



**Port Elgin Branch 340**



# Branch Line

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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. Anyone wishing to contribute to the Branch Line, please submit your articles to [Branch340newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:Branch340newsletter@gmail.com)

Happy Canada Day to everyone!

All the events happening at the Branch are open to the public so please bring your friends and join in the camaraderie.

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## President's Report



Hello Comrades,

At time of writing this report July is just a week away and the nice weather is finally here. I see the kids will be out of school the end of this week and the Town will be inundated with many new people. It will be nice to see the Town busy as many businesses depend on the tourist influx for their living. If you are having visitors this summer why not bring them into the Legion to see what we are all about.

Some activities coming up in July, you may want to be involved with:

Our July events;

1. Bingo is being held every Wednesday night starting at 7:30 pm. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Come and enjoy a night out with many of our supporters.
2. We will only be having one Meat Draw on July 21<sup>st</sup>.
3. Our BBQ's are doing very well at our Branch. If you are interested in taking a night off from cooking, please come down and support our Branch. The BBQ's in July will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Dinner starts at 6 pm. Hope to see you all there.
4. Our Thursday Night Euchre will continue through the summer. Many people attend this event regularly. Thanks to Larry and Judy for coordinating this.

I will continue to be busy throughout the summer as I will be attending the following Legion events:

1. District C Golf Tournament on July 14<sup>th</sup> in Kincardine
2. District C Sport Meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup> in Galt
3. District C Council Summer Meeting August 12<sup>th</sup> in Milverton
4. Dominion Convention on August 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> in Winnipeg

I am sure I will have some time to enjoy with our fellow comrades at the Branch. Hope all is well with you and I hope to see you at the Branch this month.

Yours in Comradeship,

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### RCL Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary



Have you been interested in joining the Ladies Auxiliary but don't have enough information to make that decision? Well here's what we're all about.

- Having Fun! We have such fun in the kitchen, at Conventions, on parade, or hosting a yard and bake sale.
- Teamwork! Whether it's delivering Meals-on-Wheels or preparing meals for banquets, we rely on each other and trust each other.
- Dedication! Attending our General Meetings once a month, going to Zone meetings twice a year and Provincial Conventions every other year.
- Volunteering! Whether you're elected or appointed to a position on the executive of the Auxiliary, it's all time we devote to fulfill the task.
- Friendship! We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear, and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
- Pride! When we wear the uniform; when we carry the flag and when we take part in Legion and public events. We always take pride in being a member of the Ladies Auxiliary. Serving our Legion and supporting our Veterans and our community.
- Hard working Women! You bet we are, but we know how to make it fun and share the work load. We serve the best home cooked meals to our clients.
- Fundraising! Our goal is to donate financially to local charities, organizations and schools, provincial bursaries, sports and charities, Veterans hospitals, our own Legion Branch 340 and the Cenotaph Fund.

Have we piqued your interest? Do you have any more questions? Would you like to complete an application? Then speak to one of the Ladies Auxiliary members if you already know one, or

ask the Bartender for an application or the Legion Office or email me at [divinediane11@gmail.com](mailto:divinediane11@gmail.com).

Cde Diane Mills, Treasurer

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## Bursary Assistance Program



Program opens every September and closes the last Friday of March in the following year. Download the application form at [bursary@on.Legion.ca](mailto:bursary@on.Legion.ca)

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Bursary Chairman  
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### Getting the right result...

"You're late on the tee, John."

"Yes, well being a Sunday, I had to toss a coin to see if I should go to church or go and play golf."

"Okay, but why are you so late?"

"I had to toss it 15 times!"

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## Hall Rental



Rental of our spacious, air conditioned hall with its beautiful hardwood floor, ideal for dancing is available for both public and private use. We can cater for a wide variety of uses including meetings, anniversaries, weddings, birthdays, Stag & Does, etc.

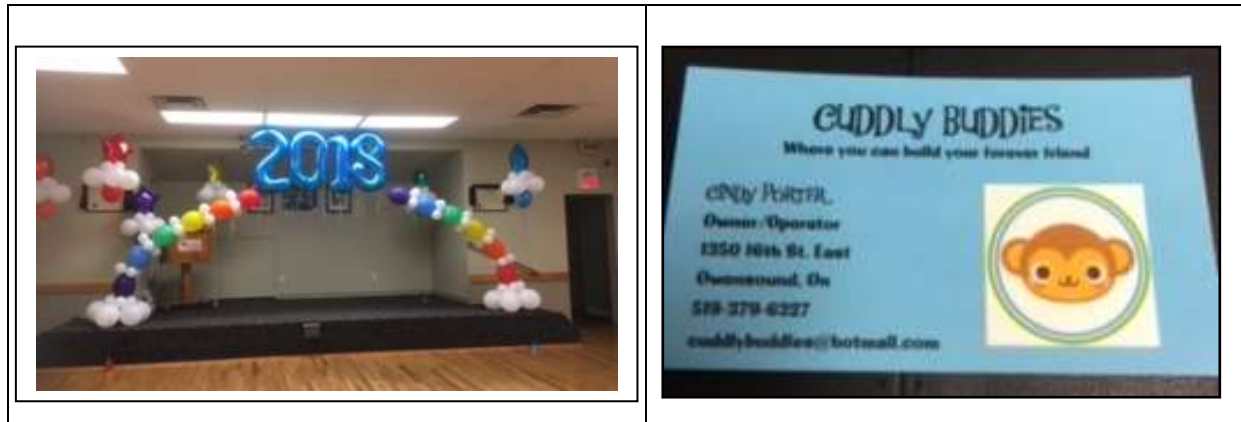
Our facility includes a wheelchair accessible washroom and a baby change station and is conveniently located in the building for access by both males and females.

Our hall rates vary for each occasion and Legion Bar Staff is provided by the Branch.

In certain circumstances, use of the kitchen is offered at \$50 per occasion. The Ladies Auxiliary is available to cater selected menus to your event.

Special consideration is given to the fee schedule when renting to non-profit organizations.

Please contact Norma Dudgeon at the Legion phone number (519) 389-9917 or email: [Branch340@eastlink.ca](mailto:Branch340@eastlink.ca)



When you rent the hall for your special occasion and need balloons, we recommend ---

Cuddly Buddies  
1350 16th street E, **Owen Sound**, Ontario N4K 6N7  
519-379-6327  
[cuddlybuddies@hotmail.com](mailto:cuddlybuddies@hotmail.com)



**Poppy**



Poppy is a year around endeavour to help our Veterans at home and abroad in their time of need.

The needs of our Veterans are not limited to October/November when we have our Poppy Fund Drive. We appreciate any donations made throughout the year. Each year we have Veterans and projects that need assistance.

We look forward to seeing every one of you, our members and friends, participating in events over upcoming year as we continue to strive to assist and comfort our Veterans who have served us so well!

Lest We Forget

Cde Alex Taylor  
Poppy Chairman  
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## Ways & Means Report



We are into the summer season and nice weather is coming. Our Ways and Means activities change with the weather.

1. Saturday Afternoon Euchre has shut down for the summer for a well-deserved rest. They will start up again in September.
2. The Thursday Night Euchre will continue through the summer months with 7 to 8 tables being filled each week.
3. Bingo continues weekly with attendance being very healthy on all of the Wednesday's.
4. One Meat Draw will be held on July 21<sup>st</sup> and starts at 4:00 pm.
5. Our Friday night barbeques are back and as strong as ever. The two BBQ's are scheduled for July 6<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup>. Come on out and enjoy a great meal provided by Bob and Rhonda and their crew.

As I said last month, Rhonda has made up a pocket size poster. It identifies the dates for the BBQ and Meat Draws. Pick one up at the bar in the Club Room so you won't miss any of our events.

We will not be holding any General Meetings throughout the summer to give you all time to enjoy with your families and friends. Our next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30 pm. Hope to see more of you out to these important meetings. Let's keep our Branch active.

Cde Dan Kelly  
Ways & Means Chairman  
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Two Mexican detectives were investigating the murder of Juan Gonzalez.  
'How was he killed?' asked one detective.  
'With a golf gun,' the other detective replied.  
'A golf gun? What's a golf gun?'  
'I don't know, but it sure made a hole in Juan.'

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We make a living by what we get.  
We make a life by what we give.  
- Winston Churchill





**AIR CADETS**  
**340 (Griffin) Squadron, Port Elgin**



WO I Mitch McCallum receives the Outstanding Cadet Award from Captain Robert Herboth



Flight Cpl. Owen Lang receiving the Most Improved Cadet Award from (our Reviewing Officer) Police Chief Mike Bellai.



WOII Rahul Pandya receiving the Peer Award from President John Willetts, Branch 155, Southampton.

Static Display on Nutrition presented by AC Teagan Penner (L) and Cpl Sophie Penner (R)



The Cadet year finished off with their Annual Ceremonial Review on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at The Plex. With 27 Cadets on parade and 80 parents and friends in the audience, the Cadets marched in with the Colour Party at the front. The new Police Chief, Mike Bellai addressed the Cadets followed by DND Representative Zone Training Officer Captain Adam Lawrence, the Air Cadet League Representative Roxanne Schwandt and the Legion Representative 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Blair Eby (sorry for not getting your picture Blair!).



The Cadets put on a display of drill as well as a Silent Drill Team. The afternoon was topped off with static displays and snacks graciously provided by the Ladies Auxiliary. A great end to a great year!

Cde Steve Pellow  
Branch 340 Legion Liaison  
340 (Griffin) Squadron Sponsoring Committee  
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## Saugeen Track & Field Club



It has been some time since the Saugeen Track & Field Club has provided the Legion with an update on our activities. But following another successful Legion District C Track & Field Championship now is as good a time as any.

2017 was a year of incredible accomplishments for the Saugeen Track & Field Club:

- A midget aged (2002/2003) provincial team title (we compete in the same category as the major cities)
- 7 national championship medals
- 52 provincial championship medals
- 2 individuals (Emily Branderhorst (silver medal, high jump) and Tony Elliott (hammer) competed for Team Ontario at the Canada Summer Games in Winnipeg
- 2 individuals (Jeremy Elliott and Ryan Jacklin) competed for Team Ontario at the National Legion Youth Track Championships in Brandon
- 4 individuals (Jeremy Elliott, Ryan Jacklin, Emily Bryce and Samantha Fischer) competed for Team Ontario at the Quebec/Ontario midget dual meet
- 2 Club athletes were named provincial athletes of the year in their disciplines (Ben Brewer bantam boy throws & Jeremy Elliott midget boy throws)
- 9 OFSAA (Provincial High School) track and field championship medals
- Coach Millar was named the throws coach for Team Ontario at the Canada Summer Games
- Founders and coaches Earl and Geordie Farrell were inducted into the Saugeen Shores Hall of Fame

The first half of 2018 has been no different:

- 8 OFSAA (Provincial High School) track and field championship medals
- Founders and coaches Earl and Geordie Farrell will be inducted into the Athletics Ontario Hall of Fame
- 17 provincial championship medals to date
- 3 national championship medals to date

The Club continues to grow and continues to be one of the most accomplished Track and Field Clubs in the Province.

The Saugeen Track and Field Club could not exist without the generous support of the Legion. We will be forever thankful.

Brian Hilbers



**Thank You  
to Port Elgin Branch 340**



Thank you to the Port Elgin Legion and all the volunteers for the opportunity to attend the Legion District C Track & Field Meet in Kincardine this past Saturday.

We had soooooo much fun and can't wait to go again next year. We met a lot of kids from all over the area and learned a lot about this level of stiff competition!

Our Moms are really great for making sure we were registered for a super fun day and cheering with delight!

Thanks again,  
Brock & Cam

Brock Eby - Gold in 300 meter and Cam Cumming - Bronze in Triple Jump.

*Both boys attend Port Elgin Saugeen Central School, Grade 6. They are part of the Senior Concert Band that won Gold at the National Music Competition this past spring in Toronto.*



L-R Cam Cumming and Brock Eby



L-R Brock Eby and Cde Lynn McClellan, District C Commander.



**District "C" – Track & Field Meet**  
**Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**  
**Davidson Centre In Kincardine**



Kincardine Legion Colour Party



District C Commander Lynn McClellan announcing the opening ceremonies and words of welcome.



L-R Emma Bernier and Cde Robert Harrison. Emma won 1<sup>st</sup> Place on the Girls 15 and Under High Jump with a height of 156 cm.



L-R Scott Gilstorf and Cde Robert Harrison. Scott won 1<sup>st</sup> Place on the Boys 17 and Under High Jump with a height of 190 cm.

**Many Thanks For Your Help For This Great Legion Program For Our Youth**

Crystal Taylor, Chairman [ictaylor@tcc.on.ca](mailto:ictaylor@tcc.on.ca)  
 Brenda Funston, Assistant  
 Pat Smith, Assistant  
 Teresa Funston, Zone C-4 T & F Chairman

I'm looking for some good fish jokes.....If you know any, let minnow.



Royal Canadian Legion Tara Br. 383

2018 Events

<p><b>Friday Barbecues</b> 5:30 – 7:30 pm</p> <p>July 13 July 27 August 10 September 14</p>	<p><b>Friday Dinners</b> 5:30 – 7:30 pm</p> <p>October 12 November 16</p>	<p><b>Meal Deal Events</b> 5:00 – 7:00 pm</p> <p>August 18 – Beef BBQ September 28 – Fish &amp; Chips</p>	<p><b>Sunday Breakfast</b> 10:00 am– 1:00 pm</p> <p>October 28 November 25</p>
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Branch Barbecue / Dinner



The Branch BBQ's are going well. Nice to see our regular supporters and lots of new faces in the crowd enjoying our offerings.

Please contact the undersigned if you would like to join our BBQ Team. No experience necessary as we would be happy to teach new cooks on the use of the equipment.

Most of all we appreciate those who donate salads and desserts at each event. They are always a complement to our table.

Upcoming events will be on July 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 pm.

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**HAPPY**



**Canada Day!**



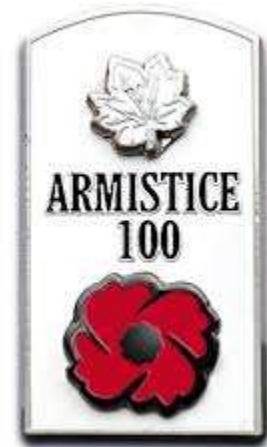
## Royal Canadian Legion Commemorative Armistice Pin



November 11, 2018 will mark the monumental gathering in France and Belgium on the occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Great War.

The Armistice Pin was designed to commemorate this historical occasion and is authorized to be worn on the right lapel of the Legion or L/A blazer directly below the "Support our Troops" pin from May 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Pins are available in the Legion Club Room for \$5.00 + HST.



## Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary Quilt Raffle



Ohio Star on Point  
Machine pieced  
Machine quilted

Measurers 68" x 68"

Tickets are \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00

Available in the Legion Club Room





















Thank you for your support





# July 2018



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1 	2	3 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM 	4 BINGO 7:30 PM 	5 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	6 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM  BBQ TIME 6:00 PM 	7
8	9	10 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM 	11 BINGO 7:30 PM 	12 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	13 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM 	14
15	16	17 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM 	18 BINGO 7:30 PM 	19 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	20 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM  BBQ TIME 6:00 PM 	21 MEAT DRAWS 4:00 PM 
22	23	24 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM 	25 BINGO 7:30 PM 	26 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	27 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM 	28
29	30	31 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30 PM				

🎲 Please join us for our various events 🎲

🎲 Event Times and Dates Subject to Change 🎲