

2010 Membership Renewal Information

***Our Early Bird Campaign Runs from
September 1st, 2009 until November 30th, 2009.***



**2010 Dues—\$55.00
\$60.00 after Jan 31st
Early Bird—\$50.00
(Ends November 30th)
Seniors—\$30.00**



***Each month, during the Early Bird Campaign, 2 draws of
\$50.00 each will made for those who have purchased their
2010 membership.***

***Your chances of winning one of the draws increases
the earlier you purchase your 2010 membership.***

***The sooner you renew your membership for 2010,
the better your odds of winning !!!!!***

During busy times at the Branch, membership committee members should be available to process your 2010 dues. During other times, you may pay your membership dues to the on duty Bar Steward. Please include your name (please print clearly), membership number and phone number along with your dues in the envelope provided. You can pick up your new membership card and key card after processing by the membership committee, at the Bar. This should only take a couple of days.

New Member Gallery

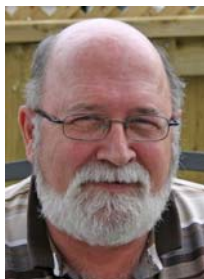


Jacquie Jefferies-Forgeron



Barb Jefferies

Sports



This has been a very good year for our Branch in the various Sports and we have been represented at the Zone, District and Provincial levels.

Much of the credit goes to the participants and it could not happen without the support of our Branch Executive. Your participation in the Meat Draws on Saturdays and at the many Jam Sessions and other Social events allows us to bring in the revenue to support you in your various sporting events.

The Friday Night Open Shuffleboard League has been very successful and there were over 75 different participants supporting it throughout the year. We offered food on many occasions and will continue to do so throughout the summer months. Shuffleboard has been operating on the funds that it alone generates.

The Summer Dart League has been a welcome surprise with over 45 participants and I must thank all of you for your support. We play on Tuesday nights at 7:30 P.M. in the small hall. The Summer Dart League will run until August 18th. This program also is self supporting.

The Youth Dart League started on Sunday June 14th in the small hall with John McKechnie running the program with the assistance of David White. This program runs from noon to 4 P.M. and is open to boys and girls 8-18 years of age. We hope that this program can continue in the fall as well. We remind the parents that the program runs from noon to 4 P.M. and the organizers ask that you pick your children up at 4 P.M.

The Fall Classic Golf Tourney (4 person scramble) is scheduled for September 12th at Whispering Ridge Golf Course with the fees set at \$55 + cart for those who would like a power cart. Please note that you will have to make your own arrangements regarding cart rental. This is

members and guests fun tournament with meal and prizes included. The sign-up board will be posted at the Branch August 1st and the cut-off date will be August 21st. We have openings for 15 foursomes so please sign up early to avoid missing the event.

The Sports program is not run by one person and I thank all of you who have assisted with the shuffleboard, cards, darts, horseshoes, snooker and golf. It is refreshing to know that I can count on your support, knowledge and assistance when I need it.

Yours in Comradeship
Dave Wylie

Canada's First World War Veteran Turns 109: Happy Birthday Mr. Babcock

John Babcock, Canada's last known First World War Veteran, celebrated his 109th birthday on July 23 among family and friends at his favourite family restaurant in Spokane, Washington. The Honourable Greg Thompson, Minister of Veterans Affairs, was there to bring special greetings from the Prime Minister and the Governor General of Canada and issued the following statement:

"Mr. Babcock is a remarkable man who has become a source of pride and a symbol of remembrance for our entire country. He represents a generation of Canadians who served our country when we needed them most.

Today, as we celebrate the birthday of our last remaining Veteran of the First World War, we also mark the heroic contributions of all our Veterans, past and present. We pay tribute to our history and we honour those who continue to serve today. The values for which Canadians fought during the First World War are the same values Canada's men and women in uniform continue to defend today: freedom, democracy and the rule of law."



Sergeant At Arms



During the last few months, I have been asked from curious Comrades the significance of the Red Sash you often see the Sergeant at Arms wearing. This motivated me to give you a brief explanation on the history of the Sash and, who, within the Canadian Military and Royal Canadian Legion wear the Sash.

Since the 17th Century the Red Sash was worn by Warrant Officers (Class Two) and Senior NCOs in the British Army and some were worn around the waist, while others were worn over the shoulder.

The sashes were, at one stage, used as badges of rank, however, it is said they also had a practical purpose; originally being used to carry the wounded from the battlefield. As legend also has it that because they became blood stained it was decided that the Sash would be red so as to 'hide' the blood so that soldiers would not get demoralized seeing their own wounded comrades.

The British Army of Foot had officers wearing silken sashes over the left shoulder and Senior NCOs wore worsted or beaten red sashes over the right shoulder as of today.

All Sergeant at Arms of the Royal Canadian Legion at all levels wear the Red Sash and all Non Commissioned Members of the Canadian Infantry no matter what Regiment wear the Sash. The lowest rank in the Canadian Infantry to wear the Sash would be Sergeant and the highest rank would be Master Warrant Officer or for you older Soldiers formally known as Company Sergeants Major.

I wore the Sash for 13 years as a Sergeant and Warrant Officer from 1984 until retirement from The Royal Canadian Regiment in 1997 and now continue to proudly wear it as your Sergeant at Arms, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 322.

Yours in Comradeship
David Langille
Sergeant at Arms