



**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. I welcome your articles and will be more than glad to insert them in future issues. Thanks to those who have submitted in the past.

REMINDERS to Mark your Calendars

See inside details about the Ladies Yard & Bake Sale happening on Saturday, August 04th

The Annual Don Caloren Memorial Golf Tournament will be happening on Saturday, August 18th.

We welcome your participation and support at our Branch Events. Remember, these events are open to the public – not just Legion members. Tell your friends, who can tell their friends, who tell their friends, you get the idea....

If you have any events that you would like the Branch to become involved with, please let us know.

The Editor



LEST WE FORGET



MEMBERSHIP

Cde Sharen Maas is the new Membership Chairman for Branch 340. If you have any questions regarding your membership, please contact her.

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

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.

New Members: Hector Therrien, Larry DeMoor and Harold Bezeau

Last Post: Noreen Introcaso, Stan Pieza and Wib Lamont

Rhonda Harrison
Past Membership Chairman



WHAT'S HAPPENING



LADIES CARD CLUB
Tuesday Afternoons
Upstairs Hall
Start 1:30 pm

IN-HOUSE CRIBBAGE
2nd Tuesday of each month
Start 7:30 pm

BINGO every Wednesday
Doors open at 6:30 pm
Bingo at 7:30 pm –
\$700. Jackpot

EUCHRE
Thursday at 7:30 pm
Canteen

DANCE CLUB
Friday at 8:00 pm
Upstairs Hall

EUCHRE
Saturday at 1:30 pm
Canteen

I was in a pub on Saturday night. Had a few....

I noticed two large women by the bar.

They both had strong accents so I asked, "Hey, are you two ladies from Scotland ?"

One of them chirped: "It's WALES you friggin' idiot!"

So, I immediately apologized and said..., "Sorry, are you two whales from Scotland ?"

Then the lights went out....



LADIES AUXILIARY
To BRANCH 340



Yard and Bake Sale

**Saturday August 04th at 9:00 am
Upstairs in the Legion Hall**

**Don't miss our famous home made pies,
squares and cookies**

A room full of treasures like no other yard sale.

**For more information contact: Diane Mills, President
519-832-2748**

PROPERTY

As you are aware there have been some renovations and maintenance completed in the upstairs hall and other parts of the building:

- Kitchen – work on the florescent lights and the island has been completed; a new window has been ordered and will be installed
- Hall – smoke-eaters have been removed; holes repaired, painting done with volunteers Paul Dennison, Les Virtue, Randy Schultz, Kathy Eastwood & Kenny; special thanks to Martins Home Hardware for the discount received on the paint and new wall sconces
- Lock on main hall door has been fixed – thanks to Bob Harrison
- Workshop is being tidied with some items donated to the L/A yard sale
- Annual Fire & Safety Inspection is done with a few batteries replaced for emergency lights
- Back door has been prepped and will be painted
- New electrical wall switches will be replaced with the assistance of Gord Kelly

Thanks to everyone who assisted in any manner to help with the make-over of the upstairs hall and it looks GREAT!

George Sicord
Property Chairman

Remember that children, marriages, and flower gardens reflect the kind of care they get.

Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more.

H. Jackson Brown, Jr - Author



340 Griffin Air Cadets - 33rd Annual Review Sunday June 03, 2012



F/Cpl Sydney Myette-Best Marksmanship, F/Cpl Devin Davey-Community Award, WO2 Coval Laur-Best Overall Cadet and graduation from cadets, F/Sgt Nick Bromanoff-Most Fit Male, Sgt Cameron Feringa-Most Improved, Sgt Hayley Laur-Most Fit Female

First Row - Sgt Matthew Walter-Best Senior Cadet, Sgt Renee Myette-Best Department, LAC Jackson Weber-Best Junior Cadet, WO2 Andy Plater-Peer Award

You've Got Blond

A man was in his front yard mowing grass when his attractive blond neighbour came out of the house and went straight to the mailbox. She opened it then slammed it shut and stormed back into the house. A little later she came out of her house again, went to the mailbox and opened it, and slammed it shut again. Angrily, back into the house she went.

As the man was getting ready to edge the lawn, she came out again, marched to the mailbox, opened it and then slammed it closed harder than ever. Puzzled by her actions the man asked her
"Is something wrong?"

To which she replied, "There certainly is!" "My stupid computer keeps saying "You've got mail!"

BLUEWATER VETERANS HIGHWAY DEDICATION
June 26, 2012



Zone Commanders & Branch Presidents



Veterans honored.



L-R: President Marilyn Noble, Southampton Branch 155 and President Kathryn Eastwood, Port Elgin Branch 340.



Mayor Mike Smith, Town of Saugeen Shores bringing words of welcome and appreciation.

Bluewater Veterans Highway Expands
Port Elgin – John Divinski

Lambton, Huron, Bruce and Grey Counties can boast the longest stretch of highway to be renamed Bluewater Veterans Highway.

A dedication ceremony was held Tuesday, June 26th at the Port Elgin Cenotaph re-naming Highway 21 from Sarnia to Owen Sound as the Bluewater Veterans Highway.

The stretch is 257 kilometers long. By comparison the Highway of Heroes from Trenton to Toronto, along the 401, is 172 kilometers long.

A small crowd of Legion members and spectators were on hand to take part in the dedication.

President of Branch 340, Royal Canadian Legion in Port Elgin, Kathryn Eastwood, says the special signs were being erected as the dedication ceremony unfolded.

Signs are placed in Springmount, Saugeen First Nation, between Southampton and Port Elgin and north of Kincardine.

Eastwood says she can't describe the pride she feels when she sees the signs. She says it's a small way to show gratitude for those who answered the call.

Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Provincial Command Vice-President Brian Smith says the dedication is one of the most important things that can be done. He says it not only recognizes those that have gone before but those that currently serving around the world.

Smith says it's only fitting that this stretch of highway from Sarnia to Owen Sound is the longest stretch dedicated to the Bluewater Veterans Highway in the province.

Saugeen Shores Special Projects Manager Mike Myatt says it's a year of work that has come to fruition. Myatt says it's a proud moment for the Legions in the area and throughout the province.



THE LAWS OF GOLF

LAW 1: No matter how bad your last shot was, the worst is yet to come. This law does not expire on the 18th hole, since it has the supernatural tendency to extend over the course of a tournament, a summer and, eventually, a lifetime.

LAW 2: Your best round of golf will be followed almost immediately by your worst round ever. The probability of the latter increases with the number of people you tell about the former.

LAW 3: Brand new golf balls are water-magnetic. Though this cannot be proven in the lab, it is a known fact that the more expensive the golf ball, the greater its attraction to water.

LAW 4: Golf balls never bounce off of trees back into play. If one does, the tree is breaking a law of the universe and should be cut down.

LAW 5: No matter what causes a golfer to muff a shot, all his playing partners must solemnly chant "You looked up," or invoke the wrath of the universe.

LAW 6: The higher a golfer's handicap, the more qualified he deems himself as an instructor.

LAW 7: Every par-three hole in the world has a secret desire to humiliate golfers. The shorter the hole, the greater its desire.

LAW 8: Topping a 3-iron is the most painful torture known to man.

LAW 9: Maple trees eat golf balls.

LAW 10: Sand is alive. If it isn't, how do you explain the way it works against you?



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BRANCH EXECUTIVE 2012 - 2013		LADIES AUXILIARY 2012 - 2013	
President	Kathryn Eastwood	President	Diane Mills
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1st Vice President	Dan Kelly	1st Vice President	Joyce Chapman
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Treasurer	Norma Dudgeon	Treasurer	Marg Esplen
Secretary	Rhonda Harrison	Secretary	Elaine Esplen
Sergeant-at-Arms	Robert Harrison	Sergeant-at-Arms	Bev Wakeling
Chaplain	Marg Greenhow	Sports Officer	Elaine Coltman
Executive:	Sharen Maas	Executive:	Virginia Bailey
	Donelda Thede		Meryl Cramp
	Dave Grieve		Betty Earnshaw
	Robert Harrison		Bernice Ellis
	Brian Henderson		Valerie Grieve
	Gord Kelly		Alice Kemp
L/A Liaison	Mary Alexander		
Bursary	Robert Harrison		
By-laws	Norma Dudgeon		
Canteen	Dave Grieve		
Charity	Gord Kelly		
Hall Rental	Norma Dudgeon		
Honors & Awards	Gord Kelly		
Membership	Sharen Maas		
Poppy	Mary Alexander		
Property	George Sicord		
Public Relations	Dan Kelly		
Seniors	Donelda Thede		
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Sports Officer	Mary Alexander		
Training & Development	Kathryn Eastwood		
Veteran's Services	Brian Henderson		
Ways & Means	Dan Kelly		
Youth Education	Dave Grieve		
Air Cadets	Steve Pellow		
Entertainment	Brenda Collins		
Hospital	Eric Eastwood		
Nevada	Sharen Maas		
Track & Field	Earl Farrell		



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“Annual Don Caloren Memorial” Golf Tournament

Saturday August 18, 2012

Holiday Golf Course (Tri-Par) – Port Elgin

Golf begins at 09:00 am

***\$30.00 Entry Fee per person includes
Golf /Light Lunch and Prizes***

*Sign-up Sheet will be available soon at the Bar.
Please pay in advance*

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

*** Deadline to register is August 11, 2012 ***
(To arrange for meals and prizes)



For more information:
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1 CANADA DAY 	2	3	4 BINGO 7:30 PM	5 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	6 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	7 EUCHRE 1:30 PM
8	9	10 IN-HOUSE CRIBBAGE 7:30 PM	11 BINGO 7:30 PM	12 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	13 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	14 EUCHRE 1:30 PM
15	16	17	18 BINGO 7:30 PM	19 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	20 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	21 EUCHRE 1:30 PM MEAT ROLL 4:00 PM
23	24	25 EXEC. MTG 7:30 PM	26 BINGO 7:30 PM	27 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	28 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	29 EUCHRE 1:30 PM
30	31					

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

**** The General Meetings for the Branch and Ladies Auxiliary have been cancelled for the months of July and August ****