



THE 109er

May 2014

Message from the President:

Welcome to all new and old members. It looks like Summer is here. The Friday nights dinner and entertainment are going fine. Thanks to all who come out to support them. We are always looking for more volunteers to help out in many ways in the Legion. In the month of June we have Legion Week June 22-27, hope to see you there and if you can help in anyway please sign up. To all those who volunteer many thanks because without your help we could not do the many, many things necessary within the Legion. I will try to keep you informed on a regular basis. Please feel free to approach any member of the Executive with your comments/suggestions.

Thank you.

Roy Bentley, President

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Haven't we just had a beautiful couple of weeks, even though we have had Spring rain showers as well. The blossoms are beautiful around town at the moment.

Some news from the Branch.

Meetings and Events

- May 4 - 5 p.m. Candlelight Ceremony
- May 9 - 9:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- May 13 - 7 p.m. - Executive Committee Meeting
- May 14 - 12:30 pm. Brock Fahrni Veterans for Lunch at the Legion
- May 20 - 7 p.m. - General Meeting
- May 21 - 12 Noon 109ers Lunch
- June 7th 10:00 a.m. Legion Week Meeting in the Legion lounge

Roy and I have been busy this month negotiating the new Contract for the Bar Staff. As you are probably aware by now they have accepted changing to 12 hour shifts which we feel will be a considerable cost-saving to the Legion in the future. I have also been working on a problem we have had with the Health Care provider who informed us we were due them \$7000 for the past three years of underpayments of medical coverage. At this stage, I have probably got this down to around \$500 but still have to do further research.

As reported in last month's newsletter we had an application in to the Dominion Championship Darts competition in Orleans, ON, to be linked with a team playing in the Nationals. As we have not had any notification I guess we were not successful.

Our Friday night dinners are a great success with around 100+ people in attendance. Thank you for coming and making this possible and also many thanks to those volunteers who help on those nights. We

greatly appreciate it. This Friday, 16th May, the proceeds from the dinner are going towards renovating the Handicapped Washroom in the Lounge which is badly in need of a makeover. Our President is always reminding us that no money is being spent on major items unless we have it in the bank so this is our way of getting the funds together.

With all the fundraising efforts we have done over the past few months we have sufficient monies to pay our way to Dominion Convention in June. Those who are attending, President Roy Bentley, 1st Vice Wilma Jones, Secretary Valdine Michaud, Poppy Chair Larry Boyd, Sgt-at-Arms Derek McNabb and Entertainment Chair Jennifer Braun have all worked hard on fundraising the dollars for our travel expenses. Thanks to all who supported us in these endeavours. We will be continuing throughout the summer with further fundraising events – watch for these announcements as we are currently working on ideas.

On May 1st Larry Boyd Poppy Chair and myself as Poppy Co-Chair attended Chatelech Secondary for a thankyou tea given by School District 46 for those who donate scholarships and bursaries to the schools throughout the Coast. Amazing snacks and desserts were made by the students from the Alternate School. We will be attending the presentation of the three \$2000 bursaries on June 23rd at the Graduation Ceremonies at Elphinstone Secondary.

We had a very moving event at the Seaview Cemetery on May 4th where we honoured Veterans. After a rainy morning the weather was kind to us and out came the sun. Thank you to all those who helped with the organizing and also to those who took part including the Pipe Band, Colour Party, Veterans and Cadets. We returned afterwards to the Legion for refreshments and music by three of our jam session participants who play in the Legion every week. An interesting rendition of Scottish music on the bagpipes was performed by Alex Buchanan using the chanter only, much softer on the ears. Thank you guys for providing the music for us. We also would like to thank Sechelt School Bus Service for providing the bus, Bonniebrook Industries, Gibsons Building Supplies, Dave Hurtibise and crew and the Ladies Auxiliary.

Legion Week June 22-28th The Opening ceremony will be June 22nd, with a Pancake Breakfast, Parade, BBQ, and Kids Day events. During the week we will have a Strawberry Tea (Tuesday) and Veterans lunch (Thursday) and the Friday night dinner will be a special event which will be the closing ceremony to end the week and some entertainment where, again, our special guests will be the Veterans. If you know anyone who is a Veteran and not a member of our Legion please keep them in mind for an invitation to this event and let us have their name(s). There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers in the Hallway as you enter. Our next meeting is on Saturday, June 7th at 10:00 a.m. at the Legion. We would like to encourage all volunteers to be present at this meeting as this the final organizational meeting before June 22nd. A schedule of events and times will be posted at a later date.

Entertainment

Thursday nights we have an acoustic jam session. Come along and enjoy some good music.

Saturday May 17 – Luci and the Herd - 8p.m. to close

Saturday May 24 – Three groups playing – 8 p.m. to close

Saturday June 7 – Playback – Fundraiser

Saturday June 21 - Karaoke

Saturday June 28 – Brown Bros.

Dinners

May 16 Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding

May 23 TBA

May 30 Roast Beef and Yorkshire
June 6 Burger Bar, Potato Salad, Greek Salad, Caesar Salad

Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary as always have the 109ers luncheon on the third Wednesday of the month – April 16th. If you are a member who is 60+ and are not already on the list please call Lera Schwindt if you would like to attend. To those on the list you will be called as usual. Also, they are always looking for new members to join them, please think about it. Thank you Ladies Auxiliary for the wonderful lunch on the visit of the Veterans from Brock Fahrni – they all thoroughly enjoyed it and had lots of fun while they were here. In talking with a couple of them it is sad some of the reasons why they are in there – Bob, who had been a chef for 50 years, was brought from Manitoba by his son to Brock Fahrni to be near the family in BC and two weeks after his arrival his son passed away from a fatal heart attack. Bill, whose helper is his wife, was a nuclear engineer and three years ago had a major stroke and has been left almost blind, deaf and unable to speak. His wife goes to Brock Fahrni every day to attend to him. All the care assistants were very gentle, kind people and the bus driver was extremely funny. On the way over they all give \$5 to buy tickets in the Pulltab machine and, unfortunately, none of them had a winner. All-in-all a very pleasant lunch attended by Roy, the President, Larry and I, Poppy Fund Chair and Co-Chair.

Donations This month we are donating \$1000 to St. Bart’s Food Bank and \$2000 to the Veterans Transition Program. The Veterans Transition donation will come out of the Poppy Fund while the others are from our Gaming (Meat Draw) Fund.

From BC Yukon Memo #66.14 War Veterans Allowance (WVA) guarantees a minimum level of income by topping up a person’s existing income to a pre-established “floor”.

Here is the monthly Rate Table:

Single Rate : \$1410.78 Married Rate \$2139.66

If this affects you and you need assistance with this please get in touch with the Legion, also if you are aware of anyone that may need to apply the phone number is 1-866-522-2122 (National Hotline)

PLEASE NOTE : Just as a reminder the following is the new updated hours:

Sunday	Noon – 11 p.m.
Monday	Noon – 11 p.m.
Tuesday	Noon – 11 p.m.
Wednesday	Noon – 11 p.m.
Thursday	Noon – 11 p.m./
Friday	Noon – 11 p.m.
Saturday	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

This change has been made by the Executive as a cost-saving measure.

As ever in closing, be kind to each other and something a little different.....

**Some Guinness was spilled on the barroom floor
when the pub was shut for the night.
Out of his hole crept a wee brown mouse
and stood in the pale moonlight.
He lapped up the frothy brew from the floor,
then back on his haunches he sat.
And all night long you could hear him roar,**

'Bring on the goddam cat!'

Till next month...Wilma