



Fall Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S RAMBLINGS

- *Harry Addison* -

Summer has come and gone and we now look forward to the many events in preparation for Remembrance Day and the distribution of poppies in our 2008 campaign to remember those who made the supreme sacrifice for their sovereign and country.

Gerry Gerrard has solicited and generated a list of at least twenty of our members who have volunteered to stuff envelopes, distribute poppy trays and participate in the Remembrance Day events. You are all invited to the Rotunda Service in the Parliament Buildings on Monday, November 10th at 11:00 am. Members should wear full Legion Dress and meet at our premises later than 10:30 am, forming up inside the Parliament Building with a ceremonial march into the rotunda. Following this event and the Cenotaph Service on November 11th there will be a reception at the Branch on Superior Street.



Elections are coming up in December and Wayne Fisher, our Past President, will be looking for members to fill the vacancies for members such as Bill Morris and others who have served to keep our Branch active and to enjoy the benefit of the Royal Canadian Legion. Executive Committee members for 2008 have certainly earned a vote of thanks for making this another successful and enjoyable year of Legion events.

Membership is always at the head of items that we must try to support, so we ask all of you, who know how we benefit as members, to ask your friends and neighbours to consider joining the Royal Canadian Legion.

We look forward to seeing you in November and December.



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Rotunda Ceremony:

November 10, 11:00 am
(meet at Legion Branch 127 at 10:30)

Cenotaph Service:

November 11, 11:00 am
(meet at the far end of the Fairmont Empress)

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Upcoming Events

Monthly Meetings	1 st Tuesday of each month, 7:30 pm unless advised otherwise (November 4, December 2, January 6, February 3, March 3 April 7, May 5, June 2)
Executive Meetings	3 rd Wednesday of each month, 7:30 pm unless advised otherwise (November 19, December 19, January 21, February 18, March 18, April 16, May 20, June 17)
Monthly Bowling	3 rd Thursday of the month, beginning October 16, 3:30 pm, Miracle Lanes, Sidney Please check with Len Anderson (250 658-4749) for details
Remembrance Activities	Rotunda Service, November 10, 11:00 am - meet at Legion 127 at 10:30 am Cenotaph Ceremony, November 11 - form at far end of Fairmont Empress (Humboldt & Government Streets) at 10:00 am - begin march at 10:30 am - arrive at Cenotaph at 10:45 am for Ceremony commencement
Branch Elections	Elections, December 2 general meeting <i>Please come to the meeting and cast your vote. Do not avoid the meeting for fear you may be coerced into serving on the executive. At this late date, no one will be forced or cajoled into serving on the executive unless previously canvassed.</i>
Christmas Dinner	Tuesday, December 9, 2008, 521 Superior Street, Victoria

ENTERTAINMENT

- *Bal Sekha*

The steak and theme dinner nights continued to be well received. There were regular steak nights on April 26, May 24, and June 28, and theme nights on August 23 (Hamburger & Movie night [Blazing Saddles]), and Oktoberfest on October 25. The movie night went very well and chances are very good it will be repeated in 2009.

75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

An informal wine and cheese party was held on September 21, 2008, 2:00-4:00 pm to commemorate Branch 127's 75th Anniversary. The attendance was similar to that of Remembrance Day events -- quite good considering since there were other competing events, the main one being the Snowbirds performance nearby at Clover Point which created a massive traffic gridlock and no doubt deterred people from getting to the Legion. At the same time, another Legion branch was having an event where our branch was represented by some of our members.

Other than the wine, the most popular attraction of the event was the set of seven collages of photos taken of branch events over the decades, including bursary & scholarship winners, sports events, sponsored baseball teams, Christmas parties (from the Douglas Building cafeteria days and now), etc. The vintage photos show how the complexion of the attendance at Branch events has changed over the years - hardly a woman was seen in the earlier photos but today's photos show partners out in full force. The idea of collages was the brainchild of Wayne Fisher and brought to life by Alison Fisher. The collages will make return appearances on other suitable occasions.

From all accounts, everyone had a great time meeting and making friends, old and new.

E & N TRIP TO CHEMAINUS - July 20, 2008

Many thanks to Joe Richards for spearheading a trip to Chemainus on the E & N train and to Harry Addison for arranging a lunch stop at the Chemainus Legion Branch 191. There were 18 adventurous souls who took advantage of VIA Rail's invitation to veterans to ride free on their routes in July 2008. Branch 191 were very gracious hosts and provided us with a wonderful lunch, great company and happy memories. We hope to reciprocate their hospitality in the near future.

CHRISTMAS DINNER/PARTY

The Branch Christmas dinner will be held on Tuesday, December 9 on the Legion premises, catered by Goldstream Catering. Drinks will be at 6:00 with dinner

served at 7:00. Tickets maybe purchased from Bud Hall, (250) 727-7129 for \$30.00 (includes taxes and gratuity).

Your dinner will include all of the following:

Entrees:

- Chef Carved Roast Beef
- Roasted Potatoes, with Gravy & Extra Hot Horseradish
- Baked Salmon,
- Vegetarian Lasagna
- Roast Turkey with Gravy & Stuffing
- Sliced Black Forest Ham

Salads:

Potato, Caesar, Ambrosia, Greek, Pasta & Marinated Veggie Salads

Buns and Butter

Condiments and Pickles

Tarts and Squares, Tea & Coffee

For everyone's comfort, a maximum of only 40 tickets will be sold. Don't wait too long to get your tickets.

MEMBERSHIP

- *Jenny Fossum*

BRANCH 127 MEMBERSHIP

As of this month, Branch membership stands at 124 paid up members.

Welcome to new members Heather Clark and John McLintock.

LAST POST

Since our last newsletter, we have lost the following members:

Bill Osborne
Dean Palmer
Dennis Heinekey
Danny Peacock
James Howard (Howie) Taylor
Bill Dorby
Douglas Hudson
Fred Leroy (Roy) Hinchcliffe

We will remember them.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL EARLY BIRD AWARD

Dear Comrade

In order for our branch to win an Early Bird Award, next year's dues must be paid by November 30th. This cannot be done without your help.

All you have to do is send us a cheque or money order, or better still, bring in an amount of \$30.00. This will ensure that your membership is paid up until the end of next year (2009) and that you will continue to receive the Legion Magazine without interruption.

We value your support and encourage you to continue your membership in our great organization.

Your membership card is now at the branch, so don't delay, pay your dues today! Remember, the Early Bird gets the reward!!

Yours fraternally,
Membership Chairman

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The following members are eligible for the awards listed below:

- 25 years: Ronald S. West
William M. (Bill) Finlay
- 30 years: William E. (Bill) Morris
- 35 years: Albert Baxter
Dave Kerr
- 40 years: Fred E. Tressider
- 55 years: Donald S. Cameron
Thomas G. Fox,
Allan F.G. Gosse
John H. Palmer
E.G. (Ted) Vaughan

SPORTS

As in other years, there were golf outings regularly on Tuesday mornings at Mt Doug Golf Course (Gerry Gerrard got a hole in one in August). Numbers have dwindled to approximately 8-10 regular members on the later shift playing at 8:15 but there is a hardier group, including Frank Wright, who tees off at the crack of dawn. On a positive note, Dick Lidstone and Bob Burrows have been able to join us from time to time. Mt Doug does allow their motorized cart to be rented for those who are unable to walk it so if this has been a reason for not playing, please keep this in mind. The year end wind-up "tournament" was held at Mt Doug in September followed by refreshments at J J Morgan's.

In June, July & August, there were also outings to Cowichan, March Meadows and Mt. Brenton courses followed by prizes, conversation and refreshments at the respective clubhouses. Approximately 10-12 golfers participated with guests joining up at the clubhouse for 'victuals'.

It's the time of year for bowling to begin and the first outing to Miracle Lanes in Sidney was October 16. Due to the limited number of lanes, 12 bowlers is the maximum that is possible but a wait-list is being maintained should

someone not be able to make it. It's a given there will be one or two cancellations at the last minute so your chances are good at being on one of the teams.

PARTICIPANTS WANTED

- Len Anderson, Sports Chair

I need to update my sports registry to be sure I have all interested members on my list.

Any members who wish to bowl or golf, and/or who have not participated on a regular basis at this Legion are asked to contact me at (250) 658-4749 and give your name and phone number so that I may add you to my list. We bowl from October to April in Sidney and golf from May to September at various courses. As well we have a regular group that golfs at Mt. Doug on Tuesday mornings.

THE MYSTERY OF FLYING REGULATIONS

- Tom Wylie, Secretary

When I became the official scribe of this illustrious group, my first act was to try and find a full set of Legion regulations. After much scrounging I found about half of them, mostly from people's private stock, but many were ten years out of date. Last year a full new set of regulations arrived at our doorstep, in three copies, courtesy, as I recall, of BC/YK Command. At last, I had the full set, so I immediately squirreled one set away, put one set in the office, and distributed the third set among the executive, as appropriate, according to content.

Enter the phenomena of Flying Regulations. At least I assume the darn things can fly, because otherwise it would be impossible for them to disappear so quickly. Within days they had evaporated into the cosmos, never to be seen again. Fortunately I still have the squirreled set that I protect with all my meagre strength.

Now we have a new stage in the evolution of Regulations, and a most welcome one. Dominion Command has recently revamped their web site, maintained at www.legion.ca. Now amongst the many headings at that address is one entitled 'Publications', and within that category you will find all those regulations for which you have yearned over these many years. You can download a copy for yourself, if you feel like using up another tree and a bucket of expensive printer ink. Or, more realistically you can read the regulation of your desire, to your heart's desire, on line. The main advantage of this approach is that you will be picking up the latest changes in the publication as soon as they occur.

I know that some of you don't have ready access to computers, but I'm sure that you'll be able to find somebody who can manipulate the magic buttons. Of course, if you simply cannot find the regulation you need, you can always offer to arm-wrestle me for the squirreled version.

TELEMARKETING - DO NOT CALL LIST

-Bal Sekha

As you may or may not know, there is now a registry available for reducing unwanted telemarketing calls. This registry will eliminate many calls but not all. You can get more information on the Registry's web site or call them.

Registering for the National DNCL is simple. You can register online at the National DNCL Web site <https://www.lnnte-dncl.gc.ca/index-eng>, and follow the few easy steps there or you can call the National DNCL service line toll-free at 1-866-580-DNCL (1-866-580-3625) or by TTY at 1-888-DNCL-TTY at (1-888-362-5889). That is it: your telephone number will be registered on the National DNCL.

Email Addresses

If you have an email address and would like to receive your newsletter electronically, please send it to Tom Wylie (br127@shaw.ca) or Bal Sekha (Legion.Br127@shaw.ca)

BC HYDRO'S FALL PROMOTION REBATES

The following information comes from BC Hydro's web site (http://www.bchydro.com/rebates_savings/coupons.html) The coupons can be printed and sent in for the rebates. Some items that have 50% off can be ordered online for that rate.

Our fall promotion rebates apply to selected products—ranging from low-voltage programmable thermostats to night lights, energy saving kits, CFLs and showerheads - purchased until December 31, 2008.

Please check the links below for product details and rebate instructions.

- * UPM Low Voltage Programmable Thermostat, \$7.50 rebate [PDF, 63 Kb]
- * Annron compact fluorescent Light Bulbs (13-Watt mini-spiral), 50% off [PDF, 112 Kb]
- * Electricity, gas and water energy saving kit: 50% off [PDF, 102 Kb]
- * LED 3-in-1 Power Failure Light, Night Light, Flashlight, \$2.25 rebate [PDF, 68 Kb]
- * Globe Power Bar with Timer, \$7.50 rebate [PDF, 63 Kb]
- * UPM Energy Meter, \$4.50 rebate [PDF, 59 Kb]
- * Seasonal LED string, \$3 rebate [PDF, 106 Kb]
- * Earth Massage showerheads: 50% off [PDF, 100 Kb]

TAX ALERT

The Canada Revenue Agency warns Canadians of mail scam

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) is warning taxpayers to beware of a recent scam where some Canadians are receiving a letter fraudulently identified as coming from the CRA and asking for personal information. The letter is not from the CRA. A PDF version of the letter is available on the CRA Web site at www.cra.gc.ca/alert.

The letter claims that there is "insufficient information" for the individual's tax return and that in order to receive any "claims," they will have to update their records. The letter attaches a form specifically requesting the individual's personal information in writing, via fax or email, including information on bank accounts and passports. This letter is not from the CRA and Canadians should not provide their personal information to the sender.

All taxpayers should be vigilant when divulging any confidential information to third parties. The CRA has well established practices to protect the confidentiality of taxpayers' information.

The CRA has notified the proper law enforcement authorities of this scam.

For information about this and other similar scams, or to report deceptive telemarketing activity, visit www.phonebusters.com, send an email to info@phonebusters.com, or call 1-888-495-8501.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Those veterans who suffer from tinnitus (continuous or occasional background noise in their ears should know that Veterans Affairs finally accepts it as a pensionable disability. Many of those who presently have hearing disability pensions also have tinnitus, but previously that condition was not considered when the pension was calculated.

Further details of the new compensation are available at http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/providers/sub.cfm?source=dispen/2006tod/ch_09_2006#t03

If you have a hearing pension now, or think you have tinnitus, you should probably ask for an assessment or reassessment of your hearing problem.

-Tom Wylie

DON'T FORGET

If someone is sick, under the weather, hospitalized and needs our assistance in any way, please contact Connie Meadmore, (383-0491)

SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES

Three students each received \$1000 to put towards their post-secondary education -- Brittany Cooper, Jack Henry, Naomi Roome. Brittany & Adam (shown below) picked up their cheques at the October 7th meeting. Naomi's was mailed to her.



Top photo: Harry Addison, Brittany Cooper

Bottom photo: Harry Addison, Sue, Adam & Steve Henry

Photographer: Marguerite Weber

WHAT IS A GRANDPARENT?

(Taken from papers written by a class of 8-year-olds)

Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of their own. They like other people's.

A grandfather is a man, & a grandmother is a lady!

Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to see them. They are so old they shouldn't play hard or run. It is good if they drive us to the shops and give us money.

When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars.

They show us and talk to us about the colors of the flowers and also why we shouldn't step on 'cracks.'

They don't say, 'Hurry up.'

Usually grandmothers are fat but not too fat to tie your shoes.

They wear glasses and funny underwear.

They can take their teeth and gums out.

Grandparents don't have to be smart.

They have to answer questions like 'Why isn't God married?' and 'How come dogs chase cats?'

When they read to us, they don't skip. They don't mind if we ask for the same story over again.

Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have television because they are the only grownups who like to spend time with us.

They know we should have snack time before bed time, and they say prayers with us and kiss us even when we've acted bad.

A 6-year old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go get her. then when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."

Grandpa is the smartest man on Earth! He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him.

It's funny when they bend over; you hear gas leaks, and they blame their dog.

75th Anniversary Wine & Cheese Party

September 21, 2008, 2:00-4:00 pm

Photos by Rodger Wright









