

The Log



January 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
1 st Vice	John Paulin	1 st Vice	Eileen Paulin
2 nd Vice	Stu McKinnon	2 nd Vice	Lynne Marinus
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		Catering	
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		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

I hope everyone has a happy and safe Christmas and New Year. A year has certainly gone by quickly for me and I would like to thank everyone who had enough confidence in me to vote for me for another year. Each year brings new challenges and I'm sure this one will be no different in that respect.

We will be carrying on with our redevelopment, and exploring new entertainment ideas.

If you have time on your hands, and are able to help on any of our committees with your expertise, we would be happy to have you. As they say, many hands make for light work.

As most of you know we have changed the office hours a little bit to make administration and reporting more complete and timely. There is no change to in the total hours that the door is open.

If you are not receiving entertainment and sports updates via E-Mail, we probably don't have you address on file. Give us your address and we will be happy to put you on the list.

A special thank you to our Branch 160 LA for their recent donation of \$5,000.00. Ladies, this kind of support goes so far in helping our Branch remain solvent. We would like it to be known that we treasure your support and hard work on our behalf. Again, Thank You.

Have a great New Year Comrades!

Gerry Maillet, President

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BARBIE'S BBQS & REFRESHMENTS

WEDNESDAYS 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

January 5th

Burgers - \$10.00/Plate

January 12th

Chicken Pot Pie & Vegetable - \$12.00/Plate

January 19th

BBQ Ribs & Rice - \$12.00/Plate

January 26th

Meat Loaf & Mashed Potatoes - \$12.00/Plate

MIXED DROP IN DARTS

Friday Nights

- Registration shut off – 7:25 PM
 - Toe Line – 7:30 PM
 - Entry Fee - \$2.25
 - Format depends on number of players
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THE CURATOR'S CORNER By Dave Kelly

It has been awhile since I submitted a column for the Log, and we have received many donations to our branch. Some are as follows:

From Comrade John Davis: a box of picture frames, and also from Comrade Terry Smith, a number of picture frames. Comrade Irv Fraser has also given me a box of frames, I will use as many as I can, and the remaining ones that I can't use will be given to the LA for their next garage sale.

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Comrade Irv Fraser has purloined and donated to the branch 36 RCAF plaques. These I will place in the Air Force room, (main lounge) as soon as I can. You will notice some pictures will be removed for this reason.

From Lynn Marinus, a donation of a sweater with the logo of NSWBA. (Nova Scotia War Brides Association)

On Remembrance Day, the branch was presented with a large metal framed plaque with a poem titled "The Soldier". This was donated and made by 19 AMS, and is now hanging in the Memorial Room. Have a look, it is very nice.

Comrade Frank Gibson has donated a picture of the CH113 Labrador. I am now in the process of framing it. It will be hung in the Air Force room, north wall.

Comrade Brian O'Cain, has continued to deliver a number of books to our library. These books are donations from the Air Force Museum. So far they have donated 67 books, many brand new, even with plastic wraps. The total worth is well over \$700 to \$800. By my request, the President has sent them a letter of appreciation and thanks. It was a well written letter. Our library is located in the managers lounge. If you would like to sign out a book or two, just see the manager and she will sign them out to you. The books are about 90% military oriented.

As a finishing touch, I would like to wish Comrade Terry Smith, good luck in bringing back the Log. I will try to keep my column on time and readable.

Fairwinds.

THE BOTTOM LINE

In 2005 our Investment Reserve stood at \$116,283.75, at the end of November 2009 it stood at \$50,206.39 a total loss to the Branch of \$66,077.36.

At the first meeting of the 2010 executive it was decided that if something were not done to stop the bleeding we would be closing the Legion Doors in a very short time.

To address the problem The Entertainment Chair was tasked to try and reverse the path we were following. We realized that the only way to comply with the request was to do away with most if not all Friday Night Dances, which were the major cause for our losses as they were eating up any profit made during the Meat Draws in the afternoon.

It also became clear that to have bands or shows they would have to come with a charge or food at a price kept low enough to pay for the entertainment and show a small profit, we have done just that and we are now running very close to being in the black and are able to have the odd band in the Lounge on Friday Nights.

The best thing happened in August when BBQ Barbie came up with the idea of having Wednesday BBQ's, the entertainment committee jumped at the plan and it has been an overwhelming success and we have no plans to discontinue with the BBQ's; we could sure use some volunteers to help with the BBQ's just put your name forward.

To illustrate the depth of the problem, in October seeing that we had been doing really well I hired four bands.

	Expense	Revenue	Profit/(Loss)
1 st Runz on Fumes	400.00		(400.00)
16 th The Amigo's	300.00	125.00	(175.00)
23 rd Rick Benn	350.00		(350.00)
31 st Dance & Dine	492.00	442.00	(50.00)
	Total Loss		<u>(\$975.00)</u>
Barbie's Beer & Burger			387.00
	Total Loss in October		<u>(\$588.00)</u>

To compound the problem Bar Sales while Bands were in attendance was \$619, using 20% as a profit margin the \$125 profit at the Bar for these functions just does not make good business sense.

To make matters worse since the inception of the new drinking driving rules our Bar Manager states that business is off by a least 1/3. This alone makes it imperative that we continue our campaign of austerity.

R. V. (Rod) Verchere
Entertainment Chairman.

USE OF BRANCH GARBAGE BIN

Just a reminder, that the dumpster located in the northwest corner of the Branch parking lot is for **Branch Garbage** only and will remain secured. Please refrain from leaving garbage around it for others to clean up.

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LAST POST - 2010

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.

W.H. Biggs;

W.P. Carr;

O.S. Coates;

W.H. Harlow;

W.R. Irving;

L.G. McCaffrey;

D.G. Ruffell;

W. Irman;

A.G. Birtie;

J.L. Cashman;

G.R. Coutts;

C. Hazlett;

S.E. Johnson;

G. Onno;

T.M. Webb;

I. Bourgeois

E. Blackstock;

R.W. Charman;

D.B. Dozzi;

L.J. Inglis;

G. Marks;

J.C. Roy;

J. C. Payne;



BLUE BOX PROGRAM

Just a reminder that the Legion collects all recyclable paper, hard board, boxboard and cardboard in the **Blue Boxes** located conveniently around the Lounge and offices.

Please help us to do our part in preserving our environment by disposing your Keno, 50/50, BC Hold'em, Pull Tab & Meat Draw tickets, and newspapers, magazines, office paper, coasters etc. in the proper receptacles.

Your Branch has contracted with a local firm for a regularly scheduled pick up of the recyclables. **PLEASE DO YOUR PART.**

LA Charitable Donations



Pat Verchere, President & Eileen Paulin, 1st Vice President present a \$5,000.00 cheque to be distributed to a number of local charities.

L.A. MUSINGS By Judi Davis

Hi everyone, we are back. Having been approached by the Log publishers that they are going back to a monthly format, the Musings will be back in the Log.

Our Meeting had 28 ladies present. The meeting was casual, with flags posted and no uniform, as it was the last one for the year. Donations for the end of the year were brought up and reports were given. As usual all the ladies have been very busy.

There will be no soup and sandwich this month, as it gives everyone time to get himself or herself ready for Christmas. Next one will be on the 20th of January 2011. The Bazaar went over very well. And the Vets Luncheon was a great success.

Our Social Services chair Pat Johnson has bought and sent off Christmas presents for our adopted Vets at Broadmead.

The elections were concluded and the new Executive in place for next year, but we still need a Treasurer and a Caterer. So, if anyone is interested please let us know. Discussions are being held as to whether or not to have our General meetings held in the afternoon, so we will be asking our membership how they feel about this. The new Executive will take this up in Jan. till then meeting will remain as they are now.

Next Exec. Meeting - January 6th @ 7:00 p.m.

Next Gen. Meeting - January 13th @ 7:30 p.m.

On behalf of everyone in the Ladies Auxiliary we would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas, and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

L.A. SOUP & SANDWICH

L.A. Soup and Sandwich Lunch Thursday January 20th in the Upper Hall from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

- Full Lunch \$7.00
 - Individual Entrees \$2.50
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LOG CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Comrades, I have been given the opportunity of doing the Branch Newsletter; THE LOG, for the upcoming year 2011.

As I believe that any information that can be forwarded to you, the Members of the Branch, is important. I will try and convey all news, entertainment, sports, and other Branch functions within the confines of the Log and our website www.comoxlegion.ca.

If any member has any ideas, which will contribute to the Log, please bring them forward for me and my committee to discuss. They will always be appreciated.

In the year 2009, the format that was introduced by Comrade Claude Bédard will be used and will again be used this year. This format was concise, brief, informative, well displayed and contained all the pertinent information and photos for all to enjoy.

Popular topic from these Logs will be available, such as the Presidents Report, The Curator Report, the list of Meat Draw volunteers; Entertainment, Sports and any other upcoming events will be published. Submissions by the 20th of each month please.

In closing and in the interest of keeping the costs down, it would be appreciated that once you have read the Log, return it to the Branch for other Comrade or visitors to enjoy.

T.W. Smith, Chairman Log

THANKS

Once upon a time, when I was small [don't say it], I had a dream. I would be the best Bar-b-q'er there ever was... well I'm not there yet. You guys keep giving me more chances.

I'd like to thank everyone who has supported our Bar-b-q's all summer and into the winter. It has been quite successful and a lot of fun for me. I'd "like" to encourage everyone to comment on the future Bar-b-q's [likes and dislikes] but I'm not going to do that.

I need to poke special fun at Rod & Pat V., John & Eye-Lean Paulin, Don & Judy Davis, John Purdy, and Stu McKinnon for agreeing to do all the work. Without their hard work and ability to function under deplorable conditions [me], these Bar-b-q's would never have happened. Great job! Give yourself a raise.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It looks like January will be a great month for cooking outdoors.

Barb Godin

MEAT DRAW

I would like to thank, from the bottom of my heart, all the Volunteers who have worked the Meat Draw these past 2 years.

It's the same faces from month to month, and we would really love to see some new ones in the New year. If you wish to Volunteer, the schedule and sign-up sheet is up on the notice board. Please put your name and phone number down and I will contact you.

Ham and Turkey draws were on the 17th of December, and the last draw for this year was the 18th. Our next draws will begin again on the 7th and 8th of January.

At this point I would like to close, by wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Chris Ross, Chair Meat Draw

DART PLAYOFFS

Saturday January 22nd

Doubles followed by Singles

Sunday January 23rd

Teams followed by Mixed Doubles.

RULES

- Check in daily - 9:30 AM;
- Toe line daily - 10:00 AM;
- 2011 membership card required to play;
- All events consists of 2 games, 1 point per game;
- Straight off the sheets, (ties will be decided by 1 game for positioning);
- All games:
 - double in & double out;
 - diddle for middle both games;
- Advancing to Zone Playoffs, will be the top:
 - 8 Singles, 4 Doubles, 4 Mixed Doubles & 2 Teams.

PUBLIC SERVICE HEALTH CARE PLAN [GSMIP]

Certain changes at Sun Life [PSHCP] have been implemented. These include the B.C. Fair PharmaCare program. Sun Life requires your B.C. PharmaCare number. In order to register, or to receive your registration number, if previously registered, phone the Sun Life call center at 1-877-283-1411.

If you require a B.C. PharmaCare number call Health Insurance BC at 1-800-663-7100 or go online with the computer in the Memorial Room <http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare>. Before phoning you will need this information:

- Personal Health Number [Care Card];
- Birth date;
- Social Insurance Number for both you and your spouse;
- Your net income- from line 236 of your tax return from **2008**;
- The amount on any Universal Child Care Benefit [UCCB] payments received 2 years ago, if claimed.

John Paulin
1st Vice President

FIXED EVENTS WITHIN THE BRANCH

SUNDAY

- Last Sunday of the month Dine/Dance - Upper Hall/Lower Lounge 2:00 to 6:00 PM

MONDAY

- Ladies Afternoon Euchre - Upper Hall 1:30 PM
- L.A. Drop-in Bingo - Upper Hall 7:00 PM
- Line Dancing - [Air Force Room] Lower Lounge 7:00 PM
- Men's Darts League - [Navy Room] Lower Lounge 7:30 PM

TUESDAY

- Mixed Dart League - Upper Hall at 7:30 PM
- Ladies Crib League - [Air Force Room] Lower Lounge 7:30 PM
- Mixed Pub League Darts – [Navy Room] Lower Lounge [when scheduled]

WEDNESDAY

- 1st Wednesday Branch Executive Meeting - Upper Hall 7:00 PM
- Ladies Dart League - [Navy Room] Lower Lounge at 7:30 PM
- NVI Cribbage League - [Air Force Room] Lower Lounge 7:30 PM [when scheduled]

THURSDAY

- 3rd Thursday L.A. Soup/Sandwich Lunch - Upper Hall 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM
- 1st Thursday L.A. Executive Meeting - [kitchen] Upper Hall 7:00 PM
- 2nd Thursday L.A. General Meeting - Upper Hall 7:30 PM
- 3rd Thursday Branch General Meeting - Upper Hall at 7:30 PM
- Men's Pub League Darts - [Navy room] Lower Lounge 7:30 PM [when scheduled]

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

- Meat Draw - Lower Lounge 3:00 PM
- Meat Draw - Lower Lounge 3:00 PM
- Ace of Spades Draw - Lower Lounge 6:00 PM
- 3rd Saturday of the month Euchre - [Air Force Room] Lower Lounge 7:00 PM
- Texas Hold'em - [Navy Room] Lower Lounge 7:00 PM

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SATURDAY JANUARY 1ST

BRANCH LEVÉE

In the Lounge
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Dance to Rick Benn

Buffet - Finger Food

Friday January 14th

Ukrainian New Year

Upper Hall

6:00 PM – 12:00 AM

Dinner - Perogies, Ukrainian Sausage, Sour Kraut, etc.

Band TBA

Tickets \$15.00 will be available at the Bar

Friday January 21st

Trivial Pursuit

In the Lounge

7:30 PM

Six Persons/Team

Sunday January 30th

Dine & Dance

In the Lounge

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Dance to Double Play

Dinner Served in the Upper Hall @ 6:00 PM

Ham & Scalloped Potatoes - \$7.50/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

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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]