



Port Elgin Legion - Branch 340

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January 2009 Branch Line

Welcome 2009!

Join us on Saturday, January 24th for the Annual Cliff Seaman Chili Cook-off. See the poster inside this issue for all the details. Get those beans in the pot and good luck to all the entrants.

Good luck to the Cribbage players that will be competing in the District Cribbage Tournament at Blyth Branch also on January 24th.

For all you dart players – check out the Sports Section and see the details for the upcoming tournaments.

If you have any submissions you would like to share, please leave them with the Bar Steward and they will be included in an upcoming issue.

Happy New Year to all!

The Editors



**The Royal Canadian Legion – Port Elgin Branch 340
General Meeting Minutes
December 02, 2008**

1. **Call to Order:**

President Nigel Ord called the Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and opened in the usual manner.

Present: Cdes. Norma Dudgeon, Mary Alexander, Ruth Clemmer, Kathy Eastwood, Rhonda Harrison, Robert Harrison, Dan Kelly and Gord Kelly

Absent: Cdes Celeste Eickholdt and Mike Atkinson

INITIATION OF CANDIDATES:

The following individuals were initiated: Megan Kidd (A), Duncan Kidd (A), Laurie Laur (A), Marilyn May Palmer (A) and Steven Pellow (O)

2. **Treasurer's Report:**

MOTION by Cde Dan Kelly, seconded by Cde Arleita Harron that the Treasurer's Report for the month ending October 31, 2008 be adopted as read.

Revenue	\$ 34,364.74
Expense	<u>\$ 27,487.37</u>
Net Income	\$ 6,877.37

Total Liabilities & Equity as at October 31, 2008 \$ 358,446.37

CARRIED

3. **Adoption of Minutes:**

MOTION by Cde Ruth Clemmer, seconded by Cde Murray Thede that the General Meeting Minutes of November 04, 2008 be adopted as read.

CARRIED

MOTION by Cde Robert Harrison, seconded by Cde Dan Kelly that the Executive Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2008 be adopted as read.

CARRIED

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

4.1 **MOTION by Cde Kathy Eastwood, seconded by Cde Mary Alexander that Branch 340 approve \$1,200. for expenses relating to the Public Speaking Contest to be held at the Branch February 21, 2009. Monies to come from the General Account.**

CARRIED

4.2 **MOTION by Cde Dan Kelly, seconded by Cde Arleita Harron that Branch 340 waive the payment from the Ladies Auxiliary in the sum of \$513.02 as part of the monies they owe for the Sunday Bingo.**

CARRIED

4.3 **MOTION by Cde Kathy Eastwood, seconded by Cde Ruth Clemmer that \$500. be paid to the Salvation Army through Wardrop Pharmacy for essential needs for Christmas.**

CARRIED

5. **Unfinished Business:**

Nil

6. **Correspondence:**

Nil

7. **Committee Reports:**

Membership: Rhonda Harrison

MOTION by Cde Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Cde Dan Kelly that we accept the application from Bonnie Lynn McCourt for Associate Membership under her father, William Delmer Elliott.

CARRIED

MOTION by Cde Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Cde Robert Harrison that we accept the application from Robert John McCourt for Associate Membership under his spouse Bonnie Lynn McCourt.

CARRIED

Poppy: Kathy Eastwood

Cde Kathy thanked all the members who volunteered with the Poppy Campaign.

Sports: Ruth Clemmer

- Three teams will be competing at District Cribbage in Blyth on January 24, 2009.
- Three teams will be competing at District Euchre at Branch 412, Polish Kitchener.
- Team Darts will be held on January 18, 2009 hosted by Branch 208, Wiarton.
- Single and Double Darts to be held on February 08, 2009 hosted by Branch 586, Hepworth-Shallow Lake.

Ways and Means: Dan Kelly

Reminder of dates for the Turkey Raffles for December.

Cde Tom Steele won the Turkey Draw at the Meeting.

Youth & Education: Kathy Eastwood

Packages for public speaking have been distributed to the schools. Competition will be held on February 21, 2009.

Property: Nigel Ord

- On-going maintenance of property.
- An estimate to be obtained for the canopy at the front entrance

Hall Rentals: Nigel Ord

Rental requests are constant for the upstairs hall and the Canteen. We do not want to overload the L/A as the dinner functions are numerous.

8. **New and General Business:**

8.1 **MOTION by Cde Kathy Eastwood, seconded by Cde Mary Alexander that a Special Needs Request for \$885.25 for Veteran's Assistance be approved. Funds to be taken from the PoppyTrust Fund, subject to approval from Ontario Command.**

CARRIED

8.2 Cde Alexina Atkinson, Sgt At Arms thanked Cdes Connie Grieve, Virginia Bailey, Rhonda and Robert Harrison for participating as Color Party for the Port Elgin Santa Claus Parade.

8.3 Cde Robert Craig noted his concern regarding attendance at the General Meetings. He offers his assistance in helping to get the members to the meetings.

9. **Motion of Adjournment:**

MOTION by Cde Alexina Atkinson that this Meeting now adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

CARRIED

10. **Closing Ceremony**

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

Nigel Ord, President

Rhonda Harrison, Secretary

SPORTS

BRANCH 340 – ZONE TEAM DARTS
Sunday, January 18th – 4 People per Team
Held at Branch 208, Wiaraton
Registration from 10:00 – 10:30 am

BRANCH 340 – SINGLES & DOUBLES DARTS
Sunday, February 08th – 2 People per Team
Held at Branch 486, Hepworth/Shallow Lake
Registration from 10:00 – 10:30 am

Sign up sheet are located on the Sports Board – located by Games Room door.

Please put Captains names first.

Have your paid up Membership Card (or receipt) with you when you enter this Sport.

Let's get as many teams from our Legion involved in the Tournament. Please contact me if you have any inquiries.

A Sports Fun Night will be hosted by Tara Branch on Tuesday, January 13th.

Ruth Clemmer
Sports Officer
519.934.2115



YOUTH EDUCATION POSTER & POEM CONTEST JUDGES

(L – R) Margaret Crossling; Maureen Higgins (Co-Chair); Don Clemmer, Ruth Clemmer (Chair)
Gerry Higgins, Jack Chapman and Lucy Desbiens. Member Michael Crossling took the picture.



WHAT'S HAPPENING



TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, January 16 at 8:00
Sign Up Sheet at Bar
HAWAIIAN THEME

MEAT ROLLS at 4:00 p.m.
Saturday ~ January 10th & 24th

BINGO EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

CLIFF SEAMAN ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

Saturday, January 24th
See Posters for Details

REMEMBRANCE DAY

I am a little late in thanking all of our comrades who helped out behind the scenes for Remembrance Day as I was in Italy for the 65th Anniversary of the Battle of Ortona.

Wow! What an experience and a lot of memories – pictures and books can never realize what our soldiers went through and I am so glad I was able to relive some of their memories.

November 11th has come and gone and once again we remembered and paid tribute to our Veterans and fallen comrades at Cenotaph Park.

There are so many little things that need to be done behind the scenes and I would like to mention everyone's name but then I might miss one, but you all know who you are and I sincerely thank everyone. You might not think you did much but every extra hand counts.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Comrade Terry Mills and the Shriners Club for the loan of the PA system; without a speaker system, we have no communication with the public.

As the dark skies threatened to open up all morning, I had to make a judgment call for the wreath-laying; we had the official wreaths laid and the school wreaths laid with the businesses and other organizations' names read out. We received a lot of feed back that people were glad to see it done this way as every year, the cold weather is affecting everyone.

The Port Elgin Legion has once again had a very successful Remembrance Day and we owe it to our volunteers, our members and our community who are very supportive. It is the least we can do for our Veterans to say "Thank You".

Norma Dudgeon

Remembrance Day Chairman

TATER PEOPLE

Some people never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch while others do the work.

They are called "Spec Taters"

Some people never to anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work.

They are called "Comment Taters"

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do, but don't want to soil their own hands.

They are called "Dick Taters"

Some people are always looking to cause problems by asking others to agree with them.

It is too hot or too cold, too sour or too sweet.

They are called "Agie Taters"

There are those who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually doing the promised help.

They are called the "Hezzie Taters"

Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not.

They are called "Emma Taters"

Then there are those who love others and do what they say they will. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a helping hand.


They bring real sunshine into the lives of others.

They are called "Sweet Taters"



January



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1 <i>EUCHRE</i> 7:30 PM	2 <i>BALLROOM DANCING</i> 8:30 PM	3
4	5	6 GEN. MTG. 8:00 PM	7 <i>BINGO</i> 7:30 PM	8 <i>EUCHRE</i> 7:30 PM	9 <i>BALLROOM DANCING</i> 8:30 PM <hr/> <i>TRIVIA NITE</i> 8:00 PM	10 MEAT ROLL 4:00 PM
11	12	13 L/A GEN. MTG. 8:00 PM	14 <i>BINGO</i> 7:30 PM	15 <i>EUCHRE</i> 7:30 PM	16 <i>BALLROOM DANCING</i> 8:30 PM	17
18 TEAM DARTS WIARTON 	19	20	21 <i>BINGO</i> 7:30 PM	22 <i>EUCHRE</i> 7:30 PM	23	24 MEAT ROLL 4:00 PM <hr/> ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF
25	26	27 EXEC. MTG 7:30 PM	28 <i>BINGO</i> 7:30 PM	29 <i>EUCHRE</i> 7:30 PM	30	31

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



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ANNUAL CLIFF SEAMAN CHILI COOK-OFF

Saturday, January 24th
\$10.00 Entry Fee

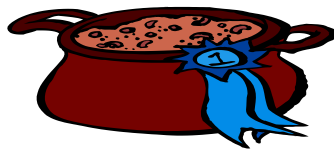
Enter your favorite chili recipe!
Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Saturday events will include Chili Sales and Meat Roll

Participants please deliver your Entry
to the Games Room by 1:00 p.m.

**Proceeds will be matched by Branch 340 and donated to the
Canadian Cancer Foundation.**

Congratulations to all of the past and future winners!



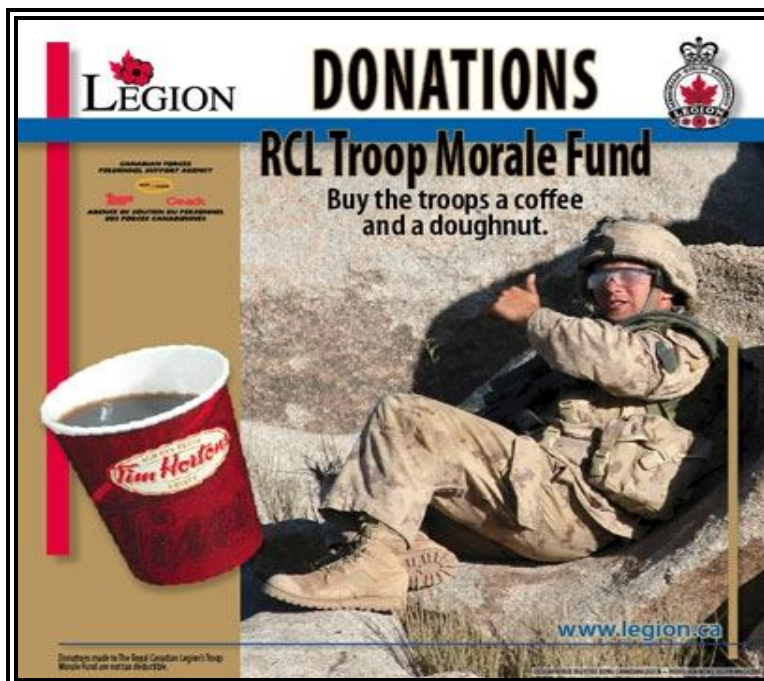


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630 GREEN ST

MEAT RAFFLE

Saturday, February 14th at 4:00 pm

February 14th has been declared "Support our Troops Day"
Monies raised will be forwarded to the
RCL Troop Morale Fund



**Help Branch 340 support our Troops
Each donation is greatly appreciated**