



**Port Elgin Legion
Branch 340**

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BRANCH LINE

Inside this issue you will find.... what is happening this month... Committee Reports.... general information and a wee bit of humor too. We welcome your articles and will be more than glad to insert them in future issues. Thanks to those who have submitted in the past.

A reminder that the time for the General Meetings has been changed to 7:00 pm on the first Tuesday of each month (excluding July and August). We look forward to your attendance and participation in what is going on in your Branch.

Congratulations to Comrade Bob Harrison who has been selected as the new Sgt-At-Arms. We thank Cde Jack Chapman for his assistance as Acting Sgt-At-Arms for the last while and it is greatly appreciated.

Cde Bob Maas will no longer be a familiar face at the weekly Wednesday night Bingo as he is retiring from that aspect of his Legion activities. Thank you very much Bob for your past service and we are certain the Bingo players will miss your positive demeanor. We look forward to seeing you around the Branch.

Have a Happy Valentine's Day with your special loved one and join us for the dance on February 12th.

Wishing everyone a Happy Family Day too which is on Monday, February 21st. Enjoy time with your family and get to doing something fun and exciting.

The Editors





Ladies Auxiliary to Branch 340 Royal Canadian Legion



The Legion kitchen has been quiet since the New Year's Eve festivities, giving the Ladies Auxiliary members time to recover, relax and rejuvenate after an overwhelming Christmas season.

For some it's a time for healing from slips, falls and fractures. For others we offer friendship and support as they deal with serious illness. The Ladies Auxiliary had 48 paid members as of December 31st, 2010 but only half are able to work functions. We're embarking on a membership campaign and welcome anyone who may be interested in joining this group of ladies who have fun, work hard, attend a meeting once a month, have special dinners and outings and become "a family of friends". If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Ladies Auxiliary, have them contact the President, Diane Mills at 519-832-2748. I leave you with this special poem...

***Once upon eternity above the clouds so high
There were some chosen angels, who had no wings to fly
Their hands were made for helping, their hearts were tender too
Their smiles are warm and happy and glowed as halos do
So God sent down these angels, because they are such dears
To spend their gentle love on earth, we call them VOLUNTEERS!***

Diane Mills
President
Ladies Auxiliary to Branch 340

MEMBERSHIP

Another reminder if you have not already paid your 2011 membership dues. The cost is \$45.00 for the year. Please see the Bar Steward to make your payment.

To enter any of the Sports events, players must be able to show their membership card or paid receipt in order to qualify to play.

If you have recently had a change of address or a change in your contact information, please leave the particulars with the Bar Steward and the Membership Register can be updated; or, contact the undersigned.

It is no longer necessary to have any type of military background to become a member of the Royal Canadian Legion. We are always looking for new members and would like to see more people join our Branch. Please see the Bar Steward for applications.

It is with sadness that we inform you of the passing of our dear Comrade Norm McGhee. He will be missed dearly by his family and friends, and those of his Legion family. God Bless.

Yours in Comradeship,

Rhonda Harrison
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SPORTS COMMITTEE

In-House Cribbage

Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month for a fun night of Cribbage. Games start at 7:30 pm in the Canteen.

A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Sports Board.

Singles and partners are welcome.

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On behalf of Bob and myself I would like to say a huge Thank You to everyone who participated in our 8th Annual Chili Cook-off in memory of our late Comrade Cliff Seaman. Members of the Seaman family were in the audience and had entries in the event. They are very grateful to the Branch and the membership in continuing on with the tribute to their father and brother.

We had 17 participants and the Judges had quite the time in deciding on the best entry. The winners this year were 1st Place Brian Henderson, 2nd Place Elaine Coltman and 3rd Place Bob Harrison.

Our judges were Mayor Mike Smith, Police Chief Dan Rivett, John Divinski, Radio Host (98 The Beach), Emcee Ann Veyvara and Harold Tuck, Shoreline Beacon.

We appreciate the donations and everyone who indulged in a bowl of chili afterwards. The total proceeds raised were \$521.00 and the Branch will be topping off the amount with another \$300.00 for a total of \$821.00. The money will be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Thanks to Brenda Collins for all her help; to Mary Alexander and Shirley Dadswell for the cake offerings. To those who lent a hand with the initial set-up and to Blair and Elizabeth Eby for helping with the clean-up afterwards.

This event will always be held on the last Saturday in January. We welcome your participation and look forward to seeing you next year. It really is a lot of fun!!!

Bob and Rhonda Harrison
Convenors



8th ANNUAL MEMORIAL CLIFF SEAMAN CHILI COOK-OFF



The last Saturday in January is the official date for the Annual Memorial Cliff Seaman Chili Cook-off.

This year we had 17 entries and a few newcomers to the event.

Mark your calendar and we hope to see you next year.



Our judges certainly had a difficult time in selecting the winning entries. 1st Place ended in a tie and judging took place again with a narrow margin to chose Brian Henderson as the winner.

Judges seated L – R are Dan Rivett, Police Chief; Ann Veyvara, Emcee; John Divinski, 98 The Beach, Radio Host; Harold Tuck, Shoreline Beacon Consultant and Mayor/Warden Mike Smith.



Congratulations to the winners of the 8th Annual Cliff Seaman Chili Cook-off.

Pictured L – R are 3rd Place Bob Harrison, 2nd Place Elaine Coltman and 1st Place winner Brian Henderson.



Bob Harrison is preparing the desserts for the Chili Meal Deal



Brian Cassidy and Mike Atkinson are in line to enjoy some of the winning chili.



Bob Harrison and Jim (Sugar) Connan take a minute for the camera. Jim congratulates Bob on his 3rd Place win.



Dana Hastings and friends are enjoying the many varieties of chili.



The ladies have cleared away their dishes and the table and take a few minutes to enjoy their meal.

Seated L – R are Sharon Maas, Shirley Woods and Shirley Dadswell.

Thank goodness there's a name for this disorder. Somehow I feel better, even though I have it!!

Recently, I was diagnosed with A.A.A.D.D. - **Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder.**

This is how it manifests itself:

I decide to water my garden. As I turn on the hose in the driveway, I look over at my car and decide it needs washing.

As I head towards the garage, I notice the mail on the porch table that I picked up from the postman earlier.

I decide to go through it before I wash the car. I put my car keys on the table, put the junk mail in the recycling box under the table, and notice that the recycling box is full.

So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the recycling first.

But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the recycling paper anyway, I may as well pay the bills first.

I take my chequebook off the table and notice that there is only one cheque left. My extra cheques are in the desk in my study, so I go into the house to my desk where I find the cup of coffee I'd been drinking.

I'm going to look for my cheques but first I need to push the coffee aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over.

The coffee is getting cold, and I decide to make another cup. As I head toward the kitchen with the cold coffee, a vase of flowers on the worktop catches my eye - the flowers need water.

I put the coffee on the worktop and discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning.

I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers.

I put the glasses back down on the worktop, fill a container with water and suddenly spot the TV remote control. Someone left it on the kitchen table.

I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, I'll be looking for the remote, but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers.

I pour some water in the flowers, but quite a bit of it spills on the floor. So, I put the remote back on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill.

Then, I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day:

The car isn't washed

The bills aren't paid

There is a cold cup of coffee sitting on the kitchen work-surface

The flowers don't have enough water,

There is still only 1 cheque in my cheque book,

I can't find the remote,

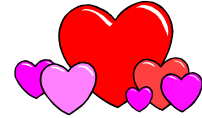
I can't find my glasses,

And I don't remember what I did with the car keys.

Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all day and I'm really tired.



WHAT'S HAPPENING



ENTERTAINMENT – 8 PM TO MIDNIGHT

February 12 – “Late Nite Radio”
Valentines’ Dance

TRIVIA NIGHT – 8 PM

Friday, February 18
Sign Up Sheet at Bar

MEAT ROLLS at 4 PM

Saturday - February 12 & 26
Variety of meat prizes to be won

IN-HOUSE CRIBBAGE

3rd Tuesday of each month
Games start at 7:30 pm in the Canteen
Singles and partners welcome

BINGO EVERY WEDNESDAY

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Bingo at 7:30 p.m. \$700.00 Jackpot

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Hope this past month was a good start to 2011. Now how many of you are still struggling to keep your foolish Resolution?

Take time for 10 things...

- ❖ TAKE TIME TO WORK, it is the price of success
- ❖ TAKE TIME TO THINK, it is a source of power
- ❖ TAKE TIME TO PLAY, it is the secret of youth
- ❖ TAKE TIME TO READ, it is the foundation of knowledge
- ❖ TAKE TIME TO WORSHIP, it is the highway of reverence and washes the dust of earth from our eyes
- ❖ TAKE TIME TO ENJOY FRIENDS, it is the source of happiness
- ❖ TAKE TIME TO LOVE, it is the one sacrament of love
- ❖ TAKE TIME TO DREAM, it hitches the soul to the stars
- ❖ TAKE TIME TO LAUGH, it is singing that helps with life's loads
- ❖ TAKE TIME TO PLAN, it is the secret of being able to have time to take time for the first nine things.

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**** NOTICE OF ITINERARY VISIT ****

Randy Groundwater, Provincial Service Officer, will be available for interviews during the week of April 7 – 8, 2011. Please see Cde Mike Atkinson if you would like to set up an interview time.

Randolph C. Groundwater
Provincial Service Officer

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Valentine's Dance

Saturday, February 12th
8:00 - Midnight

Entertainment provided by
“Late Nite Radio”




Happy
Valentine's Day





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~ Please join us for our various events and help support your Branch ~