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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 Midnight 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,

We are just about to say goodbye to winter. Our in house sports are winding down. The new building is still moving along. Zone sports are near the end for indoor sports. In regular darts we have one team moving on to provincials. That team is made up of Troy Burgess, Aaron Tidd, Jeff Lambert and Blair Brown, Congrats to the four playing and good luck in the next round.

The meat draw was working well, than people started to put their names down and didn't show up or people started taking their names off close to the day. We also had a hard time finding people to pick up the meat on Fridays. As of the 1st weekend in March we will be going to a new format. There will be no meat (WHAT!!). Instead we will be using gift cards form different places. The meat is getting more expensive and smaller cuts. Many members don't want pork. We will try this new way for awhile and see how it goes. But we will still have the same problem if people don't sign up to sell. We have to have sellers to make the draw happen. No sellers no draw. The cards will be behind the bar and will not go bad. The meat draw is a very important event, its pays the heat and hydro. So please we need the help to keep this event running.

Public speaking was held with a good turn out. A job well done by Tony Seaborne and Leona Woods. Along with their team of helpers.

The Ladies Birthday dinner is fast approaching help is needed in the kitchen. If you can help please call me.

RL Robison-President

Sick & Visiting

No report at the time of this publication.

To all those who have lost a loved one or are feeling down our thoughts & prayers go out to all our shut-ins and to those who have lost a loved one.

Yours in Comradeship
Judy Elliott 905-372-9666

Membership

The Membership office is getting a little quieter and we can catch up on things. I am asking

Again, for all members that paid their dues and still waiting on their card, to check at the bar. We really need to clean out that file. It takes a lot of time to call every member to pick up their cards and we are volunteers, so please help us out.

Initiation in January had eighteen (18) new members sworn in and we are looking about another 12 for February. Please remember when you bring friends into the clubroom to sign them in the guest book.

Our Sunday afternoon entertainment in the clubroom will be March 27th from 2pm & 5pm with Greg Hannah and Gus Whibbs. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully, 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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416-618-6266 rod@ingersollpetroleum.ca

Entertainment News

Please mark your calendar for the 83rd Birthday Dinner for the Ladies Auxiliary. It will be held on March 14th. Cocktails at 5 and dinner at 5.30 p.m.

Tickets are \$5.00 and must be paid in advance. I will not be able to hold a ticket for you as in the past.

You will receive a refund of your \$5.00 when you attend the dinner. WHAT A DEAL!!!

This is the evening of our Honours and Awards. If you are entitled to a years of service pin, please come to the dinner to receive it! You deserve it!

Yours in comradeship,
Yolande McKinnon, Secretary



Ladies Auxiliary President's Message March 2020

General Meetings: March 2, April 6 @ 7:00
Executive Meetings: March 30, April 27 @ 7:00

Hello Comrades

Our Birthday party is fast approaching. Please contact Yolande or myself for your ticket.

Tickets are not being held at the door. Tickets are on sale till March 7. Tickets are \$5.00 dollars...you receive that back at the door.

March 4th is the hamburger pie making day starting at 9am...Ladies we need help making them.

Pick up is March 6th from 2 till 6:30 pm, upstairs in Lounge 6.

March 2 to March 30th is LA fruit pie fundraiser. Cherry, blueberry and Apple.

Pick up is in April.

Ladies, elections are also fast approaching. Please think and consider running for an office position.

The LA cannot run with no officers.

We will be having nominations and elections this month to see who we will be sending to convention in September to represent Branch 133 Ladies Auxiliary.

Ladies, we need more ladies to step up and to carry colors, please and thank you.

Sorry to be bearer of bad news but Pub Lunches have come to a stop. Thank you to those who came out and supported the event.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to those celebrating this month.

In comradeship

Jennifer Young President of Branch 133 Ladies Auxiliary.

OVER 55 CLUB

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Good Morning on this snowy February day. Only 23 days to SPRING!!! YEAH!.

A lovely chicken dinner was enjoyed by all on Wednesday February 19th, again thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary. Birthday celebrants for February were Hal Allison, Art Brace, Sherri Grieder, Joy and Joyce Somerville. Wishes for a speedy recovery were sent out to Josephine Upton who has been feeling under the weather this month.

Bingo was enjoyed by all who remained after the luncheon. Darts continue to be played and lots of fun is had on Monday afternoons.

Will March come in like a LION or a LAMB? Time will tell.

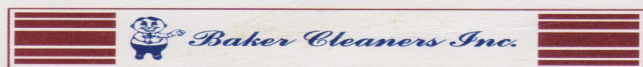
Until next time...

Eddie Lean-Chair Over 55 Club

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Meat Draws



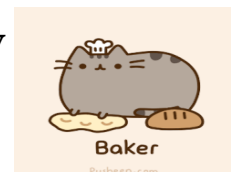
Every Friday @ 5 PM & Saturday @ 3 PM

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

Ladies Auxiliary

Fruit Pie

Fundraiser



Place your orders for fruit pies (Cherry, Blueberry & Apple)

March 4 -March 30th with pick up in April. Check bulletin board or members to place your order.



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 14 “You Can Not Imagine ...”

This past October, I had the pleasure of escorting the cadets of 116 Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps “Skeena” to the resting spot of where their namesake, HMCS Skeena was wrecked on Videy Island Iceland. 75 years ago, on the evening of 24 October 1944, 15 members of her crew perished on the shores of Videy Island.

This trip to Iceland, marks my fourth time to Iceland to commemorate the loss of HMCS Skeena. Twice I have escorted survivors of the ship, once on the 60th anniversary of her loss and another in 2006 when the ship’s propeller was unveiled as a monument honouring the loss of Skeena. This last October marked my fourth visit to Iceland and Videy Island, this time with the cadets of RCSCC Skeena to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the loss of HMCS Skeena.

Recently, many friends and colleagues have been asking me what has been the driving force that has led me to this remote spot on Videy Island and to the graves of the Skeena Crew members.

It was in 1993 that the second ship to bear the name Skeena was decommissioned and I had just read a book called “Skeena Aground”, written by Isaac Unger, a brother of one of the crew members buried in Iceland. With the second ship bearing the name Skeena now gone, this left the local Skeena sea cadets to remember the loss of Skeena in 1944. So, on the 50th anniversary, we held a very simple service in Port Hope, laying 15 poppies in front of a picture of the ship, we recited the naval prayer, and rang our ship’s bell 15 times. All in remembrance of our ship, HMCS Skeena.

This simple service carried on for many years until the last few survivors of the ship, decided to hold their annual reunion in Port Hope. In 2001 I had the pleasure of meeting many of the men who survived the loss of Skeena. I tried to ask many of the men questions as to what happened that tragic night so many years ago, however many were very private about what had happened. At that reunion I had the pleasure of meeting the Reverend Davidson, who was the minister in Iceland that laid the Skeena dead to rest. It was his words that he said to me that still ring in my mind.

I was puzzled why so many of the men were guarded in what that shared about the evening of the 24th October 1944, and the minister shared with me that even today the Skeena burial service still bothered him. I was puzzled as here was a man who admitted to bury so many men during the war but admitted it was the Skeena burial that still bothered him mentally. Of course, I asked why and was amazed at what he shared.

“You can not imagine the size of the hole in the ground for so many men”. Due to the fact that wood was a scarce commodity in Iceland during the war, the wooden coffins that were given to the Canadian Navy by the American Army posted in Iceland, but were returned and the men were wrapped in burlap and the White Naval Ensign. A mass grave was dug and 13 bodies were laid out in two rows, with the 14th body buried a few days later. The 15th body was never found.

“You can not imagine the size of the hole in the ground for so many men” These words still resonate in my mind and it is those words that have led me to ensure that the memory of those 15 men will never be forgotten. I can not imagine the size of the hole in the ground for so many men, however I will never forget that there were so many men buried in a common grave. I will remember them.

Next month.... HMCS Skeena at Normandy, as told by a past member of the ship.

In Comradeship

Lt(N) Christopher R. Barker, CD*

The 75th Anniversary of The Battle of the Atlantic

The Northumberland Branch of the Navy League of Canada, along with the cadets of The Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps “Skeena” will be conducting their annual Battle of the Atlantic commemoration service, on the morning (exact time TBA) of Sunday May 3rd, 2020. This year’s service will be a tribute to the veterans of the Battle of the Atlantic and will be conducted aboard the Navy League Building in Port Hope. This is a public event and all are welcome to attend.

This year being the 75th Anniversary we are searching for any and all Naval veterans, living in our Port Hope/Cobourg/Northumberland Community, who served from 1939-1945. We wish to celebrate and commemorate their service to the RCN and to our country.

If you are aware of any living veterans please contact me...

Lt(N) Chris Barker; rcsccskeena@gmail.com

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