



The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion

August - 2019

Making the Branch Clubroom look better



Painting the clubroom has been discussed for some time and Marv Turpin has finally done some great re-painting of the cloakroom and bar area. *Picture courtesy Judy Hall Wright*



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President's Report

Summer 2019 is quickly passing by and we are looking forward to the start of our fall and winter events. Sign-up sheets are ready for Darts, Snooker and Shuffleboard leagues.



**Doug
Rivers
President**

The President's Meat Draw will start on Saturday, 7th September and Fish Fry Nights will begin on Friday, 13th September. The Ladies Auxiliary "Beef on a Bun" dinners will start again on Friday, 27th September.

Our Canada Day celebration was a great success, as well as our "Wing Nites" and "Family BBQ's",

I would like to give a special thanks to all of our volunteers who have helped out over the summer. We would not have had any of these events without them. We are always looking for extra help so if you can spare some time, see myself or any committee members. We will be grateful for your help.

Your executive is here to help our members any way we can, just ask. Enjoy the rest of summer, and most importantly HAVE FUN,

Doug Rivers - President.

Canteen Report

You will notice things looking a little brighter in the canteen thanks to the fine "art" work of our master painter Marv Turpin. Marv is doing a great job painting the existing panels which now lighten up the room considerably. Thanks also to Wayne O' Connor in giving "Cuz" a much-needed hand. We are looking for more volunteers to help out, so please see myself or any committee member.

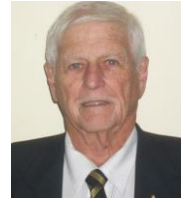
As the fall season starts up, all of our terrific bar staff, Sue, Al, Peter, Judy HW, Elaine, Judy W and Leanne are all back and looking forward to serving you.

Doug Rivers - President and Canteen Chair

Honours and Awards Report

The Veteran's Christmas dinner will be held on Wednesday, 4th December, the first Wednesday in December.

The dinner is open to all Veterans and tickets will go on sale on Monday, 11th November, Remembrance Day.



Al Boyle
Honours and
Chair

Al Boyle - 3rd Vice President and 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 (Some Conditions Apply).

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

House and Grounds Report

Well comrades, time really flies - eh. Here we are talking about the fall work party already, our spring work party was a giant success, we managed to really clean up the outside and the inside of the Branch.

I don't have the list of attendees for the party so I'll have to say to you folks who attended

"A GREAT BIG THANK YOU"

We'll see you on Sunday, 3rd November at 9:00am for the fall work party. Thanks to all the volunteers who take part to make our work parties so successful.

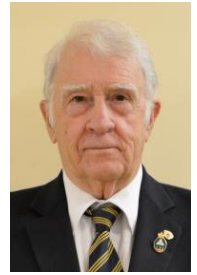


Gord Sharpe
House and
Grounds
Chair

Gord Sharpe - Past President and House and Grounds Chair

Membership Report

For many years now the paperwork for the membership department has been done by Marilyn Latchford. She has been a strong and reliable right hand for me over the years. This year she is stepping down. She has performed a yeoman's service for the Membership department and the Branch. When you see her in the Branch give her a big thank you.



**Mike
Alkerton
Membership
Chair**

Bev Westoby has stepped up and will be doing Marilyn's job this year.

Unless I get a big surprise from Ottawa the Branch dues will remain at fifty-five (\$55.00) dollars. The Early Bird drive will start in September. If your dues are paid by November 30th you could win your dues back and there will be four Early Bird winners. It's a better bet than 6/49 or any other lottery.

The Branch numbers dropped about twenty-five from last year. recruiting has not kept up to attrition and renewals, so if we try to "Just Bring One" our Branch membership should stay at the top of those branches in our Zone and District.

*Note! You can't pay your dues online. This is it gives control of our membership here at the Branch, and the revenue than does Dominion Command.

You can remit your dues by cheque at the Branch or by (mail), cash, and debit is available for payment of dues at the branch. Please try to be an "Early Bird" because: (1) The Branch can use the money after a long hot summer and (2) It makes my and Bev's jobs a lot easier.

If you move please let us know, so we can change your address.

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

"Just Bring One"

Mike Alkerton - Membership Chair
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Banquet Hall Report

The new pricing for the rental of the Banquet Hall for events such as stag and doe's etc. is \$465.00. Included in this pricing is a \$100.00 refundable damage/cancellation deposit. Also included is Bar Service, tables, chairs, set-up, glasses, and all taxes.



Doug Rivers
Banquet Hall
Chair

If you are thinking of hosting an event, give us a call at 905-627-7221 for more information and availability.

Doug Rivers - President and Banquet Hall Chair

Colour Party Report

I attended the 75th Reunion Dinner for the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets on 31st May at the Dundas Golf and Country Club.

On 1st June I attended the Naval Cadet Ceremonial Review at the Dundas Community Center with Rick Valois - Cadet Liaison Officer,.

This year's D-Day Parade and church service on Sunday, 2nd June was a huge success.

On 10th June, I attended the 2019 Ceremonial Review for the Royal Canadian Air Cadets in place of Rick Valois – Cadet Liaison Officer.

On Sunday, 15th June at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for the interment of Comrade Nelson Bolton and his wife Janet, an Honour Guard attended consisting of Jim, Joe and Greg Sherring, Robert Bolton, Chad McLean, Craig Brierly and Bruce Gilroy. Bugler Laura Jean Falls played "Last Post" and "Rouse". Reverend Chisholm from Legion Branch 163 conducted the service.

On June 18th, I attended a "Change of Command" ceremony for the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps Dundas. It was the end of Lt.(N) Melissa King's command and the installment of Lt.(N) Derek Evans as new commanding officer.



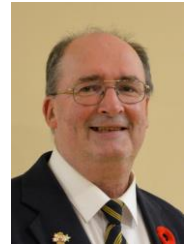
Greg Sherring
Colour Party
Commander

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

Youth Education Report

The recent Annual Poster and Literacy Remembrance Contest, our branch presented 65 awards to Grade 1-12 students in the Dundas, Ancaster and West Hamilton area.

This number is up from the 47 awards that were presented last year.



**Tony
Bratschitsch
Youth
Education
Chair**



Dalewood Middle School, West Hamilton



**Fessenden Public School,
Ancaster**



**Immaculate Conception
Catholic School, Ancaster**

The above photos represent just some of the presentations that were made. The awards that were made to the two students in the above photo at Immaculate Conception Catholic School in Ancaster was in front of 650 students, teachers, family and guests.

The spirit of Remembrance is very much alive with our younger generations.

Tony Bratschitsch - Youth Education Chair

Special Events Report

On Sunday, 2nd June Branch 36 held its annual D-Day Parade and church service and I would like to thank all who took part and remembered our fallen comrades.

The next special event will be the Remembrance Day Service on Monday, 11th November. Please plan to attend and show thanks to the many men and women who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. The parade will form at the old Memorial Square - Sydenham and King Streets (TD Bank) at 10 am and march in parade to the cenotaph for the Remembrance service.

We hope all Legion members that can, will take in the parade and service and march to the Branch after the service. If you cannot take part in the parade, we welcome you to attend the service and come to the Legion afterwards.

"We Will Remember"

respectfully,

Dave Hawthorne - 2nd Vice President and Special Events Chair



**Dave
Hawthorne
Special
Events
Chair**

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**

Ladies Auxiliary Report

Greetings Comrades

Hope your summer is going swimmingly and that you are successfully beating back this heat wave.

Our auxiliary business has taken the summer off as usual but ended in June on a couple high notes.

SPRING BBQ DRAW - The draw was held on our last Beef Nite of the season, in May and the winner was our branches very own Bev Brooks. Congrats Bev !!!



**Debbie
Cooley
President
Ladies
Auxiliary**

And another very sincere THANK YOU to Canadian Tire for the donation of the beautiful BBQ. Their annual very generous gift of these fantastic BBQ's can never be more appreciated.

SPORTS - The dart team of Janice Mancini, Marie Kobylinski and Deb & Stephanie Cooley went to Callander on June 22 for Provincial Team darts. They missed playing in the play-offs by one game. Debbie however had the overall high out of the day with 85. Congrats to all four ladies.

We, Br. 36, will be hosting the Zone Singles & Doubles Darts on Sept. 15 / 2019 so will need all hands on deck to make this a successful event.

MEETING NITES - It will be business as usual starting in September. To the end of 2019 the meetings are: Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 & Dec. 10. As always these are held in the front lounge at 7 p.m. And we are always looking for new members. Come and join the feeling of satisfaction of serving your branch and community with a bunch of hard working but fun loving ladies.

BEEF NITES - Yes, September also brings back our monthly Beef Nites. There you can get either beef (sliced or pulled) on a fresh bun with fries and a salad for \$9, or a double helping of our own Lasagna Roll- ups with salad and garlic bread for \$9.

Other items on the menu include Single Lasagna dinners, Beef on a Bun only, and Poutine, with or without beef. This fall our beef nites are Sept. 27, Oct. 25, and Nov. 22. There is no Beef Nite in December as it's too close to Christmas and we'll all be having turkey instead. Lol

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DRAW - Sounds crazy talking about Christmas in the middle of summer but this is just a little reminder and should you see the perfect gift for our prize table on your travels this summer to donate to a great cause that would be fantastic and greatly appreciated. More on this closer to the time.

ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR SUMMER AND WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE CLUB.

Debbie Cooley - Ladies Auxiliary President

Entertainment Report

Everyone enjoyed BBQ's and Wing Nights in the summer. In September we will return to Fish Frys and in October we will start Trivia nights.

On Saturday, 26th October a Halloween Dance will be held from 8-12pm. Admission is free, everyone is invited and there will be prizes for best costumes. Contributions to the Food Bank will be appreciated

Hope to see you out and supporting your Legion.

Barb Smith - Entertainment Chair



Barb Smith
Entertainment
Chair

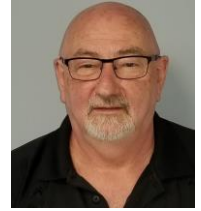
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Ways and Means Report

I contacted the supplier of our Nevada Tickets, Arrow Games, and met with their local rep. We discussed a number of different Nevada tickets and we will be introducing a new Royal Canadian Legion “Lest We Forget” ticket, once we have used our stock of the existing ticket. Hopefully this will increase sales which have been declining.



**Peter
Howard
Ways and
Means
Chair**

The price and payout on this ticket are basically the same as our existing one, so the customers will not see a major difference but I feel that using this ticket will be beneficial and will also enhance the Legion brand.



I will be looking at the feasibility of introducing the “Catch the Ace” game in the fall, this game has proved to be successful in a number of Legion Branches and I will be contacting them to get feedback.

Peter Howard - Ways and Means Chair

Bullytin Sponsors

In each issue of The Bullytin we include the business cards of Sponsors, whose contributions help us pay for the printing of the newsletter. Please keep them in mind if you need any of the various services they supply. Thank you.

Peter Whittaker- Editor of The Bullytin

Sick Report

April 2019

- 9th - visited Dale Edwards at St.Joe's
- 10th - Sue Logue at Juravinski - Knee surgery
- 12th - Sue Loge at home
- 16th - Bill Westoby had surgery on wrist - at home
- 21st - visited Dale Edwards at St.Joe's



**Stan Hicks
Sick
and
Last Post
Chair**

May 2019

- 6th - visited Dale Edwards at St.Joe's
- 6th - Bill Westoby at home and out
- 15th - Ernie Griffiths at Joe Brant - broken arm
- 26th - Bill Williams at St.Joe's - surgery
- 31st - visited Bill Williamson at St.Joe's
- 31st - visited Dale Edwardson at St.Joe's

June 2019

- 7th - Howard Elliott at Gen.
- 9th - visited Howard Elliott at Gen.
- 9th - visited Dale Edwards at St.Joe's
- 9th - visited Bill Williamson at ST.Joe's
- 20th - Chuck Clarkson at St.Joe's - pneumonia
- 23rd - visited Chuck Clarkson at St.Joe's
- 23rd - visited Dale Edwards at St.Joe's
- 23rd - visited Bill Williamson at St.Joe's
- 26th - Chuck Clarkson at home

July 2019

- 3rd - Ernie Griffiths moved to Villa
- 16th - Bill Westoby at St.Joe's - surgery hand and home
- 19th - Dale Edwards at home

Last Post

**Jim Thornton - 10th June, 2019
Gary Livingston - 15th June, 2019
Barbara Patterson - 27th June, 2019
Lloyd Cooke - 3rd August, 2019
Mickey J. O'Connor - 3rd August, 2019**

We Will Remember Them

Poppy Fund Report

On June 19th I asked and received permission to donate \$5,000 to the South Western Ontario Military Family Resource Centre.

The current balance of the Poppy Fund at the end of May is: \$75,958.30

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



Jim Byron
Poppy Fund
Chair

Remember

Sports, Fish Fry, Beef on a Bun, Trivia, Euchre, Work Party, **Poppy Distribution**, Halloween Celebration, **Remembrance Day**, Veterans Christmas Dinner, Carol Singing Contest, New Year's Eve Celebration are Branch 36 events,

Only 2 events are highlighted. They relate to the Legion's original purpose of **Remembrance of Veterans** and the efforts they made to maintain the way of life we enjoy. I hope to remind **all Branch 36 members they should participate in these events** with the same vigor with which they participate in the other events listed above. Thank you.

Peter Whittaker - Public Relations Chair



Peter Whittaker
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Wing Nights always serve tasty meals



Brian (Doc) White at the July Wing Night serves Wing meals to diners

Picture courtesy Peter Whittaker

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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 Men's, Women's and Mixed Darts Leagues, Men's, Women's and Mixed Snooker Leagues and a Mixed Shuffleboard league at Branch 36.

Legion members can go on to represent Branch 36 at Legion Sport Tournaments at different Legions across Ontario.

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 for sign up sheets for these tournaments in the future.

Stan Sklepowicz - Sports Chair



**Stan
Sklepowicz
Sports
Chair**

Bursary Report

Again, this year Ontario Command is giving bursaries to the children and grandchildren of ex-service persons who served in Canadian or Commonwealth forces. Children of Ladies Auxiliary members are also eligible.

Your Branch 36 also gives out five (5) bursaries of \$500.00 to children and grandchildren of Ordinary and Associate members of Branch 36. Last year only four (4) students applied for these Branch 36 bursaries. Don't wait until December, **DO IT NOW !**

For more information get in touch with me NOW.

Mike Alkerton - Bursary Chair
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**Mike Alkerton
Bursary
Chair**


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Branch 36 - Upcoming Events

President's Meat Draw - Starts up again on Saturday 7th September 2019 - 3-4pm - 6 chances to win every week

Weekly Meat Draw - Saturday - 4:30pm - 2 chances – every week

August 2019 Events

Sunday - 18th - Family BBQ Refreshments 2:30pm / BBQ 4-6pm

Sunday - 18th - Family BBQ Clubroom Music - Mike Woods - 3-6pm

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Branch 36 - Upcoming Events continued

September 2019 Events

Monday – 2nd - Labour Day - Statutory Holiday - Branch Closed

Winter Sports League Registrations

Thursday - 5th - Mens Thursday Night Dart League - 7pm

Thursday - 5th - Ladies Thursday Dart League - 7pm

Sunday - 8th - Sunday Mixed Dart League - 2-4pm Signup sheet will be posted on Sports board mid-August.

Monday - 9th - Monday Night Mixed Dart League - 8pm - This is the opening night for this league.

Tuesday - 10th - Colour Party Practice - 7:00pm

Tuesday - 10th - Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00pm

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

Sunday - 15th - Legion Week Starts Today

Wednesday - Bi-Annual General Meeting - 8pm – everyone attend

Wednesday - 18h - Ladies Snooker League - 7:00pm - signup sheet should be on the board

Wednesday - 18th - Legion Week Snooker vs H.A.F.A. - 7:30pm

Saturday - 21st - Legion Week Triathlon - Register 12:00-12:30pm

Monday - 23rd - Mens Snooker League Starts Tonight - 7:30pm - Sign up sheet should be on the board

Wednesday - 25h - Shuffleboard Mixed League Registration - 7:30pm

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

Friday - 27th - Progressive Euchre - 7:30pm Open to public.

October 2019 Events

Tuesday - 8th - Branch 36 Colour Party Practice - 7:00pm

Tuesday - 8th - Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00pm

Friday - 9th - First Trivia Night of the season - Signup at 7:30pm.

Starts at 8:00pm. Open to the Public - \$5 per contestant with max of 5 on a team, or come and be entertained and learn some Trivia.

Friday - 11th - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

Sunday - 13th - Thanksgiving - Branch CLOSED

Monday - 14th - Thanksgiving - Branch CLOSED

Friday - 25th - 2019 Poppy Fund Campaign Kick Off Day

Live up to your Legion oath and volunteer to distribute Poppies.

Volunteer sign-up sheet will be posted in Branch

Friday - 25th - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm

Friday - 25th - Progressive Euchre - 7:30pm