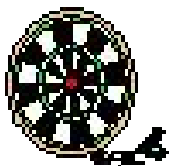


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# Oakridge



BRANCH 73



# Bulletin



The Little  
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with the **Big Heart!**



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## **President Report**

Comrades: Just a few highlights of the past months to refresh everyone. There was Warriors Day on August 20<sup>th</sup>. We had approximately 20 marchers with a few members from other branches joining our ranks. The only disappointment was that the pipe band was re-located to the front of the parade at the last minute behind provincial command leaving the branch to march to the sound of a jeep. I've made some inquiries to the district parade Marshall, and have not received a complete explanation yet.

There was PINEHILLS, the host branch was 617, the dinner was held on September 10<sup>th</sup> and the parade the next day. Both well attended by our members and yes, the band marched in front of us.

As fall approaches we come to the busy time for all Legions, there's YOUTH-Ed, all kinds of sports activities, which are posted in the back room, waiting for members to sign up. NFL Sundays, Ladies auxiliary bazaar on Oct 29<sup>th</sup>. There was our annual Thanksgiving turkey rolls On Saturday Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. was very well attended. Next Turkey roll will be Dec 17<sup>th</sup> starts at 2pm and everyone will be given a number to play instead of a tile.

Then we come to our most important branch project of the year, THE POPPY CAMPAIGN; Comrades, without your participation and help we can not have a successful campaign. It's every member's obligation to help if they are able, our poppy chairperson (Nelda Tanner) will have more to say in her report.

Comrades, the branch needs your support, the summer was very SLOW for functions and hall rentals are down. Low turn outs at our meat rolls, major expenses for our roof top air conditioning units, new fridges in the upstairs bar and major repair have all taken a toll on our general funds. The branch NEEDS your SUPPORT!

Yours in comradeship, Bill Davidson; President

## **1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents Report**

Well I hope everyone had a good summer, we had barbecues on Canada Day, the August Civic Holiday and on these occasions, we had our tent up outside and were licensed to sell alcohol outside. Labour Day we had the tables set up as well, this is a strictly temporary basis, we could have had a few more members out to support our events. We are still holding our MEAT ROLLS on Saturday afternoons at 3pm and we would love to see more people come down to the Branch to play. There was a Turkey roll on Oct 1<sup>st</sup> at 2pm it was well attended. Happy Thanksgiving to all who won the Turkey's and to all my comrades at branch 73.

The rentals have been a little slow over the summer, if you know of anyone who is planning a wedding or any type of party, I would appreciate it if you would refer them to me. The Clubroom is available for parties as well as the upstairs hall. Please give them my number 416-551-8164 or the Legion number and I will get back to them. I hope to see everyone at the Legion soon.

Yours in comradeship, Pat Shone, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President

## **Membership Report**

I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer! The 2012 Membership Cards are ready behind the bar. Please drop in to pay your dues and pick up your card as soon as possible. The Early Bird Campaign is in full swing, the campaign is over on November 30<sup>th</sup> we are hoping to achieve better numbers this year so please come in soon. We will be drawing the names of one male and one female member at our Turkey Roll/Christmas Draw on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011. These two members will have their dues returned to them.

Please encourage your friends and family to join our Branch we would love to have them as members.

Yours in comradeship, Dianne Davidson, Membership Chairman

### Youth Education Report

We are in the midst of getting the REMEMBRANCE packages ready for deliverers to all of the schools in our area. Some of you may not know that there is a CANADA-WIDE competition every year for all students on the theme of REMEMBRANCE. The categories are Posters, Poems and Essays. A student may enter all 3 categories if they wish. There are monetary prizes from branch to national level. Some of the entries we see are AMAZING!

Yours in Comradeship, Dianne Davidson, Youth Education Chairman



### Poppy Report

Dear Comrades we will soon be approaching the annual "POPPY CAMPAIGN"

Volunteers are NEEDED prior to and during the campaign to distribute, refill or exchange poppy boxes as required and after the campaign to pick up all the boxes. We always desperately need people to man the TOWN CENTRE as this location is our biggest source of revenue

The Campaign starts Friday Oct 28, 2011 and ends Friday November 11, 2011. Poppy tagger are always needed to canvas on the Friday, You do not need Legion dress just a will heart to help your branch for this wonderful cause. November 4, 2011 and Saturday November 5, 2011. Give a couple of hours of your time. The more people the better!!

If you are interested in volunteering to help with any aspect of the Campaign please contact myself, Bill Davidson, John Deitsch, Pat Shone, Dianne Davidson or Sharon Harman. Sharon will be over seeing the Scarborough Town Center. She NEEDS volunteers to sit at the tables days and nights. We need someone to be at the tables at ALL times while the mall is open. If this doesn't happen we will lose our location at the Town Center.

Yours in comradeship, Nelda Tanner Poppy Chairman

### Ladies Auxiliary Report

Just a reminder to everyone about our BAZAAR being held Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't purchased any draw tickets for this event you can see one of the ladies auxiliary members of Faye Garner and she will sell you some. They are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 as in the past there will be many prizes. We will be having a Pancake and Sausage breakfast available as well as a bake table- new or nearly new 1 in 10 table books, jewellery etc. Hope to have your support.

Just a thought: we are all getting older; some of us not in the best of health or living on our own or we live out of town. Whatever the circumstance we care about our members and if something happens whether it be sickness or much worse we would like to know. Please keep us informed.

Yours in Comradeship, Lynn Jewkes, Ladies Auxiliary President

### Walk-A-Thon Report

The walk was held on Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup> starting at branch 11, we had six walkers they were Ray Morin, Dawn Bowles and her granddaughter Jessica, Elliot Davis, Bill & Dianne Davidson. The total funds raised by our walkers were \$940.50 THANK YOU to all. Unfortunately we had one injury, Dianne tripped and fell breaking her arm, and we wish her all the best and hope for a speedy recovery.

Yours in Comradeship, George Fick, Walk-A-thon Chairman

## Sports Report

Hello Comrades, hope you all had a wonderful summer, fall is upon us and we are having our NFL FOOTBALL SUNDAY 'S come on down and watch the big screen. Tickets for our new dart boards are being sold by the Dart leagues and the draw will take place Oct 22, 2011 the proceeds will go to help fix the air conditioners as well as the costs of the dart boards. Prizes to be won!!

We have some up coming sports events at Zone level see dates below: Cheques payable to Zone D5 Sports

Oct 16/ 2011 – host branch 258 SNOOKER TORNAMENT

2 teams of 4 per branch-\$20.00 per team 8am Reg Play 9am  
Dead line is Oct 1/2011 for registration

Oct 22/2011 – host branch 13 CRIBBAGE TORNAMENT

8 teams of 4 per branch - \$20.00 per team 10am reg Play 11am  
Deadline is Oct 8/2011 for registration

Nov 12/2011 – host branch 258 DARTS TOURNAMENT

8 Singles/8Doubles/8 Teams per branch - \$5.00 single, \$10 double, \$20.00 team  
Reg start at 8am Singles, 9:45am Doubles, 10:45am team  
Deadline is Oct 28/2011

Nov 19/2011 – host branch 258 MIXED DARTS TOURNAMENT

8 Doubles/ 8 teams per branch \$10.00 per double, \$20.00 per team  
Reg 10am play begins 11am  
Deadline Nov 5/2011

Nov 20/2011 – host branch 13 EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

8 teams of 4 per branch - \$20.00 per team  
Reg 10-10:45am play begins 11am  
Deadline Nov 6/2011

Feb 04/2012- host branch 258 SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENT

4 teams of 2 per branch - \$10.00 per team 1 sheet per team  
Reg 8-8:45am Play begins at 9am  
Deadline Jan 22/2012

June 03/2012-host branch 345 HORSESHOES TOURNAMENT

4 doubles 4 singles per branch - \$10.00 per team \$5.00 singles 1 sheet for each  
Reg 8-8:45am play begins at 9am  
Deadline May 20/2012

Yours in comradeship, Dave Shanks Sports Chairman

## Service Officer

As your service officer for the last five years, I can say that with out a drought this is one of the most gratifying positions that I've held. Due to the confidentially clause from Dominion Command I cannot give specifics; but say that our branch has done more than our share. Comrades, lets support our veterans, we have a lot of up & coming events in the next few months. Our veterans are not here forever, so PLEASE if you know any veteran who may require assistance please contact me through the branch. Veteran's appreciation day is November 6, 2011

Yours in Comradeship, Bill Davidson, Service Office

### **Track & Field**

Hello Comrades I am your new Track & Field officer. I attended the summer meet on June 18<sup>th</sup> with our President Bill Davidson at York University. I must say the turn out of athletes was wonderful! Being my first time I was really impressed. I cannot believe the amount of people that take the time to volunteer to make the Track & field a wonderful event for all. All branches pulled together and made this a great day. Comrades, the next track & field meeting will be held at Branch 614 on Tuesday Oct 18<sup>th</sup>. At 7:30pm. I am hoping that the next meet' will be in late January or early February will be well attended by our branch.

Yours in Comradeship, Elliot Davis, Track & Field Chairman

### **Entertainment**

Hello everyone, it's been a wild summer, everyone is so busy but I am grateful to all who came out to the many events this summer to support our branch. Halloween is just around the corner so we are going to have a HALLOWEEN DANCE Oct 15/2011. Come dress in your best costume we love to see your ghoul. So all you Ghost and goblins mark the calendar come on down dance starts at 8pm to 1pm.

Turkey rolls will be held December 10<sup>th</sup> with extended rolls and everyone will get a number instead of tiles, so come down and WIN your Christmas Turkey. Check branch for start time.

Christmas meat roll and Basket draw will be held December 17, 2011 start at 2pm

I would like to say a BIG thank you to all the volunteers who make all these events run with great success, so if you have a few hours we can always use more help.

Yours in Comradeship, Wanda Campbell; Entertainment Chairperson

### **Honors & Awards**

Hello Comrades hope you had a safe and happy summer, the weather was fantastic, Honors and Award banquet is just around the corner April 5, 2011 see branch for more information as the date gets closer, but if you need a service pin or would like to nominate a comrade for outstanding service send it to us or leave at the bar with my name on it and I will pick the requests up.

Yours in Comradeship, Tom Place Honors & Awards Chairman

### Sergeant at Arms

Dear Comrades I would like to thank the Colour party for putting in the time & patience since I have taken over from Bob O'Brien. I would like to say that the Colour party is doing a good job. We are still holding our practices twice a month till Christmas. A new job for me and a couple of others in our Colour party. We are leaning together. I have had great support from our President and our past officers Bob O'Brien.

PINE HILLS on Sept 11, 2011 was well attended our Colour guard did well, I would like to send a special thank you to all my Colour guard for a job well done from our parades, funeral/memorial services and other functions that our president has asked us to do.

Next Parade is Sunday November 06/2011 Remembrance Day! Scarborough Civic Center. Hope to see as many comrades who can march come out and support us.


Yours in Comradeship Ray Morin Sergeant at Arms

### PRO Report

Comrades wow I cannot believe it's fall and we are gearing up for many fun things to do down at the branch, I would like to say thank you to Bob our bartender for doing the bar for my mother's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday party and Teri for the music a good time was had by all. So I encourage you to use the branch for parties, showers, weddings, Jack & Jill's or any other event

I have been working on getting the service picture of our 65 year service comrades into the Legion magazine but there is a lot of red tape to get through. I need to get one more picture before I can submit and it has to be done within the 10 months of their 65 years of service. I am hoping to submit with the help of Tom Place the group photo of our long time service comrades but have not been able to get the photo disk needed to do this.

Our branch needs YOU! please come and support the branch as much as you can, I know our lives are very busy with family, jobs, kids, grandchildren or just LIFE...but we do need you. Just a few hours here or there, Saturday afternoon nothing to do come down and do a game or two for the meat spins. We always LOVE to see you.

I have attended a lot more Funeral services dressed in my blues due to my hubby being the sergeant at arms for our branch, a poem that was read at one of the services touches my heart. I cannot remember who wrote it or how it went word for word but the general idea was to live the DASH between our birth date and our death date, It's that DASH that is our life, it defines us, strengthens us, pushes us to be better today then yesterday, to love to be loved and to be a light to someone in need. SERVICE is a big part of what makes us human and part of the Legion or any organization you belong too. So we need you, love you and look forward to seeing you at OUR LITTLE BRANCH WITH A BIG  .

Please let us know if you can pick up the bulletin at the branch or if you would like it emailed. We all can work to save money and printing costs. My email address is [linda\\_morin13@hotmail.com](mailto:linda_morin13@hotmail.com)

If you would like anything in future bulletin email or send to the branch we will do our best to get in what we can....thank you all for your support!

Yours in Comradeship Linda Morin, Pro Officer Branch #73

# October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Turkey meat spins start 2pm to 4pm
2	3 Happy Thanksgiving	4 House Darts	5 Band Practice Mgmt meeting 7pm	6 Euchre Downstairs Darts Upstairs	7 Darts	8 Meat Spins 3pm
9	10	11 House Darts	12 Band Practice	13 Euchre Downstairs Darts Upstairs	14 Darts	15 Meat Spins 3pm Halloween Dance
16	17	18 House Darts	19 Band Practice Executive Mtg 7pm	20 Euchre Downstairs Darts upstairs	21 Darts	22 Ticket draw for prizes and meat spins 3pm
23	24 GENERAL Meeting 7:30pm	25 House Darts	26 Band Practice	27 Euchre Downstairs Darts upstairs	28 Darts Poppy starts	29 Meat Spins 3pm Poppy campaign
30 Poppy Campaign	31 Happy Halloween everyone! POPPY Campaign					

# November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 House Darts  Poppy Campaign	2 Band Practice Mgmt meeting 7pm Poppy Campaign	3 Euchre Downstairs Darts upstairs Poppy Campaign	4 Darts  Poppy Campaign	5 meat spins 3pm  Poppy Campaign
6 Remembrance Day Parade Civic Centre Poppy Campaign on going	7  Poppy Campaign	8 House Darts  Poppy Campaign	9 Band Practice  Poppy Campaign	10 Euchre Downstairs Darts upstairs Poppy Campaign	11 Darts  Remembrance Day.....Poppy Campaign comes to a close thank you	12 meat spins 3pm
13	14	15 House Darts	16 Band Practice Executive Mtg 7pm	17 Euchre Downstairs Darts upstairs	18 Friday night darts	19 meat spins 3pm
20	21	22 House Darts	23 Band Practice	24 Euchre Downstairs Darts Upstairs	25 Darts	26 meat spins 3pm
27	28	29 House Darts	30 Band Practice			

For December Darts, Euchre and Band Practice see each separately for times for December schedules,  
Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!!

# December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
See in branch for Darts, Euchre times for December				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Management Mgt Christmas	8	9	10 Turkey Meat spins starts at 2pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Christmas basket meat spins 2pm
18	19	20	21 Executive meeting 7pm Christmas	22	23	24
25 Merry Christmas too all!  Christmas	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve DANCE Happy New year to all! President's Levy tomorrow.. January 1, 2012



There is still availability on the  
**Legion Winter Escape**  
 scheduled for January 14, 2012



Departure Date: January 14, 2012    Return Date: January 21, 2012

The Price includes Air (Sunwing Airlines), Resort (Reef at Playacar) and is All inclusive, Taxes, Transfers to and from airport in destination.  
 A \$150.00 deposit is required to hold your booking.

Occupancy:	Single	per person	\$1,537.50
	Double		\$1,317.50
	Triple		\$1,277.50

Children 2-12 years:	First child in room:	\$ 787.50
	Second child in room:	\$1,077.50

All inclusive insurance per person would be \$70.00 per person if added at the time of booking or \$129.00 if added later.

Please Note:

Names on passports and dates of birth must be confirmed at least 50 days prior to departure. Name changes can be allowed up to that time so if you do make a deposit and then find you can not go, you can have someone else take over your booking. You need to advise me of these changes immediately.



If you wish further information  
 Please do not hesitate to call:

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 or  
 Ethel Davey at 416-640-1242

or check out the resort at  
<http://www.thereefplayacar.com>

