

News Update September 2021

Hello members and friends of the Legion

I hope you all have enjoyed the summer as much as you could. Fall is coming and the children will soon be back in school some way or another.

We finally got our doors back open in the later part of July and are planning to get our activities back on track. Senior Golf went ahead and played this summer even with the Branch closed for most of it. Wednesday Night Fun Darts will be starting up soon so watch for posters on the Sports Board. Senior Snooker will be starting in October, signup sheets are up by the Snooker Tables. Chase The Ace (starting on 13th of September), Meat and the 50/50 Draws are back to regular times. No word on Texas Hold'em at this time. All these are being done with Covid -19 rules in effect. If anyone can help out with the Meat Draws, please see Betty Zarney, she is always looking for volunteers.

Command Golf was held in Morden this year on August 15th. St James Legion was represented by Rhonda Stearns Boulet, Wayne Moar, Ralph Burns and Mike Zwarycz. Let's just say they had fun.

We are looking at bringing back bands with the tentative start date around the 17th of September. Bands will be Friday nights only and rules for Covid -19 will be followed. The Legion needs to make revenue from bar sales to pay for the bands and this has not been happening in the past for a while. Band schedules will be posted on the Facebook Page and Web Site once they are in place.

We will be looking at nominations for office plus appointments for Sgt at Arms and Recording Secretary. This will happen at our first General Meeting on October 21st, 7:00 p.m. All Officer and Executive positions are up for nominations. We are short on a few positions so please if you or know someone that can stand for office let us know, we need to fill these positions. No Executive, no Legion. General meetings are held the 3rd Thursday in February, April, June, August, October, and the 2nd Thursday in December. Meetings commence at 7:00 p.m.

At this time, we are planning ahead with our Poppy Campaign and Remembrance Day activities. The Poppy Campaign will start on Friday October 29th. Lists for Taggers will be up on the bulletin board sometime in mid-October. Remembrance Day will be held At Bruce Park as per previous years. Let's hope that this all goes as planned and we don't get shut down like last year.

The Ladies Auxiliary President, Corrine hopes this pandemic will soon be in the past. The first Ladies Auxiliary Meeting will be held on the 9th of September, 6:30 p.m. Executive and 7:00 p.m. General. Hope to see everyone there.

Our Sick Visiting Committee, Jim and Chris have not been able to visit any of our folks due the pandemic. They have been dropping off goodie bags and good wishes to the staff at the care homes and hospitals to pass on.

Legion Membership for 2021 is at 572. This is down quite a lot, being closed since last November didn't help any. You can pay for your membership at the Branch or on line at legion.ca. The Branch will start taking 2022 membership in mid-September.

I would like thank t everyone who donated to the Branch over the last few months. To name a few, Ladies Auxiliary, Ronn Anderson, Betty Zarney, Roxy Mills and Chris Wallace, Roland Fisette, Mike Cavall in memory of Russell Fogg, Estate of Marjorie Martin (\$8,125.00 to the Poppy Fund), In memory of Cliff Cooke, Mike and Sandy Hickey, Tracy Sayco (Anicia's Eatery). If I have missed anyone I apologize. I know there were others, thank you.

Members who have passed since November 2020

SENKA	ROBERT	ASSOCIATE NOV 26 /20
PSOY	WALTER	ASSOCIATE NOV 10/20
EVANS	GEORGE (Air Cadets)	ORDINARY DECEMBER 13/20
MCKENZIE	ADELIN (ADDIE)	ASSOCIATE NOV 6/20
BALTKALNS	INDULUS (RCMP)	ORDINARY JAN.29/21
BRIDGE	JACK	ORDINARY MAY 5/21
COOKE	CLIFF (RCAF)	ORDINARY MAY 12/21
HODGSON	SARAH	ASSOCIATE JULY 26/21
HARVIE	DENNIS (RCN)	LIFE AUGUST 19/21

Legion Hours are posted as 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. These hours have been posted as a guide line and most of the time the Legion has closed earlier. With community groups starting to come back and other activities starting up the hours will be adjusted over the next few weeks, so please bear with us. Updates will be posted on our Facebook page

Thank you to the Executive, Staff, Volunteers and Members who has helped to keep us going through these times.

A normal Newsletter will be back for November 2021.

All my absolute best to the shut-in members and a get well quick to those who are ill.

Cde. Mike Thayer, President