

this will accommodate more of our members to attend. Our Poppy Campaign is ready to go but we are facing a shortage of taggers once again. Our younger members don't seem to have the interest in facing their obligations and many of our Veterans are unable to continue because of their declining years. We will do the best we can.

We attended the Provincial convention in Ottawa, the Poppy Seminar in Fenelon Falls, the Service Officers Seminar in Lindsay and the President's Meeting and Drumhead Service in Whitby. We wish all the Branches the best of luck in the upcoming Poppy Campaign.

Bowmanville - BR. 178

Bob McMurter

Like a lot of branches, our summer months are slow but year after year we manage to get by.

Our dart leagues have started, along with entertainment and meat rolls so we will hopefully be making some money to get us through next summer.

Our hall is booked every Saturday in October, November and December. This keeps our Ladies Auxiliary very busy.

Our membership early bird campaign is under way along with the preparation for the poppy campaign.

Our golfers managed to win zone and district this year but lost out at the provincial level. We congratulate them.

In closing I would like to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for there hours of dedicated work throughout the year. Great job ladies and thanks again.

Whitby - BR. 112

Doug McLean

Branch 112 had a busy summer. In June the Seniors Day was well attended and everyone had a great time. 7 of our Executives attended the Dominion Convention. For the new ones that attended, they were impressed by what they saw and what they heard. The County Town Carnival was another success along with the Canada Day Festivities. Heritage day was another success with a BBQ in the parking lot, with 3 bands and our beer tent.

Our Colour Party attended the Warriors' Day Parade at the CNE along with several other parades during the summer.

Our branch attended the Zone Karaoke Challenge in Brooklin at which our Cathy MacLean took first place. We will host it next year in March.

On September 26, 27 & 28th we hosted the District Drumhead which was very successful and well attended. The weather was excellent for the parade. Thanks to everyone who helped out especially the Ladies' Auxiliary who took care of the food for the weekend. I am very grateful to the L.A. for all that they do for our branch.

During the summer we overhauled our elevator, putting in new lighting, new ceiling and a new paint job. It was long overdue. Also, we had to retrofit our building to bring it up to fire standards. We installed new smoke detectors, heat detectors, new fire door and door closures and panic hardware. These were also long overdue.

On August 31st we had the grand opening of the new patio, with a ribbon cutting ceremony by Counsellor Shirley Scott accompanied by Counsellors Liz Roy and Lorne Coe. We served hot dogs, hamburgers and corn. Alcohol was also served, due to our license extension to the patio. On a sad note, someone stole our new BBQ from the patio. We may have a lead on the culprit who took it. I hope that the person who took it enjoys it.

Our Poppy Campaign is just around the corner and I wish every branch good luck in their annual campaign.

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Brooklin - BR. 152

Jacques Courchesne

Over the pass summer since we last met we have kept ourselves busy.

- We are continuing to initiate new members.
- The Brooklin Spring Fair and Parade were a great success with good attendance.
- Canada Day open house was also a great success. We had entertainment (Tom Mai Band) and served peameal bacon a bun along with cake. We honoured our fallen soldiers and raised a new Canadian Flag. We were honoured to have our MPP Jim Flaherty and the Mayor of Whitby Pat Perkins also members of her council.
- We started opening the Legion on Sunday afternoons when weather permitting.
- On September 14th we hosted the Karaoke Contest for the Zone. We had 4 Branch attend and Whitby Branch 112 took the honour this time. Congratulations.
- The Veterans/Seniors luncheon on September 17th was great. We served our maximum of 75 guests.
- All summer long we have had Friday night BBQ's which were well attended by our members.
- We have Karaoke every second Friday night and Jam sessions very Tuesday night.
- On Saturday October 11th 2008 we are having a Dues day with the Molson Girls.

The only sad news that we have is the Ladies Auxiliary has closed their charter and books and turned their revenue over to the branch.

In closing we wish to thank all our members for supporting all our summer events.

Uxbridge - BR. 170

Jack Ballinger

Our Legion has been a very busy place over the summer months. We hosted our first annual Rib fest, in July, and attracted over 10,000 people. Many from outside of the Uxbridge area. Unfortunately we were rained out on the Sunday, but Friday and Saturday were both very successful.

Another very successful event was our Canada Day Family Party. The Legion provided food, entertainment, and games and treats for the children.

The Branch color party and our Pipes and Drums band led off the Uxbridge Day Parade at the CNE, in August. This was in recognition of the 100 years of Ann of Green Gables.

The Branch was again doing renovations upstairs. We have installed new ceiling tiles and lights, and done a complete new paint job. All this work was done by our Members. We are so fortunate to have so many hard working volunteers.

Our Legion golf league attracted 112 players, and they enjoyed themselves every Wednesday afternoon, many returning to the Legion afterwards for a barbeque. The annual golf tournament was highly successful, with 96 players participating. We are now registering for the upcoming winter Dart League. We hope to have 112 players.

On Friday October 31st Uxbridge is putting on its first night time Halloween Parade. The Legion is sending color parties, our Pipes and Drums, and we entering a "haunted house" float. We would welcome color parties from other Legions who wish to participate. It should be an exciting evening.

On a sad note, one of our Life Members, Al Cooper, passed away recently. Comrade Cooper was President of our Branch in 1955, and again in 1973, and was treasurer for many years before retiring to Guelph.

Finally, we would like to thank our hard working Ladies Auxiliary, and our Pipes and Drums for their tremendous support. They are a wonderful asset to the Branch.

We hope that all the Branches have a successful Poppy Campaign,

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