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Club Room Hours Effective September 11' 2019

Monday to Saturday Opens at 11:00 am. **Monday thru Thursday & Saturday** Closes at 10:00 pm,

Friday Closes at 12:00 pm **Sunday** Open from 12:00 pm-6:00 pm

Hall Rentals and Catering available during construction .

We're open as usual during construction. Rent our Hall.

Catering available through Ladies Auxiliary

Rent the hall for Receptions, Weddings & Private Functions. The hall is air conditioned and wheelchair accessible.

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Presidents Report

Comrades

The month of November has come and gone. The Poppy Campaign is done for the year. I would like to thank all members that helped out. The Cadet Corps were a great help in the three (3) days of tagging.

Legion Rock was a great time! A real good turn-out for the event.

I would like to thank all members who helped on November 11th even in some small ways. During this this the Pipe Band were out in full attendances. The Colour Party did a real bang up job. Jay and Grant worked at Victoria Park and did a great job.

I'm looking for someone to step up and get the meat for the meat draws. The Turkey and Ham Roll will be December 13 & 14th.

R.L. Robison.

President



Sick & Visiting

I've had no other reports of sickness at this time.

To all those who have lost a loved one or are feeling down our thoughts & prayers are with you.

Yours in Comradeship
Judy Elliott 905-372-9666



Membership/Honours & Awards Report

The Early Bird Campaign is coming to an end and thanks to all that have paid their 2020 dues. The Early Bird winner for the October draw was Gary Curtis. Congratulations Gary! The November winner will be drawn at the Executive Meeting in December as we will not be having a General Meeting. I will be available to take dues in the Clubroom on January 1st before the Levee 10am-noon. If you plan to attend the Levee New Year's Day, please be sure that you have your membership card or receipt to present at the door. Entertainment in the clubroom from 1 - 4 pm with Hal Allison.

On Saturday, November 23 we initiated nine (9) new Associate members and one (1) Affiliate voting. Welcome to these members.

On Sunday, November 24th, I participated with Jennifer Robison in planning entertainment and a dinner in the clubroom. It was great to see the chairs in the clubroom filled something that hasn't happened here for some time. We will be having Sunday afternoon entertainment starting in January until May. Thanks to Legion Village who will be the sponsor for these events.

Please watch the bulletin boards and the upcoming Missiles for details.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you and your family.

Respectfully submitted —Josephine-Membership Chair

Veteran's Service Officer

For information or assistance with the Department of Veterans Affairs in regard to entitlement to any Disability Pension, Pension applications, re-assessment, VIP Services & Survivor Benefits please contact me.

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Ladies Auxiliary President's Message December 2019

General Meetings: December 2, January 6 @ 7:00

Executive Meetings: December 30 @ 7:00 p.m.

MERRY CHRISTMAS Comrades

There will be No pub lunches this month. They will start up again in the New Year! We are having a Bake Sale during the Turkey and Ham Rolls on December 13 and 14. Bake goods are very much needed and look to our ladies to please contribute. Donated goods are to be dropped off at the legion on the 13th anytime after 2pm. We also require help from ladies to run the bake tables, please and thank you.

Just an early reminder that our birthday party is coming up in March. More information to come later.

Have a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In comradeship

Jennifer Young-President of Ladies Auxiliary Branch 133 289-252-2145

OVER 55 CLUB

Greetings Everyone:

Can you believe it! Four weeks today is CHRISTMAS!!!!!! Hands up those of you who haven't even thought about it. Hmm,,, pretty quiet out there.

Our Darts league is having such fun on Mondays and is almost at capacity. Drop in some Monday afternoon and check us out.

On Wednesday, November 20, the Club enjoyed a Pork Loin Dinner prepared for us by the Ladies Auxiliary, it was delicious as usual. The club is now at 100 members.

After the luncheon, Art and Ester hosted the Bingo and fun was had by all who participated. Remember that other card games etc. are available for those who wish to make an afternoon of socializing. Please take advantage of these.

Our Christmas Luncheon will be on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 at 12 noon. Fun and entertainment. We are once again asking all to bring items for the Food Bank. These should be non-perishable items.

Birthdays are being celebrated monthly, Sick and Visiting are being acknowledged. If you know of any member that needs some interaction with us please let any of the executive members know.

All suggestions for the betterment of the club are welcomed. Please don't be shy about voicing your opinion (be Kind is all I ask).

Wishing everyone a Joyous Holiday Season

Edie Lean

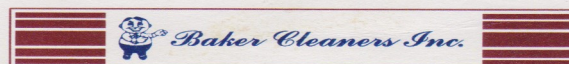
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Notice

There will no **Ladies
Auxiliary** Pub Lunches
for the **month of December!**



Please check future publications for updates.


**ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS
HAM AND TUKEY
ROLL**
**DEC 13TH 5:00PM
AND 14TH 3:00PM**



**BAKE SALE BY THE
LADIES AUXILIARY**




**NEW YEAR'S DAY
LEVEE**

**10:00AM - 12:00PM
MEMBERS ONLY**

**DOWNSTAIRS
HAL ALLISON**

1:00PM - 4:00PM

**UPSTAIRS
THE SPIRITS**

DOOR OPEN AT 1:00PM



ATTENTION MEMBERS

PARKING WILL CONTINUE TO BE AN
ISSUE DURING CONSTRUCTION

THERE'S 2 HOUR FREE PARKING AT
MUNICIPAL LOT 2 ON THE NORTH
EAST CORNER
OF HIBERNIA AND ALBERT STREETS
DURING THE WEEK FROM 8 AM TO 6
PM

AFTER 6 PM. AND
ON WEEKENDS THIS PARKING IS
FREE

Ways & Means Meat Draws



Every Friday @ 5 PM & Saturday @ 3
PM

We need **volunteers** to handle the
draws which involves 1.5 hours on Friday
or Saturday.

Missile Editor

Hello membership,

I hope that everyone and will have a wonder-
ful Christmas season and wish you a health
and happy New Year.

Thank you to all those whom submitted arti-
cles, pictures & reports by the 25th of each
month to normalleemitchell@hotmail.com.

Your submissions keep our readers interest-
ed in the publication. Please continue to
share your news, events etc. All submis-
sions require contact information whereas
you may be needed to be contacted.

Warmest Regards

Normalee Teskey-Missile Editor-Branch #133

What's Santa's favorite snack food?

Crisp Pringles.

Why does Scrooge love reindeer so much?

Because every single buck is dear to him!

What do reindeers say before they tell you a joke?

This one's gonna sleigh you!

What did Adam say to his wife on Christmas?

It's finally Christmas, Eve!



Loonie Loonie Dart

Tournament to raise funds for the Building Fund.

Summer Loonie darts went well. Thank you everyone for coming out.
Starting in September when Legion hours are back to normal and the
summer break is over we will have Loonie darts every second Sunday
when time permits.

A dollar to play and a dollar for the Building Fund. Registration at
noon, play starts at 1.

For more information contact

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The Loss of HMCS Skeena; Chapter 12 We Will Remember Them

Between the 21st and the 27th of October 2019, the cadets of 116 Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps "Skeena", travelled to Iceland to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the loss of their namesake HMCS Skeena. HMCS Skeena was lost on the evening and early morning of 24-25 Oct 1944, wrecked in a fierce North Atlantic storm, as the ship was wrecked on the rocky shore of Videy Island.

On the morning of the 25th, the cadets and staff woke up to a rather windy and very cold morning. Looking out from their hotel they could see Videy Island, less than a nautical mile off shore. It is mind boggling to think, exactly 75 years ago, on this date, HMCS Skeena was wrecked on the coast of the island that we could easily see from the shoreline of the capital Reykjavik. Learning that the storm was so intense, the British and American authorities at that time did not attempt a rescue at this time and left the surviving men aboard HMCS Skeena to their own distress.

Our morning was cold, wet, over cast and windy, making the seas between the mainland and the island of Videy treacherous. Although the wave height was not as high as it was 75 years ago, the captain of the ferry boat decided on a shorter route to the island, a much safer passage to the island. A short trip on our boat and we landed at the dock on Videy Island. Most visitors to Videy arrive during the warm summer months and take in the breathtaking views of the mountains and nature around them. We arrive on the island, alone, cold and wet, with a very brisk wind blowing off the cold North Atlantic Ocean into our faces. Not much different than the men of the Skeena faced during their rescue, 75 years earlier on the exact date.

In an informal group, the 21 cadets begin their trek to the north west point of the island. This is the place where the Skeena was lost and where a monument now sits, in memory of the 15 men who perished on the shoreline where the monument rests. The monument is the salvaged propeller from HMCS Skeen that was dedicated in 2006 by surviving veterans of HMCS Skeena.

Videy is an island made of volcanic rocks, with a fine layer of grass and moss covering the surface. A course gravel path leads the almost 2 km trek from the dock to the location of the propeller monument. Although cold, the cadets never complained. They were remembering how the survivors of Skeena, had to make the same trek; wet cold, scared, oil covered, in distress. The cadets quietly make their way up the slow incline, walking in silence trying to imagine what it would have been like for their shipmates so long ago.

Taking about 40 mins the cadets finally arrived at the propeller monument and the shoreline where Skeena was wrecked. As the cadet leader, it was interesting to see the cadets and their reaction to being in such a place. Without direction the cadets gathered around the propeller and stood in silence, some with their heads down, and a few reaching and touching the monument. A few turned their heads away... at first, I was thinking it was to shield their faces from the wind, but it was to look out across the cove to the sea, seeing the location where the Skeena was wrecked and the rocky beach where their shipmates perished.

We stayed at the monument for about 45 minutes, some of the cadets asking me questions about that fateful night. Questions and queries about what happened. I shed a tear, as my dream of getting the cadets to Videy Island was finally achieved. The last time I was on Videy Island was 15 years prior and I made a promise to the Skeena surviving veterans that the ship, HMCS Skeena would never be forgotten and their service to our country would never be forgotten. I can honestly say, WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

On Thursday Dec 12th, 1830 hrs for 1900 hrs the cadets of RCSCC Skeena will be conducting a remembrance service and thank you celebration at the Cobourg Collegiate Institute, if you are interested in attending please RSVP to skeenaiceland@gmail.com, all members of the public are welcome to attend.

Next month, LEST WE FORGET, the story of the cadets and their visit to Fossvogur cemetery, the resting place of the crew from HMCS Skeena

In Comradeship

Lt(N) Christopher R. Barker, CD*



December 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2 LA Christmas Dinner & General Mtg.	3	4 Ladies Wednesday Night Darts	5	6 Meat Roll 5 PM Friday Night Darts Over 55 Christmas Party	7 Meat Roll 3 PM Custom Plastics Christmas Party
8	9	10 Access Christmas Party	11 Ladies Wednesday Night Darts	12 598 Sabre Squadron Mess Dinner	13 Turkey & Ham Meat Roll with Bake Sale 5 PM Friday Night Darts	14 Turkey & Ham Meat Roll with Bake Sale 3 PM Shoppers Drug Mart Christmas Party
15	16	17	18 Ladies Wednesday Night Darts	19 Br. General Mtg.	20 Meat Roll 5 PM Friday Night Darts	21 Meat Roll 3 PM
22	23	24	25 	26 Closed 	27	28
29	30 LA Exec. Mtg.	31 				