



# The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion  
August - 2022

## 2022 Honours and Awards Presentation



**Shirley Beaton, Zone B Commander presents Stan Kobylinski with his 50 year Ordinary Member Service pin and medal at the 2022 Honours and Awards Luncheon.**



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## **President's Report**

Comrades, Friends, Neighbors

Reflecting over the past 2 ½ years of openings and closings of the Legion due to Covid brings to mind the dedication of our Executive members and loyal customers.



**Janice Mancini  
President**

Although we were closed for the most part there were a number of people who helped keep the Legion running effectively thru the pandemic. I would like to sincerely thank our Past President Doug Rivers for the amazing job he did during his term as President. He had a huge burden to bear and he did so with class and integrity. He persevered and held everything together while we navigated the unknown. Without Doug's leadership there's no telling where we may have ended up.

Special thanks also to Gord Sharpe, Mike Alkerton, Stan Hicks, Wayne O'Connor and Marv Turpin for all stepping up, and continuing your daily visits to help with repairs, painting and just being there to support Doug and Branch 36. We couldn't have done it without each of you

On that note, now that things are somewhat back to normal, we have recently started our summer festivities with our first Family BBQ on June 19th and Brad James entertained while some enjoyed a steak dinner or hamburger hot off the grill.

The 1st July brought out a large crowd to celebrate Canada Day and enjoy the beautiful weather on our patio! Hamburgers, Hotdogs, and Birthday cake were on the menu! We also enjoyed music from the Blue Grass Jam at this event.

Hoping to see all of you at the Family BBQ on Sunday, 17th July with music from Al Jordan and the Family BBQ on Sunday, 21st August with music from Sonny Sinclair.

Stay safe & thank you to all our veterans, volunteers & customers.

***Janice Mancini*** - President Branch 36

## Colour Party Report

The Colour Party has been attending functions since the COVID restrictions began to be reduced this past spring.



**Greg Sherring**  
**Colour Party**  
**Commander**

On 5th June, 2022 four members of the Colour Party carried the flags into St. James church for the annual “D-Day” church service, but no parade was held as some COVID restrictions were still in place for the military and cadet services.

On 25th June, 2022 three members of the Colour Party carried our National flag and the Ukrainian national flag at opening ceremonies for the Steel City Patriots football team at their home opener at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School in Hamilton.

On the 2nd and 9th of July, 2022 the Colour Party was invited back by the Steel City Patriots football team to carry in our national flag for the opening ceremonies of their football games.

The Colour Party is always in need of more members as age, health and mobility have caused some of our members to step aside.

Help with uniforms is available for new members and anyone interested in joining the Colour Party is welcome to come to the practices on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, in the upstairs hall of Br.36 Legion, or by contacting myself Greg Sherring at 905-385-5539 or e-mail at [gregsherring@hotmail.com](mailto:gregsherring@hotmail.com).

**Greg Sherring** - Colour Party Commander

**Interesting Flag Fact:** The oldest, continuously used national flag is that of **Denmark**. The current design of a white Scandinavian cross on a red back ground was adopted in 1625 and its square shape in 1748. In Denmark it is known as the 'Dannebrog' or 'Danish cloth'.

## Ways and Means Report



**Peter Howard**  
Ways and  
Means Chair

Good news for all the Nevada ticket fans, now that we are back to normal at the Branch we are finalizing the Nevada Ticket license application and will have tickets available at the bar shortly, thank you for your patience.

**Peter Howard** - Ways and Means Chair

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## Membership Report

To the membership as a whole - Thank you all for your great support in the 2022 year. We are now the largest branch by membership in our Zone.

We will be starting our 2023 Membership year in early to mid-September. The dues' structure will remain the same at \$55.00, unless command in Ottawa comes up with something between now and then.

There will be an "Early Bird" draw this year for members who have paid their dues on or before 30th November, 2022 - so be



**Mike Alkerton**  
Membership  
Chair

an “Early Bird” - it makes our job a lot easier.

This year Bev Westoby and I are happy to welcome Branch members Tammy Niessen and Peter Howard as they have stepped up to work on the membership committee,

Starting in mid-September you can pay your dues at the Branch (cheque, cash or debit) or by cheque by mail, or go online to Royal Canadian Legion Dominion command at <https://www.legion.ca/join-us/renewal>

We like to see our members pay to the Branch because we get the money faster than waiting for Ottawa. It helps the cash flow after the summer season.

I look forward to seeing your familiar faces, and some of the new faces around the Branch. To keep us on top in the membership standings please try to “**Bring Just One**” new member in.

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

**Mike Alkerton** - Membership Chair

### **House and Grounds Report**

Many thanks to all those that came out for the cleanup day in June. Great job, everyone! A big thanks also to Janice Mancini, our Branch 36 President, who prepared a Spaghetti and Meatball dinner enjoyed by all of the work crew volunteers. Greatly appreciated!



**Gord Sharpe**  
House Chair

To finish off the parking lot we have just recently had all of the parking space lines repainted.

We also purchased a new barbecue which was well used at the Canada Day Good Neighbor BBQ on Friday, 1st July, 2022. Work is also being done on the upstairs air conditioning unit. Otherwise, things are being done as needed.

**"Many hands make light work"**

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

## **Bursary Report**

Bursaries are available to full-time post secondary school students, both at the Branch Level and the Provincial Level.

This resource has **not** been well used the past few years.

Call me for information, or go online to Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Provincial command at: <https://www.on.legion.ca/remembrance/youth-programs/bursaries>



**Mike Alkerton**  
Bursary  
Chair

**Mike Alkerton** - Bursary Chair

## **Ladies Auxiliary Report**

Welcome back. I hope everyone is enjoying the summer break.

As things continue to open up the Ladies Auxiliary Sports season has begun.

On June 12 we hosted Zone Euchre. The team of Deb Gibbins, Dorothy Cayen, Barb Smith and Sue Sklepowicz will be moving on to District Euchre on 22nd October in Fonhill.



**Sue Sklepowicz**  
President  
Ladies  
Auxiliary

Other upcoming Sports events include:  
Singles / Doubles Darts - 18th September in Burlington  
Cribbage - 15th January in Stoney Creek  
Team Darts - 4th February in Waterdown

Beef night returns Friday, 23rd September from 5:30-7:30pm followed by Progressive Euchre at 8:00pm. Registration for Euchre begins at 7pm. All are welcome

Beef night and Euchre will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month in September, October, January, February, March, April and May. Come out and enjoy an evening of good food and comradeship.

**Sue Sklepowicz** - President Ladies Auxiliary

## Canteen Report

Our bar staff have been keeping very busy with all of the celebrations of life, stag and does, barbecues and many other events in the Clubroom, the Wentworth room and the Banquet Hall upstairs.

I am pleased to report that Sue Logue has come out of semi-retirement to help out by filling in when needed. Thanks Sue, it is greatly appreciated



**Doug Rivers**  
Canteen  
Chair

**Doug Rivers** - Past President and Canteen Chair



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## 2022 Portrait and Literary Contest Winner get Awards



On Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, Branch 36 conducted an awards ceremony for the winners of its Remembrance Poster and Literary Contest. Students from five schools along with their teachers, families and friends attended. Toastmaster Darryl Hartwick announced student's achievements for which they received certificates, medals, cash and pins. Their teachers were also recognized. Fellow Legion members Jim Byron and Peter Whittaker helped distribute awards. This was my 9<sup>th</sup> year as the Branch's Youth Ed Program chair but it was the first time we brought all of the students together under one roof for the awards. The ceremony was well planned and executed and took place in 45 minutes and the students left happy. Thanks to their wonderful contest participation **"We Shall Not Forget"**.

**Tony Bratschitsch** - Youth Education Chair

## **Public Relations Report**

When you read your copy of “The Bullytin” you may notice business cards. They are the cards of people, usually Br.36 members, whose contributions help us with the cost of printing the newsletter.

I hope when you need a service you remember the cards and support these ‘local’ businesses.

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



**Peter Whittaker**  
Public Relations  
Officer

## **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 and Cadets Chair



**Rick Valois**  
Veterans  
Services Chair

## **Entertainment Report**

On Saturday, 31st December, 2022 we will celebrate the 2023 New Year with music from DJ Mark Panopoulos, admission will be free.

At last, on Saturday, 11th February, 2023 returning for their 8th appearance at the Dundas Legion Little Peter and the Elegants will help celebrate Valentine’s Day. Get your tickets at the bar when they become available.

***Janice Mancini*** - President and Entertainment Co-Chair



**Janice Mancini**  
Entertainment  
Co-Chair

## **Banquet Hall Report**

We are receiving quite a few inquiries for hall rentals and making bookings as well.

We have a few businesses who have booked more than 1 event e.g. Best Safety and The Carnegie Gallery

Our Hall rentals are economical. If you require a hall for any occasion, please call the Dundas Legi for availability.



**Janice Mancini**  
Banquet Hall  
Chair

**Janice Mancini** - President and Banquet Hall Chair

### **Past President became Life Member of Legion**



**Shirley Beaton, Zone B Commander, presents Gord Sharpe with Life Membership in the Legion at the 2022 Honours and Awards ceremony on 29th May, 2022.**

## Last Post

**Neil Watson - 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2022**

**Douglas Hildebrand - 22nd May, 2022**

**We Will Remember Them**



**Gary Ingram  
Last Post Chair**

## Sports Report

Summer has arrived and many of our Legion activities have died down with the warmer weather.

There is summer mixed Darts on Thursday as well as Duffers golf.

Zone and District Horseshoes and Ring Toss have been played with our teams of Brett Taylor and Janice Mancini and Sue Sklepowicz and Barb Smith participating.



**Stan  
Sklepowicz  
Sports Chair**

Sue and Barb are moving on to Singles and Doubles Ring Toss.

Brett and Janice are moving on in Doubles Ring Toss. Barb and Janice placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in District Horseshoes and are moving on to Provincial Horseshoes on 5th August, 2022.

The full competitive sports schedule will be coming out soon for 2023 district sports. Please note that some of these events will be starting in the latter part of 2022.

In-house sports activities will be starting up in September. Please check the Legion web page for registration dates. As a side note, the Men's Dart League was thin last season (6 teams), so we are looking for more guys to play this year. I am also sure that all the other leagues could use players as well.

That's all for now. Keep an eye on the Legion web site and the Sports Bulletin board for updates. See you in September.

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

## Poppy Fund Report

On May 29th 2 veterans and 2 caregivers were invited to the Honours and Awards luncheon and on behalf of the Poppy Fund their luncheon tickets were purchased.

Unfortunately, neither of the veterans or caregivers were in attendance due to the inability of DARTS to provide transportation.

On June 4th the Poppy Fund donated \$1,559.80 to provide medals and awards to the winner of the Arts and Literature contests at different schools in the area organized by Tony Bratschitsch, Branch Youth Education.

A request was made and approved at today's Branch 36 Board of Directors meeting to provide the Juravinski Cancer Clinic with a donation of \$5,000.

Poppy Fund as of May 31st is:           \$77,741.40

**James Byron** - Poppy Fund Chair (905-578-2758)



**Jim Byron**  
**Poppy Fund**  
**Chair**

**Sunday - 6<sup>th</sup> November - Fall Work Party - 9:00am**

**Volunteer some time to help spruce up the Branch for the Branch 36 Remembrance Day Parade.**

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

## Work Party Volunteers enjoy Spaghetti and Meatballs



**On 5th June, 2022 Branch 36 volunteers cleaned up the Branch Property. Branch 36 President Janice Mancini and her husband Rob cooked a great Spaghetti and Meatballs dinner with Salad and Rolls which everyone enjoyed.**

### **Cadet Liaison Report**

In mid-May the Royal Canadian Legion Medal of Excellence was presented to a Sea Cadet by Rick Valois.

On May 30th I attended the Royal Canadian Air Cadets Annual Review and was privileged to present the Royal Canadian Legion Medal of Excellence to an outstanding cadet.

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, I along with Rick and Tammy Valois, attended the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps Dundas for their annual review.



**Mark Mainprize  
Cadet Liaison**

I had no information about an annual review for the Army Cadets.

***Mark Mainprize*** - Cadet Liaison

## Honours and Awards Report

From the many comments and congratulation received, we have to assume we had a very successful Honours and Awards Luncheon May 29th, 2022 - which covered the years 2021 and 2022.



**Al Boyle**  
**Honours and**  
**and Awards**  
**Chair**

Yes, there were some small problems, but they have been addressed and resolved.

We will settle in for the summer awaiting our September Executive meeting, where we will discuss future Veterans Christmas dinners for our Ordinary members, and a 2023 Honours and Awards Luncheon. It's noteworthy that some changes were made this year to the historic patterns of set up and the meal, and were very well accepted.

Our biggest problem, planning the Honours and Awards event is contacting members. Some Affiliate, Associate, Ordinary members have not updated Branch 36's Membership telephone records, and that makes it extremely difficult to contact you. On behalf of all in the committee, we ask that you make certain your membership record has a current phone number including any Cell phone number and your email address. The Legion does not provide phone numbers to any outside organization so your phone number is safe with us. We need to be able to contact you regarding events like the Honours and Awards. Please help get your number corrected for our files.

Thank you

**Alan Boyle** - 1st Vice president and Honours and Awards Chair

**Love is like the five loaves and two fishes. It doesn't start to multiply until you give it away.**

**Real friends are those who, when you've made a fool of yourself – don't think you've done a permanent job.**

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## Branch 36 Upcoming Events - August 2022

**President's Meat Draw – Starts 17th September**  
**Every Saturday - 3-4pm - 6 chances to win every week**  
**Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm**

### August 2022 Events

Friday - 12th August - Wing Night - 4:30-6:30pm  
Sunday - 21st - Family BBQ - Bar opens 2:30pm  
Music with Sonny Sinclair - BBQ - 4-6pm

### September 2019 Events

Monday - 5th - Labour Day - Statutory Holiday - Branch Closed

### Winter Sports League Registrations

Thursday - 8th - **Mens Thursday Night Dart League** - 7pm  
Thursday - 8th - **Ladies Thursday Dart League** - 7pm  
Friday - 9th - Fish Fry - 4:30-6:30pm  
Sunday - 11th - **Sunday Mixed Dart League** - 2-4pm Signup sheet should be posted on Sports board mid-August.  
Monday - 12th - **Monday Night Mixed Dart League** - 8pm - This is the opening night for this league.  
Tuesday - 13th - Colour Party Practice - 7:00pm  
Tuesday - 13th - Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00pm  
Sunday - 18th - Legion Week Starts Today  
Tuesday - 20<sup>th</sup> Bi-Annual General Meeting - 8pm – everyone attend  
Wednesday - 18th - Legion Week Snooker vs H.A.F.A. - 7:30pm  
Saturday - 21st - Legion Week Triathlon - Register 12:00-12:30pm  
Monday - 26<sup>th</sup> - **Women's Snooker League** Starts today - 12noon  
Monday - 26th - **Men's Snooker League** Starts Tonight - 7:30pm - Sign up sheet should be on the board  
Friday - 23rd - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm  
Friday - 23rd - Progressive Euchre - 7:30pm – Open to Public.  
Wednesday - 28th - **Shuffleboard Mixed League Registration** 7:30pm

### October 2022 Events

Friday - 14th - Fish Fry - 4:30-6:30pm  
Friday – 21st - First Trivia Night of the season - Signup at 7:30pm. Starts at 8:00pm. Open to the Public - \$5 per contestant with max of 8 on a team, or come and be entertained and learn some Trivia.  
Friday - 28th - 2022 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**