

The Log



FEBRUARY 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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2 nd Vice	Stu McKinnon	2 nd Vice	Lynne Marinus
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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

Executive. I would like to welcome the new faces on our team. Our new treasurer, Ernie Mill Membership, Dave Parkin (Past Pres.), Log Terry Smith (Past Pres.), And our new Padre Rev Nell Parker. These members are no stranger to Executive positions, but have taken up new Committee Chair positions.

The usual visits to other Branches in our Zone for their Installations has already begun with ours being held on Feb 05/11, beginning at 13:00 hrs or for the Laymen 01:00 PM.

Our goal again this year is to keep our Branch financially solvent on the business side while maintaining our goal of assisting our Veterans and other charitably organizations in our Community.

just a mention on behalf of our sick and visiting committee, if you hear of a Veteran or member of our Branch who is in hospital or requires a visit from the Branch, to bring it to the attention of someone on their Executive or any other Executive member so that they will not be overlooked. if they don't know about it we can't visit!

Our Branch exists to serve our veterans and members and anyone who believes in our goals and objectives can join our ranks and serve. Anyone of good faith and integrity can join, you do not have to be a veteran. I am putting it out to you, our members, to go out on a recruiting drive and seek new members to maintain our status as the largest Legion in our Zone.

Enjoy your Branch!
Gerry Maillet, President

L.A. MUSINGS By Judi Davis

Welcome back everyone, we hope that you all had a wonderful holiday, and are ready to get back to the fun, but hard work the L.A. and Branch has in store for us all.

January 13th's meeting had 32 ladies present. A wonderful turnout. Madame President Fern Barber chaired the meeting.

The proposed budget was read out, and passed, subject to change if situations require it.

Seeing as how our executive is short people, a motion was made to have an Executive at large elected to help fill the vacancy. Edythe Erickson was elected to the position. De Frederickson was nominated, and accepted the position of Treasurer. Our Executive is now back up to capacity. Pat Verchere agreed to handle the catering bookings, etc. thank you Pat.

After a break in Dec. the soup and sandwich luncheons will resume on Jan.20th. Please come and join us for a delicious lunch at a bargain price.

Annual reports were read out, and all the Ladies have had a very busy year.

The Convention is coming up in June, which will be a joint convention, and hopefully we will be getting more info on that sometime soon. Fern Barber is in charge of the bus, so if anyone is wishing to attend the convention, please let Fern know if you wish to book a seat on the bus.

A Notice of Motion had been posted on the bulletin board, as to changing our meeting from evening to daytime. The results of the vote, were to keep things status quo, so, our meetings will remain on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30 in the evening.

Madame President read off her committees for the 2011, they will all be kept busy I'm sure. After a lengthy meeting, we adjourned.

Next Exec. Meeting: Feb. 3rd @ 7:00

Next Gen. Meeting: Feb. 10th @ 7:30

L.A. DONATIONS

Thank you members of the LA to Br 160 Comox. Over the past year the LA has managed to raise funds for the Branch and to donate to the following charities totaling over \$30,700.00. Great work ladies!

Comox Valley Food Bank	1,929.00	Sonshine Lunch	500.00
Comox Valley Pipe Band	500.00	Muscular Dystrophy	250.00
Special Needs	250.00	St Joseph's Hospital ECU	500.00
Bursaries	3,000.00	Legion Foundation	2,500.00
Comox Valley Lifeline	720.00	Scout Canada	500.00
Child Development Center	500.00	Remembrance Day	171.36
Comox Fire Dept	500.00	Salvation Army	500.00
Santa's Workshop	500.00	Teddies "N Toddlers	500.00
Therapeutic Riding	250.00	Coast Realty Hamper	500.00
L'Arche	250.00	JCV Head Injury	250.00
Comox Valley Hospice	250.00	YANA	500.00
Military Resource Centre	250.00	Wheels for Wellness	250.00
Vets Dinner	960.00	Adaptive Snow Sports	500.00
CNIB	200.00	Heart House	200.00
Cancer Society	200.00	Cancer Van	500.00
RCL Rent	6,125.20		
RCL Donation	6,175.00		

L.A. SOUP & SANDWICH

L.A. Soup and Sandwich Lunch Thursday February 17th in the Upper Hall from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

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

L.A. V.I.P. OBITUARY

Recently we were saddened by the death of one of our Auxiliary's most valuable members who went by the name of

SOMEONE ELSE.

Her passing leaves a gap, which will be hard to fill.

SOMEONE ELSE

had been with the Auxiliary from the beginning.

She always did more than the normal person's share of work.

Whenever there was a job to do,
whenever a helping hand was needed,
whenever we needed someone just to listen
one word was on everybody's lips.

"Let SOMEONE ELSE do it".

Whenever there was a need for volunteers
everyone took it for granted that

SOMEONE ELSE

would step forward.

SOMEONE ELSE

was a wonderful person,
sometimes appearing to be super human.

But a person can do only so much.

If we are going to be honest about it we will have to admit
we all expected too much of

SOMEONE ELSE.

Perhaps that is what killed her.

THE CURATOR'S CORNER By Dave Kelly

First, a couple of updates on the projects from last month,

The 36 RCAF plaques have been mounted in the Air Force room. They look impressive.

One plaque of VU33 has been put in the Navy room.

Comrade Frank Gibson's Rutherford print of the SAR Helo has been mounted on the north wall of the Air Force room. It is placed where the picture of the 2 Anson aircraft was. This picture, with the permission of the President will be offered to the Comox Air Force Museum, on loan for their use. I will let you know if they will accept the offer.

With regards to this picture, I had to take a frame with glass to the Comox Valley Glass & Mirror, on Guthrie Rd. in Comox, to cut the glass to fit the frame. They accepted the job, and when I picked it up, they told me that there was no charge as it was for the Legion. Our thanks go to them for this act of community spirit.

Our latest acquisitions include the following:

A coloured photo of RCAF personnel in front of a C47, (DC3, Dakota), in Winnipeg, donated by Lloyd Matthews of 888 Wing. It has been framed under glass and is now on the south wall of the Air Force room. This aircraft was one of two remaining C47's in the RCAF, and is stated to be now on display in the Trenton Airpark.

From the Air Force Museum via comrade Brian O'Cain, another 4 military books for our library. Titles are:

- Forced March to Freedom, POWs in WW2.

- HMS Seal, British submarine.
- The Frogmen, WW2. and
- VC's of The Air. 32 Victoria Crosses won during WW2.

From a "Found Box" in the entertainment room, the following:

- Pamphlet 1911, Streets of London, England, with advertising of clothing of that era. (interesting pictures).
- Pamphlet titled "The Army Doctor in War" 20 pages WWI vintage.
- Two Song books,
- Hardcover book, Titled "The Biography of Field Marshal, Erwin Rommel". This book was the property of Duke Warren. and
- 7 volumes, hard covers titled "The Second World War" consisting of 3084 pages. Lots of reading here.

I'll finish with a gem of wisdom; "A yawn may be bad manners, but it's at least an honest opinion."

ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

When it became necessary to curtail our Friday Night Dances due to the amount of money they were costing it also became plain that wholesale changes to entertainment would have to be made. We decided to offer quality food and shows at a price the members could afford and we could make a small profit, thus ending the year in the black, be it only by a small margin.

To do this it takes volunteers and I would like to thank those who gave so freely of their time and expertise like my wife Pat, John & Eileen Paulin, Don Davis, Chris Ross, Jim & Lil Smith, Stu McKinnon, Don Sinnema, Mary Carrigan and of course our vice chair Barb Godin (who's tireless efforts with Barbies BBQ's, Brunches, Branch Picnic and for being there when called upon). There were many more who helped when called upon for functions like the Brunches, LA Dinner, New Years Eve i.e.: Marlene, Moe, Bill, Frank, Al, Fred, Ernie & Fern, Dave & Alice, Terry, Joyce and especially Dee Frederickson for the centerpieces at special functions, I'm sorry if I missed anyone, you know who you are thanks again.

2011 will see much of the same with special events planned at a price we hope you can afford.

The Special Events committee will be once again hosting the Lobster Night and the Vets Dinner.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all from the Entertainment Committee.

R.V. (Rod) Verchere
Entertainment Chair.

Early Bird Draw Winner

Congratulations to Comrade Sandy Gillis.

New Members

Associate Members: Lori Webb
Elizabeth Hewson

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.

SICK AND VISITING

The committee looking for volunteers, if you are interested and for more information please call Bill Beaudin:

Tel: 250 339 1624.
Email: wabarbeau@shaw.ca

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: Bruce Tiffin
Bruce Horochuk
Jake McPherson**

MEAT DRAW

To all those members who have volunteered to help with the Meat Draw, I would like to thank you. Monies earned from the proceeds of these Meat Draws are given to various Comox Valley charities. Your participation in volunteering your time for these draws also contributes as a fundraiser for the Branch, through bar sales.

In order for the Branch to continue to offer these Meat Draws, we require more people to volunteer. **PLEASE DO YOUR PART.**

This is a great way to meet fellow members and help both the Branch and local charities. We will help train you if you are unsure and a little shy.

Please put your name and phone number down on the sign up sheet located at the front bulletin board and I will be in touch with you. Thank You.

Chris Ross, Chairperson Meat Draw

GAMING ACCOUNT DONATIONS FOR 2010

Scouts Canada Comox 1 st	1000.00	CV Child Development	1000.00
Girl Guides Of Canada	500.00	Sonshine Lunch Club	500.00
Special Olympics	500.00	Citizens On Patrol	500.00
Heart & Stroke	1000.00	Help Fill A Dream	500.00
CV Therapeutic Riding	500.00	CV Hospice Society	500.00
CV Marine Rescue	500.00	CV Spca	500.00
Diabetes Camp Gibsons	500.00	Therapeutic Gardens	250.00
Legion Foundation	1000.00	CV Transition Society	500.00
Cancer-Tour De Rock	1000.00	Van Isl Ostomy	500.00
Boomers-Bike Ride	500.00	CV RCMP Youth Camp	500.00
Salvation Army	1000.00	CV Navy League	1000.00
Y.A.N.A.	1340.00	VI Adaptive Snow Sports	2000.00
Santa's Workshop	1000.00	Eureka Support Society	500.00

TOTAL **19090.00**

FINANCE COMMITTEE ANSWERS

Q. Where does the Legion half of the 50/50 draws go?

A. It goes into the gaming account same account as the meat draw money and is distributed to local charities.

If you have any questions drop them off in the Treasurer's box in the office or, email: Ernie at efmills@shaw.ca

BARBIE'S BBQS & REFRESHMENTS

WEDNESDAYS 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

February 2nd

Burgers & Potatoes - \$10.00/Plate

February 9th

Chicken - \$12.00/Plate

February 16th

Meatloaf - \$12.00/Plate

February 23rd

Burgers - \$10.00/Plate

V FOR VICTORY NICKELS

Winston Churchill, Prime Minister of Great Britain during the Second World War, helped popularize the “**V FOR VICTORY**” slogan in an effort to raise Allied spirits. The people of occupied Europe were urged to paint the letter “**V**” on walls of buildings.

From 1942 until 1945, Canada replaced the traditional beaver with a torch superimposed on a “**V**” on the back of the Canadian nickel. “**WE WIN WHEN WE WORK WILLINGLY**” was also etched in Morse Code on the tail side edge.

More than 25 million of the “**V for VICTORY**” coins were minted in 1943 alone.

Branch # 160 2011 Zone Darts Qualifiers

Singles: Tony Russell, Darrell Hillier, Laurie Bull, Art Forbes, Bill Footit, Dan Dupuis, Bob Mossey, Peter Greave.

1st Alternate Gerard Slaunwhite, 2nd Alternate Elaine Hillier.

Doubles: Tony Russell – Bud Englund, Bill Footit – Art Forbes
Gerard Slaunwhite – Laurie Bull, Elaine Hillier – Darrell Hillier.
Alternates Dan Dupuis – Don Parsons.

Teams: Art Forbes, Bill Footit, Leslie Lamouroux, Barbara Godin.
Dan Dupuis, Don Parsons, Gerard Slaunwhite, Elaine Hillier.
Alternates Tony Russell, Laurie Bull, Bud Englund, John Chequis.

Mixed Barbara Godin – Art Forbes, Elaine Hillier – Gerard Slaunwhite

Doubles: Leslie Lamouroux – Bill Footit, Mo Felhouser – Laurie Bull.
Alternates David Merkley – Carol Merkley.

Good luck to all, at the upcoming N.C.V.I Zone Playoff, here at Branch # 160 on February 11th, 12th & 13th 2011.

NCVI Zone Darts

February 11th, 12th & 13th

Friday 11th: **Mixed Doubles** (introduced at the 2010 playoff) registration 7:00 PM
toe line 7:30 PM Upper Hall.

There will be fun darts for those not participating in this event in the navy room.

Saturday 12th: **Doubles** registration 10:00 AM toe line 10:30 AM **Singles** immediately following

Sunday 13th: **Teams** registration 10:00 AM toe line 10:30 AM

Please make sure you have a current 2011 membership card with you.

LADIES OPEN DART TOURNAMENT

Sunday February 20th

Singles and Doubles

Entry fee \$7.50 per player

Per event, total payout both events.

Prizes for High Score and High Out

Pre-paid registration, at the bar.

Deadline, February 18th

Check in 9:30 a.m.

Toe Line Doubles 10:00 a.m.

Singles will follow.

Lunch will be available.

FMI 250-339-9592 or 250-339-2112

willington@shaw.ca

FIXED EVENTS WITHIN THE BRANCH

SUNDAY

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- Meat Draw - Lounge 3:00 PM
- Drop-in Darts – Lounge (Sep to Apr) 7:00 PM

SATURDAY

- 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

*The first German casualty in the 2nd World War was killed by the Japanese in China in 1937;

*The first American serviceman was killed by the Russians in Finland in 1940;

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

Friday February 11th Valentine Dance

Lower Lounge
7:30 PM – 11:30 PM

Dance to The Amigo's
NO CHARGE!!!

Sunday February 27th Dine & Dance

In the Lounge
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Dance to The Ramblers
Dinner Served in the Upper Hall @ 6:00 PM
Roast Beef - \$8.50/Plate
Tickets will be available at the Bar

****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
Telephone/Fax: 250 339-2022;
Email: rcl.comox.branch160@shaw.ca;
Website: www.comoxlegion.ca

Ladies Auxiliary Catering – Pat Verchere 250 339-5829

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

- 1 *Free your heart from hatred.*
- 2 *Free your mind from worries.*
- 3 *Live simply.*
- 4 *Give more.*
- 5 *Expect less.*

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]