



ST. JAMES LEGION #4 NEWSLETTER



May & June 2015



LEST WE FORGET

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Branch Officers, Executive & Appointments

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Appointments

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Ladies Auxiliary

President Corinne Van Meer

Over 55 Club

Chairman Peter Henry

Office Staff (888-2860)

Secretary Treasurer	Leif Johnson	Bar Manager	Roxanne Mills
Office Administrator	Debi Pointkoski		

Branch Hours May to August 2015 Mon 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tues 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. Wed 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thurs 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fri 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. Sat 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. May to June Sat 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. July and August



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE MAY 2015

. A small group of dedicated volunteers continue to ensure that the branch will continue to operate. Without their many hours of volunteer work the raising of the funds to cover the cost of operating a branch would be impossible. Membership dues and bar sales do not come close to covering the expenses that are incurred. Become one of those dedicated people and give whatever time you can afford to assisting your branch, to ensure that it continues to operate in the future. My thank you to all of the members who volunteer their time to the branch.

Finally spring is here so hopefully summer is not far behind. Golf and Bar-B-Q season is upon us, but don't forget that your branch still needs your support. One of the ways that you may help is participating in the Chase The Ace fundraiser on Monday evenings. Ticket sales are from 6 to 8 P.M. with the draw at 8:15 P.M. 50% of all money taken in on ticket sales goes toward the prize that is won if the Ace of Spades is selected.

Congratulations to newly elected executive member Tom Love.

The Legion Sports Foundation is once again sponsoring the Legion Athletic Camp at the International Peace Garden for four camps this summer. Each camp is one week long beginning with registration on the Sunday and ending the following Saturday morning. Applications and more information on these camps is available from the office. The Branch is providing some subsidy to Children/Grandchildren of members who wish to attend.

Canadian Legion Memorial Housing Foundation continues to provide affordable housing to our Veterans and their spouses. If you know of any Veterans or their Widows/Widower, who may require housing, please contact the secretary of the foundation at 669-9969 for information.

All my thoughts and best wishes to our shut-ins and those who are temporarily ill.



Cde. Ronn Anderson, President

LAST POST

Heaven's gate swung gently open, the Master called softly "Come" and you Dear one took the Master's hand and your work on earth was done. We'll never cease to miss you and shed many silent tears because we cannot share with you our hopes, Our joys, Our fears. But one day in God's garden when the master calls us to come, You'll be at the gates with open arms and say to us "Welcome home".

It is with deep sympathy the Branch records the passing of the following Comrades since our last review. The Officers, Executives and members extend their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

Cde. Helen McInnes
Associate
Deceased 26 Dec 14

Cde. Mervyn Pilkey
Associate
Deceased 03 Mar 15

Cde. William Christie
Ordinary
Unit: RCN
Deceased 24 Mar 15

Cde. Adeline McCart
Associate
Deceased 06 Apr 15

*They shall grow not old As we are
left grow old; age shall not weary them, Nor do the years
condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the
morning, We will remember them.
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.*



Newsletter Submissions

Please note: all submissions for the Newsletter must be typed or hand printed. Thank you

Cde. Mike Thayer, Publicity

Mobility Aids

The Branch has a limited number of mobility aids such as wheelchairs, and canes that are available on loan to our members. If you are in need of a mobility aid on a temporary basis, stop by the Branch to view the items available and determine if one might meet your short term needs.

SICK VISITING REPORT



March/April 2015

**Deer Lodge Centre
Chris Aldridge**

Doug Brown	Good visit with Doug – likes that chocolate
Hugh Buskell	Not in room left goodie bag
John Windsor	Good visit with John & his wife Lorraine
Charles Yule	Great visit with Charles, likes the pudding –says Go Jets Go

**Golden West Lodge
Chris Aldridge**

Elliot Armstrong	A little immobile yet –interesting visit
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**Oakview Place
Jim Ward**

Olive Horton	Short visit enjoys her treats
Marge Hewitt	Nice visit and chat

James Mowatt Good visit and talk
Wes Wowchuck Short visit, had some treats

Lions Manor
Al Coote

Winnie Clouston Had a nice visit, says Hi to all at the branch

Tuxedo Villa
Al Coote

Eva Mackay Had a good visit with Eva She turns 101 in May and She doing really well

Health Sciences Centre

Al Coote

Shirley James Had a bad fall, since the visit she was transferred to The Grace Hospital.

At Home Visits
Al Coote

Peter Sawatzky Had a nice visit with Peter and Marie

That is the Sick Visiting report, I would like to thank my helpers on this committee for all their help. Cde. Tom Love is taking over as Sick Visiting Chairman if you would

Like to leave him a message about a comrade is in hospital or sick, just leave a message at the bar.

Cde Al Coote Sick Visiting Chairman

Deer Lodge Veteran's

Please take note. Any checks or donations made to Deer Lodge Veterans must be made out to the **Veterans Memorial Endowment Fund at Deer Lodge**. This is to ensure the money or donations go directly to the Veterans and no other organizations. Thank you.



Ladies Auxiliary Report

I was told that Freda Granger was in the hospital. Spoke to Freda this morning, March 14/15, is slowly coming along. She was in for 3 weeks – Take Care Freda.

Phyllis Psooy has not been out she is very sick with pneumonia.

Spoke to our President Corinne, she is still under the weather. She will be taking it easy for a while.

Bob Criggle is home from the hospital, but is in pain. Spoke to him yesterday, it's going to take a while

The Auxiliary now has a Past President – Kay Brown, welcome.

Now we are in the month of April and the 29th of April is Anna Kumka's 100th Birthday. Anna is now in a Nursing Home, but we do wish her a Very Happy Birthday and hope she has a good year.

Something to think about – The Auxiliary does Funeral Lunches. Please Contact Corinne Van Meer at 885-3544.

June Clarke, Publicity Ladies Auxiliary

Daily Draw Winners

Daily Draw Winners for March/April are: B. Roy, R. Allison



Advertising

Just started a Business or need a little boost in you sales or services to get things going? Then why not advertise in the Legion Newsletter an inexpensive way to advertise your product. The Newsletter is read by 1500 plus members and their families that may need your services or product you're offering. Call the Branch Office at 888-2860.

Full page \$136.00

Half Page \$68.00

Quarter Page \$36.00

Marriage Commissioner

Our Office Administrator, Debi Pointkoski, is also a Certified Marriage Commissioner. Please contact Debi if you want more information regarding this service.

SPORTS REPORT

We have been told that spring has finally arrived and our Branch sports leagues are coming to the end of their respective seasons and here are the results.



Cribbage

The cribbage league had their windup on April 11th and will start again in the fall. Watch the bulletin for updates.

We are a casual, fun group and always looking for more players. Why not consider joining us!! Watch the bulletin board for more information.



Curling

The season has finished for our curlers with their windup banquet held on March 20th. Kathy Sproule has provided the following report:

Another year has passed at the curling club and what a year it was. We went back to 12 teams because the night of the meeting we had one extra curler to fill all 12 teams. WELL, by the time we actually hit the ice, we were a few short. It was an interesting year to say the least. Anyway

we managed to get through with only a few forfeits and a lot of laughs. Bernie McGowan's team of Joel Nichols, Sara Neumann and Shelley Stapleton were our grand aggregate winners.

Bruce Cherney's team won the Memorial shield this year beating Rolly Fisette 10 to 2 after 6 ends. OUCH! Bruce's team consisted of Ken Gray who actually was skipping that day because Bruce was in Cuba, Nancy Neumann and Gabby Einerson.

There were 4 tosses of the coin to determine A, B, C and ascender titles. Bruce Cherney's team of Ken Gray, Nancy Neumann and Gabby Einarson were the winners of A division with Bernie McGowan runner up. Wayne Wizbicki's team of Leslie Appelt, Kim Kruse and Brenda Shaw-Nichols were the winners of B division with Dave Karpenic runner up. Jim Ward's team of Bob Harvey, Jan Miller and Mark McTavish were the winners of C division with Ken Reeves runner up. The bottom of the barrel was Ione Richard's team of Doug Karlowsky, Cheyanne McTavish and Lorne.

All in all, everyone seemed to have a great time, whether they were winning or losing. So that's it for this year, have a great summer and see you in the fall.

Watch for the bulletin for updates for the new fall season.



Darts

The Wednesday Night Dart league has finished for the season. Several familiar faces along with some new ones were seen this year. If you are interested in playing in this fun league and require more information please leave a message at the branch.

The Provincial Command Playoffs were held in Flin Flon MB from April 17th-19th and the Branch was represented by the 4 man team of Gilles Philippot, Tim O'Brien, Chris Parisien and Bill Dowaty.



International Veterans Billiard League

The 2012-13 season is winding down with playoffs in full swing. The team results will be posted on the back wall by the billiard tables. We have just been advised that St. James won the Shield this year.

The Banquet will be held in May. The Americas Cup will be held at the Branch from May 16th - 18th and the results will be posted in the next bulletin. There will be an extremely high caliber of

players in attendance so come out and watch them play. Watch the Bulletin Boards for more information.



Senior Snooker League

The Senior Snooker league has come to the end for their season and the following report was submitted by Jim Ward.

"A" Group Winner – won by Bernie Roy, Rick Gustafson, C. Buskell

"A" Group runner up - won by Tom Derksen and Mike Power.

"B" Winner – won by pat Moore and Doug Thomas.

"B" Group runner up - won by Al Coote and Don Main.

The wind up Luncheon was held on April 15th in the Clubrooms with Trophies and prizes being awarded.

The league will start early October 2015 and a notice will be put in the Bulletin and a signup sheet will be posted on the Pool Room Bulletin Board.

Thanks to Bernie Roy for your help in assisting me.



Bernie Roy has submitted the following report:

St James Legion Senior Golf League

Every Wednesday at the Players Golf course 1000 am.

Be there by 0930 am, guest welcome.

Cost \$21, Golf Cart motorized \$10 per rider.

Guest welcome.

More info contact B Roy 697-2539

The signup sheet for the 2015 Provincial Command Regular and Seniors Golf Tournaments has been posted on the Sports Bulletin Board. Should Branch playoffs be required they will be held on June 13th at the South Interlake Golf course. Watch the Bulletin Board for more information.

**Upcoming
Events**

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Please watch the bulletin boards for upcoming sporting events to take place at our branch.

Yours Fraternally

Cde. Maryanne McGibney, Sports Chairperson



**Entertainment
Band Schedule, Bands for May**

01-02 May, Rockets

08-09 May, Celebration

15-16 May, Vintage Groove

22-23 May, Marvels

29-30 May, Dynamics

June – July – August, Friday Night Only Band Dynamics

Cde. Maryanne McGibney, Entertainment Chair



Children's Committee

Applications for the Legion Children's Sports Camp are now available in (our) Branch 4 Office. Branch Number 4 WILL ONLY BE SPONSORING THE CHILDREN OF OUR BRANCH MEMBERS. Those interested please get their applications in as soon as possible.

Cde C. J. Lundgren, Children's Committee

Special Events

St. Patrick's Day was good with the McConnell Irish Dancers and the three members from the Police Pipe and Drum Band. Everyone enjoyed a bowl of stew to go along with the entertainment. I would like to thank Ken for the stew and also would like to thank Doc Jardine for arranging for the three members of the pipe band to play for us. They were great.

Our Hawaiian night was okay. Some people wore Hawaiian clothes so that was nice. Everyone enjoyed dancing to the Marvells. Thank you to the members who bought tickets for the Pulled Pork on a Bun Meal. Thank you Ken for the dinner. It was great.

I would also like to thank everyone who comes out and supports these events. It would be nice to see more come out and enjoy these special events.

Upcoming Events:



May 10th, Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday- 10:30 am- 1:30 pm

\$7.00 per person

Children under 5 free

See poster for menu.

Bring out mom and enjoy yourself.



June 6th, St. James Legion #4 D. Day Memorial Golf Tournament

Saturday, Texas Scramble

Golf at the Base

Pay registration fees at base.

\$10.00 for meal.

Sign-up sheet on bulletin board.

See poster for more details.



July 1st, Canada Day

Wednesday

Mini Meat Draw

Hot dogs & Hamburgers

Entertainment

See Poster for more details

Cde. Betty Zarney, Special Events Chair



Honours & Awards

On May 28th, Thursday we will be giving out the Long-time service pins to our members and also special presentations by President Ronn Anderson. Please attend this special evening and support this event.

Cde. Betty Zarney

Canadian Tire Money

As all members Know by now, our Club sponsors the PPCLI Cadets. There is a small box located by the phone down stairs near the Canteen. If you have any spare CDN Tire Money, it would be greatly appreciated if you could drop it in the box. Once filled we will deliver it to the PPCLI Cadets.



Over 55 Club

We had our fun day on Tuesday, March 24/15 and had a good turn out with # 1 # 283# and Rockwood joined us.

We had a very nice lunch, a cutlet, mashed potatoes and instead of coleslaw we had a nice assortment of vegetables and gravy.

Lawrence Skelly is home from the hospital. He has to take it easy, but was out and joined us at the Games. Phyllis Psooy was out, but did not join in. She is still not feeling good. Bud was, is using his walker now and was able to join us.

Maria, our new lady did well at the Bake Table on Saturday, March 21/15. Our new system is going to work, we sign our name on a sheet and she knows who will be baking. Or Saturday is the 3rd Saturday of the month. It is our way of making money.

Jim Simms had the 50-50 Draw and there was 4 winners.

Aldo Buccini had hip surgery done and is doing well, our best wishes have been sent to him. Shirley James has had a bad fall and is in the hospital, or best wishes has been sent to her.

Please don't forget the Campbell's Soup Labels, they are important.

It is Easter Monday and I have just spoke to Terry James. It will be a long road for Shirley. He is able to have a conversation with her, needs help to sit up. He appreciates the phone calls. Shirley is getting that she can feed herself.

Had an Executive Meeting, April 7/15 and found out Adeline McCart passed away the night before. There will not be a meeting in May as our Chair and Secretary will be on Holidays. We wish you the best and have a good one.

Our Bake Table is on the 3rd Saturday of the month. A list will be passed around, the date is the 18th of April or 17th of May. If you can help with baking, give Marie a call at 889-3338.

April 15th I attended Adeline's service today, very nice. We heard all about her busy life. Her Nieces and Nephews were her family. A very was served after. We wish her a very good rest. David spoke very nicely, he was the one that got her to the Legion for the Meat Draw, that went on for 4 years and they were usually lucky. Either a Ham or Turkey went to someone in the Family and Addy would go for supper.

Our Meeting before the break is June 11/15. Then we break for summer. Hope we all have a good summer and we all have a good Holiday.

June Clarke, Publicity Over 55

BRANCH #4 LEGION WEBSITE
<http://www.rclstjames04.mb.ca/>





PPCLI Cadets

The PPCLI cadets are in the process of completing their spring training. They will be in Spruce Woods Provincial from May 1 to 3, 2015 to participate in a navigation trek exercise, which is part of their adventure training program.

The unit has responded to several important challenges in the past year. They need to use the gymnasium at Romeo Dallaire School to do their local training, but in January it was no longer available on Tuesday evenings, which was their regular parade night. They changed to Wednesday parades, but some cadets were unable to make the change because of their other commitments. As a result their overall strength decreased slightly.

They held an aggressive recruiting campaign from August to October 2014 and will have a similar program again this year to help bring their strength back up to their traditional levels.

They have also had a number of positive challenges. Fifteen cadets will attend summer cadets this year for an average of about five weeks. The courses they will attend include general training, plus basic and advance expedition training.

One cadet will travel to the United Kingdom on an exchange program. I will provide additional information about that program in the September bulletin.

One of the adult leaders has been selected for a basic parachutist course. The requirements for that training are the same for all regular and reserve soldiers.

Frezenberg Youth Education Program

I would also like to give you a brief update about the cadet who won the trip to the Frezenberg Youth Education Program. Privacy restrictions prevent me from sharing his name with you, but I can tell you that he has been an outstanding cadet.

He has been with the PPCLI Cadets for six years and joined because of the potential to participate in expedition training. He met that objective by attending several army cadet camps including expedition courses as well as Regional Expedition Exercises.

After he graduates from high school, he plans to attend Bible School for a year and then study Journalism.

Next month he will travel to Toronto where he will meet other PPCLI cadets as well as serving and former Patricia's who are also on their way to Paris for the commemoration of the Battle of Frezenberg. They will have an opportunity to visit several historical sites in France and Belgium. Several will be assigned a role in the commemoration ceremonies. It will be an adventure they will remember for the rest of their lives.

St. James Branch is the official sponsor of the PPCLI Cadets. The Branch support has helped make this exciting trip and their many other activities possible.

Ivan Poitras, Sponsor's Representative.

Ways and Means Report:



We have now completed our Easter Basket Draw and the winner was Michelle Short. I would like to thank all the businesses and individuals for donating prizes for the basket. Our next basket is Canada Day which will be drawn on July 1/15. If anyone is interested in donating for our baskets please feel free to either contact myself or drop off your donation at the bar with Roxanne.

We now have Chase The Ace starting new. Come on down to try your luck for a chance to guess where the Ace of Spades is and do not forget our 50/50 draw each week.

While I was feeling under the weather, I would like to thank Al Coote for taking over the basket draw for me. I would also like to thank Ronn Anderson and Betty Zarney for their help with chase the ace.

Yours in comradeship

Cde. Ken Morley Ways Means



IN HOUSE DRAWS, Meat Draw

I am now in charge of In House Draws. If anyone has any suggestions on how to make draws better let me know. Also I am always looking for help for the draws so if you can help leave your name at the bar or call Al Coote at 204 888 0743.

Cde. Al Coote, In House Draws Chair



New Members for the General Meeting As of April 16, 2015

Ordinary New

Debra Forbes
Sandra Wilson

Associate New

Kelly Lynn Bauer
Steven Kohm
Geoffrey Mike Seccombe

Affiliate New

Patricia Bonne
Orysia Demchuk
Kristina Hansen
Aksel Hansen
Gerald Hirose
Judith Wren

Reinstated

Patricia Mace
Albert Podzorski
Frances Dixon
Joe Monkhouse

Transferred

Garry Farrell
Linda Joyce
Terry Kuhn

Number of Dues paid for 2015

1179

New Members

18

Cde. Gordie Laing, Membership Chair

Membership Renewal **LEGION**

To renew your Membership the dues are \$41.00 until January 31st. On February 1st, the dues are \$46.00. To become a member of the St James Legion for the year 2015, the dues are \$41.00. To renew your Membership for 2014 the dues are \$46.00. Cannot make it down to the Legion? Mail in your dues with a self-addressed stamped envelope, and we will be pleased to mail your Membership card to you.

Keep up with the happenings at our Legion. If you want the bulletin mailed to you, the cost is \$10.00 per year and you will be one of the first to receive the bulletin delivered right to your Mailbox six times a year.



Ballroom Dancing

Free Ballroom Dancing Lessons Thursday Night

With Eric

Beginners 6:45 to 7:45

Advance 8:00 to 9:00

For info please call 339 – 8890



LEARN TO LINE DANCE

Monday, 1:30-3:00, Line Dancing, Beginner, Sheryl Fowler, Oct thru May

Monday, 6:30-7:00, Line Dancing, High Intermediate, Kathy Arnold, All Year

Monday, 7:00-9:00, Line Dancing, Intermediate, Kathy Arnold, All Year

Tuesday, 7:00-9:00, Line Dancing, High Beginner, Kathy Arnold, All Year

Wednesday, 7:00-7:30, Line Dancing, Intermediate, Karen Hodgins, Sept thru June

Wednesday, 7:30-9:00, Line Dancing, Low Intermediate, Karen Hodgins, All Year

Thursday, 10:00-11:00, Zumba Gold, Beginner, Karen Hodgins, Sept thru June

Friday, 10:00- Noon, Line Dancing, All Levels Review, Kathy Arnold, Sept thru June

Please note that all Kathy's classes are now suspended due to health issues. Also, my line dance classes are now \$4 per class, Zumba is \$5.



SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

On your way downstairs to the main lounge, there is a wooden box marked "St James Legion Supports the Troop's Family" if you have any spare change please throw it in to support our Troop's family.

Also have a look at the wall behind the bar; we are selling items for the MFRC (Military Family Resource Centre" to help the Troops and their families.

Support your troops on Friday by wearing RED.



Volunteers Needed

I would like to thank all the Members that have come out time & time again as Honourary Pallbearers honouring our Veterans that have passed on. I know it's a thankless job, but it is a real necessity. If any Member with a Legion Uniform would like to join this Elite Group, please advise me. My home phone is 204-889-82255. We are definitely in need of some more Pallbearers who are available in the AM and or PM.

Cde. Eric Murphy, Services & Pensions



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MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Sunday, May 10, 2015

Catered by Branch Volunteers

Serving from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM

MENU:

Scrambled eggs

Bacon and Sausage

Pancakes

Potato patties

Assorted Juices

Coffee/Tea included

Pre-purchase Tickets at the bar, cut-off date 08 May.

Price \$7.00 per serving

Children 5 yrs and under - free

Tickets go on sale in mid April





Legion #4

“D Day” Memorial Golf Tournament

Date – 06 June 2015

Time – 09:00 AM

Location – 17 Wing Golf Course

This Tournament will consist of randomly drawn teams of 4 to 5 pers, (depending on signup)

It will be a Shot-gun start Best Ball Scramble

Prizes

A fee of \$10.00 will be charged to cover prizes and food

Green fees and cart rentals paid at course on arrival

Finishing with a Barbecue at #4 Legion

Please ensure you use the accompanying sign-up sheets

Cut-off date is 01 June 2015



July 1st, Canada Day

Wednesday

Mini Meat Draw

Hot dogs \$2.00 & Hamburgers \$ 3.00

Entertainment Band Dynamics

Fun Starts at 12 Noon



