

Editorial



You know the type. Every Legion has at least a couple. You can't spot them by their looks, but they follow a common pattern. They are the spoilers, the second-guessers, and sometimes even a small part of the old guard who want things to stay the same. They stay in the background while the groundwork is being formed, yet want to reap the benefits if things work out for the better.

While the decisions are being made, they swing into action. They demand minor changes. They find fault with small points. They point fingers and want answers. They rehash issues that have already been voted on and settled. They question conclusions. They challenge assumptions. They defend their stand in the name of constructive criticism and improvement. They are even on the different Legion committees and often contribute responsibly.

Unfortunately, a few of them have perfected the art of nit-picking so competently that they feel compelled to demonstrate their skill whenever the opportunity presents itself. Nit-pickers are always noting what is wrong with something and someone rather than what is right. They are full of questions. They are constantly reminding us of the uncertainty of things, and not infrequently they make them appear much more uncertain than they really are. They just love stirring the pot.

Most of them I would go as far as to say, are fairly intelligent. But, too often the value of their contribution is outweighed by the destructive, side effects produced. They inhibit creativity. They dampen enthusiasm. They demoralize certain members. Some can't deal with change, while others are always lobbying for changes to be made. They create uncertainty and it's about time they took a look in the mirror. Come on you know the type... "If I hit a nerve, is it because the shoe fits?"

What's that your saying? "Takes one to know one." Your absolutely right. That's the reason I'm writing this article. Let's call it a kind of therapy or self-confession or admission of guilt. At least I'm admitting it.

Anyone who feels they need help, please join my newly organized therapy class? I'll call it "The Legion Instigators" The first step to recovery is that you must give me your name, and I will post it on the bulletin board in the Clubroom and publish it in the next edition of the Hunter News, stating that you admit that sometimes in the past you have been a nuisance, and that you will make every effort to make amends. Sign up and be saved while there is still time.

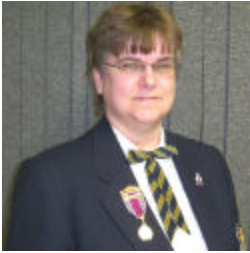
Join **"The Legion Instigators" Rehabilitation Group.** today.

I am sure an avalanche of members will come forward,
so get in early and beat the rush!!!

Bruce Sharpe
Public Relations Officer

Ladies Auxiliary

The last two months have gone by very quickly and



as usual the L.A. has been very busy once again. We hosted a Euchre fundraiser, many birthday parties, a Jack & Jill party, a Shuffle Board banquet, the Seniors luncheons and sadly many funerals.

The Ladies have decided to take a short break from the Seniors Luncheons over July & August but will continue in September.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest members, Marlena Williams, Velma Kitchen and Diane Gear to our Ladies Aux.

With all the hard work the L.A. has been doing we have been able to donate monies as follows:

Charitable Foundation \$100.00

Ontario Provincial Bursary \$100.00

Veterans at Sunnybrook \$500.00

Youth Centre in Ajax \$500.00

Adopt a Vet \$400.00

Xmas Basket for Youths \$125.00

Branch \$4891.18

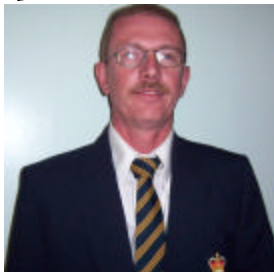
Yours in Comradeship

Wendy Clark

President Ladies Auxiliary



Colour Guard



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rades we made our annual trip to Cuyahoga Falls in Ohio and proudly represented our branch in supporting our American neighbours in their Memorial Day festivities and parade.

Our members also participated in the Legion services of Bernie Bedworth and Ben Severs, two of our great veterans, both of whom were very supportive of the Colour Guard over the years. They will be missed.

As in previous years, many of our Colour Guard members will be at the Branch picnic on Sunday, July 10th at Greenwood park, an event we always look forward to supporting, and helping out in any way we can. Come on out and bring the entire family, it is always a fun day.

In closing, let me wish everyone a very safe and enjoyable summer.

Gary Whelan

Commanding Officer

Sports



On May 28th our branch had the Zone Qualifier for Golf at Whispering Ridge Golf Course. We had 53 members sign up. Brian Desroches and Steve Nelson had the low scores for the day, shooting 70 each.

Twelve members represented our Legion at the Zone Championship in Uxbridge on June 12th.

Two of our Senior teams have advanced to the District Championship to be held in Uxbridge on August 13th.

Bud Manning and Tom Blanchard won the Seniors Championship and are bringing the Zone Championship back to Ajax next year. The other team was Dave Nicols and Ron Naples.

Our next Golf Tournament is on September 24, all members and guests are invited for a fun filled day of golf and comradeship.

Tom Blanchard
Sports Chairman



Zone F1 Senior Golf Champions



Bud Manning and Tom Blanchard did a great job of representing Branch 322 in the Zone F1 golf competition. Here they proudly display the Senior Winners Plaque along with their winning trophies. Congratulations guys!!

A Tribute To Our Veteran



Bernie Bedworth

July 25, 1925 – May 22, 2005

“Appearing This Week Birmingham Bernie.”

I remember seeing that banner over the entrance of my Uncle Bert’s hotel, the Mansion House on the Danforth years ago. Bernie was a piano player who entertained there quite often in the late 60’s and early 70’s, and a person my uncle thought very highly of. Little did I know I would meet the legend here at the Legion, forty years later.

The youngest of four sons to Arthur and Clara Bedworth, Bernie was born in Birmingham England on July 25th, 1925. His father was a veteran of WW1, having served in the British army. His older brothers were also all in the army.

At the age of fourteen, Bernie left school to take an apprenticeship as a machinist and fitter with the R.C. Givings Company in Birmingham. He stayed with them until he was conscripted into the Royal Navy in 1943. In fact he also received a conscription notice from the army as well, which was his first choice. He was told he was going to be in the navy. Bernie and his family were not happy at all with this decision, due to the fact that his father and brothers had all been in the army.

He reported to the H.M.S. Gosling, which was a Training Depot for nine weeks, where he had his introduction to navy procedures with regards to military machinery. He was then transferred to the Hednesford Air Force Base just outside of Birmingham for three months. His machinery skills allowed him to train at servicing and repairing the aircraft. This location was very convenient, allowing him to go home some weekends.

He was then transferred to the H.M.S. Dadelas Naval Base just north of Portsmouth England, going aboard the air craft carrier H.M.S. Searcher. This vessel had a crew of three hundred men and twelve aircraft. They sailed to Roseneath not far from Edinborough to pickup and join a support convoy before heading out to the North Atlantic.