

News & Views

April/May 2018



The players at the Provincial cribbage tournament at our Branch 11 on March 10th.



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President's Message



Spring has sprung again and no elections this year. The Branch has been in a little bit of a slump in February but this is usually the case in mid-winter. Meanwhile the Branch was the host for the Provincial Cribbage Tournament on March 10th, and boy this was a busy weekend for the Branch. Hats off to Rick Groome and all the Executives and the Branch volunteers as well as the Ladies Auxiliary and their volunteers. With the commitment and everyone working together this turned out to be a very successful weekend. I apologize if any of the regular customers were disrupted in any way but the Branch was to be the Host and that meant over 200 guests needed to be looked after on this weekend. The Branch received positive feedback from our guests on that weekend and many comments about how this tournament was organized and ran from the Branch perspective.

Once again thanks to all the volunteers it was a good showing for the Branch.

Lynn Somerton and Susan Squires are doing a great job in keeping things happening in the clubroom as well as lining up great entertainment. If there is anything that you would like to see in the clubroom or other Special Functions please contact Lynn and Susan respectively.

The Five Year Planning Committee has been working hard and they are very close to fulfilling the membership mandate of re-developing Branch 11, stay tuned as I am sure that we will have some exciting news in the near future.

That being said, we still need to carry on our normal activities at the Branch. All members need to support the Branch and if you are not coming on a regular basis, maybe you can drop us a note or call to let us know what you are interested in or give us some insight what we should be doing to make it more appealing for you as a member and/or your family and guests. This is your Branch and we need it working for you the member.

The only thing that I need to add is we need VOLUNTEERS, if you are interested in any of the activities ask the Chair that is responsible if you can lend a hand.

Thank you for your support and let's keep Branch 11 moving forward.

Yours in comradeship

John Dufort
President

FEBRUARY 2018-MARCH 2018

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ORDINARY MEMBERS

MARTIN: J. Alex

RCSCC Ark Royal Joined Branch 42, transferred to Branch 11 1998.

NEWMAN: William

R.C.A.F. Service # J89101

Joined Branch 11 January 1972

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

McCOLGAN: J.C. (Bud) Jim

Joined Branch 11 September 1981

Many members/patrons of our Branch will remember Bud as he was a bar steward for a while, handled the bar on the top floor for the Thursday night dart league when we had so many players we played upstairs. He was always active in the Branch until he took sick, helping at Joe Lake's dances, New Year's Eve functions and many other special functions. Bud was very involved with our picnics and held several chairs on the Executive. He has been missed by many during his illness.

Cathy Cole

Secretary

Just a note of welcome from Branch 11 to the new members who recently joined or transferred to our Branch.

Doug Berger, Sandra Loughheed, Brad McCourt, Geraldine Pennie.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS and we hope that you will continue to support the Branch that you chose to join.

Cathy Cole

Membership Chair

St. Johns' Norway Parade

The parade will be the first Sunday in June, June 3rd, 2018.

Form up is at the usual place, the school on Kingston Rd. just East of Woodbine Ave. at 1:00 pm and march off at 1:30 to the service that takes place in the cemetery at 2:00 pm.

Final details will be posted in the Branch at a later date.

We would like to see as many marchers or spectators out to support this important parade and service. Branch 11 will be open after the parade for food and refreshments. Come out and enjoy.



Many thanks to all of the volunteers, the Ladies Auxiliary and the Branch Executive who helped make the Provincial Cribbage Tournament a huge success.

Most of the sports events have been concluded for this year and I would like to thank all of the Branch members who participated and represented Branch 11 with dignity and good sportsmanship.

Rick Groome
Sports Chair



Sick

Hello comrades

Bud McColgan was a long time member. He passed away on Feb 4th. There was no Legion service.

Joe Cromwell was in Bridgepoint for a few weeks. He is now at home but he was at the Ulster Band dinner dance banging on the drum.

George Moorhead is in Sunnybrook and I went to visit him last week. The nurse told me he was out and about on his scooter. That's wonderful! This veteran is 92 years old and is still sharp.

Paul Lake is holding his own. He was home March 18th for a few hours, there were a lot of people who came by to say hello, which was wonderful.

Sheila Hadden was very loud when I visited her these past few weeks. She is in no pain and her hip has healed but still likes to be heard. If you give her a stuffy she quiets down.

Pat Collie uses a wheel chair to get around. Physically she is about the same.

Bill King is still having treatment for his cancer and there has been no change. There are days that are tough for him. His wife Mary is a handful and he is still coping with that. Thank God for Linda and Fred.

John Dufort received his new brace this week, hopefully it will help with his knee pain.

Jim LeRoy will soon be hearing better.(hearing aid)

Helen Small is taking one day at a time. She looked great at the LA meeting.

John Mooney is still doing OK in the secure unit at Providence Health Care.

Bill Lyons was in the hospital for a few days, he now has a pace maker.

There were day surgeries this past while for Helen Pearce, Sandra Dufort and Alan Groome, everyone is doing well.

Yours in comradeship

Joyce Haden

Sick Chair

Legion Week

Legion Week is always held on the third week of September. We need help to monitor the hall through the week, to help with the students when attending with their classes, to set up and take down displays ect.ect.

If you want to participate please see me and we can work out the details, this is a wonderful learning experience for the children which are our future. It also makes you feel good to see the interest these children take and questions asked. New volunteers are always welcome.

June M. Smith

Legion Week Chair

Clubroom Entertainment



Hello fellow comrades.

We had a very successful St. Patrick's Day dance with the Peppershakers. Thank you to all that helped make this a great evening. Karen, Cindy, Jean, Gail, Nicole, Nancy and Rick.

The upcoming entertainment is shown on the calendar at the back. Hope to see you all there.

Lynn Somerton

Clubroom Entertainment Chair

Bursary

Just a reminder to our members to check out the Bursary Plan for your children and grandchildren attending university. This is a wonderful way to help them with a monetary gift towards their expensive education.

June M. Smith

Bursary Chair

Youth Education



Our fun part of the competition for Posters, Essays and Poetry is now taking place in schools where we are presenting the certificates and monetary awards to the students. On Friday February 23rd Helen, Doug and myself were at Gledhill School where 520 students assembled in the gym to watch the winners receive their awards and have their pictures taken. The talent shown from these youngsters is amazing. I also had the opportunity to have my daughter and granddaughter from Calgary come and take pictures. Next week we are presenting at George Webster School and Secord School which finishes at Branch and Zone level for us.

A special thanks to Helen for all the letters sent out to the schools to keep the teachers and students aware of what is available to them.

June M. Smith
Youth Education Chair



June, Doug & Helen presenting Branch 11's & Zone D3's awards to the students at Gledhill PS



Looking for volunteers to help with a Branch 11 property clean-up on Sunday, April 29, 2018. We will meet on site at 9:00 am. If you have gardening tools, work gloves and interested friends bring them along.

Jeff Paulin
Building Chair



Anne Davis & Doug Smith at 2018 Greatest Canadian History Fair held at Dr. Roberta Bondar P.S. in Ajax



Poppy

Looks like the final total for the 2017 Poppy campaign is \$51,113.55, \$588.76 over the 2016 campaign. There will be a 2018 Poppy strategy meeting on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 5:00 pm in the top floor hall for those 12 members that volunteered to be part of the 2018 Poppy campaign committee. The purpose of the meeting is to help set the stage for the 2018 Poppy campaign, to discuss but not limited to strategies, use of cadets, how to motivate volunteers, updates to the Poppy board etc. An agenda will be sent out in advance of the meeting.

Jeff Paulin
Poppy Chair

Building



It's time to say goodbye...

On Monday April 16th the crane is coming down from the building behind us. Our parking lot will be closed to all parking as of 5:00 am until the job is completed. When the crane went up it took 12 hours to assemble, many of us hung around and watched the process, it was interesting. On that Monday I will be on site the entire day, I will have the front door of the Branch open as of 8:00 am for anyone who wants to come in through the Branch to sit on the patio and watch. Remember the parking lot will be closed. There are parking spots on the South side of the building near the storage unit, some limited parking on Dawes Rd. and Guest Ave. and of course there is always Canadian Tire.

Jeff Paulin

Building Chair

Special Functions



Thanks goes out to all who supported Branch 11 on Sunday March 18th for the St. Patrick's clubroom celebration.

To all who donated food, set up, clean up and prize donations, **big thanks** go out to you. Charlies' and Doug's stews and Marg's and Joyce's chili received big raves.

The next Special Function event is on July 1st. If you have any new ideas for this event I'd like to hear about them.

Each Saturday afternoon meat spin is 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Come out, have a cold one and enjoy a couple of hours at the Branch. I'm always looking and needing volunteers for the meat spin.

Spring has arrived, Happy Spring!!

Susan Squires

Special functions Chair

AED/CPR Certification Training

On March 4th 2018 training for AED/CPR certification was held at Branch 11. Twelve branch members stepped up to take the course and assumed the responsibility to assist when needed. If you have AED/CPR certification please, let me know along with the date it expires so we can add your name posted at the Branch and behind the bar. Thank you all for stepping up. Just an FYI the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is mounted on the wall just outside the clubroom blue door of the front (west) stairwell. This location gives access to the entire building even if the clubroom is closed.

Jeff Paulin

Building Chair

Just a note of thanks to the following people who have helped me the last few months get our Branch ready to host the 216 crib players from all over Ontario on March 10th. Joe Calderone, Doug Fulton for painting the main hall, Rocco (Our favorite cleaner) for helping strip and re-wax both foyers, Vi Kenny for her great job of cleaning all the glass in the front entrance so we had a sparkling entrance doorway. Thanks to Gary Gale for crushing the pop cans and Joe and Doug for letting me use their trucks to take the cans to the recycling yard for cash for the Branch funds. We have a new can crusher, Larry Shields, who is a 40 year member and he volunteered to take over crushing the cans for us. Special thanks to Joe who works with me on many of our repair jobs and as everyone knows, I don't smoke but get frustrated very easily and Joe tells me "go have a smoke" while he works through the problems we are having.

Charlie Silson

A bride stands to the groom's left at a wedding so that his sword hand would be free. Apparently Anglo-Saxon brides were often kidnapped before a wedding and brawls were common. That's also why the best man stands with the groom; the tribe's best warrior was there to help the groom defend the bride.

From the 1500s to the 1700s tobacco was prescribed by doctors to treat a variety of ailments including headaches, toothache, arthritis and bad breath.



Ladies Auxiliary



Hello Ladies,

I hope everyone had a great Easter and the Easter Bunny Was good to you.

We hosted the Provincial Cribbage and survived to talk about it. It was a very busy weekend with serving a chicken wing dinner on Friday to the food on Saturday and the spaghetti dinner on Saturday night. My sincere congratulations to all who helped to make this weekend go off without a hitch. The crew on Friday night worked very hard and had nothing but praise for everything. They were Karen Boudreault, Nicole Boudreault, Chris Scot, Dave Ferron, Debbie Kirkland and especially Debbie Strickland who did a fantastic job keeping the line of communication open between the two floors.

Saturday was a hectic day but by the end I think everyone was happy and fed. We had Joyce Haden selling the food and taking in money. Alan Groome, Karen Boudreault, Debbie Strickland and myself keeping the food flowing throughout the day. Once the cards were finished we regained our two missing cooks, Dave Ferron and Chris Scott and started preparations for the spaghetti dinner. Thank you also goes out to Sandra Durham and Caroline Hanus for taking tickets and help serving the dinner. A big thank you to all who helped to make this function such a great success.

I actually ran into a couple of ladies this weekend who were at our Branch and said what a great time they had.

Our general meeting this month is April 11th starting at 7:30 as it is our elections and May's meeting is on the 9th at 8:00. May 6th is our Zone convention at 12:00 at Branch 22, this is an election year so if you can make it please plan to attend. We have a team going to Hespeler for Provincial Cribbage on June 2nd and June 3rd is St. John's Norway parade. Form up at Norway Public School at 1:00 pm with march off at 1:30.

That means that summer is just around the corner
Enjoy the nice weather coming and stay safe.

Yours in comradeship

Nancy McKnight
L.A. President



We have reached a tentative deal on the redevelopment of RCL Branch 11...

Next step: watch your mail for the notice for a special meeting with the membership to confirm the direction the 5 Year Planning Committee meet has taken and to approve the agreement. Then it is off to Ontario Command for their approval.

I wish to thank the efforts of time and dedication to the 5 year Planning Committee: John Dufort, Joyce Haden, Jack Riddell, Chris Ostiguy, Cathy Cole and Ed Kenny... Job well done.

But the work is far from done... Now we need to design the new Branch 11: the Clubroom, Sports areas, the Bar(s), the Kitchen(s), the Hall(s), Office space, meeting rooms to ensure we have everything we currently have but even better... Then the hard discussions / strategies of what we need to encourage the Modern Vet to feel welcome at the branch and what we need to do to draw in new members.

We are looking for your feedback and for volunteers to sit on these committees.

Jeff Paulin - 5 year planning committee chair

A joke or two

The Lord created alcohol so that ugly people can have sex to.

Bumper sticker on a tailgate of a rusted old pickup truck.
If Dolly Parton was a farmer; she would be flat busted too.

Did you hear about the thieves who stole an entire shipment of Viagra?

Police are looking for a gang of hardened criminals.

April 2018

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1 Easter 	2 Euchre 7:30	3 Over 60 Club 1:15	4 General meeting 8:00	5 Mixed darts 8:00	6 Karaoke 7:00 Blind draw darts 7:30	7 Meat spin 3:00- 5:00 pm Clubroom enter- tainment. 7:30 Al Jordan
8	9 Euchre 7:30	10	11 L.A. Election meeting 7:30	12 Mixed darts playoffs 7:30	13 Blind draw darts 7:30 Open mike jam- mers 7:00	14 Meat spin 3:00- 5:00 pm Clubroom enter- tainment. 7:30 Lloyd Young
15	16 Euchre 7:30	17 Over 60 Club 1:15	18 Executive meet- ing 7:30	19	20 Karaoke 7:00 Blind draw darts 7:30	21 Meat spin 3:00- 5:00 pm Clubroom enter- tainment. 7:30 Bill Dickenson Mixed darts banquet
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