



**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.

Reminder to join us for the Super Bowl – Pot Luck on Sunday February 05th. The Canteen opens at 4:00 pm.

Have a Happy Valentine's Day on the 14th and wishing everyone a Happy Family Day too which is on Monday, February 20th. Enjoy time with your family and get to doing something fun and exciting.

Leap Years

A Leap Year is a year containing an extra day. It has 366 days instead of the normal 365 days. The extra day is added in February, which has 29 days instead of the normal 28 days.

Leap Years occur in years whose last two digits are evenly divisible by four.

2012 is a Leap Year and so is 2016.

Except that every 100 years special rules apply. For example 1900 was not a Leap Year, but 2000 was because it was divisible by 400.

The Editors





**BRAINSTORMING SESSION
JANUARY 22, 2012**



We held our first Branch Brainstorming Session on January 22nd and had representation from a variety of groups including user groups, staff, volunteers, executive members and the Colour Party. Some very good ideas were put forward which will be sorted, analyzed and prioritized. Expect to see quite a few changes as these ideas are gradually put in place. Thank you to all who took part or passed on their thoughts. You can still submit your ideas anytime. Just jot them down in writing and give to the Stewards or any Executive member.

President Kathryn Eastwood

MEMBERSHIP

Current Paid Membership Breakdown as of December 31, 2011 is as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>Renewal</u>	<u>New & Re-Instated</u>
Life		13	13	
Ordinary		101	96	5
Associate		308	297	11
Affiliate Voting		94	88	6
TOTALS	536	516	494	22

We welcome 2 new members who were initiated at the January General Meeting: James Spaetzel and Dan Campbell.

Last Post: John Gorwill

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.

Please let me know if there are any changes to your contact information.

Yours in Comradeship,

Rhonda Harrison
Membership Chairman
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SMART SERVE COURSE

I will be facilitating a Smart Serve Course at the Tara Legion on Monday, February 13th at 7:00 p.m.

If any one is interested in taking this please contact me at 519-934-2645.

All welcome.

Brenda Funston

SPORTS COMMITTEE



DISTRICT "C" CRIBBAGE – High Doubles

Cdes Sharen Maas and Dana Hastings proudly display their High Double Trophy which they won at the District "C" Cribbage Tournament held on January 05th at Paisley Branch.



DISTRICT "C" CRIBBAGE – Overall Winners

Cdes Shirley Woods, Shirley Dadswell, Sharen Maas and Dana Hastings are to be congratulated as they are the Overall Winners at the District "C" Cribbage Tournament held at Paisley Branch on January 05th.

Well done Ladies!!



Mary Alexander
Sports Officer
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CARD GROUP DONATION

The Branch has received donations from the Thursday Night Card Group in the amount of \$500.00; and from the Saturday Afternoon Card Players in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Cdes Sharen Maas, Jim Mahon and Shirley Dadswell present the cheques to PRO Chairman Bob Harrison.

The Hormone Guide

Women will understand this! Men should memorize it!

Every woman knows that there are days when all a man has to do is open his mouth and he takes his life in his hands!

This is a handy guide that should be carried like a driver's license in the wallet of every husband, boyfriend, co-worker or significant other!

DANGEROUS	SAFER	SAFEST	ULTRA SAFE
What's for dinner?	Can I help you with dinner?	Where would you like to go for dinner?	Here, have some wine.
Are you wearing that?	You sure look good in brown!	WOW! Look at you!	Here, have some wine
What are you so worked up about?	Could we be overreacting?	Here's my pay check.	Here, have some wine.
Should you be eating that?	You know, there are a lot of apples left.	Can I get you a piece of chocolate with that?	Here, have some wine.
What did you DO all day?	I hope you didn't over-do it today.	I've always loved you in that robe!	Here, have some wine.

TARA BRANCH 383 EVENTS 86 RIVER STREET 519-934-9992

2012 FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPERS & BARBECUES

January 13 April 13 June 01 July 27 September 07	February 10 May 04 June 29 August 03 September 21 November 09	March 09 May 18 July 13 August 17 October 12
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2012 CRIBBAGE – 3rd Saturday/Month

January 21	May 19
February 18	October 20
March 17	November 17
April 21	

2012 MEAL DEAL EVENTS

June 15	Fish & Chips
July 21	Chicken
August 25	Beef BBQ
September 14	Fish Fry

Everyone is welcome to attend any of these events hosted by Tara Branch.



9TH ANNUAL CLIFF SEAMAN MEMORIAL CHILI COOK-OFF



On behalf of Bob and myself I would like to say a huge Thank You to everyone who participated in our 9th Annual Chili Cook-off in memory of our late Comrade Cliff Seaman. Ernie Seaman represented the family and conveyed his thanks to the Branch for carrying on this event in Cliff's name. Congratulations also to Ernie who placed 2nd with his Chili entry.

We had 7 participants and the Judges had quite the time in deciding on the best entry. The winners this year were 1st Place Brian Cassidy, 2nd Place Ernie Seaman and 3rd Place Bob Harrison.

Our judges were Mayor Mike Smith, Police Chief Dan Rivett, Fire Chief Phil Eagleson, Sandy Lindsey, Saugeen Times Editor and Harold Tuck, Shoreline Beacon. Past Judges John Divinski and Ann Veyvara were unable to join us as they were on holidays to the warmer climes.

We appreciate the donations and everyone who indulged in a bowl of chili afterwards. The total proceeds raised were \$375.00 and the Branch will be topping off the amount with another \$300.00 for a total of \$675.00. The money will be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society – Bluewater Unit.

Thanks to Sharen Maas and Shirley Dadswell for the desserts.

This event will always be held on the last Saturday in January. We welcome your participation and look forward to seeing you next year. The more the merrier!

Bob and Rhonda Harrison
Convenors

9th ANNUAL CLIFF SEAMAN MEMORIAL CHILI COOK-OFF



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

This year we had 7 entries which is down a few from year's past. We really appreciate those who participated and made the event what it was.

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



Our judges certainly had a difficult time in selecting the winning entries. The Rules dictate that each entry must be scored from 1 to 10 based on certain criteria, with 10 being the highest score..

Judges L – R, Fire Chief Phil Eagleson, Harold Tuck, Shoreline Beacon Media Consultant, Police Chief Dan Rivett, Sandy Lindsey, Saugeen Times and Mayor Mike Smith.



Congratulations to the winners of the 9th Annual Cliff Seaman Memorial Chili Cook-off.

Pictured L – R are Bob Harrison, 3rd Place; Ernie Seaman, 2nd Place, Mayor Mike Smith and Brian Cassidy, 1st Place Winner! Too cute Brian!!



WHAT'S HAPPENING



MEAT RAFFLES

Saturday, February 11 & 25 at 4:00 pm

IN-HOUSE CRIBBAGE

3rd Tuesday of each month
Start 7:30 pm

BINGO every Wednesday

Doors open at 6:30 pm
Bingo at 7:30 pm - \$700. Jackpot

JAMBOREE

Sunday, February 05th
Cost \$5/person
Start 2:00 pm

LADIES CARD GROUP



Tuesday Afternoons
Upstairs Hall
Start 1:30 pm

DANCE CLUB

Friday Night
Upstairs Hall
Start 8:00 pm



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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1 <i>BINGO</i> 7:30 PM	2 <i>EUCHRE</i> 7:30 PM	3 <i>DANCE CLUB</i> 8:00 PM	4
5 JAMBOREE 2:00 PM SUPER BOWL POT LUCK 4:00 PM	6	7 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM GEN. MTG 7:00 PM	8 <i>BINGO</i> 7:30 PM	9 <i>EUCHRE</i> 7:30 PM	10 <i>DANCE CLUB</i> 8:00 PM	11 MEAT ROLL 4:00 PM
12	13	14 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM L/A GEN. MTG 8:00 PM 	15 <i>BINGO</i> 7:30 PM	16 <i>EUCHRE</i> 7:30 PM	17 <i>DANCE CLUB</i> 8:00 PM TRIVIA NITE 8:00 PM	18 PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST
19	20  FAMILY DAY	21 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM IN HOUSE CRIBBAGE 7:30 PM	22 <i>BINGO</i> 7:30 PM	23 <i>EUCHRE</i> 7:30 PM	24 <i>DANCE CLUB</i> 8:00 PM	25 MEAT ROLL 4:00 PM
26	27	28 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM JOINT EXEC. MTG WITH L/A 7:00 PM	29 <i>BINGO</i> 7:30 PM			

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