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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.

Legion Week is from September 15th – 21st. We have events planned and hope you mark your calendar so you can join us. Posters will be on display at the Branch soon.

General Meetings will commence again in September:
Branch – Tuesday, September 3rd at 7:30 pm
Ladies Auxiliary – Tuesday, September 10th at 7:30 pm

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Effective immediately - The Branch has a new email address so please update your listing now. The new address is branch340@eastlink.ca

The Editor



LEST WE FORGET



MEMBERSHIP

The 2014 Early Bird Campaign begins September 01st and ends November 30th. Pay for your membership within this time frame and you will receive your Early Bird Sticker and only pay \$45.00. Dues will be \$50.00 starting December 01st.

In order for our Branch to win a high percentage for the 2014 Early Bird Award we must pay our renewal dues by November 30th. This cannot be done without your help. When you submit your payment it will ensure that your membership is paid up until the end of next year and that you will continue to receive the Legion Magazine without interruption.

We value your support and encourage you to continue your membership. Remember, the Early Bird gets the Reward!!

Annual dues remain at \$45.00 during the Campaign Period please see the Bar Steward to assist with your payment and receipt.

Sharen Maas
Membership Chairman
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If you are a Snow Bird Why not an Early Bird?

Before you fly south for a winter's relaxation, become an Early Bird by paying next year's dues between September 1st and November 30th. Then you can preen in the sun, knowing you've ensured there'll be no loss of Legion service or membership privileges. Remember, if you wait it may be your feathers that are ruffled later.



LAST POST

**John Dallas
Bevin Ribey**



We were very sad to lose two of our members recently, John Dallas and Bevin Ribey. They were good friends and well known to our Branch. We just know that they will be continuing to share good times with each other in the "Great Canteen in the Sky". RIP guys; we shall miss you!

SPORTS COMMITTEE

We wish our two golf team's good luck as they participate in the Provincial Tournament in Blenheim on September 7th. Please check the Sports Board as the Fall Sports for Zone will be posted there starting in mid September - you need to be a member in good standing to take part. All Card, Dart and Snooker players are welcome to participate. If you are successful at Zone Level, plan to go on to District Level.

Yours in Comradeship,

Mary Alexander
Sports Chairman
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BURSARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



**\$500.00
BURSARY IS AVAILABLE**



The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command Charitable Foundation and the Royal Canadian Legion Ladies' Auxiliary Ontario Command:

ELIGIBILITY:

War Veterans and their children and grandchildren
Ordinary and Life Members of the Royal Canadian Legion and their children and grandchildren
Associate Members of the Royal Canadian Legion and their children
Ladies' Auxiliary members and their children and grandchildren

APPLICATION: Application Forms are available from the following:

Secondary School Guidance Offices
Awards Offices of Colleges and Universities
Provincial Service Bureau Offices of the Royal Canadian Legion
Your Royal Canadian Legion Branch and Ladies' Auxiliary

For more information please contact:

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ANNUAL LEGION GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our annual tournament was held on Saturday, August 17th at the Holiday Golf Course, Port Elgin. We could not have asked for better weather.

This year the format had changed in that it will now be named the Annual Legion Golf Tournament and a Committee has been formed and they will designate who the tournament will be named after for each coming year.

This year we are pleased to announce that this tournament was in memory of our Late Cde Wilmer "Wib" Lamont.

I would like to thank Charlie Roopnaraine for Registration and Prize Table; Bob and Rhonda Harrison for food and misc. items; Larry "Burger King" Dudgeon and Wayne Rourke for cooking the burgers; Elizabeth Eby for the dessert; and Brian Henderson (Hoof 'n It) for the delicious burgers. Craig Bell has generously donated the barbecue and lucky for us we can have more barbecues.

We had an excellent prize table again this year and thanks to the following: Rhonda Lea, Nelson Robertson, South-Port Golf Course, Saugeen Golf Course, Holiday Golf Course, Canadian Tire, Rowland's Independent Grocers; Nicol Insurance, Zeigler Building Supply, and Meridian Credit Union.

The Ladies winner was Diane Brooks with a score of 80 and the Men's winner was Craig Bell with a score of 55. Congratulations to both deserving champions for their win.

With the 54 golfers and the support of our sponsors this year the tournament was able to raise \$400. The monies will be donated to the Southampton Hospital in the memory of Wilmer Lamont earmarked towards their purchase of Operating Room Equipment.

Thanks to everyone who joined us today and look forward to seeing you next year – mark your calendar for the 3rd Saturday in August.

I would also like to mention that Branch 340 hosted the District "C" Golf Tournament on July 6th. Congratulations to the 2 teams that have qualified for the Provincial Golf Tournament in Blenheim on September 7th. Our Senior team of Charlie Roopnaraine and Larry Dudgeon won the District championship. Our regular team of Craig Bell and Brad White also qualified for Provincials. Unfortunately Craig has other commitments so Don McDermid will be playing in his stead. Congratulations guys and good luck!

Dan Kelly
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Just a few of the snaps, there will be more in the next edition of the October Newsletter



The Port Elgin Legion Branch 340 held their Annual Golf Tournament in memory of Wilmer "Wib" Lamont and raised \$400.00. The proceeds were donated to the GBHS – Southampton for the purchasing of Operating Room Equipment.

L-R: Cde. Bob Harrison, PRO; Erin Zorzi, GBHS-Southampton and Cde. Dan Kelly, Ways and Means Chairman.



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LEGION WEEK SEPTEMBER 15-21 2013

Comrades;

As we prepare to celebrate again all that is good about our organization we need to reflect on the positive influences we have made in the cause of remembrance, support of our veterans and service to our communities.

We have a lot to be proud of and “Legion Week” is when we traditionally invite our members and the general public to be part of events and festivities that are designed to show that pride in our accomplishments and our confidence in our future.

There have been a number of initiatives with membership such as the “Legion Riders” and the “One by One” program. Now is a perfect time to begin a “new member recruitment drive” all the promotional materials are available through Dominion Command.

“Legion Week” will also be the official launch of the **“Ontario Command Military Service Recognition Program”**. This includes the publication of a book to help identify and recognize our veterans and service personnel, past and present, from Ontario who have served their country so well during times of conflict and peace

Comrades, we do have a lot to be proud of and to look forward to. On behalf of the senior officers and staff at Ontario Command I wish you much success both during this your “Legion Week” of celebrations and for the upcoming year.

In Comradeship

President Ontario Command

“They served till death! Why not we?”



Premier of Ontario - Première ministre de l'Ontario

September 15 – 21, 2013

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to extend warm greetings to all the members of the Ontario branches of The Royal Canadian Legion. It is an honour to add my voice to this year's celebration of Legion Week.

As Premier and as a citizen of Ontario, I am proud of the work that The Royal Canadian Legion does. And I am grateful for the Poppy Campaign, which gives Ontarians, and all Canadians, a way to remember and honour those who died while in military service. I am also thankful for the many vital support services that the Legion provides to Canada's veterans and their families. These and your sponsorship of numerous sports, youth and seniors programs have helped to solidify the civic spirit within this great province.

Please accept my best wishes for another successful Legion Week celebration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen Wynne".

Kathleen Wynne
Premier

“A Cup of Tea for Grandpa...”

One day my Grandma was out, and my Grandpa was in charge of me.

I was maybe 2 ½ years old. Someone had given me a little “tea set” as a gift, and it was one of my favourite toys.

Grandpa was in the living room engrossed in the evening news when I brought him a little cup of “tea”, which was just water. After several cups of tea and lots of praise for such yummy tea, my Grandma came home.

My Grandpa made her wait in the living room to watch me bring him a cup of tea, because it was ‘just the cutest thing!’ Grandma waited, and sure enough, here I came down the hall with a cup of tea for Grandpa, and she watched him drink it up.

Then she said, (as only a Grandma would know), “Did it ever occur to you that the only place she can reach to get water is the toilet?”

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Roof maintenance work is still in progress. I am happy to report that work has been done on the west side of the roof during the first week in August (not both sides). Larry's Roofing was contracted to do the job....and he was done in one day.

There will be other maintenance projects happening and we appreciate your patience during this time.

George Sicord
Property Chairman
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A Golfer had been slicing off the tee on every hole.

He asks his Irish Caddy if he had noticed any obvious reasons for his poor tee shots, to which the caddy replies:

"Aye, there's a piece of shyt on the end of your driver."

The Golfer picks up his driver and cleans the club face, at which point the Caddy says:

"No, the other end."



We had a great Awards Reception on Monday, August 19th at the Lakeshore Racquet and Recreation Club. Pictured are the winners for the respective sport.

Female athlete of the year is Alex Morrow (attended the World Youth Championships in Ukraine). Male athlete of the year is J.R. Ross (won the World Police and Fire Fighter Triathlon Championships in Ireland)

Our summer program is winding down. Cross Country Training for the 2013 season will begin on Thursday September 12th at the Saugeen Bluffs Conservation Area - 5:30 PM.

Earl Farrell
Track & Field Chairman
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SERVICE OFFICER
ATTENTION
Area Legion Veterans

****** NOTICE OF ITINERARY VISIT ******

Randy Groundwater, Provincial Service Officer, will be visiting the area during the week of September 8 – 14, 2013.
If you require more information kindly contact the undersigned.

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HONOURS & AWARDS

As your new Honours and Awards Chairman, it is my pleasure to ensure that you receive your Years of Service Pin with the Royal Canadian Legion.

Awards are given out in increments of every 5 years. If you feel that you are in this position to receive a Pin, please contact me and I will review with you.

Blair Eby
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“Wib” Lamont Memorial Golf Tournament – August 17, 2013

We are pleased to announce that Veteran Dean Bousquet joined us for our annual golf tournament. Pictured L-R Veteran Dean Bousquet, Thelma Kennedy, Marg Caloren, Shirley and George Jacklin



Two elderly ladies were talking.

“At our age, I don’t know what would be worse; Parkinson’s or Alzheimer’s?” one said.
Her wise friend answered, “Oh I’d sooner have Parkinson’s, definitely Parkinson’s.

Better to spill half my wine than to forget where I keep the bottle.”

Two old guys talking.

One said to the other: "My birthday was yesterday. Wife gave me an SUV"

Other guy: "Wow, that's amazing! Imagine, an SUV!
What a great gift!"

First guy: "Yup, Socks, Underwear and Viagra!"

FRIDAY NIGHT TRIVIA

2013
September 20 October 18 November 15
2014
January 17 February 21 March 21

Games begin at 8:00 pm

Sign up sheet available at Canteen - 3 Players on a Team
 Come out and join the Fun... Hope to see you there!



LEGION WEEK

September 15 – 21, 2013



Tues. Sept. 17	Ladies Card Group	1:30 pm	Upstairs Hall	
	Cribbage	7:30 pm	Canteen	
Wed. Sept. 18	Bingo	7:30 pm	Upstairs Hall	
Thurs. Sept. 19	Euchre	7:30 pm	Canteen	
Fri. Sept. 20	Barbecue	5:00 – 7:00 pm	Canteen	
	Trivia	8:00 pm	Canteen	
	Dance Club	8:00 pm	Upstairs Hall	
Sat. Sept. 21	Euchre	1:30 pm	Canteen	
	Late Nite Radio	8:00 pm	Canteen	

Everyone is Welcome – Please join us!!!



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Entertainment

Music provided by

“Late Nite Radio”

**Saturday, September 21st
8:00 pm - Midnight**





September 2013 Calendar
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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 JAMBOREE 2 PM – 5 PM	2 LABOUR DAY	3 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM GEN MTG 7:30 PM	4 BINGO 7:30 PM	5 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	6 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	7 EUCHRE 1:30 PM
8	9	10 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM L/A GEN MTG 7:30 PM CRIBBAGE 7:30 PM	11 BINGO 7:30 PM	12 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	13 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	14 EUCHRE 1:30 PM MEAT ROLL 4:00 PM
15	16	17 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM	18 BINGO 7:30 PM	19 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	20 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	21 EUCHRE 1:30 PM ENTERTAINMENT 8 PM - MIDNIGHT
LEGION WEEK						
22 ZONE FALL CONVENTION	23	24 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM EXEC MTG 7:30 PM	25 BINGO 7:30 PM	26 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	27 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	28 EUCHRE 1:30 PM MEAT ROLL 4:00 PM
29	30					

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