

The Log



APRIL 2011

Royal Canadian Legion
Comox Branch No. 160
1825 Comox Avenue
Comox, BC V9M 3M3

2011 BRANCH & LA OFFICERS

<u>BRANCH OFFICERS</u>		<u>LA OFFICERS</u>	
President	Gerry Maillet	President	Fern Barber
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		Catering	Pat Verchere
		Social Services	Pat Johnson
		Bingo	Eve Bechdolt
		Membership	Marlene Plank

2009 BRANCH COMMITTEE CHAIRS & APPOINTMENTS

Sick & Visiting	Bill Beaudin	Entertainment	Rod Verchere
Building	Stu McKinnon	Finance	Ernie Mills
Honors/Awards	Val Greenlaw	Special Events	Ruth Perron
Sports	Dave Willington	Bar & Gaming	Lloyd Lohnes
Poppy/Bursary	Don Sinnema	Membership &	
Meat Draw	Chris Ross	Youth	Dave Parkin
Service Officer	Victoria Coffey	Publicity	John Paulin
Sgt-at-Arms	Zack Donovan	Log	Terry Smith
Photographer	Al Cameron	Chaplain	Rev Neil Parker
		Curator	Dave Kelly

BRANCH STAFF

Cyndy Knodel	Sec/Manager	Barb Godin	Bar Manager
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EDITOR'S NOTES:

All articles for **The Log** should be with the Editor by the 20th of the month. Photos must include a short description of the event c/w the names of the persons in the photograph. Send submissions in word, excel, outlook, pdf, odt or jpeg format to the Editor by email at twsmith49@telus.net.

If you need assistance with your submission or do not have access to a computer please call the Editor at 250 339-1706.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, March has come and almost gone, it was suppose to warm up and feel like spring, well things did warm up, in the branch. To the demise of the Lorne, a favorite tourist attraction if not a popular attraction to Comoxians, we gained more than twenty new members who have settled in nicely. What a fine group of positive thinkers they are and I have noticed that by the bags of meat going out the door in their hands they are holding their own at the meat draws as well. It also has been noted that the popularity of Barbie's BBQ is growing closer to summer attendance; maybe it is warming a bit.

Tofino, the last weekend of this month will be the final Installation of the year and in conjunction with the first Zone Meeting of the year, it is a very popular location to hold it.

I would like to make a personal thank you to all our Chair's and Committee members for their dedicated efforts to make this for you the finest branch there is! Thank You!

John Paulin, 1st Vice President for Gerry Maillet, President

COMMAND SERVICE OFFICER

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our BC/Yukon Command Service Officer Terry Mills. We have not yet received any official details from Command but I have confirmed by telephone of his passing. I know that some of you have appointments set up for March 31st that will be cancelled; I have been talking to Joanne Henderson at Command office in Burnaby and she has asked me to forward the appointment list to her, as she is taking on a rather large task I cannot at this time confirm any time span in which she will contact you. If you have any questions or concerns or wish to speak with our branch Service Officer in the interim please contact me in the office by email rcl.comox.branch160@shaw.ca or by phone at [250-339-2022](tel:250-339-2022).

BARBIE'S BBQS & REFRESHMENTS

WEDNESDAYS 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

April 6th

Burgers - \$10.00/Plate

April 13th

Burgers - \$10.00/Plate

April 20th

Ribs & Rice - \$11.00/Plate

April 27th

Burgers - \$10.00/Plate

Complete with a refreshment of your choice and a side dish.

FINANCE COMMITTEE Q & A

Q.: What did we save by consolidating cable and telephone with Shaw?

A.: We have reduced costs by approximately \$100/mo.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Date:	Saturday April 9 th
Location:	Branch No. 160 Upper Hall
Meet & Greet (no host bar):	1300 hrs
Call to Order	1400 hrs.

Presentations of the Honours and Awards to follow.

LAST POST

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.

We will remember them.



COMRADES:

**Gladys Blackmore
Carl Charko**

PLANNED GIVING

What better way to leave your legacy than by making the Royal Canadian Legion Comox Branch No. 160 a beneficiary of your:

- Bequest by Will
- Trust
- RRSP, RRIF, Pension, Annuity Proceeds
- Charitable Gift Annuity
- Publicly Traded Securities
- Preferred Shares In Private Corporations
- Insurance Policy
- Retirement Plan

To plan for future giving, please ask your solicitor's advice and assistance on putting additional codicil onto your existing will.

MEAT DRAW

We are always looking for help with the meat draws even if it's just one day. Please sign up on the sheet located at the front bulletin board. Just a reminder, that the next **Ham and Turkey Meat Draw will be on Friday, April 15th** so put it on your calendar.

Chris Ross, Meat Draw Chairperson

2011 MEN'S OPEN DARTS TOURNAMENT

Surprise winners but, the titles were well earned.

12 Pairs toed the line on Sunday 13th (maybe a lucky number for some) to play a round robin format with the top eight advancing to the cursed best of 3 knock out round.

Securing the final spot in the round robin section, David Merkley and Gerard Slaunwhite advanced as winners over Art Forbes and John Broccolo. In third spot were Terry Jackson and Bud Englund with Daniel Leaman and Jamie Dith getting the fourth place.

From the Singles event a new reckoning emerged (guess I will hear about this). 21 players participated in a single game round robin split into 2 sheets (10 and 11), with the top 8 from both sheets advancing to the best of 3 knock out. In an exciting best of 5 final, Gerard Slaunwhite (referred to as the Rookie in the 2010 event) eked by Bill Durant 3-2, jubilation on Gerard's account, could be heard back at CFB Comox.

The knock out rounds can change a hard fought for position getting of the sheets, only to be eliminated early (as in many sporting events). Gerard came from 5th spot of his sheet to get to the final. Third place went to Ernie Linden with Art Forbes securing the fourth spot.

Thanks to Pat and Rod Verchere for catering the lunches, and to the crew that turned up early on Sunday to set the venue up.

Next up at the Comox Legion are the BC/Yukon Provincial Darts Championships on the 26th and 27th of March.

In April it will be the 5th Annual Memorial Tournament. For more information on this willington@shaw.ca or 250-339-9592

PARAPROSDOKIANS A figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected.

- You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
- The voices in my head may not be real, but they have some good ideas!
- Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back.
- Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

UPCOMING ENTERTAINMENT VENUE

Here are some of the functions scheduled as we look ahead:

- Sunday May 1st Month end Dance and Dine rescheduled due to Easter Sunday Brunch
- Sunday May 8th Upper Hall - 12:30 to 3:30 PM: 1st annual Mother's Day High Tea modeled after Victoria's famous Empress Hotel High Tea;
- Saturday May 21st Upper Hall: The Special Events Committee will be hosting their famous annual Lobster Dinner;
- August: Annual Branch Picnic date TBA.

More special entertainment in the coming months please buy you tickets early it helps in the ordering of the supplies needed.

THE CURATOR'S CORNER By Dave Kelly

In last month's column, I asked for feedback with regards to the RCR flag and Vimy pictures in the Army room. I received no responses to move these, and heard from some that they should remain. Therefore they will remain as they are. As mentioned by me on more than one occasion, I am receptive for any ideas on changes to pictures and our memorabilia use. It actually makes my job easier.

I was informed by Comrade Judi Davis that it was her dad that donated the "past presidents" propeller in the Air Force room. I had a plaque made that reads "Propeller donated by Harry Tuesher", and is now affixed on the prop.

Another book has been donated to our library by yours truly. The title is Backlines by Bob Spall. It is his story of his time in the RCAF from his joining up and retirement during WW2. It is easy reading and ex RCAF members can relate to his adventures.

I'll end with a smile or two, (I hope):

From my comic dictionary:

ADULT: A person who has stopped growing at both ends and started to grow in the middle.

AGE: Something to brag about in your wine cellar and forget in a birthday book.

BIRTHDAY: Observed only by men and children.

OBESITY: A surplus gone to waist.

Enough groans, Fairwinds

CHARITABLE DONATION - GAMING ACCOUNT



Comrade John Paulin, 1st Vice President presents a \$1000.00 cheque to the Military Police Blind Childrens Fund and Comox Valley Masonic Cancer Van

2011 BC YUKON COMMAND CONVENTIONS

Legionnaires and members of the Ladies Auxiliary join together at our Command Conventions, which will be held in Penticton, June 5th to 8th. This is the first time in 10 years that we will have a coinciding convention. The Branch will pay the registration fee for any member wishing to attend the convention.

The LA is organizing a bus trip to the convention leaving the Branch on June 4th and returning on June 8th. Leave the hassle to the bus driver. Join them for what promises to be a fun filled trip.

To register call Fern Barber at (250) 890-0696 or email fernbarber@shaw.ca

Deadline for registration is April 1st.

GLORIOUS INSULTS: These are from an era before the English language got boiled down to 4-letter words.

- "He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." Oscar Wilde
- "He is a self-made man and worships his creator." John Bright
- "I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here." Stephen Bishop

****Life Is What It Is & What You May Want To Make It****

- Do the right thing!
- Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
- GOD heals everything.
- However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
- No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
- The best is yet to come.
- When you awake alive in the morning, thank GOD for it
- Your Inner most is always happy. So, be happy.

NEW MEMBERS

Howard Bull

Gord Grawbarger

David Hamilton

Joe Komadowski

Robert Martel

Brett Silzer

Mark Rossiter

William Sheilds

Ernest Stefanik

Kathleen Kennelly

Allan Lapointe

Grant Machin

Lance Pace

Ernie Parent

Lisa Salminen

Paul Tames

Mark Vandervoort

Clifford Beck

Raymond Sjostrom

Geoffrey Warren

Gladys Beck

Lawrence Wile

Mona Wile

Please join your Executive in welcoming these new members to the Branch. Do invite them to attend and participate in our regularly scheduled activities with you. Help them to feel at home in the Branch.

UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS

The BC/Yukon Provincial Darts will soon be upon us, drivers and score keepers are still needed, sign-up at the bar, if you can help out.

Memorial Darts Tournament is on April 17th, this year we will be adding Comrade Bruce Tiffin's name to the Trophy. Sign up at the bar.

Next and last Crib until the Fall is on April 3rd at 1:00 pm.

On Saturday April 16th is the Fred Eggiman Euchre Tournament, this will be a full Round Robin event, and may take a while longer to finish, so be prepared and don't miss your afternoon nap. Bring your favorite snack for a Pot Luck midway through.

Golf will soon be upon us, venue is uncertain as of yet.

The "Branch Pub Crawl" is on the 25th of June, I know this is early, but let's get the bus full. Posters are up around the Lounge and washrooms.

Zone Darts Trophies are ready for the Spring Zone Meeting, anyone attending the meeting can take these with them, most likely is President Gerry.



2011 Branch Crawl

Saturday June 25th

\$40.00 includes a T-shirt

No T-shirt \$25.00

Depart Branch at 10:00 AM.

Calling in at;

Ladysmith/Nanaimo/Parksville/Qualicum/Bowser

Register at the bar, Deadline June 17th

(So that the T-shirts can be ordered)

To order a T-shirt only, \$15.00 + HST



BATTLE OF KAP'YONG REMEMBERED

The battle for Hill 677 cost the Princess Patricias 10 lives and 23 wounded. For their courage, Pte. Wayne Robert Mitchell received the Distinguished Conduct Medal and Pte. Kenneth Francis Barwise received the Military Medal. Capt. J. G. W. "Wally" Mills earned the Military Cross. Pte. Mitchell was one of eight Canadians to win the Distinguished Conduct Medal in Korea, the award for gallantry second only to the Victoria Cross.

It has been 60 years since the 23rd of April 1951 and Korea's Battle of Kap'Yong. The 2nd Battalion of the PPCLI fought and held Hill 677 from overwhelming Chinese Communist forces and the PPCLI were eventually honoured with the United States Presidential Unit Citation. Well Done PPCLI.



Kap'Yong Gap



PPCLI

More **PARAPROSDOKIANS:**

- Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
- I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
- I always take life with a grain of salt... plus a slice of lemon...and a shot of tequila.
- A bank is a place that will lend you money if you can prove that you don't need it.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

APRIL

- Honour and Awards
- Assemble Bursary (review applications and schedule interviews)

MAY

- V.E. Day
- Invitation - Sea Cadet Inspection
- Empire Days Parade
- BATTLE of the ATLANTIC Ceremony (1st Sunday in May)
- Mother's Day
- Boomer's Legacy
- Lobster Night

L.A. SOUP & SANDWICH

L.A. Soup and Sandwich Lunch Thursday April 21st in the Upper Hall from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

- Full Lunch \$7.00
- Individual Entrees \$2.50

L.A. MUSINGS By Judi Davis

The meeting of March 10th had 21 ladies present. Flags were posted, and President Fern Barber chaired the meeting.

The upcoming Convention in Penticton June 4th – 8th and the bus were on the agenda, and with the lack of people going on the bus, it may be cancelled, due to the fact it would be expensive for the few going, so if your going to convention, please reconsider travelling on the bus, it's a lot of fun, and you don't have to fight the traffic. If you wish to go please contact Fern Barber and let her know before April 1st.

The L.A. is making a basket up for the raffle at convention, and is looking for donations of kitchen items in the colours of blue and yellow, so if you wish to donate something, please bring it to Aprils meeting.

The Zone report was read, and the new slate of Officers for Zone was announced. The new Zone Commander is yours truly, Judi Davis, and the Sec/Treasurer will be Jasia Cocking and the Sgt. at Arms is Lil Smith.

Our Soup and Sandwich for April will be held on the 21st with an Easter theme. This month's soup and sandwich was on St Patrick's Day, and they had a full house, so please come out and support our next months luncheon.

Madame President attended the Adaptive Snow Sports windup, and has offered the L.A. to do the 2012 banquet in Feb.

Next Exec. Meeting: April 7th @ 7:00 p.m.

Next Gen. Meeting: April 14th @ 7:30 p.m.

FIXED EVENTS WITHIN THE BRANCH

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| SUNDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Last Sunday Dine/Dance - Upper Hall/Lounge 2:00 to 6:00 PM➤ Crib - 1st Sunday (Sep to Apr) Upper Hall 1:00 PM |
| MONDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Ladies Euchre - Upper Hall 1:30 PM➤ L.A. Drop-in Bingo - Upper Hall 7:00 PM➤ Line Dancing - Lounge 7:00 PM➤ Men's Darts League - Lounge 7:30 PM |
| TUESDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Mixed Dart League - Upper Hall at 7:30 PM➤ Ladies Crib League - Lounge 7:30 PM➤ Mixed Pub League Darts – Lounge 7:30 PM |
| WEDNESDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 2nd Wednesday Branch Executive Meeting – Upper Hall 7:00 PM➤ Ladies Dart League - Lounge at 7:30 PM➤ Drop-in Darts – Lounge (May to Aug) 7:00 PM➤ NVI Cribbage League - Lounge 7:30 PM |
| THURSDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 3rd Thursday L.A. Soup/Sandwich Lunch - Upper Hall 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM➤ 1st Thursday L.A. Executive Meeting - Upper Hall 7:00 PM➤ 2nd Thursday L.A. General Meeting - Upper Hall 7:30 PM➤ 3rd Thursday Branch General Meeting - Upper Hall 7:30 PM➤ Men's Pub League Darts - Lounge 7:30 PM |
| FRIDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Meat Draw - Lounge 3:00 PM➤ Drop-in Darts – Lounge (Sep to Apr) 7:00 PM |
| SATURDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Meat Draw - Lounge 3:00 PM➤ Ace of Spades Draw - Lounge 6:00 PM➤ 3rd Saturday Euchre - Lounge 7:00 PM➤ Bacci Cards - Lounge 7:00 PM |

MILITARY IRONY

*At the time of Pearl Harbour, the top U.S. Navy Command was called CINCUS “**Commander-in-Chief United States** [pronounced “sink us”]; {changed for PR reasons}

E N T E R T A I N M E N T

Friday April 8th
Dance To Amigo's
In the Lounge
7:30 PM – 11:30 PM

Sunday April 24th Easter Sunday Brunch
Upper hall
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

French Toast, Pancakes or Eggs any style \$5.00

****Please check @ the Bar for cancellations/time changes, etc**

Contact Cyndy Knodel for Hall Rentals/Special Events
Office Hrs: Monday – Friday - 9:00 -12:00 AM & 12:30 - 3:30 PM
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Email: rcl.comox.branch160@shaw.ca;
Website: www.comoxlegion.ca

Ladies Auxiliary Catering – Pat Verchere 250 339-5829

LOUNGE HOURS OF OPERATION
MONDAY TO SATURDAY - 11:00 AM TO 12:00 AM
SUNDAY - 12:00 AM TO 5:00 PM
Telephone: 250 339-2112

[Unless non-usage requires that the bartender closes early]