



Port Elgin Legion Branch 340

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FEBRUARY 2014 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.

Be sure to read the article on the Chili Cook-off. We all had a great time and hope you will put an entry in for next year.

Have a Happy Valentine's Day on the 14th and please come to our Valentine's Dance on the 15th. Entertainment will be provided by "Time Warped".

Monday, February 17th is Family Day. A much welcomed holiday to help break up those winter blues. Enjoy time with your family and do something fun and exciting.

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

The Editor



LEST WE FORGET



2014 DISTRICT "C-4" SPRING CONVENTION

Our Branch is proudly hosting the District "C" Convention April 11/12/13 and approximately 200-250 delegates are expected to enjoy our well known hospitality. Some activities will take place at the Branch, however the banquet and the main Convention will be held at the Plex.

While most of the larger tasks have already been assigned, volunteers will still be needed to help make the event run smoothly. If you have a few hours to spare that weekend and would like to assist, please contact me at 519-832-5805 or leave your name at the Branch. This promises to be an exciting weekend.

Kathryn Eastwood
President/Chairman
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MEMBERSHIP

If you have not paid your 2014 Dues, I encourage you to do so at your earliest convenience. We value your continued support as you renew your membership. If you have already paid, I thank you.

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

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Membership Chairman
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LAST POST

Helen Hammond, Veteran



TOD (Training/Organizational Development)

With elections looming in April, it is a good time to refresh everyone's memory regarding the qualification to vote or hold office. Only Life, Ordinary, Associate and Affiliate Voting members in good standing have that right. Also a member must be in good standing in order to place a name in nomination and may only nominate a voting member in good standing.

What does "good standing" mean? It means the member must be a paid up member for the year in which an election is held. Note that, although a member must be a member of the Branch for one year prior to the date of the Election Meeting, there is no stipulation that they must be a member for a one year period immediately prior to it. A nominee must be in attendance at the Election Meeting to be eligible or have signified intention in writing for the office nominated prior to it.

To hold the office of President, 1st or 2nd Vice President, a member must have served at least one year on the Executive, though not necessarily the current year. All this information is available to the membership and can be found in the General By-laws or Officers' Manual of Ontario Command.

Kathryn Eastwood
Branch 340 - TOD Chairman

SPORTS COMMITTEE



The Branch will be selling tickets for an Easter Basket. The prize is valued at \$500.00 and will hold a variety of goodies for you to enjoy – a stuffed bunny, Easter lily, Easter candy, food and gift certificates.

Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$5.00 for three. They will be available at the Legion and will be sold by fellow Comrades. Please see me if you would like to take a few books to sell towards the cause.

Partial proceeds to the Saugeen Shores Summer Sports Programs – Softball and Soccer and a percentage to the Branch Building/Maintenance Fund.

The draw will be held on Good Friday – April 18th at 5:00 pm.

We appreciate your support and good luck to all!

Mary Alexander
Sports Chairman
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WHAT'S HAPPENING In February



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

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

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

JAMBOREE
Sunday, February 2
2:00 – 5:00 pm
Upstairs Hall

MEAT RAFFLE
Saturday, February 15
4:00 pm
Canteen

TRIVIA
Friday, February 21
8:00 pm
Canteen

All Legion events are open to the public. Bring your friends for an enjoyable time out.

Marriage Humour

A wife asked her husband: "What do you like most in me, my pretty face or my sexy body?"
He looked at her from head to toe and replied: "I like your sense of humor!"

Wife: "Do you want dinner?"
Husband: "Sure! What are my choices?"
Wife: "Yes or no."



**11th ANNUAL CLIFF SEAMAN MEMORIAL
CHILI COOK-OFF
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2014**



On behalf of Bob and myself I would like to say a huge "Thank You" to everyone who participated in our 11th Annual Chili Cook-off in memory of our friend, Late Comrade Cliff Seaman.

Despite the almost blizzard weather conditions and road closures we still managed 11 entries this year...my, we are a hearty bunch! We welcomed some new participants which was really nice to have.

Our Judges were Fred Schildroth, Saugeen Shores Councillor; Sandy Lindsey, Saugeen Times and our very own Gerry Higgins, who stepped up when the others Judges couldn't attend. They had quite the time in deciding on the best entry as the final tally to determine the winners was very close indeed.

The winners this year were 1st Place – Ernie Seaman, 2nd Place – Bruce Little and 3rd Place – Bob Harrison. Congratulations guys!!!

We appreciate the donations and everyone who gave generously with the Chili Meal Deal after the judging. The total proceeds from the entries, jar donations and sales was \$340.00 and with the annual Branch donation we anticipate a nice dollar figure to be donated. The proceeds will be donated to the Grey-Bruce Health Services, Owen Sound – Oncology Unit; a service that has specially trained nurses who provide care and support to cancer clients and their families during chemotherapy treatments and follow up visits and many other services.

Thanks to Sharen Maas and Shirley Dadswell for the desserts.... Delicious as usual.

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

Congratulations again to the winners!

Bob and Rhonda Harrison
Organizers



Despite the blizzard like conditions on this day we still had 11 entries. Thanks to everyone for braving the elements to participate.

L-R – Gerry Higgins, who stepped in the last minute to assist, Sandy Lindsey, Saugeen Times and Fred Schildroth, Councillor for Saugeen Shores. Well done, Judges!!



L-R – Winners are 3rd Place Bob Harrison, 1st Place Ernie Seaman and 2nd Place Bruce Little. You guys did a really great job with your entry! Definitely want to see you next year!

Cde Ernie thanks the Branch and organizers for hosting another competition on behalf of the Seaman Family. The family is very appreciative.

Phil, a smart and handsome young man, dressed in the latest fashion, walked into this local pub. He noticed a woman gazing at him without blinking her big eyes. Phil felt flattered so he walked up to the woman and said in his deepest voice, "I'll do anything you wish, beautiful lady, for just \$10 but on one condition."

The woman appeared to be trapped in the moment and asked as if in a trance, "What's your condition?" Phil answered, "Tell me your wish in just three words."

There was a long pause, the woman opened her purse, counted out the money and handed it to the man along with her address. She then looked deeply into his eyes and whispered, "Clean my house."



Only 7 local athletes were able to get to Toronto to compete in the Ontario Legion Indoor Championships at York University on Saturday January 25th. The athletes had some excellent results with two young girls picking up medals.

Nicole Tamming was 3rd in the Midget girls 800 and Jessica Martin was 3rd in the Youth Girls 800 meter race.

Complete results for the meet can be found at the following site.
<http://www.on.legion.ca/youth/documents/2014rclontarioindoor.pdf>

Registration is on going for the 2014 season with practices be conducted on Tuesday and Thursday evening.

Picture is of Jessica Martin receiving her medal for the Youth Girls 800 meter race.

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TRIBUTE TO Cde Jim Mahon



This month we are tipping our hat to Jim Mahon, who worked for many years with the Port Elgin Hydro Commission before he retired some time ago. Jim was an Affiliate Voting member for a number of years here at the Branch before becoming an Associate member and has volunteered his expertise as an electrician on many occasions over the years. He can often be seen playing cards in the Canteen with the guys. Thanks Jim!



PORT ELGIN SUNDAY JAMBOREE



If you haven't been to one of our Sunday Jamborees you have missed an afternoon of good entertainment. Run previously by Brenda Sparks and Ernie Oliver and more recently by volunteer Norm Smits, all of whom we sincerely thank, it offers a unique blend of music, dancing and home-style food.

It takes a lot of effort to organize this event and we are looking for individuals willing to work as a team to ensure this event continues. If you are interested in volunteering a few hours a month, please contact any of our Executive members or leave your contact info at the Branch.

Love and Marriage - Proverbs, Maxims and Aphorisms

A man said his credit card was stolen but he decided not to report it because the thief was spending less than his wife did.

Love is blind but marriage is an eye-opener.

The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once.

When a man opens the door of his car for his wife, you can be sure of one thing: either the car is new or the wife is.

A little boy asked his father, 'Daddy, how much does it cost to get married?' And the father replied, 'I don't know, son, I'm still paying for it.'

A couple was having a discussion about family finances. Finally the husband exploded, 'If it weren't for my money, the house wouldn't be here!' The wife replied, 'My dear, if it weren't for your money, I wouldn't be here.'

A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend.

A successful woman is one who can find such a man





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Valentine's Dance

Music provided by

"Time Warped"

Saturday, February 15th

8:00 pm – Midnight

Event open to the Public








February



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2 JAMBOREE 2 – 5 PM SUPER BOWL POT LUCK 4:00 PM	3	4 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM GEN. MTG 7:30 PM	5 BINGO 7:30 PM	6 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	7 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	8
9	10	11 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM L/A GEN. MTG 7:30 PM IN HOUSE CRIBBAGE 7:30 PM	12 BINGO 7:30 PM	13 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	14 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM TRIVIA NITE 8:00 PM 	15 MEAT ROLL 4:00 PM VALENTINE'S DANCE 8:00 PM - MIDNIGHT 
16	17  FAMILY DAY	18 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM	19 BINGO 7:30 PM	20 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	21 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	22
23	24	25 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM JOINT EXEC. MTG WITH L/A 7:00 PM	26 BINGO 7:30 PM	27 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	28 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	

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