



# The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion  
May - 2022

## Dundas Routes Youth Center receives cheque



Doug Rivers, Br.36 President, and Peter Howard, Br.36 Ways and Means Chair, present \$1,250 cheque to John Van Vlies and Philip Lowry representatives of the Dundas Routes Youth Center, from the Br.36 Online Draw. *Picture courtesy Peter Whittaker*



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## President's Report

Comrades: It has been a long haul but we are finally getting back to almost normal. Our Fridays are looking good with Perogy Nights, Fish Fries, Beef on a Bun, Trivia and Progressive Euchre.



**Doug  
Rivers  
President**

Rentals for the banquet hall and the Wentworth room have picked up, and we currently have the highest membership in the zone. We were able to donate to the Salvation Army, and the Dundas Routes Youth Centre thanks to proceeds from our Online 50-50 draw, organized by Peter Howard our Ways and Means Chair.

Thank you to all of our staff, volunteers and executive for keeping us afloat and active during the Covid era.

Comrades, this will be my last report. I have decided not to seek a 4th term. It has been an honour and a privilege to have served you as President for the past 3 years and I know you will give your full support to the incoming president. Thank you to Dale Lucking, Gord Sharpe, Mike Alkerton and Wayne O'Connor for your help and assistance.

Wednesday, May 4th is when the Branch 36 elections will be held. We need more people to come forward and help run our branch. Positions are open on the executive and we always need volunteers to help run the branch on a day-to-day basis. Come out and support your branch, support your veterans and support the community!!

Thank you.

***Doug Rivers*** - President Branch 36

**Note: "Thanks" to those Legion members who show up and take part in Legion Services held for our Veteran members who have passed.**

## Sports Report

In-house Sports have finally resumed with the opening of Branch 36, but our winter season of Darts, Snooker and Shuffleboard leagues are winding down.

We are hoping to have a full slate of Sports activities for the summer.

There's good news - District Sports has approved some inter-branch competitive activities such as Horseshoes for adults, seniors and women, and also Washer Toss. The sign-up sheet for these events will be on the Sports Bullytin Board next to the side door so have a look if you are interested.

I am sure Duffers Golf will have a notice for interested golfers coming soon.

Hopefully, by the fall, Sports will have resumed to pre-covid levels.

**Stan Sklepowicz** - Sports Chair



**Stan  
Sklepowicz  
Sports  
Chair**

## Entertainment Report

Hello comrades. After a long two years of uncertainties, I'm hoping to come up with some great entertainment ideas to be able to have a night of fun. Please stay tuned.

**Barb Smith** - Entertainment Chair



**Barb Smith  
Entertainment  
Chair**

**Those who bring sunshine into the lives of other, cannot keep it from themselves.**

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

## Bursary Report

Closed now until fall. Last year was terrible for applicants- only 9 in our District B (Port Rowan to Niagara around to Port Credit).

The amount now awarded for Legion Bursaries is now \$1,000.00.

Call me in August for next year's Bursaries.

N.B. This is for Full Time Post-Secondary Education

**Mike Alkerton** - Bursary Chair (905-628-2822)



**Mike Alkerton**  
Bursary  
Chair

### **Thursday Night Darts Doubles Tournament**



**The Men's Dart League plays each Thursday and is enjoyed by all. Pictured above are members of the league playing in the League's Doubles Tournament.**

## **Banquet Hall Report**

Happy Spring Comrades.

With things opening up again we are having many inquiries about hall rentals, and bookings are quickly filling up the calendar.

If you or anyone you know would like to book the Wentworth Room or the Banquet Hall please contact me at 365-366-2464 (text or call) or email me at smithillsley@icloud.com



**Barb Smith  
Banquet Hall  
Chair**

***Barb Smith*** - Banquet Hall Chair

## **Colour Party Report**

With mandated restrictions easing off and a warning that a sixth wave on the horizon most are keeping their distance and still want to wear their masks.

Again with the ease of restrictions your favorite Legion can open its doors and are booking events for the Colour Party to stretch their legs and do what they do best (not that! the other thing) carrying the flags for everyone to see.



**Greg Sherring  
Colour Party  
Commander**

The Colour Party is booked for three events at the Legion, one at St. Elizabeth's Village and two football games at the new Russ Jackson Football Field this spring.

Here is a list of the events that will showcase the Colour Party.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Time / Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Branch 36 Elections	7:30pm Wed. May 4, 2022	Legion Branch 36 Dundas

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<b>Event</b>	<b>Time / Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Liberations of the Netherlands	11:00am Thurs. May 5, 2022	St. Elizabeth's Village Hamilton
Branch 36 Honours and Awards Banquet	11:30am Sun. May 29, 2022	Legion Branch 36 Dundas
Veterans Appreciation Day	TBA	Russ Jackson Field West 5 <sup>th</sup> St., Hamilton
First Responders Appreciation Day	TBA	Russ Jackson Field West 5 <sup>th</sup> St., Hamilton

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

## **Membership Report**

I would like to thank the membership on their Branch renewals. This year has been very good. As of this writing we are over 90% of last year's membership.

However, we don't see about 80% of you. Please check out this Bullytin, emails and Facebook because a lot of things are going on at the Branch.



**Mike Alkerton**  
**Membership**  
**Chair**

You know in your own life thing are going up \$ \$ \$.

Here at the Branch, it is no different (big old building), lots of maintenance.

The general Branch election and Annual meeting are on Wednesday, 4th May at 8pm. Please try to attend.

This may be the most important meeting in a long, long, time. It may determine the future of Branch 36.

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Please consider volunteering on a Branch committee.

Many thanks to all and remember to “**Just Bring One**”

As always if you have questions or concerns call me at home (905-628-2822) or at the Branch (905-627-7221).

**Mike Alkerton** - Membership Chair

### Ladies Auxiliary Report

As things continue to open up and restriction lessen, we have been able to restart our Beef Nights that run the 4th Friday of the month. These will continue for April and May, then return in September.



**Sue Sklepowicz**  
Ladies Auxiliary  
President

Euchre has also returned following beef night. All are welcome to join. So, bring a friend. Registration is at 7:30 and the cost is \$5.

The Ladies Auxiliary will be celebrating its 77th birthday at the Honours and Awards Luncheon on Sunday, 29th May, 2022.

We are currently in the middle of our spring fundraiser. Canadian Tire had graciously donated at Coleman 3 burner BBQ for us to raffle off. The Draw will be held on Friday May 27 at 7pm during our Beef Night. Please see any LA member or Bar Stewart to purchase your tickets.

**Sue Sklepowicz** - President Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary

### **The Dundas Museum & Archives**

Located at 139 Park St. West, was established in 1956. Their collections, exhibits, and events showcase how Canadian history and geography has unfolded in the unique Dundas Valley.

Several local events also take place at the Museum, including art shows, book launches, community celebrations, and more.

## House and Grounds Report

Diffusers have been installed on the outside lights to cut down on the glare throughout the neighborhood.

New ceiling lights were installed in the office and hallway.

We will be having a work party on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2022, so watch for the sign-up sheet.



**Gord Sharpe**  
**House**  
**Chair**

**Gord Sharpe** - Past President and House Chair

A banner-style advertisement for Kim Place Carpentry. The background is light grey with a wood-grain texture at the top and bottom. In the center, there is a logo consisting of a square with rounded corners, split vertically. The left half is orange with the letters 'KP' in white. The right half is white with the letters 'KP' in orange. To the right of the logo, the text 'Kim Place' is written in a cursive, orange font, and 'CARPENTRY' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font below it. Below the logo and text, there are three orange curved shapes. The left one contains the text 'HOME RENOVATIONS' in white. The middle one contains 'SINCE 1981' in white. The right one contains 'LICENSED CONTRACTOR' in white. At the bottom, there is a dark grey horizontal bar. On the left, it says 'PHONE 905-520-4440' in white. In the center, there is a white icon of crossed hammers. On the right, it says '1905 HWY #5 WEST TROY, ONTARIO, L0R 2B0' in white.

A rectangular advertisement for FRID &amp; NAGY Collision Service Ltd. The background is white. At the top, the text 'FRID &amp; NAGY' is in a large, bold, black font. Below it, 'COLLISION SERVICE LTD.' is in a smaller, bold, black font. The main offer is '10% OFF ALL LABOUR' in a very large, bold, black font. Below this, in a smaller font, it says '(10% discount does not apply to parts or insurance claims)'. There are three car icons, each followed by a line of text: 'Specializing in Foreign and Domestic Cars', 'Free Estimates', and 'Complete Auto Body Repairs &amp; Painting'. At the bottom, the names 'JOE PIERCEY' and 'JOE NAGY' are listed in bold black font. Below the names, the address '347 Hatt Street, Dundas, Ontario L9H 2J2' and phone/fax numbers 'Telephone: 905-627-4055 Fax: 905-627-9977' are provided.

## Poppy Fund Report

The Poppy Fund requested and received approval to supply St. Joseph's Villa with a donation of \$10,503.74 to help pay for a Bath chair lift/weight scale combo.

The current balance of the Poppy Fund as of March 31st is: \$77,194.96



**Jim Byron**  
Poppy Fund  
Chair

**Jim Byron** - Poppy Fund Chair (905-528-2758)

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## Honours and Awards Report

As of now we are working hard to be able to present a Honours and Awards Luncheon on 29th May, 2022 to get us all up to date - thanks to Covid we missed 2021.



**Al Boyle  
Honours &  
Awards Chair**

This upcoming event will take care of that, service pins and other awards for the missed year and this year will be presented.

If you are due, you will be receiving a call soon from the Committee inviting you to the event.

**Al Boyle** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President and Honours & Awards Chair

### **Fun Facts About Canada**

Canada is a monarchy  
There are two official languages in Canada  
Canada is the world's second largest country  
Canada has the longest coastline in the world  
Canada also has the longest international border  
The word Canada is derived from an indigenous word

## **Ladies Auxiliary Spring Raffle Draw**

**Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 – 7:00pm**

**Prize - Coleman 3 Burner BBQ - value \$500**

**Tickets - \$5 or 3 for \$10**

**Available at the Branch 36 Legion bar**

## 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.



**Rick Valois**  
**Veterans**  
**Services Chair**

To take the first step to your possible VAC benefits contact the Branch for an appointment.

**Rick Valois** - Veterans Services Chair

## Canteen Report

One of the long-time bartenders for the Banquet Hall has chosen to retire. Judy Wilson has given years of excellent service and we wish her well in "Retirement". Thank you, Judy.



**Barb Smith**  
**Canteen**  
**Chair**

Summer hours are approaching so stay tuned for our summer schedule.

**Barb Smith** - Canteen Chair

### **What Royal Canadian Legion Members Do**

**Whether helping local Veterans, supporting seniors, providing youth sports programs, raising funds, volunteering to help those in need, or simply offering a place to gather for fun and celebration, Legionnaires provide essential services in their communities.**

### **Sunday - 29th May - Spring Work Party - 9:00am**

Volunteer some time to help spruce up the Branch.  
Bring your brooms, rakes and blowers.

Both inside and outside tasks are available - Add your name to the sign-up sheet next to the smoking entrance doorway.

## Dundas Salvation Army receives cheque



**Doug Rivers, Br.36 President and Peter Howard, Ways and Means Chair present a cheque for \$1,250 to Karen Sobierajski, Program Manager, Dundas Salvation Army (CFS) from the Br.36 Online Draw.**

*Picture courtesy Peter Whittaker*

*Circle of Life*

**Cremation and Burial Centre Inc.**

**Karin Schuett**

[karin@circleoflifecbc.com](mailto:karin@circleoflifecbc.com)

100 King Street East, Dundas, ON, L9H 1C4 - Tel: 905-628-8558 - Fax: 905-628-0804

Memorials - Monuments - Grief Counseling - Pre-Planning - Seminars - Pet Funerals

## Public Relations Report

You can help Branch 36, like other members, by volunteering and helping run it.

You may talk with anyone, myself included, about helping in the running of the Branch.

Come to the elections on Wednesday, 4th May, 2022. You will be selected to help your Branch to exist. Members MUST take part - CALL ME.



**Peter Whittaker**  
**Public**  
**Relations Chair**

***Peter Whittaker*** - Public Relations Chair (905-627-5126)

## Ways and Means Report

Proceeds from the on line 5050 draws have now been distributed. We donated to The Dundas Salvation Army and The Dundas Routes Youth Group and will be using the remaining proceeds within the Branch.

Thanks again to all who participated in the 6 draws.



**Peter Howard**  
**Ways and**  
**Means Chair**

***Peter Howard*** - Ways and Means Chair

## Paul Wright Photography

[pwright.photo](http://pwright.photo)

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[paul@pwright.photo](mailto:paul@pwright.photo)

## Sick Report

### January - 2022

26th - Steve Holgate at hospital - stroke

### February - 2022

10th - Glen McMurray - out and about

11th - Roy Laufman at hospital - fluid on lungs

11th - Al Boyle in Juravinski - leg

21st - Pat Risk broken wrist - at home

### March - 2022

4th - Al Boyle at home

4th - Elmer Cantelo at hospital

11th - Elmer Cantelo at home



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

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

<b>Last Post</b>
<b>Alastair Skinner - 17th March, 2022</b>
<i>We Will Remember Them</i>

## **Marvees Interior Painting**

Interior Painting, Wallpaper Removal,  
Wall Repair, Ceramic & Hardwood  
Flooring, Kitchen Renovations, Backsplash

### **Marv Turpin**

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Dundas, Ontario

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## Youth Education Report

We will be conducting an awards ceremony in our branch on Saturday, June 4, 2022 for the winners and participants of the Annual Remembrance Poster & Literary Contest.

The students' families and their teachers will be invited.

**Tony Bratschitch** - Youth Education Chair



**Tony  
Bratschitch**  
Youth Education  
Chair

## Shuffleboard at Branch 36



**Wayne O'Connor releases a rock while playing in the Branch 36 Shuffleboard League, which plays on Wednesday evenings.**

*Picture courtesy Peter Whittaker*

## Branch 36 Upcoming Events

**President's Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 3-4pm**  
5 chances to win every week

**Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 3-4pm**  
2 chances to win every week

## May 2022 Events

**Wednesday - 4th - Annual Branch Elections - Upstairs - 8pm**

**Friday - 6th - Handcrafted Stuffed Perogy Dinner - 4-6:30pm**

**Tuesday - 10th - Branch 36 Colour Party Practice - 7:00pm**

**Tuesday - 10th - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00pm**

**Friday - 13th - Fish Fry - 4:30-6:30pm**

**Friday - 13th - TRIVIA NIGHT - Signup 7:00pm Start 7:30pm**

**Monday - 23rd - May - Victoria Day - Branch Closed**

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

**Friday - 27th - Progressive Euchre - 7:30pm**

**Friday - 29th - Honours and Awards Dinner and presentations**

**Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 3-4pm**  
2 chances to win every week

## June 2022 Events

**Sunday - 5th - Spring Work Party - 9am**

**Thursday - 9th - Summer Mixed Dart League Registration 8pm**

**Friday - 10th June - Wing Night - 5:30-7:30pm**

**Tuesday - 14th - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00pm**

**Sunday - 19th - Father's Day BBQ - Bar open 2:30pm - BBQ-4-6pm**

**Tuesday - 21st - Branch 36 General Meeting - 7:00pm - All  
Members should attend**

## July 2022 Events

**Friday - 1st - Canada Day Good Neighbor BBQ - 2-5pm**

**Friday - 8th July - Wing Night - 5:30-7:30pm**

**Tuesday - 12th - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00pm**

**Sunday - 17th - Family Day BBQ - Bar open 2:30pm - BBQ - 4-6pm**

## August 2022 Events

**Monday - 1st - Civic Holiday - Branch Closed**

**Friday - 12th August - Wing Night - 5:30-7:30pm**

**Sunday - 21st - Family BBQ - Bar opens 2:30pm - BBQ - 4-6pm**