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Club Room Hours Effective September 13' 2018

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

Hall Rentals and Catering available during construction .

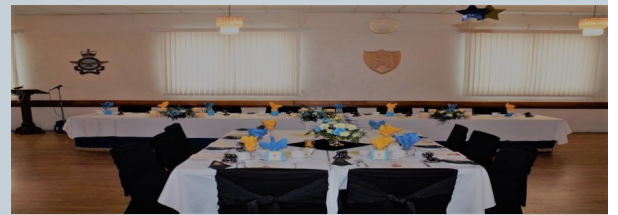
We're open as usual during construction. Rent our Hall.

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 or turpin5@sympatico.ca

Catering Contact: Sue Poelstra @905-342-2087



Presidents Report

Comrades

Spring is fast approaching and with that we have lots of exciting things happening at the branch. On March 24th we will be holding Legion rock in the upstairs hall. The Spirits and Small Town Justice will be taking the stage at 2:00pm doors open at 1:00pm. Tickets are on sale at the bar \$10.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door. There is a limited number of tickets so get your now. All funds will go to the new building fund to help support our move.

R.L. Robison

President

Irish Toasts

"May you heart be light and happy

May your smile be big and wide

And may your pockets always hold a coin or two inside!"

Source: <https://www.thespruceeats.com/>



"Always Remember to forget

The things that made you sad

But never forget to remember

The things that made you glad"

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1st Vice Presidents Report

Hey Comrades

It's been busy over the past month with various sports events taking place. During the month of March we will be hosting Mixed Darts on the 30th. Also this month Euchre and Moon Euchre zone rounds will be taking place. Signup sheets are on the sports board.

This Month there will also be a very big new building fund raiser happen called Legion Rock. Hope to see many of you out that day as we are going to need all the support we can get.

Jennifer Robison

1st Vice President

Military Recognition Book

Calling on all Veterans who are Legion and non-Legion members to consider filling out an application to be entered into the Legion Military Recognition Book. This is for all members of the Military. W.W.I, W.W.II, Korea, Afghanistan, Regular Force, Reservists, Navy, Army, Air force, Merchant Navy, R.C.M.P. plus all and any allied forces.

I am also asking that any Associate members who have joined the Legion to consider filling out an application of their relatives who were in the Military, such as Great Grandfather, Grandfather, Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, Uncles, Aunts, Cousins.

Applications can be picked up at any Legion or from Wayne McKinnon.

For more information you may contact me at--- cell **376-8053** or by e-mail **ymckinnon@cogeco.ca** .

Thank you Veterans for your service.

Wayne McKinnon

Deputy Zone Commander F-2

Sick & Visiting

James Narin is in NHH with broken hip, please wish him a speed recovery.

To the friends & families of our fallen our thoughts & prayers are with you.

Shelley Thompson
In Comradeship

for
Judy Elliott
Email:judeelliott51@icloud.com



Membership Report

Members, please if you have paid your dues remember to pick up your 2019 sticker at the bar. Also, we have members who paid in 2018 that have yet to pick up their membership card. Let us try to clean these items up please. If you have not paid your dues to date you are no longer have the use of our facilities.

Dues need to be paid by January 31. Please stop at the bar and pay your dues. Every member counts, we need your support to continue on with supporting our Veterans, Senior, Youth and Community.

Yours in Comradeship Josephine Upton, Membership Chair.

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

ENTERTAINMENT

Ladies – who would like to go to Kitchener on the May 25/26 weekend?

Another Mystery Tour is in the making. Please call me soon to reserve your spot as it is filling up fast! Get your group together.

Same deal, require a \$50 deposit and total cost is \$150.

Hurry Hurry Hurry...

Yolande McKinnon, Entertainment 905-375-0996



"Here's to the land of the shamrock so green, Here's to each lad and his darlin' colleen,
Here's to the ones we love dearest and most. May God bless old Ireland, that's this Irish-
man's toast

Source: <https://www.thespruceeats.com>



Ladies Auxiliary President's Message March 2019

General Meetings: March 4th @ 7:30

Executive Meetings: March 25 @ 7:00 p.m.

Hello Fellow Comrades

Can you smell that?..Spring is just around the corner!

Thanks to the ladies who helped with the meat pie orders last month. We made 184 in total. I've heard all good comments regarding the pies.

Mark your calendar for March 16th , as it is our birthday party night. Ten dollars a ticket, please see Yolande.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to our March ladies.

HAPPY SPRING!

In comradeship

Jennifer Young President of LA Branch 133

Building Committee Highlights March 2019

- The Legion level has been completed. The Committee has requested a site tour when the slab is on, to help get a better understanding of the space.
- Non-slip tile will be used in the hallway and bathrooms; plank flooring in the kitchen, clubroom and banquet hall.
- There will be 15 lighted dart boards in the clubroom. The clubroom storage area will have double doors.
- The kitchen measures 14 feet by 14 feet, wall to wall.
- A portable stage is being considered for the Banquet Hall.
- The doors to the storage area in the hall will be roll-up.
- The tentative move in date is January-February 2020.
- The Legion parking lot will be started when the building is completed and will have 65 spaces.

Stan Jarvis

Building Committee Chair 905-373-8318

Cobourg Legion Building History Highlights - Respectfully Submitted, Iris Milne

I was asked by the Anniversary Committee to gather information about our Legion in celebration of our 90-year anniversary. The following highlights relate to the decision made in 1954 to build an addition onto 135 Orr Street. I hope you find them as interesting as I did. We have quite a history. Challenges are not new to us. Money always an issue!

Finding a clear title to the Orr Street land that our Legion is built on was a problem. It was so frustrating some members favored dropping the project. This was voted down, but it took three months for the lawyer to uncover enough information to provide clear title before things proceeded.

Five tenders for the new building, ranging in price \$52,465 to \$69,240 were received. This extension was to include an apartment for the Steward and a stage in the auditorium.

Financing the project was a challenge. Discussions were ongoing about whether to obtain a mortgage. An attempt to get a \$10,000 mortgage was dependent on 20 members signing as bondsmen. This was not acted on.

It wasn't easy to be on the Executive during this time. In 1954, the first Vice President threatened to resign, and another member handed in his letter of resignation, but was persuaded to stay.

A financial plan for the building was devised, Comrades Robertson, Burnett and Cook were authorized to prepare 200 serial notes of \$100 value and 200 serial notes of \$50 value, but sales were slow and by December an Executive member reported, 'we are broke. a big effort has to be made to sell these certificates if we are to be able to carry on with the building'. In January 1955, \$13,600 dollars worth of bonds had been sold.

The first 'Regular' meeting held in the New Legion Hall took place February 3, 1955, with a very large number of members in attendance. Everyone seemed quite impressed with the size and layout of the new quarters. However, money woes persisted. At the meeting a letter from the Contractor called for a substantial payment to be made, or more drastic steps would be taken. In the minutes of the General Meeting, May 1955, a lien was placed on the new hall. This however did not deter the official opening which took place on December 14, that year.

Many fundraising efforts were carried out throughout this period and it seemed that things never ran smoothly. There were always challenges. In 1967 a letter regarding cost overrun was received from the consulting engineering firm, 'As our costs to date for the design of the alterations and additions to your building have far exceeded our original estimate, we are submitting this request for additional payment to you for consideration.'





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



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



Loonie Loonie Dart

**Tournament to raise funds for the
Building Fund.**

Summer Loonie darts went well. Thank you
everyone for coming out. Starting in Sep-
tember when Legion hours are back to nor-
mal 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 Build-
ing Fund. Registration at noon, play starts
at 1.

For more information contact
Rod Ingersoll 416-618-6266



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

Ladies Auxiliary

Friday Pub

Lunches

11:30am-
1:00pm

\$8.00



March 8—Meatloaf,
mashed potatoes,
gravy & vegetables.

March 22-Turkey
Divan with rice &
biscuit.

Padre Art King

905-372-6408

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Missile Editor

Hello membership,

Thank you to all those whom submitted articles, pictures & reports by the 25th of each month to norma-leemitchell@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.

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

Members get on the list for March 20th lunch, we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day and that's okay. The menu is Ham and Roasted Potatoes. We will be having entertainment starting at 1:30 pm and the bar will be open at 11 am and will remain open during the entertainment. Don't forget to wear your green and let's get in the festive mood. Call Jenny at 905-373-0926.

I have a bus trip going to The Famous People Players Theatre. It will include your lunch, show, snacks and travel on a Motor Coach with washroom. The date is Thursday, April 4th, cost is \$95.00 and to be paid no later than March 10/19. Please contact me if you're interested.

Respectfully, Josephine, Chairman

289-251-3478

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SUN//
MARCH
24TH
2019//

ROCK Legion



DOORS OPEN AT 1PM • ENTRY \$10 IN
ADVANCE \$15 AT THE DOOR
TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE
BRANCH OR BY CONTACTING JENNIFER
ROBISON 905-375-5451

The Loss of HMCS Skeena; Chapter 6.

The Hospital Dressing Gown, a tribute to those who survived.

It was close to midnight on October 24th, 1944, HMCS Skeena along with other ships of the convoy escort group, hoping to escape the pounding force of a fierce North Atlantic storm were ordered to anchor within the safe confines of Reykjavik Harbour. Just after midnight the ship started to drag her anchor and found herself floundering on the rocky shores of Videy Island Iceland.

The order to abandon ship was passed throughout the ship and some men took to the Carley Floats, hoping to reach the safety of Videy Island only a few hundred meters away. Due to the storm and the waves crashing over the deck of the ship, some of the Carley floats broke loose and drifted into the darkness. Men found themselves in the icy waters fighting for their lives. In the morning 15 crew members had either drowned or froze to death on the shores of Videy Island.

Many of the survivors, who found themselves cold, wet and freezing, were taken to the American Hospital at Reykjavik. Named "Camp Caledon", the surviving members of the crew recovered from their ordeal.

One sailor, GORDIE CALUM wanted to create a living document of this tragic event and had all the members of HMCS Skeena recovering in the hospital, sign his hospital gown. A treasured artifact that he kept in his possession for 60 years. In 2004 well escorting Gordie and other members back to Iceland to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the loss of the ship, this prized artifact was presented to me. This hospital gown now preserved in a proper frame now hang in the ward room at RCSCC Skeena in Port Hope, listing the names of the survivors.

Later that year, I had the opportunity to meet a gentleman by the name of LOU HOWSTON, a veteran of the RCN and a survivor of the wreck of HMCS Skeena. Mr. Howston's son brought his father to Port Hope so that we could meet, and talk about the loss of Skeena. Leaning closer to speak to him in his wheelchair, I pressed for answers to my questions about events the night the ship was lost.

Tears developed in his eyes as he repeatedly said he could not remember that night. The only think he could remember was being on the shore of Videy island and waking up in the morning, finding one of his shipmates dead beside him. Clearly his mind had erased that tragic night from his memory. I asked if he remembered any the names of his shipmates; tearfully he said he could not remember.

I then remembered the prized hospital gown, inscribed with many of the names of the men who served aboard HMCS Skeena, Surely, he could remember someone? Looking at the gown, slowly reading the names, more tears filled his eye, repeatedly saying "I can't remember I can't remember". As I leaned over his wheelchair, I noticed his arm stretched out pointing a very faint name. More tears filled his eyes, but now he was saying "I remember, I remember!" "I followed his stretched out fingers... he found his own name ! My eyes now filled with tears, I was upset that I had unintentional upset this gentleman, not my intentions. However, he assured me later, although tragic and very emotional, his tears were tears of joy. After 60 long years he was finally able to mourn the death of his fellow shipmates.

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 this 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 to learn more.

Next month; HMCS Skeena in Battle !

In Comradeship

Lt(N) Christopher R. Barker, CD*

RCSCC Skeena

The Irish—Be they kings, or poets, or famers. They 're a people of great worth. They keep company with the angels and bring a bit of heaven here to earth.

Source: www.say-it-in-verse.com

March 2019

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

					1 Meat Roll 5 PM Friday Night Darts Probus Mtg-(ETR)	2 Meat Roll 3 PM
3	4 Over 55 Darts 12:45 PM Men's Darts LA General Mtg	5	6 Ladies Darts	7	8 Meat Roll 5 PM Friday Night Darts	9 Meat Roll 3 PM
10	11 Over 55 Darts 12:45 PM Men's Darts	12	13 Ladies Darts	14 Br Exec Meeting Moonshot Euchre	15 Meat Roll 5 PM Friday Night Darts	16 Meat Roll 3 PM LA Birthday Dinner
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24 Branch Rock Concert	25 Over 55 Darts 12:45 PM Men's Darts LA Exec. Mtg.	26	27 Ladies Darts	28 Moonshot Euchre	29 Meat Roll 5 PM Friday Night Darts	30 Branch Mixed Zone Darts Meat Roll 3 PM
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