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President's Report

January 2025

What an amazing December we had! The month began with our President's Party on December 7th, followed by the Ham and Turkey Draws. We enjoyed a delightful pop-up choir singing Christmas carols, and everyone had a blast during the Ugly Sweater Competition on Friday and Saturday. To top it off, we had a very special visit from Santa himself!

I had the privilege of attending the Army Cadet and Sea Cadet Christmas dinners. Ian Kyle also attended the Air Cadet Christmas Dinner, where each cadet corps received a cheque for \$1,500.00 from our Nevada sales. It is through your generous support of our fundraising efforts that we can contribute to this invaluable program for our youth. Thank you for making this possible.

Jennifer Robison, Sister Nancy, and I were busy in the kitchen catering for both the Sea Cadet and Air Cadet Christmas dinners. One was a buffet-style event, and the other was a formal dinner. We had great fun setting up and cooking for both occasions, making them memorable for all involved.

As December draws to a close, we are now preparing for the New Year's Eve party and the New Year's Day Levee. We hope to see you there as we welcome in 2025! We are especially excited to have our very own Pipes and Drums join us to ring in the new year.

Thank you for being part of such a wonderful December, and here's to a fantastic year ahead!

A few odd and ends

Nevada

The last license expired, and we've switched to a new ticket type with a payout of up to \$250.00. These are doing exceptionally well—thank you for your continued support!

Raffle

As a fundraising initiative, we'd like to hold monthly raffles. The office will handle the paperwork, but we're looking for one or two volunteers to organize and prepare the raffles. If you're interested or would like more information, please reach out to Janet in the office or leave a note in my mailbox, and I'll get in touch with you.



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Bingo

Our Bingo sessions are busy but simple to run. Volunteers sell select bingo cards behind a counter, and customers come to us. For this, we receive a percentage of the profits. We're in need of volunteers to assist. The new calendar is up on the clubroom wall if you'd like to help, or you can reach out to Jennifer Robison.

50/50 Draws

Are you interested in occasional 50/50 draws during the meat draw? Let us know!

Why All the Fundraising?

The profits from these events are used to support the community. At least 50% of the funds must be donated to local non-profits or charitable organizations, while the remainder helps offset our overhead costs. While we have a large membership base, regular turnout is not as strong as we'd like. Our business operates as a bar, and purchasing beverages—even water or pop—directly supports our income. To keep our doors open, we rely on fundraising to supplement our revenue. So don't just drop in—stay a while, enjoy yourself, and meet new members!

Hall Rentals

Did you know that we rent our banquet space? If you're interested, reach out to the office to check availability for your special event. Even if you don't need it yourself, please share the word with friends and family. Call 905-372-2231 to learn more!

General Meeting

Our next general meeting is held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Banquet Room.

There is very poor turnout for these meetings, which means we, the Executive, are not hearing about your concerns, what you'd like to see happening at the Branch, and your ideas!

We, the Executive, can only come up with recommendations—we cannot move forward on anything without the general membership's approval, which includes you! Some members believe the President can make changes, but this is not the case. The President does not have a vote, except in the case of a tie. So, who has a vote? You, the membership.

Come on out! The bar is open after the meeting for some chit-chat and giggles.

Yours in Comradeship

Janet Kyle

President



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DECORATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Ian Kyle



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Entertainment

Now that the holiday season is over, there's no need to become couch potatoes! Come out to any of our events and share in camaraderie and a few laughs. Want to help with an event? Let us know, and we'll fit you in!

Also, check the calendar for the full schedule of events.

- January 1st: New Year's Levee. Doors open at 10 AM for members ONLY. This is a longstanding tradition of the Cobourg Legion. At 12 PM, doors open to non-members, and the Cobourg Legion Pipes and Drums will welcome in the New Year. At 1 PM, the banquet room opens to the public, and at 2 PM, Vinyl Groovz will entertain us for the afternoon.
- Sunday, January 5th: Toonie Darts starts up.
- Saturday January 18 th : LA Euchre Tournament. \$30.00 Per team. Register at 1pm Play at 2pm
- Tuesday, January 7 th and 21 st : Coffee morning. Come for some social time and chat The President and/or Veteran Service Officer will be present.
- Wednesday, January 8th: Winter session of Trivia starts at 7 PM. Snacks are allowed (other than chips, as we sell them). No outside drinks are permitted.
- Friday, January 10th: Fish and Chips dinner. Tickets are available at the bar for \$15.00.
- Sunday, January 12th: MPP David Piccini is holding his New Year's Levee.
- Thursday, January 16th: Branch General Meeting.
- Sunday, January 18th: Welcoming of New Members at 1:30 PM.
- At 7 PM, BINGO at the Hometown Bingo Hall.
- Saturday, January 25th: Robbie Burns Night hosted by the Cobourg Legion Pipes and Drums. Tickets are \$50.00 and include a roast beef dinner and an evening full of fun and entertainment. Tickets are available at the bar.

We hope to see you at these events. Let's make January just as exciting as December! If you would like to be part of the Entertainment committee, our next meeting is Tuesday January 7th at 4pm in the clubroom or reach out to Ian Kyle @ 705-875-8938

This is my report.

Yours in comradeship

Ian Kyle (Entertainment Chair)



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Ladies Auxiliary January 2025 Missile Report

Happy New Year!

December was busy with various Christmas celebrations. Many thanks to those who worked at the many catering events.

The Ladies Auxiliary Christmas luncheon was held December 14. Many thanks to our comrades for a splendid meal.

A fundraising Bake Sale was held December 13 for the LA Sports teams. Thank you to those who donated baked goods and purchased the yummy goods.

On January 18 2025 a Euchre Tournament is scheduled. Registration at 12:00PM, Play at 1:00PM \$30.00 per team. Contact Michelle Mallory at 905-376-7404 for further information.

January 2025 Events ---

1-New Years Levee

11-LA Zone Darts

12-David Piccini New Years Levee (12-3)

18-Euchre Tournament (12-7)

25-Cobourg Legion Pipes and Drums Robbie Burns

27-MS Support Group (10-12)

31-Ostomy Group (1-3)

Please reach out to one of the convenors (Jan Bradford, Judy Elliott, Pat Griffin, Dianne MacPhee, Marion Switzer, Donna Glen & Nancy Turpin) or sign up at the General meeting to assist on those dates. We do appreciate you getting in touch to assist.

Upcoming Events Notice

General Meeting January 6 @ 7:00PM

Euchre Tournament January 18, 2025

Happy New Year may it be healthy & prosperous 2025!

In Comradeship, Normalee Teskey- President of Ladies Auxiliary, RCL Br # 133 Cobourg



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Membership report –

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RESPECTFULLY, THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE



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On Monday November 25th we had another fun afternoon of darts. High score was made with a score of 100 by Lois Ann. Fantastic job! Our winner of the 50/50 was won by Sonia of \$23.00

On Monday December 2nd was another wonderful day of darts. Lots of laughs with some great people. The 50/50 draw was won by Barry of \$31.00 The highest score was won by Greg with a score of 134. Great job Greg.

We were very saddened today to hear that our fellow Over 55 Club member Danny Parsons passed away on December 1st. He will be missed by all the club members.

Communication Officer: Judy Turk



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Padre

“Same old same new”

It's true, it's a new year. HAPPY NEW YEAR. With a new year comes new opportunities, to make the same old same NEW.

New Year resolutions, which we make every year, are usually forgotten by Jan 3rd. The easiest way to make the same old same New is don't make any resolution's, then you won't break them.

Not much doing in Wintertime for you? How to solve that problem; make the same old same New by coming out to some of the activities on the calendar in this and future Missile issues. Another way to make the same old same New', is to volunteer for something in your Legion.

If over the past few years, you have been putting off something you would really like to do, why not let this be the year you **“NIKE “and just do it.** That will make the same old same NEW.

Hope to see you at the branch this year.



Chaplain Art



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Cobourg Legion Pipes and Drums

Missile Missive

January 2025

You will be reading this as the New Year, 2025, gets rolling. Our first engagement will be the 2025 Levee, our music offered in both the Club Room and the Banquet Room, January 1, starting at 1:00pm. An 18th century tradition that travelled from France to Great Britain and on to military areas in the new world, a Levee is currently a celebration of the New Year and friendship. Your Legion will be providing several options for your listening pleasure, among them soothing highland music on the pipes and drums.

Band members, and family and friends of band members, celebrated the Christmas season on December 17 in the Legion Banquet Room. A delicious meal was prepared and served by the Legion Ladies, for which we offer our greatest thanks. They really know how to provide a tasty and plentiful meal. Rather than the usual Tuesday evening of drum, chanter and pipe practice, we exercised our mental and athletic skills in a series of enjoyable and challenging tests of dexterity, coordination and playing-through-laughter. Organized by Mary, with game stations and a large prize table, it was a lively change of pace for everyone present, and a wonderful way to start the Christmas season.

January is the month in which the entire world celebrates the birth and career of Robert Burns, aka the Highland Bard. So, too, will the CLP&D, in the form of a traditional Robbie Burns Dinner to be held January 25, in the banquet room of the Orr Street Cobourg Legion. The planning and the postering are in place and the tickets are ready. The following are the highlights:

- Robbie Burns Dinner and evening entertainment
- Date: January 25
- Tickets: adult: \$50, youth (<10): \$20; available at Nessies and from band members
- MC Chris Devlin and a few friends
- Happy Hour: 5:00-6:00pm, Dinner: 6:00pm
- Program: two appearances by the pipes and drums, Scottish country dancing, silent auction, Celtic music by Chris and friends, recitations and readings in celebration of the Immortal Bard, Robbie Burns.

Funds raised this evening are entirely in aid of the Cobourg Legion, Br. 133. Plan to attend for an enjoyable evening of Robbie Burns-related food, music and dance all in support of your Legion.

There are several other CLP&D projects in various stages of planning, to be offered throughout the coming year. Stay tuned for information and updates as we continue to participate in community engagement through our music.

Thank you.

Ian



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Sports

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Toonie Darts

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Ways and Means Report –



Toonie Draw

With the increase from the loonie to the toonie draw, there is so much excitement and anticipation as to who will win the pot. Our license stipulates that we cannot exceed \$5,000.00 in ticket sales, which means the maximum payout is \$2,500.00. If no one wins before reaching as close as possible to \$5,000.00 without exceeding it, we keep drawing until we have a winner. So come on by, stop for a chat, and buy your toonie ticket at the bar. Please note, you must be a paid-up member to win the draw.

- Income for December \$1999.00
- Pot sitting at \$3381.

In December there was NO winner –

At the General Meeting it was voted on and passed that the Loonie draw will be increasing to a Toonie Draw. This will take effect once the current license expires around the end of November.

This will mean the Pot will grow much faster! Remember that when you purchase your ticket at the Bar, you must put your name as on your membership card and your phone number.



Meat Draw

Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to help with the meat draw. It's a fun way to connect and meet new members of the branch. The calendar has many open spots for January, so take a look at the available dates next time you're in and give it a try. Have fun and make new friends while helping out!

- Meat Draw Income for December \$10,493
- Meat Expenses \$3246
- Profit \$ 7247

Do you enjoy the meat draw? We are always looking for volunteers!

Janet Kyle



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Club Room Bar Hours

- Monday: 12:00 to 10:00
- Tuesday: 12:00 to 6:00
- Wednesday: 12:00 to 10:00
- Thursday: 12:00 to 6:00
- Friday: 11:00 to 11:00
- Saturday: 1:00 to 6:00
- Sunday: 12:00 to 5:00



Don't forget while you're enjoying the clubroom, to also enjoy some snacks, play the always popular Nevada tickets and tip our own hard-working Buddha and sweet Grace! AND pop those can pop tops for the wheelchair fund! 😊

