

The Log



MARCH 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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Bill Beaudin	Vickey Coffey	Ways & Means	Stella Lohnes
Lloyd Lohnes	Dave Parkin	House	Barb Waugh
Ruth Perron	Chris Ross	Catering	Pat Verchere
Don Sinnema	Terry Smith	Social Services	Pat Johnson
Rod Verchere	Dave Willington	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
Ad Hoc	Don Davis	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 another month has come and gone and it has been a very busy one for the Executive.

The installation of officers is completed and the Zone Darts went very well. Everyone seemed to enjoy our hospitality. Well done Ruth and Dave and your committees.

We had visits from both Command and Zone and gained some valuable information from them.

We also had a great turnout for the Leadership and Business Workshop put on by our Zone at the Courtenay Legion. This training is very valuable to our Committee members for those less familiar with committee procedures and responsibilities.

Unfortunately, we have been really put to work doing Memorial Services for our fallen comrades. Our team that helps the families to organize final arrangements are really dedicated to this task and are doing an excellent job of Honoring them for their service to our country. I would like to personally thank them for their dedication and caring in this, one of our most visible volunteer tasks. They always make these services respectful and solemn.

Enjoy your Branch!
Gerry Maillet, President

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: **Tim Hill**
John Webber
Joyce Shannon
John Hughes
Colm Canavan

NEW MEMBERS

Elaine Hillier
Nancy Bennett

Keith Turcotte
Alice Sherrit

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Comrade Kenny Shaw for being nominated to the **B.C. Country Music Hall of Fame**. Well Done.

THE CURATOR'S CORNER By Dave Kelly

First, an update on the picture of the two Anson aircraft that I was going to give to the Airforce Museum, on loan for their use. It happens that they already have this picture, so naturally, they turned down our offer. It resides in our memorabilia locker with many other pictures etc.

Our library has been increased by the donation of a book titled "Armed Forces of the World". This book was donated by Comrade Pat Chester. Thank you Pat.

As well, more donations of a book and magazines from the Comox Airforce Museum through the efforts of Comrade Brian O'Cain. The book is titled "A History of Canadian Naval Aviation". Five magazines titled " Britain at War Magazine". There is a lot of information and interesting reading here. Thanks again Brian.

The president has suggested that I take down the flag and pictures of the Royal Canadian Regiment in the Army room and have them replaced with something else. I would like feedback from you, the members, on your thoughts about this.

I'll finish with a bit of humour, taken from "The Rum Jar" 1948, which is the yearbook of the Sask. Command of the RCL. It is a part of our library.

Explanation.

Two Canadians on leave in Scotland visited a little town. Going into the local place of refreshment, they got into conversation with the waitress, a bonny lassie with a pronounced "burr" in her speech.

One of the boys said to her: "You sure roll your R's, Annie."

The girl replied: "Yes I know. It's thae high heels that mak' me do it".

SICK AND VISITING

Cheers,

At this time I would like to thank the sick and visiting committee, namely Julie and Gillian, 2010 members and also the new members, 2011, Julie, Gillian, Chris, Baz, Nancy and last but not least, Ben, without we could not keep up with the home bound vets and hospital visits.

Again thank you.

Bill Beaudin

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE ANSWERS

Q.: How much does the Legion make on BC Lottery products sold?

A.: All retailers are paid 5% commission on total sales for Keno, Pacific Poker, 649 and Lotto Max; the Breakopens range from 10% - 13.3% depending on the game. Once a year in February an incentive payment is also paid depending on the total sales for the previous year. Our Lottery Sales Achievement from January 1 to December 31, 2010 was \$619,113.00 resulting in a Sales Bonus Incentive payment of \$6,686.00, which has gone into our savings account and may be used towards our redevelopment project.

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

L.A. SOUP & SANDWICH

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

- Full Lunch \$7.00
 - Individual Entrees \$2.50
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BARBIE'S BBQS & REFRESHMENTS

WEDNESDAYS 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

March 2nd

Burgers - \$10.00/Plate

March 9th

Ribs & Rice - \$11.00/Plate

March 16th

Burgers - \$10.00/Plate

March 23rd

Burgers - \$10.00/Plate

March 30th

Burgers - \$10.00/Plate

2011 NCVI ZONE CRIB

- Singles:** Fred Maniak, Branch 160 Comox
- Doubles:** Freiderka Browne & Margrete Station, Branch 256 Nanaimo
- Teams:** Ron Truesdale, Al Gagnon, Dick Sloan and Luella Richards,
Branch 76 Qualicum.
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2011 NCVI ZONE DARTS

Once again Branch 17 sweep all events, the following are the results:

- Singles:** Terry Jackson, Branch 17 Courtenay
Tony Russell, Branch 160 Comox
Bill Durant, Branch 17 Courtenay
- Doubles:** Terry Jackson - Bill Durant, Branch 17 Courtenay
Tony Russell - Bud Englund, Branch 160 Comox
Ernie Linden - Shane Dennis Branch, 17 Courtenay
- Teams:** Terry Jackson, Bill Durant, Ernie Linden and
Shane Dennis, Branch 17 Courtenay
Graham Ashton, Don Enochson, Taimo Alto and
Ian Peterson, Branch 49, Parksville
Art Forbes-Bill Footit - Leslie Lamouroux and Barbara Godin,
Branch 160 Comox
- Mixed Doubles:** Bill Durant - Brenda Durant, Branch 17 Courtenay
Bill Footit - Leslie Lamouroux, Branch 160 Comox
Ernie Linden - Wendy Jackson,
Branch 17 Courtenay
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HELP WANTED

Required immediately; persons to help with various aspects of the Branch. These include participation in selling tickets for Meat Draw, perhaps carrying a flag for a parade, help in the kitchen or for setting up the hall for different events.

Pay is negotiable, however will not be given. Possible benefits include helping the Comox Valley with various charities that the Legion prescribes to and meeting other interested members.

Resumes may be forwarded to [250] 339-2022, any Executive member or email:
rcl.comox.branch160@shaw.ca.

Hospitality: making your guests feel like they're at home, even if you wish they were.

LOSE YOUR WALLET LOSE YOUR IDENTITY

Do you use all cards on a daily or weekly basis?

Empty your wallet review your cards

DO NOT KEEP IN YOUR WALLET:

- **Social Insurance Number card;**
- **Birth Certificate.**

Your SIN card & Birth Certificate can be sold. Criminals can buy your identity People who have lost their cards spent years of battling to get their identity back

Take a few minutes and give your wallet a clean up

Your loss is someone's gain!!!

Make a photocopy of all your cards including your driver's license. Keep of all your documents in a secure file.

Victoria Coffey, Service Officer

AD HOC COMMITTEE

Comrades: the following motion was presented to the general membership at a meeting held on February 17th and is posted for your information. This motion will be voted on at the general meeting to be held on March 17th.

Notice Of Motion To Fund Redevelopment In 2011

THAT the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 160 budget for and expend a sum not to exceed \$12,000.00 for redevelopment of our property during 2011.

These funds will be allocated to:

- a) cover the costs of redevelopment administration and presentations.
- b) cover the costs of preliminary design work to accommodate a potential Development Permit Application. This will include architectural assistance to prepare conceptual renderings and associated documentation

Don Davis, Chair Ad Hoc committee

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?

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

- Ladies Crib League - Lounge 7:00 PM
- Mixed Dart League - Upper Hall at 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
- Gucci Cards - Lounge 7:00 PM

MILITARY IRONY

*The shoulder patch of the U.S. Army's 45th Infantry Division in WW II was the Swastika. {Changed for PR reasons}

*Hitler's private train was named "AMERICA". {Changed for PR reasons}

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

Friday March 18th St. Patrick's Dance

Upper Hall - Tickets \$15.00

No Host Bar 6:00 PM

Roast Beef Dinner 7:00 PM

Dance 8:00 PM

Band "5 Play" check them out at www.5PLAY.ca

Tickets available at the Bar or for reservations call 250 339-2112

Sunday March 27th Dine & Dance

In the Lounge

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Dance to "Double Play"

Dinner Served in the Upper Hall @ 6:00 PM

Meat Loaf - \$8.50/Plate

Tickets available at the Bar or for reservations call 250 339-2112

****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

I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older; then it dawned on me; they're cramming for their final exam.

If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

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]