

# The Log



JULY & AUGUST

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>	
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Bill Beaudin	Vickey Coffey
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Ruth Perron	Chris Ross
Don Sinnema	Terry Smith
Rod Verchere	Dave Willington

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 would like to start my message by wishing everyone a very happy and safe summer and remind everyone about the Nautical Days Parade. I have no details yet but I hope we will be able to man all our flags on the parade. Our Sgt at Arms will be looking for your support. A sign up sheet will be placed on the board at the Branch.

We attended all the Cadet annual parades and passed out the Legion Medal of excellence to the deserving cadet in the Sea Cadet Corps. it is a privilege to attend and watch our future leaders demonstrate their skill and pride in what they do. Our support goes a long way in helping these young ladies and gentlemen achieve their objectives and in most cases choose their future careers.

We hosted the Boomers Legacy annual bike ride reception on Thursday the 6th of June prior to their ride from Courtenay to Victoria. A crowd of approximately 65 riders and volunteers attended and everyone appeared to have a great time. Many of you may not know this but our Legion was one of the first to come out in support of this worthwhile cause.

If you are by the Branch during the summer months and need a pick me up, drop in and bring your friends. Watch for notices on our annual Branch Picnic.

See you in the Branch!  
GE Maillet  
President, Branch 160

## **L.A. MUSINGS** By Judi Davis

Meeting of June 9th had 22 ladies present. President Fern Barber chaired the meeting.

Before the meeting was our annual Potluck dinner, a wonderful array of food as usual. Some very tired ladies participating, as we had just gotten home from Convention about

1:30 a.m. that morning.

Present at our dinner were our 3 bursary winners, and what delightful bunch. Tiffany Iles, Melissa L'Heureux-Hache and Sara Grimstead.

They all spoke on what they were going to take in University or College, a very ambitious career choice for all.

After supper President Fern Barber presented the cheques to them all.

Needless to say, it was a short meeting, everyone was very exhausted from the trip.

Fathers Day band has been booked, and also the band for our Christmas Banquet, need a few volunteers for bingo, so if you are available to help, please let Eve Bechdoldt know.

Our next Zone meeting will be held in Comox in October. Nothing much doing for the summer months as we try to take July and August off.

Lil presented Fern with a small gift of our gratitude for doing the bus trip for convention. Its a very big undertaking, with a lot of planning. A job well done Fern.

Meeting was adjourned with good wishes to all for a great summer.

But now, a wee bit of Convention humour .....

We've all heard of those who shop till they drop, don't buy anything, but get so involved in what they are doing, that they don't hear the call to return to bus, miss the bus, and have to walk on the ferry. But thankfully, didn't miss the boat.

For us all, as we get older, we all have gold and silver in our hair, but then there's the case of the gold and silver cherries. Seems a couple of our ladies went shopping at the grocery store. Each decided to buy some cherries, one bought hers with gold, \$18 for a bag, and the other paid with silver, hers were \$16 for a bag, hence the gold and silver cherries, some other ladies paid them a \$1 to have a cherry.

Casino wise tho, most of us were losers, but we did have one who did very well on the slots, WIG girl.

Next Exec. Meeting: Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.

Next Gen. Meeting: Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m.

On behalf of everyone in the L.A. we hope you all have a wonder and safe summer, see you all again in Sept.

**These glorious insults are from an era before the English language got boiled down to 4-letter words:**

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary." - William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway).

## THE CURATOR'S CORNER By Dave Kelly

Updates from last month's column:

- I have placed the Dave Gibson's plaques in the Air Force room and the Navy room.
- I made a frame and placed Comrade Rollie's RCAF decal banner in the Air Force room.
- A sign for the Memorial Room is ongoing.

Wayne Ogilvie's donation of magazines are now listed as the following:

- WORLD WAR 2. (9 total).
- MILITARY HERITAGE. (10 total).
- MILITARY HISTORY. (14 total, 1 hard cover).
- WW 2 HISTORY. (19 total).
- ARMCHAIR GENERAL, USA civil war. (11 total).
- CIVIL WAR TIMES. (15 total).
- OTHER, Viet Nam and Air Journals. (6 total).

A grand total of 84 magazines vice 60 as stated last month. If anyone would like to read any of these, please let me know. They are here for your reading enjoyment. I should add that they are mostly USA oriented.

During the last month the Branch has received the following donations:

- From the Comox Air Force Museum, again through the effort of Comrade Brian O' Cain, a book titled "Britain's Best Kept Secret". Ultra's base at Bletchley Park.
- A framed Letter of Appreciation from the 189 Port Augusta Sea Cadets. I have mounted this on the "Appreciation Wall" in the upper deck. (top floor for non navy types).
- From an unknown donor, a 1942 window placard stating "Member Reserve Army for Home Defense".
- From an unknown donor, a RCL ribbon from Branch 550, Gobden, Ontario.
- Again, from an unknown donor, 2 small coloured plates, (military). I have put these in the display case that houses the " Branch RCL, for sale items". These plates are not for sale. (best place I could put them).

The following 2 donations are of special mention;

- From Comrade Ruth Perron, 2 large framed colour Aircraft pictures. One is a Rutherford print. Also donated is a large wooden RCAF badge. This requires a small amount of repair, and as soon as that is completed, I will mount it in the Air Force room, as well as the pictures.
- From Comrade Irv Fraser, a set of 4 large coloured plates enclosed within a very nice frame. I have yet to decide where this will be placed.

**Note:** The above donations from Comrade Ruth and Comrade Irv are valued at \$1000.00 in total. \$400.00 and \$600.00.

From the Branch, we THANK YOU for these GENEROUS donations. Have a great and safe summer. Fairwinds.

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### AUGUST

- Nautical Day Parade - Comox
- No General Meeting in August

### SEPTEMBER

- Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> - Branch Anniversary Day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - Battle of Britain Day
- Nomination Committee to be appointed
- Visit from the Sooke Ball Team

### Bumper Sticker



## LEGION COLOURS

**Topic:** RCL Colours

**Name:** David Kelly

**Question or Comment:** I would like to know why the colours of the RCL?

While we cannot confirm this, as there is nothing in writing, we believe that the original colours of the Royal British Legion were chosen as a matter of jointness between the original-founding members of the British Empire Services League (BESL). There are a number of points to make this argument:

1. The Royal British Legion was formed before us.
2. It was a founding member of the BESL as was the Great War Veterans Association from which the Canadian Legion of the BESL was founded.
3. We have the same banner as them, right to the inclusion of the Union Jack in the corner but our Royal Canadian Legion badge is included.
4. We were considered a part of the British Empire at the time.

We believe that these colours were adopted with the official formation of The Royal Canadian Legion on July 17th, 1926 when the Secretary of State, the Honourable George H. Perley, granted a charter to the Canadian Legion of the BESL empowering it legally as a national corporate organization under the Companies' Act, later to become an Act of Parliament.

I hope this answers your query.

Dominion Command

## RAFFLE - FLAT SCREEN TV

The TV located in the lounge [Army Room] is up for raffle at the Grey Cup game, half time.

Tickets are available at the Bar for **\$2.00 apiece or 3 for \$5.00.**

**More glorious insults:**

"He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up." Paul Keating

"He had delusions of adequacy." - Walter Kerr

## VICTORY BONDS



The sale of Victory Bonds proved very successful financially. There were ten-wartime and one postwar Victory Bond drives. The bonds were issued with maturities of between six and fourteen years with interest rates ranging from 1.5 percent for short-term bonds and 3 percent for long-term bonds and were issued in denominations of between \$50.00 and \$100,000.00. Canadians bought \$12.5 billion worth of Victory Bonds or some \$550 per capita with businesses accounting

for half of all Victory Bond sales. The first Victory Bond issue in February 1940 met its goal of \$200 million in less than 48 hours, the second issue in September 1940 reaching its goal of \$300 million almost as quickly.

Bond drives took place every six months during which no other organization was permitted to solicit the public for money. The government spent over \$30 million on marketing, which employed posters, direct mailing, movie trailers, radio commercials and full page advertisement in most major daily newspaper and weekly magazine.

As a result Canada Savings Bonds were launched in 1946.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/War\\_bond\\_-\\_cite\\_note-Keshen\\_33-28](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/War_bond_-_cite_note-Keshen_33-28)

# **BARBIE'S BBQS & REFRESHMENTS**

**WEDNESDAYS**

**4:30 PM – 6:00 PM**

Burgers - \$10.00/Plate c/w a refreshment of choice



**July 6<sup>th</sup>**

**July 13<sup>th</sup>**

**July 20<sup>th</sup>**

**July 27<sup>th</sup>**

**August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**August 10<sup>th</sup>**

**August 17<sup>th</sup>**

**August 24<sup>th</sup>**

**August 31<sup>st</sup>**

## **MEAT DRAW**

Again, we have to ask for help doing the Meat Draw. In order for us to keep this very entertaining part of the Branch going, we must have volunteers to assist in the selling of the tickets for Friday and Saturday afternoons. Please come forward and put your name down on the schedule located on the Lounge bulletin board. Thank you.

Chris Ross

Chair

Meat Draw Committee

## **JULY & AUGUST STANDOUTS**

The Spotlight goes to:

Comrade Don Davis; most likely the best dish washer in the Comox Valley, Don is without par when it comes to cleaning up after a function and does it all with a smile, thanks Don.

Comrade Bill Beaudin is another volunteer with the entertainment committee who can be called on to help out with most any project and runs some mean games at Picnics etc. That is when he is not busy with his number one responsibility Sick and Visiting.

Rod Verchere – Entertainment Chair

## 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.



**COMRADE: VIC RUSHTON**

## COMPUTER WORKSTATION

Members and patrons for your convenience there is a computer workstation located in the Memorial Room. The computer is connected to the Internet. The workstation is available for use by all members and patrons during the Branch hours of operation.

## FOR SALE



**Red Shop Rider Scooter 889sl(se)  
Includes canopy and rain rider.  
Like new. Hardly any kilometers.  
Purchased - August 2010.  
Used until - November 2010.  
To view or for more information,  
please call Darlene at:  
250-334-3076**

## **FIXED EVENTS WITHIN THE BRANCH**

**SUNDAY** ➤ Last Sunday Dine/Dance - Upper Hall/Lounge 2:00 to 6:00 PM

➤ Crib - 1<sup>st</sup> 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** ➤ 2<sup>nd</sup> 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** ➤ 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday L.A. Soup/Sandwich Lunch - Upper Hall 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

➤ 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday L.A. Executive Meeting - Upper Hall 7:00 PM

➤ 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday L.A. General Meeting - Upper Hall 7:30 PM

➤ 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

➤ 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Euchre - Lounge 7:00 PM

➤ Gucci Cards - Lounge 7:00 PM

### **MILITARY IRONY**

\*Following a massive naval bombardment, 35,000 U.S. and Canadian troops stormed Kiska, in the Aleutian Islands off Alaska; 21 troops were killed in the assault. The toll may have been greater had there actually been any Japanese on the island;

\*The German submarine U-120 was sunk by a malfunctioning toilet.

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

**Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> Family Picnic**

**Air Force Beach Pavilion - 12:30 - 5:30 PM**

**Food and refreshment at  
very moderate prices.**

**Bill Beaudin's games will be in operation.**

**Come out for a great day of comradeship.**

**\*\*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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**Ladies Auxiliary Catering – Pat Verchere 250 339-5829**

## SICK & VISITING

Bill Beaudin, Chair of the Sick & Visiting Committee, quite often is the last person to be told of one of our members that is under the weather, in the hospital or homebound. If you know of any member who would appreciate a visit please contact Bill at: **250 339-1624**

## **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]