

**Stan Sklepowicz** - 2nd Vice President and Sports Chair

## Entertainment Report

On Monday, 31st December we opened the doors for a “Free” New Years Eve party. There were well over 130 people in attendance. Everyone who attended brought food for sharing. There was quite a selection of platters of snacks, treats, and desserts, and they were enjoyed by everyone. We almost ran out of table space to put everything out. It was nice to see quite a few members in attendance and a lot of new faces as well.



**Janice Mancini**  
Entertainment  
Chair

On Saturday, 9th February, we welcomed back Little Peter & the Elegants for our annual Valentine Dance. Once again it was a sell out. Each woman in attendance received a glade candle, generously donated by Greg Richardson. Thank you to Joan Alkerton for her generous donation as well, and thank you to The Shed for their donation.

On Saturday, 16th March, we held our annual “Free” St. Paddy’s dance. This was attended by over 120 people.

Coming up in April, we will be holding Branch 36’s 8th annual Easter Egg Hunt for ages 0-3, 4-7, & 8+. Come out and meet the Easter Bunny and enjoy some free coffee and Timbits. There will be a colouring contest with prizes, and of course the finder of the Golden Egg in each age group will receive a special prize. If you bring in an item for our local Food Bank it would be greatly appreciated – Thank you for your donations.

On 16th June, 22nd July, and 18th August which fall on Sundays we will hold our Family BBQ’s with Entertainment provided at each. Come out and enjoy the BBQ and listen to some music.

On Monday, 1st July come and celebrate Canada’s Birthday at Branch 36’s Open House and BBQ - 2:30-6pm with Burgers - \$4, Hot Dogs - \$3 and entertainment from 3-6pm. The Dundas Modular Train Club will also be holding their Canada Day Open House from upstairs -2-6pm.

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Thank you once again, to all the volunteers who make these events a success. We are always looking for more volunteers and more ideas. So, come on out and lend a hand.

**Janice Mancini** - 3rd Vice President and Entertainment Chair

### **Bursary Report**

It was disappointing that we only had 4 applications for the Branch 36 Belec Bursary when we allow 5 Belec Bursary applications.

As far as the Legion's Provincial Bursary is concerned, we had several applications, but this can only be done online and we don't know who, or how many are awarded because Provincial Command wont tell us (Privacy) and very few students ever send a Thank You note.

Bursaries will be available again in the fall. Contact me in September.

**Mike Alkerton** – Past President and Bursary Chair



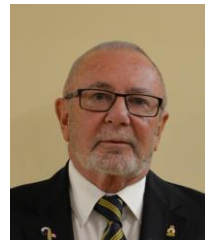
**Mike Alkerton**  
Bursary  
Chair

### **Banquet Hall Report**

I would like to thank everyone involved with the new flooring in the Wentworth room and the train room. A big thanks to President Gord and his wife Joy for all their work in getting the grant.

Also thanks to all the volunteers and the "train guys" for their help stripping floors and moving furniture. All of this volunteer work is greatly appreciated by not only by the executive, but by all the Legion members.

**Doug Rivers** - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Banquet Hall Chair



**Doug Rivers**  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice  
President and  
Banquet Hall  
Chair

## **Colour Party Report**

The 2019 spring season is upon us with three parades already scheduled.

They are as follows: Wednesday, May 1st – Branch 36 Elections, Sunday, May 5th May – St. Elizabeth Village's "Liberation of the Netherlands" Church Service and Parade and Sunday, June 2nd - Dundas Branch 36 D-Day Church Parade and Service.



**Greg Sherring**  
Colour Party  
Commander

We are always looking for members to join our award winning Colour Party. The more members that we have helps with shortages and with personal engagements, sickness and vacations.

We practice on the second Tuesday of the month with exceptions in November (Remembrance Day Parade and Service), and June, July and August (summer vacation).

Get an upfront view of the Remembrance Day Parade right behind the band and Ceremony by joining the Colour Party. We will also help you getting a uniform.

**Greg Sherring** - Colour Party Commander - 905-385-5539

## **Membership Report**

Thank you for renewing your 2019 membership. We are at 92% of last year's total membership. This makes us the largest branch membership of all the branches in our Zone B6.

There are still about 40 people who have not renewed for various reasons, or just forgot.

We still have to recruit new members, so if you know someone who would like to become a member bring her or him down to the Branch



**Mike Alkerton**  
Membership  
Chair

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P.S. Don't forget the Branch Elections on Wednesday, 1st May, 2019 at 8:00pm

Remember our motto - "**Just Bring One**"

**Mike Alkerton** – Past President and Membership Chair

### **Special Events Report**

Our next special event is the D-Day Memorial Parade and Church Service on Sunday 2nd June, 2019. We hope to have a good turnout of Branch 36 members.

Parade fall in is at 9:30am - We will form up in the rear of the Legion and march to the church.

At 10:00am we will march to St. James Church at 137 Melville Street, Dundas 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.

After the service we will form up and march back to the legion for a light lunch and refreshments.

**Dave Hawthorne** - Special Events Chair



**Dave  
Hawthorne  
Special  
Events  
Chair**

### **Ladies Auxiliary Report**

Hello Spring !! Well, spring is finally here to stay and we are in full spring to get everything tied up for our year-end events, meetings and reports

**Spring BBQ Draw:** We are reaching out to Canadian Tire again and will hopefully have tickets to sell shortly. Draw will take place at our last Beef Nite of the season on Friday, 24th May.

**Beef Nites:** Just 2 left for this season on 26th April and 24th May. April's Beef Nite will have a slight change as Easter is the 3rd Friday of the month. Euchre will not be on the 4th Friday so that Trivia Night can be held. This is a much



**Debbie  
Cooley  
Ladies  
Auxiliary  
President**

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bigger event for the club and a lot of the Euchre players are trivia nuts as well. Euchre will resume in May and then we always take June, July and August off, so the next Beef Nite after that will be 27th September. Thanks to all our Beef Nite and Euchre patriots for making this another fantastic year.

**Honours and Awards:** Congratulations go out to the following recipients: **Certificates of Appreciation:** Barb Smith, Beverly Westoby, Catherine Belmore, Jackie Ralston, Judy Hall-Wright, Stephanie Cooley and Sardi Pulliam.

**Years of Service pins:** 5 years – Janice Mancini, 30 years – Geri MacPhail, 35 years – LeeAnn Lampman

**Trillium Pin Awards:** Marie Kobylinski and Debbie Cooley

Well Done Ladies !!

**Sports:** A very busy year for us.

**Doubles Darts:** the team of Terrie Gubbins and Terry Kobylinski placed 5th at Districts and will be going on to Provincials in Whitby on 27th April.

**Cribbage:** Zone Level: the team of Sue Sklepowicz, Terry Kobylinski, Janice Mancini and Deb Gibbins placed 3rd. The team of Barb Smith, Carly Arnold, Stephanie and Debbie Cooley placed 4th. Both teams went on to Ridgeway to play Districts and had a fun day out.

**Team Darts:** Zone Level: the team of Terrie G., Terry K., Sue S. and Carly A. placed 2nd and the team of Janice M., Marie K., Stephanie C. and Deb C. placed 5th. Both teams went on to Districts last Saturday (6th April). Janice's team placed 6th and will for sure be going on to Provincials in Callander on 22nd June. Terrie's team placed 7th and we are hoping they'll be included in on this trip as well. Fingers crossed.

And last but not least our Elections were held at our April meeting. The results are as follows: **PRESIDENT:** Debbie Cooley

**VICE PRES:** Terry Kobylinski      **SECRETARY:** Sue Sklepowicz

**TREASURER:** Gerry Hopkins      **SGT. AT ARMS:** Barb Smith

**EXECUTIVE:** Stephanie Cooley    Marie Kobylinski    Janice Mancini  
and Terrie Gubbins

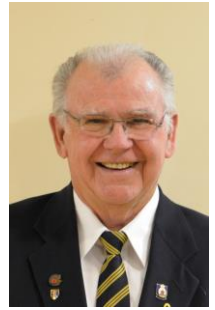
That's my report for Ladies Auxiliary. See you 'round the club !!

***Debbie Cooley*** - Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary President

## House and Grounds Report

I love the idea of announcing the Spring Work Party, it says that winter is almost gone and will be held on Sunday, 26th May.

See you there to get the Branch in good shape for our Annual D-Day church service parade Sunday, 2nd June. A signup sheet will go up in the branch. It always helps keep our club in good shape. Thank you all for taking part.



**Paul  
Penney  
House Chair**

**Paul Penney** - House Chair      **"Many hands make light work"**

## **St.Patrick's Day Celebration**



**The smiles of Simon Walker Janice Mancin and Debbie Gibbins show they are enjoying St.Patrick's Day. The food and music at were enjoyed by everyone and it was a free admission event.**

*Picture courtesy Judy Hall-Wright*

## Progressive Euchre Evenings



When a Beef on a Bun event ends, the Ladies Auxiliary hold an evening of Progressive Euchre from 7:30 to 9:30pm. The Euchre playing is open to anyone, and as seen in the picture lots of players come out and enjoy playing Euchre.

*Picture courtesv Peter 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 to members on Saturdays for \$100.**

**On other weekdays the Wentworth Room is available at no charge to members 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 - May 2019**

### **January - 2019**

21st - Bob Raynsford at hospital

26th - Bob Raynsford at home

### **February - 2019**

1st - Pat Dumayne at General

1st - John Davin at Oakville Gen.Hosp

1st - Mary Hanna – broken foot

5th - Dennis Moyer at London Hospital - knee

7th - Dennis Moyer at home

8th - Gary Livingston at General

10th - Pat Dumayne at home

22nd - Gray Livingston at General

22nd - Jean Davin at Rehab. Burl.

23rd - Dale Edwards at St.Joes - cracked bone in hip

28th -Dennis Moyer - out and about.

### **March - 2019**

6th - Visited Dale Edwards at St.Joe's

17th - Visited Dale Edwards at St.Joe's

27th - Dana Dilabbio at Juravinski - pneumonia

29th - Dana Dilabbio at home

***Stan Hicks*** - Sick and Last Post Chair



**Stan Hicks  
Sick and  
Last Post  
Chair**

### **Last Post**

**Jim Pattinson - 10th January, 2019**

**Ron Belmore - 18th January, 2019**

**Jim Bolegoh - 23rd January, 2019**

**Sam Goldie - 4th February, 2019**

**Pat Dumayne - 10th March, 2019**

**Jim Lee - 20th March, 2019**

**Morley Balinson – 5th April, 2019**

**We Will Remember Them**

## Poppy Fund Report

I have asked for and received permission to spend \$1,100 to pay for the Veterans Christmas Dinner.

The current balance of the Poppy Fund at the end of December is: \$99,655.30.

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



**Jim Byron**  
Poppy Fund  
Chair

**You'd think that being a submarine captain would pay well, but I hear they can't keep their heads above water.**

## Canteen Report

By now most of you will have seen a new face behind the bar on the evening shift. We all welcome Peter Freeland as our latest member of our bar staff. Peter will be filling in for Sue Logue who will be taking leave for knee surgery. When Sue returns, Peter will be filling in for vacations and extra weekend shifts.



**Doug Rivers**  
Canteen  
Chair

Welcome to the team Peter, and Sue, we wish you all the best, and a speedy recovery.

**Doug Rivers** – 1st Vice President and Canteen Chair

### **Sunday - 26<sup>th</sup> 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

The 2018 Poster & Literary Contest once again saw a large number of student entries of black and white posters, colour posters, poems and essays.

The Grade 1- 12 students showed a very strong appreciation of Remembrance.

Our branch conducted judging in a combined 13 categories that involved four age groups in which we recognized 42 award winners.

The 13 winning entries were submitted to Zone B-6 which consists of seven Legion branches.

9 of those 13 Branch 36 entries won Gold at the Zone judging which is a remarkable 69% success rate.

In turn, at the District level, those 9 Zone-winning submissions garnished 8 medals including one Gold, which eventually won Silver at the Provincial competition.

Altogether, our Legion contest student entries won 55 awards which is the highest number in memory.

I wish to express gratitude to members of Valley Town Toastmasters for spending many hours in judging the student entries that were submitted to our branch.

***Tony Bratschitsch*** - Youth Education Chair



**Tony  
Bratschitsch  
Youth Education  
Chair**

**The sergeant-major shouted at the young soldier, "I didn't see you at camouflage training this morning, soldier." The soldier replied, "Thank you very much, Sir."**

**What's the difference between God and fighter pilots?  
God doesn't think he's a fighter pilot.**

## **INFORMATION REQUEST - PLEASE**

Greetings fellow Branch 36 member. We have your name, address, and even e-mail address but we do NOT have your phone number. We have never had your phone number. This is confidential and used only for Legion business.

I am trying to resolve this problem, and with this issue of "The Bullytin", a form is included asking you to please supply your phone number and address and deliver it to Branch 36.

If you have email access you may send the information to the branch email address - rclbr36@cogeco.net. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

***Peter Whittaker*** - Public Relations Officer



**Peter  
Whittaker  
Public  
Relations  
Chair**

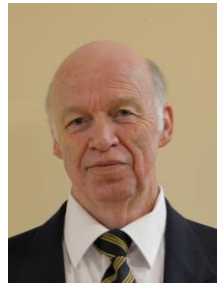
## **Honours and Awards Report**

I thought the Honours and Awards and the Ladies Auxiliary presentations went very well and everyone who attended enjoyed the meal. I would like to thank the committee that organized it for their help.

If you couldn't attend the awards event and are entitled to an updated Service Pin indicating you should see Mike Alkerton, the membership chair, and it will cost five dollars.

You, the membership should also think before next year's event, about recognizing the people who help make Branch 36 such a great Legion, and nominate them for Certifications of Merit, or Appreciation, or even nominate them for Legionnaire of the Year.

***Bill Ralston*** - Honors and Awards Chair



**Bill Ralston  
Honours and  
Awards 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 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 and Cadets Chair

## **Branch 36 - Upcoming Events**

President's Meat Draw - Saturdays in May & 1st,8th,15th June-3-4pm  
Weekly Meat Draw - Saturdays - 4:30pm - 2 chances to win weekly

### **May 2019 Events - Branch CLOSED on Monday 27th May**

Wednesday - 1st May - Branch 36 Annual Elections - Upstairs - 8pm  
Friday - 10th May - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm  
Tuesday - 14th May - Branch 36 Colour Party Practice - 7pm  
Tuesday - 14th May - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7pm  
Friday - 17th May - Trivia Night - Sign up at 7:30pm - Starts at 8pm  
Monday - 20th May - Victoria Day - Statutory Holiday - Branch Closed  
Friday - 24th May - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm  
Friday - 24th May - "Beef on a Bun - Progressive Euchre" - 7:30pm  
Sunday - 26th May - "Spring Work Party" - 9am

### **June 2019 Events - Branch CLOSED on Mondays in June**

Sunday - 2nd June - D-Day Parade & Church Service - Fall in 9:45am  
Friday - 7th June - Wing Night - 5:30-7:30pm  
Tuesday - 11th June - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7pm  
Sunday - 16th June - Family BBQ - Open - 2:30pm / BBQ - 4pm  
Entertainment - DJ - 3:00-6:00pm  
Wednesday - 19th June - Branch 36 Monthly General Meeting - 8pm

### **July 2019 Events - Branch CLOSED on Mondays in July**

Monday - 1st July - Canada Day Open House and Good Neighbor  
BBQ - Open House 2:30pm - Face Painting, Colouring Contest - 2:30-  
3:00pm Magic Show - 3:30pm BBQ - 4-6pm / Canada Day Birthday  
Cake - 4pm / Entertainment DJ - 3:00-6:00pm  
Monday - 1st July - Dundas Modular Train Club Open House - 2pm  
Friday - 5th July - Wing Night - 5:30-7:30pm  
Sunday - 22nd July - Family BBQ - Open - 2:30pm / BBQ - 4pm  
Entertainment - DJ - 3:00-6:00pm

### **August 2018 Events - Branch CLOSED on Mondays in August**

Monday - 5th August - Civic Holiday - Branch CLOSED  
Friday - 9th August - Wing Night - 5:30-7:30pm  
Sunday - 18th August - Family BBQ - Open - 2:30pm / BBQ - 4pm  
Entertainment - DJ - 3:00-6:00pm

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