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Official Newsletter of Cobourg Legion Br#133

## Presidents Report

Welcome back Comrades and I hope you have enjoyed your summer with friends and Family. Thank you to all those who have been around and come out to events at the Branch, including the Friday BBQ's, wine tasting and Jukebox party. A lot of fun was had by all.

As we start our fall season, we are in the works of firming up a monthly dance, monthly euchre tournaments, and Sunday entertainment.

We need volunteers to help run the Branch, we cannot do it with the same few regular volunteers. Check the notice board for evens that require volunteers. Ways to follow up with what is happening at the branch...

The Branch Notice Boards

Facebook; Royal Canadian Legion – Cobourg Br.133

Webpage; [cobourglegion.ca](http://cobourglegion.ca)

Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> September is our Branch BBQ. Get your tickets before they are gone and on Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup> we have 'West of 60' returning! Our last visit with them was absolutely fantastic, so come out again and bring your friends too! Remember each member can sign in up to 6 guests!

Also, September brings back the monthly members General meeting. Do you want to know more what is happening around the branch, do you have any questions or concerns? The Branch General Meeting is the place to be. This is your Branch, and the executive cannot run the branch without members input and to pass motions.

Next General Meeting  
Thursday September 18<sup>th</sup>  
7:30pm

Myself and the Executive Committee look forward to seeing you around the Branch.

Yours in Comradeship  
Janet Kyle

## Club Room Bar Hours:

Monday 12-10  
Tuesday 12-6  
Wednesday 12-10  
Thursday 12-6  
Friday 11-11  
Saturday 12-6  
Sunday 12-5

## Darts Resume Sept 8

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# Ladies Auxilliary Report

In late June our ladies had a beef pie making session which was a sell out and with continued inquiries about future availability. A future date is yet to be determined. July & August had a scattering of catering events, which allowed us to hold a successful roast chicken dinners each month.

The LA has some upcoming fund raising events in September and October. On Sunday, September 21-4:30 Roast beef dinner, September 23-Shepperds Pie preparation & on each Friday, effective September 17, until end of October (with exception of October 3) French Fries will be made available to clubroom patrons.

Further information to be posted on the bulletin boards.

The yearly LA Craft & Bake Sale has been scheduled for Saturday, November 15 (10:00AM-4:00PM). Seeking Vendors (1st table \$50.00/2nd \$25.00). Contact Janet Richardson 905-375-8532, email:jayandjanetrichardson@gmail.com for further information.

LA Drop In Darts held on Wednesdays effective September 17, 1:00PM is open to all ladies & levels. Membership is not a requirement to play some fun darts.

## September 2025 Catering Events

6-Birthday Party 2-6PM (Sarah B & Marion Sw)

11-Visually Blind 2:30-4:00 (Michelle M)

17-Over 55 Luncheon 12:00 (Michelle M)

19- Leona Woods 2;30-4:30 (Diane Mc)

19-Condo (Marina) Dinner 5:00 (Jocelyne L)

20-Birthday Party 1:00-5:00 (Pat)

21-LA roast beef dinner 4:30 (Janet R)

26-Ostomy Group 1:00-3:00 (Marion Sw)

27-Anniversary Party 4:00-12:00 (Nancy T)

29-MS Group 10:00AM-12:00 (Nancy T)

30-Access (Janet R)

October 4-LA Darts (Normalee T)

October 5-Baby Shower 2:00-4:00PM

## Upcoming Events Notices:

General Meeting: Tuesday September 2 @ 7:00PM

Joint Br & LA Executive Meeting: Thursday, September 11 @ 6:30PM

Drumhead Service: Sunday September 28 @ 12:30PM.St. George's Anglican Church 10792 Highway 2, Grafton.

All members welcomed

Poppy Tagging-November 6,7 & 8

LA Craft Sale-Saturday November 15

LA Christmas Luncheon-Saturday December 20

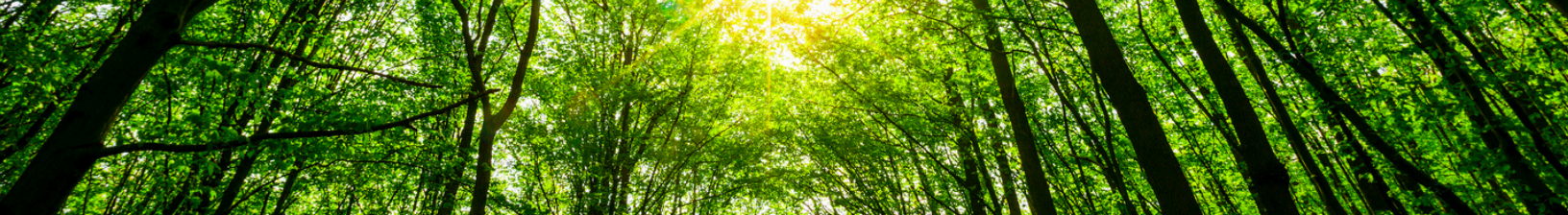
LA Birthday Dinner-March 14'2026

In Comradeship,

Normalee Teskey- 1st Vice President of Ladies Auxiliary, RCL Br # 133 Cobourg

Hello everyone-it's that time again. Be an Early Bird and pay your 2026 dues before our December meeting. One lucky winner will get their dues paid for the next year! Dues are \$30.

Yolande McKinnon Secretary Ladies Auxiliary



## Cobourg Legion Pipes and Drums

There isn't a drummer or a piper that can remember a period of hot weather as prolonged as the one we experienced during parts of July and August. Long forgotten are the coolish days of May and June, replaced by a modified sense of longing for "the old days". Wait long enough though and those cool days will be back and we will be, yet again, wishing for something that our memories will tell us was "better" weather. Despite the weather we have been busy in summer mode. June generates graduation ceremonies with various members playing many new graduates out of their old grade and into the next step on their educational journey. We concluded June with a band favourite, the pre-Canada Day Parade in Grafton on June 29, followed by a similarly-themed appearance later that day at Applefest Lodge, where the band entertained the appreciative residents.

A large Cobourg crowd enthusiastically welcomed Canada Day 2025, and our parade offerings, on a very warm start to the summer. The noted heat continued as we carried on our tradition of playing for various area long-term care facilities on our usual Tuesday evening practice nights - Extendicare, Golden Plough Lodge (July 8), St. Peter's Court (July 15), Victoria Retirement and Legion Village (July 29). Band members will continue another tradition, that of piping down the sun on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings throughout July and August. Offered at one or two regular locations around the Cobourg harbour it remains popular and appreciated by harbour area strollers and area residents on these evenings.

Sadly, July also saw us bid goodbye to a long time member of the CLP&D. Dick Byrne, drummer, lead tip, teacher and raconteur, proud Irishman and Canadian, left us this month and the band turned out in full force to play for him at his funeral. We again honoured Dick at his interment on July 12, with a selection of his favourite p&d pieces, some Irish tunes and a 6/8 Drum Salute from his Drum Line. It was a good send off for a much admired and missed band member.

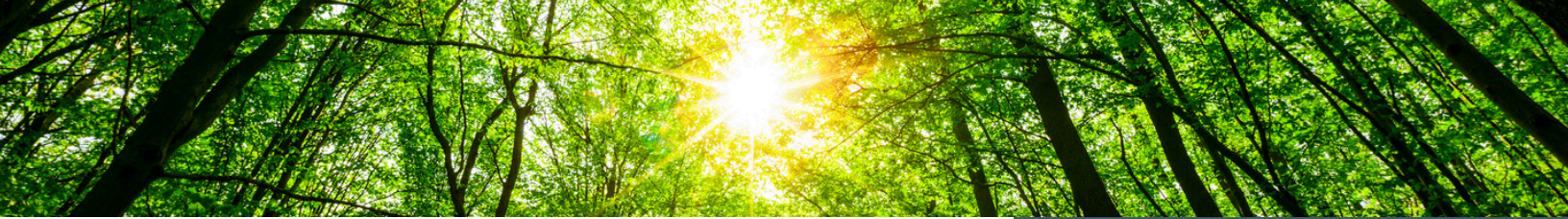
July ended with our appearance at the Uxbridge Scottish Festival on July 26, always an enjoyable day with other P&D bands, enthusiastic patrons, massed band parading and a stage performance offering. Ride-sharing, a generously supplied pot-luck summer lunch and warm weather are other appreciated aspects of Uxbridge. August is the summer swan song and only slightly less busy than July. Both months saw, and heard, sunset pipers at the Cobourg harbour each Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening. Two pipers and a drummer made their way to Port Hope Extendicare for an afternoon offering to the residents there, and the entire band will perform with the Concert Band of Cobourg in a shared evening Victoria Park concert on August 26. We will round out our visits to area assisted living facilities with performances at Streamway and Palisades on September 9.

September began with a bang as the CLP&D participated again this year in the Toronto Labour Day Parade.

Your band at work and play.

Ian McFarlane





## Padre

HAPPY NRW YEAR !

Oh no! Padre's lost it, he thinks its New year.

Well dear comrades, check it out; it was 2022, it was Saturday, it was August 27, it was the Grand Opening of 135B Orr Street, our new building. So, Happy New Year to all as we embark into Year four. The end, now the beginning.

You may have thought that the beginning would come before the end. Not so my friends, not necessarily so read on...

As the end of the hot summer of 2025 draws near, the beginning of a new work year will dawn. Will it be the same old same old (which is pretty good anyway) or will it be a new opportunity, to advance the branch even further, in order for us to fulfill our mandate, TO ASSIST VETERANS AND THEIR LOVED ONES? For me, if I don't put a date in my calender, I either forget or it just doesn't happen. Comrades, how about making a New Year resolution to attend your general meetings, third Thursday 7.30pm every month except July, August and December.? That's only nine evenings out of three sixty five and if you put it on your calender now, its booked. See you at the meetings.

Numerous opportunities exist for volunteering: Bar serve, meat draw, poppy campaign and more. Please consider your part in contributing to the continued success for Branch 133.

As we launch into a new volume of The Missile, let's welcome Mark Johnston to his role as editor. Thanks for stepping up Mark.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

In comradeship,

Chaplain Art 🙏



## Meat Draws

EVERY FRIDAY @ 5PM  
AND  
SATURDAY @ 3PM

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS  
TO HELP WITH THE  
DRAWS. SIGN UP  
CALENDARS ARE IN THE  
CLUB ROOM





## Ways and Means

### Bingo

June Payout      \$811.06

July Payout      \$870.24

We need volunteers to help sell the bingo cards on 1 Sunday a month. You can see what the rewards are for such little work. We stand behind the counter and sell cards. It's not like the old days where volunteers were running the floor. The sign up sheet is on the notice board or speak with Janet Kyle or Jennifer Robison.

### Toonie Draw

In July we had a BIG Winner...Gordon Anderson won taking home \$2184.50

Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> saw no winner and the pot is sitting at \$2069.00

If you are a paid up member, you can play. Just \$2.00 a ticket, available at the Bar.

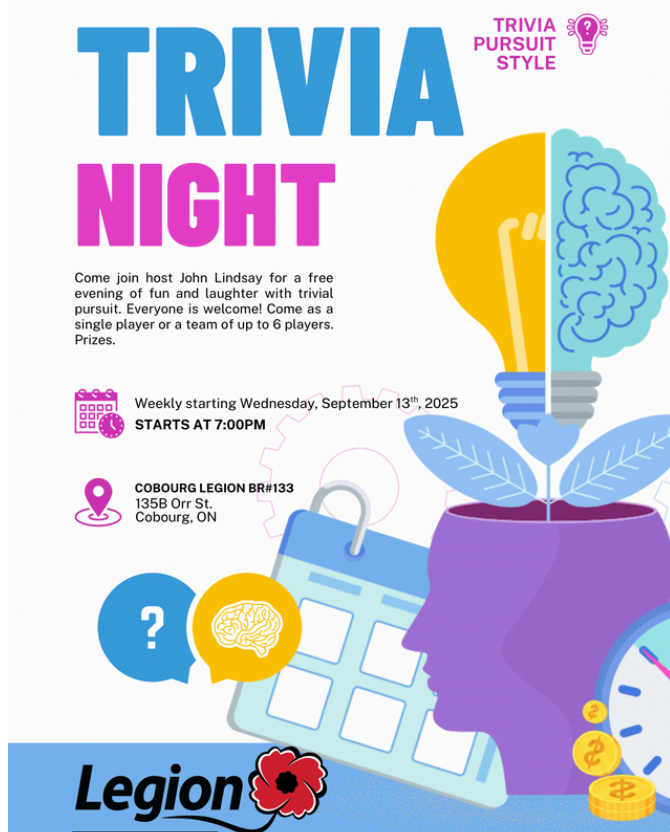
Nevada Tickets are moving quickly... 50c gets you a chance of collecting \$250.00!

### Meat Draw

The draw runs every Friday at 5pm and Saturday at 3pm. Tickets are \$1.00 and \$2.00

We are always looking for volunteers, and it's a great way to meet the member's of the Branch.

As we are all aware, the cost of meat has increased substantially, and we need to look at the value of meat verses income. If you have a suggestion, write it down and submit it in the suggestion box near the notice board.



**TRIVIA NIGHT**

TRIVIA PURSUIT STYLE

Come join host John Lindsay for a free evening of fun and laughter with trivial pursuit. Everyone is welcome! Come as a single player or a team of up to 6 players. Prizes.

Weekly starting Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
**STARTS AT 7:00PM**

COBOURG LEGION BR#133  
135B Orr St.  
Cobourg, ON

Legion



**HAPPY JAMMERS**

UNPLUGGED ACOUSTIC JAM

Legion Branch 133 Cobourg

JAM SESSIONS EVERY OTHER FRIDAY IN THE CLUBROOM. EVERYONE WELCOME.

Friday's  
2:00pm - 4:00pm

Free Entry

Location:  
135B Orr St. Cobourrg, ON

Need More Info Call Al Maclean  
905-373-7482



## Entertainment and Events

Entertainment committee is Ian Kyle, Francine Nesbitt, Peter Godwin and Jennifer Robison.

If you have any suggestions what you would like to see at the Branch speak to one of the committee members or put a note in the Suggestion Box or come out to a meeting.

### Coming up in September:

5<sup>th</sup> – BBQ – Tickets available at the Bar

7<sup>th</sup> – West of 60 Returns! Last event was a FULL House!

9<sup>th</sup> – Entertainment Meeting @ 4pm

17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday night Trivia starts up again @ 7:30pm

19<sup>th</sup> Fern Blodgett dedication at the waterfront garden 1:30pm

21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> is Legion Week. Bring your friends and family to the Branch and lets gets involved!

21<sup>st</sup> To Be Confirmed at time of printing

27<sup>th</sup> Steak BBQ and Entertainment with Greg Hannah Trio (After the Meat Draw)

28<sup>th</sup> Drumhead Service in Grafton – This is an old military Tradition. Come out and see what it's about

Fall Brings our regular sports activities so check the Calendar!

Ladies... You have asked for ladies darts and ladies Billiards (snooker and Pool)

Wednesday Afternoons at 1pm will be Ladies Darts, and Tuesday Afternoons we will be having Ladies Billiards. Mona has volunteered to teach Snooker and Pool for those that would like to learn. Please reach out to Janet Kyle or call/email the office to sign up or for more information.



# Sgt at Arms

The Colour Party are requested for the following events:

Fri 19 September Fern Blodgett Remembrance Ceremony 13:00 followed by reception at the Legion.

Sun 28 September Sgt At Arms seminar followed by Drumhead Service in Grafton.

Sat 8 November Trinity Church Service

Tues 11 December Remembrance Day Parade and Service

Sat 29 November Christmas Parade

This is my report and I so move.

Ian Kyle Sgt At Arms







## PR Officer

As Summer gives way to Fall, we have a few new exciting items in the Public Relations space here at Branch 133. A reminder our solid ratings series on Bell FibeTV1 Legion of Honour launched in April continues to do well. There is rumour of a potential Season II, focus on the War of 1812, local veterans stories and more. While there is never a guarantee of renewal, the more the series is watched the higher the ratings and the better the chance of more content revolving around the remarkable stories of our Branch, Local Veterans and Members. Please share this link with any Bell subscriber. On the 1st of June the Sgt at Arms and President attended Decoration Day at St Peters Cemetary. Along with parents, Cadets and a few other members of the Branch, we placed Canadian flags on all the plots of former Canadian Servicemen and women. This event is organized and run e If you don't have Bell at home, given the 90 day exclusivity window has closed where Bell has the sole right to broadcast, we are able to share with Members and non Bell subscribers the YouTube channel for the series, available to all viewers anywhere in the world. Enjoy !

[https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIx3GmytBCe4-fr-nDDjgp5\\_9ZFQQZ-v0&si=s8lTTuNn2rdPQ-kM](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIx3GmytBCe4-fr-nDDjgp5_9ZFQQZ-v0&si=s8lTTuNn2rdPQ-kM)

Coming this Fall - a new Social Media campaign that celebrates our Veterans, Members, Community Partners who benefit from Branch 133 financial support, and your Legion Branch Executives with their various roles/responsibilities. Branch 133 Feature Profiles will launch this month, rotating a veteran profile, a new or long standing member of our Branch, a Community Partner (e.g. sports team, FareShare food program, service dog program) and a member of the Executive sharing their personal story, their role and why they give back to the Canadian Legion at Branch 133. These feature profiles will help inspire Membership, better understand why we do what we do, who benefits, meet new friends and understand how you too can contribute as Members at Branch 133.

Yours in Comradship,

Mark Johnston



Got Questions?

As a **Veteran**, where can I turn for answers?

In a **financial emergency**, who can I contact?

I have a **disability**, how can I get help?

What are my next steps?

**WE CARE** for all Veterans  
of all ages and their families

The Royal Canadian Legion Service Bureau Network

Contact :

Christopher R. Barker, MSM, CD  
Royal Canadian Legion  
Cobourg Br. 133

(E) [veteransservices@cobourglegion.ca](mailto:veteransservices@cobourglegion.ca)

**Did you know that Legion Command Service Officers across the country:**

- provide **FREE** representation with disability claims to Veterans Affairs Canada.
- provide **FREE** representation with Appeals to the Veterans Review and Appeal Board Canada.
- provide assistance to **all Veterans including serving Canadian Forces, RCMP members and their families.**
- provide assistance navigating and understanding the bureaucracy, legislation and policies.
- provide assistance to **all Veterans in financial need** to meet emergency requirements.

[legion.ca](http://legion.ca)

**Legion** 





## VSO Report

**As your newly appointed Veteran Service Officer (VSO),**

**I would like to introduce myself to those comrades who may not know me.**

**I first joined the Royal Canadian Legion (RCL) Cobourg Br133 over twenty years ago as an ordinary member. I am still a serving Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Reserve member, with almost 40 years of service. My Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) service started at HMCS York ( Toronto ) which included deployments aboard a number of RCN vessels.**

**I am currently a CAF Officer with Cadet Organization Administration & Training Service ( COATS ) and serve as the current Commanding Officer of the local Royal Canadian Sea Corps Skeena.**

**When I first joined the RCL, my Ontario public sector career in healthcare and education was extremely time consuming, thus my involvement within the branch was very limited.**

**It was upon my civilian retirement that I renewed my commitment to our branch by first attending monthly general meetings, becoming familiar with the operations of the local branch. In 2022 I committed myself to the executive board and assumed the roles as the Cadet Liaison Officer and Property Chairperson. Leaving those positions I now have been appointed the branch's new VSO.**

**As the branch VSO, I remain committed to not only the values of the RCL, but also the welfare of any veteran requiring assistance.**

**If you require assistance, or know of someone who requires assistance,**

**I can always be reached via the following email address;**

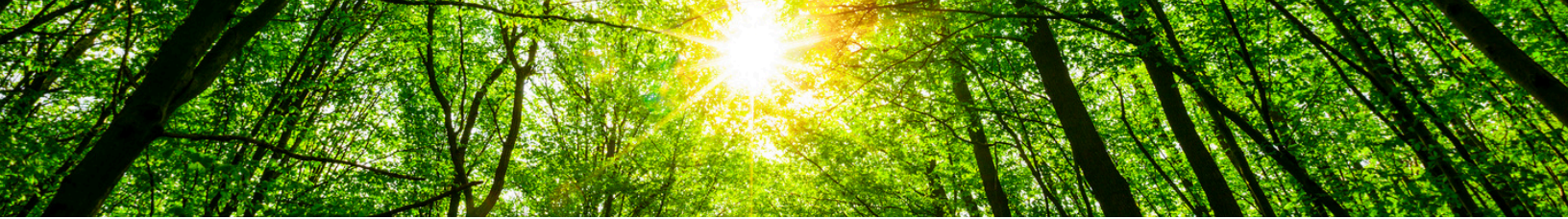
**[veteransservices@cobourglegion.ca](mailto:veteransservices@cobourglegion.ca)**

**All disclosed information regarding claims is always treated with the strictest privacy and confidentiality. I am looking forward to my new role by helping our veterans and their families within our community.**

**Respectfully submitted and in comradeship,  
Chris**

**Comrade C.R. Barker, MSM, CD  
Veteran Service Officer  
RCL Br 133, Cobourg**





## Poppy Report & Banner Program

### Poppy Campaign – Volunteers Needed

The Poppy Campaign is just around the corner, and once again, we are looking for volunteers to help in all areas. If you're interested in supporting this important initiative, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [poppy@cobourglegion.ca](mailto:poppy@cobourglegion.ca).

Tagging boards will be posted in the clubroom in the coming weeks.

As a reminder, when you became a member, you took an oath that included active participation in the Poppy Campaign—we encourage everyone to honour that commitment.

Tagging Days:



November 6th, 7th, and 8th

Your support is greatly appreciated.

In-Comradeship

Jen Robison

1st-Vice President

### Honouring Your Veterans Banner Program

We're pleased to announce that the Honouring Your Veterans Banner Program is in full swing once again this year — and we're aiming to make it bigger and better than ever!

If you would like to honour a veteran with a commemorative street banner, please be sure to submit your application by the deadline: September 20th.



Banner Display Period:

From Thanksgiving until just after Remembrance Day



Applications are available at the Branch.



For more information, please contact: [poppy@cobourglegion.ca](mailto:poppy@cobourglegion.ca)

Let's continue to honour those who served with the respect and recognition they deserve.



## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR RCL BRANCH 133

Jennifer Robison, Holidays in Canada, Legion Branch

Sep 2025 (Eastern Time - Toronto)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 10am - Pipe Band	1 Labour Day	2 10am - Coffee Morning 7pm - LA General Meeting	3 1pm - Canasta 2pm - Mahjong	4 1pm - Crib 1pm - Euchre	5 5pm - Meat Draw	6 3pm - Meat Draw
7 10am - Pipe Band 2pm - Toonie Darts	8 12:30pm - Over 55 Darts 1pm - Probuc Euchre 5:30pm - Snooker 7pm - Men's Darts	9 1pm - Canasta 6pm - Pipe Band Practice	10 2pm - Mahjong 5:30pm - Snooker	11 1pm - Crib 1pm - Euchre 6:30pm - LA & BR Joint	12 2pm - Happy Jammers 5pm - Meat Draw 8pm - Mixed Darts	13 1pm - Honours and 3pm - Meat Draw
14 10am - Pipe Band 5:15pm - Bingo	15 12:30pm - Over 55 Darts 1pm - Probuc Euchre 5:15pm - Br. Exec Mtg 5:30pm - Snooker 7pm - Men's Darts	16 10am - Coffee Morning 1pm - Canasta 6pm - Pipe Band Practice	17 12pm - Over 55 lunch 1pm - Ladies Darts 2pm - Mahjong 5:30pm - Snooker	18 1pm - Crib 1pm - Euchre 7:30pm - General Mtg	19 1:30pm - Fern Blodgett 5pm - Meat Draw 8pm - Mixed Darts	20 1pm - New member 3pm - Meat Draw
21 Legion week	22	23	24	25	26	27
10am - Pipe Band 2pm - Toonie Darts	12:30pm - Over 55 Darts 1pm - Probuc Euchre 5:30pm - Snooker 7pm - Men's Darts	1pm - Canasta 4pm - Meat draw training 6pm - Pipe Band Practice	1pm - Ladies Darts 2pm - Mahjong 5:30pm - Snooker	1pm - Crib 1pm - Euchre	2pm - Happy Jammers 5pm - Ham and Turkey 8pm - Mixed Darts	3pm - Ham and Turkey
28 10am - Pipe Band	29 12:30pm - Over 55 Darts 1pm - Probuc Euchre 5:30pm - Snooker 6:30pm - LA Executive 7pm - Men's Darts	30 National Day for Truth and 1pm - Canasta 5pm - *Harbour Breeze 6pm - Pipe Band Practice	1 1pm - Ladies Darts 1:30pm - Active Living 2pm - Mahjong 5:30pm - Snooker	2 1pm - Crib 1pm - Euchre	3 5pm - Fish and chips 5pm - Meat Draw 8pm - Mixed Darts	4 8am - LA Darts 3pm - Meat Draw