

# Missile

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COBOURG BR # 133

NEWSLETTER

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## Club Room Hours Effective September 13' 2017

**Sunday** 1:00 pm-6:00 pm **Monday to Thursday** 11:00 am-10:00 pm **Friday** 11:00 am-12:00 pm; **Saturday** 11:00am –10:00 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.

**Hall Rentals Contact:** Nancy Turpin @ 905-372-0493

**Catering Contact:** Sue Poelstra @905-342-2087



## Presidents Report

Comrades

Another year has come and gone. A lot has happened in the branch and there is lots going to happen this year. In January, on the 5<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting Zone darts. The L.A. will be having their Pub lunches every other Friday. Hopefully Friday night foods will return. Also, this year the branch will be starting "Catch The Ace". Remember that the branch will be having a Super bowl party and Euchre Tournament February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope to see you all in the branch throughout the year.

R.L. Robison

President

## 1st Vice Presidents Report

HAPPY NEW YEAR Comrades

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and wishing you a happy New Year. This month we will be hosting Zone darts on Jan 5<sup>th</sup> and we will have 3 teams competing this year along with single and doubles. Then in February we will be holding our annual Super bowl party and Euchre tournament. There are many other events being planned for the branch and I hope everyone will come out and support.

I would like to thank everyone who purchased pot pies and sausage rolls to help support the building fund. We are going to need all the funds we can raise for our upcoming move.

Jennifer Robison

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

## Past President's Report

HAPPY 2019!! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Unfortunately, we have temporary bad news for our Track and Field. After the past 2 years of success with our T&F program, it seems that the high school athletic instructors don't wish their athletes to train outside of the school's program. Only 1 signed up for our program. In frustration, Rev. Dr. Doug Brown resigned as our coordinator of the T&F program. The program is cancelled for the spring. I thank Doug for all his past work.

LEST WE FORGET. LEST WE FORGET.

John Aitken, Past President, PRO, Track and Field, Br.133, RCL, Cobourg

905-377-1527 [johnandiris@cogeco.ca](mailto:johnandiris@cogeco.ca)



## Sick & Visiting

**Last post:** Ordinary member **Ken Harris** Dec. 10/18, Associate member **David Kerr** Dec. 9/18

Thoughts & prayers to all those who have lost a loved one.

**Gerald Fraser** had another visit to NHH but is home recovering. **Stanley Mellen** was in hospital and now home on the mend. **Keith Stahley** is home mending after a broken hip.

Hopefully all stayed healthy & happy over the holidays. Cheers to 2019

In comradeship

Judy Elliott

Email: judeelliott51@icloud.com Home: 905-372-9666 or Cell: 905-269-6057



## Membership Report

Congratulations to associate member, Donald Medhurst, for winning the November early bird draw in which his dues will be paid for 2020. We had a total of 363 members in the early bid draw.

Members, I am asking for your help with new members or visitors to our branch. Please make them feel welcome. If they come in and have not removed their hat please don't yell at them from across the room. Not everyone understands that we remove our headgear in respect for our veterans. Please take a moment and let them know.

Silent Auction: New HP Office Jet Pro 6978 Printer and Cartridge for bids-wireless, print, scan and copy. Donated by a member and the opening bid starts at \$75.00

If interested please submit your bid at the bar or e-mail [br133mbrship@eagle.ca](mailto:br133mbrship@eagle.ca) and bidding closes January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all.

Respectfully,

Josephine Upton-Membership Chair 289-251-3478

## 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.

Rod Ingersoll

Branch Service Officer

416-618-6266 [rod@ingersollpetroleum.ca](mailto:rod@ingersollpetroleum.ca)

**Ladies Auxiliary President's Message  
January 2019**



General Meetings: January 7 @ 7:30 p.m., February 4th @ 7:30

Executive Meetings: January 28 @ 7:00 p.m.

Hello Comrades.

Hope everyone now can relax and recover from the hustle and bustle of Christmas.

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas.

Thanks to the ladies for the donation of food for the local food bank...I think it was around 200 lbs we collected. Did anybody lose a blue watch that evening? It was found in the donation and it is at their office.

Thank you for the donations of bake goods for our bake table at our Christmas meeting and also for the Friday and Saturday at the Meat roll.

I would once again like to thank Nancy Turpin for taking on the roll and duty of Hall Bookings.

Hope everyone has a great New Year's and that 2019 is happy and healthy.

In Comradeship

Jennifer Young

LA President Br. 133

**Building Committee Update  
December 2018**

- The finish on the front of new Legion will be pebble stone.
- The floorplan for the Legion is on display in the clubroom.
- The company laying the sewer line had to put granular stone in the Albert Street entrance to the parking lot as the area kept sinking. An old house foundation was the cause of the problem.
- Clarification – there will be a portable bar in the auditorium and a refrigerator until money can be raised to put in something permanent.
- Tentative date for the move to the new building is January 2020.
- The focus of the Building Committee will be to set up two committees, a space planning committee and a move planning committee.

Wishing you all the best in 2019 Comrades

Stan Jarvis

Building Committee Chair 905-373-8318



SUPER BOWL LIII FEBRUARY 3RD, 2019

# SUPER BOWL AT COBOURG LEGION BR 133

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT  
REGISTER AT 1:00PM  
PLAY AT 2:00PM  
\$10.00 A TEAM

FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE STARTING  
AT 12:00PM  
WINGS STARTING AT 5:00PM



## Ways & Means

### Meat Draws



Every Friday @ 5 PM

Every Saturday @ 3 PM

Anyone that is able to help with the draws contact Bob

905-372-3896.

Only 1.5 hours Friday or Saturday.

**R.L. Robison**

As we step into this New Year, may your fears fade away, your strength be renewed and your dreams come true. Happy New Year.

Source: <https://www.my-best-wishes.com/holidays/new-years-wishes.php>

## Ladies Auxiliary

### Friday Pub

### Lunches

11:30am-  
1:00pm

**\$8.00**



### January 11-

Turkey Pot Pie, Salad  
& Roll

### January 25-

Shepherd's Pie & Salad

### 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  
Rod Ingersoll 416-618-6266





## Legions 90th Anniversary Party

Thanks to all that contributed in some way to make this night a lot of fun.

We received many donations of frozen food items and silent auction items from members and the local business community thank you to all. Music from every era was played by DJ Bill Young. Special thanks go out to the ladies that helped plan this event in such a short time and for their contributions to make the room look like a party. Jeanette, Leona and Iris with special helper John. Thanks to Jennifer for arranging the wine tasting from Peller Estates and to Kate for the donation of the wine, thanks to Jill for stepping in on short notice to serve the wine. Our special thanks go out to the Ladies Auxiliary members Judy, Sue, Jan and Stacey that looked after the food and bar.

A donation of \$1000.00 was received from one of our members to make the total for the night

\$3154.50.

Working together can make it happen.

Respectfully

Josephine



Photos submitted by I. Milne

**Dart Players** Wanted for  
Monday Nite Mens League

Cost \$3:00 Per Night

Start Time: 7:30pm

Information Call

Wayne @ 905-376-8053 , Lorenzo @905-269-7297 or Jim @ 905-376-4114



Anyone who has never made a mistake  
has never tried anything new.

Source: <https://onelinefun.com>



ATTENTION MEMBERS

PARKING WILL CONTINUE  
TO BE AN ISSUE DURING CON-  
STRUCTION

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

Padre Art King

905-372-6408

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### Missile Editor

Hello membership,

Hope you enjoyed your Christmas with family and friends. Thank you to all those whom submitted articles, pictures & reports by the 25th of each month to normaleemitchell@hotmail.com.

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

Best wishes for a healthy and happy 2019.

Normalee Teskey-Missile Editor-Branch #133



We have raised \$24,984.90 for the Building Fund Comrades!!

Let's continue to dig deep and support our new Legion.



### Over 55 Club

Our Christmas party was well attended with 81 members in attendance.

Entertainment was by Hal & Lee and we enjoyed a sing along, a great turkey dinner and some nice wine.

The next lunch and meeting is January 16<sup>th</sup>, please call Jenny to get on the list at 905-373-0926 and Bingo will take place after the meeting.

Darts commence on January 7<sup>th</sup>, please be there to register by 12:45.

If you know of any member that is sick at home or in hospital please call

Iris at 905-269-0489.

Happy New Year to all!

Josephine

Chairman

289-251-3478

### **The Loss of HMCS Skeena; Chapter 4, Finding the Ship's Propeller**

In 2004 I had the pleasure and honour of escorting a group of 22 Canadians to Iceland. This group included navy veterans from the ship, family members of the Skeena deceased, naval colleagues and two cadets from RCSCC Skeena. This trip was to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the loss HMCS Skeena, on the evening of October 24<sup>th</sup>, 1944

During part of our Icelandic tour the naval veterans were treated to a reception and tour of the Icelandic Coast Guard Headquarters. It was here that one of the veterans told his story aboard HMCS Skeena the night the ship was lost. His duties included removing the pistol charges from the depth chargers; this small detonator was removed to prevent a charge from exploding in the event of a sinking. Standard practice was to throw this small blasting cap overboard before abandoning ship.

In miscommunication between English and Icelandic, the Icelandic Coast Guard thought the entire depth charge was thrown overboard. After we returned back to Canada, they sent divers down on the site where Skeena was lost, looking for hazardous and dangerous material. They found none, but to everyone's surprise, located and raised the ship's propeller. This was a rare find, as the hull of the ship was raised and sold for scrap metal at the end of the war. Finding the propeller, which had been ripped from the ship as she was blown against the rocks was a total shock to everyone, including our new Icelandic friends. It was at this point we decided that we would raise funds and erect a monument in memory of the lost crew using the propeller as the main feature of the monument.

In the summer of 2005 I traveled back again to Iceland with my daughter to see this propeller first hand and assist with the selection of a proper spot to build the monument. It is hard to explain the feeling, seeing this huge relic setting in the shipyard, all covered in seaweed and mud, knowing that it is the only surviving part of the ship. Being the first Canadians, my daughter and I, to see such a site was quite the sensation.

After raising the necessary funds, In August 2006, once again I traveled back to Iceland for a third time. This time being in attendance with the Canadian Ambassador, military reps from Canada, the United States, Italy and Norway, veterans from the ship, members of the Videy Island Association and Ministers of the Icelandic Government, we unveiled the newly cleaned up propeller as a monument in memory of our ship and in memory of the men who lost their lives

The propeller, now sits on a very large flat rock, in a field on the north west part of Videy Island Iceland. A short walk away, on a wooden boardwalk that was built, is the cove where the men came ashore and died. Alongside the propeller is a bronze plaque, inscribed with the history of the ship, the story of the rescue mission, and the names of all 15 crew members who perished that fatal night.

The propeller is now a recognized Canadian War Monument in memory of those brave Canadians who fought in the Battle of the Atlantic 1939-1944, aboard HMCS Skeena. It has become a must see for any Canadian who travels to Iceland on vacation.

October 2019 marks the 75th anniversary of the loss of HMCS Skeena. The local sea cadet corps is named after this ship, and it is the wish of the cadets of RCSCC Skeena to attend services in Iceland next year to commemorate the loss of their ship. To learn more about their fundraising campaign, follow them on Facebook at "Skeena Iceland" or email at [skeenaiceland@gmail.com](mailto:skeenaiceland@gmail.com) to learn more.

**Next month; The Monument is Unveiled, but Doubts Arise if the Prop is from HMCS Skeena.**

**In Comradeship**

### **Vocabulary**

Grandad is an unusual word because both the American and the English dictionaries allow one's father's father to be spelt in two ways. Each nationality's dictionary has both Granddad and the more common Grandad.

Source: <https://www.funny-jokes.com/>



# January 2019

**Sun****Mon****Tue****Wed****Thu****Fri****Sat**

		<b>1</b> <b>New Year Levee Party</b> 1 PM	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> LA Exec. Mtg	<b>4</b> Meat Roll 5 PM Friday Night Darts	<b>5</b> Zone Darts Meat Roll 3 PM
<b>6</b> Cobourg Youth Darts (10am-12)	<b>7</b> Over 55 Darts 12:45 PM Men's Darts LA General Mtg.	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Ladies Darts	<b>10</b> Br Exec Meeting Moonshot Euchre	<b>11</b> Meat Roll 5 PM Friday Night Darts	<b>12</b> Meat Roll 3 PM
<b>13</b> Cobourg Youth Darts (10am-12)	<b>14</b> Over 55 Darts 12:45 PM Men's Darts	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Over 55 Luncheon Ladies Darts	<b>17</b> Branch Meeting	<b>18</b> Meat Roll 5 PM Friday Night Darts	<b>19</b> Meat Roll 3 PM
<b>20</b> Cobourg Youth Darts (10am-12)	<b>21</b> Over 55 Darts 12:45 PM Men's Darts	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Ladies Darts	<b>24</b> Moonshot Euchre	<b>25</b> Meat Roll 5 PM Friday Night Darts	<b>26</b> Meat Roll 3 PM
<b>27</b> Cobourg Youth Darts (10am-12)	<b>28</b> Over 55 Darts 12:45 PM Men's Darts	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Ladies Darts	<b>31</b>		