



BRANCH 50
KITCHENER

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION FRED GIES BRANCH 50

THE DUGOUT

August, September 2022



RENAME THE "DUGOUT"

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SECRETARY REPORT – RAYMONDE HACHEY

I wish to thank Gail Bourhill and Rose Costa for helping me with my last garage sale. I'm having another one on July 30th. If you have something, please bring it to the branch by July 29th.

Everything else is going well. It looks like we are making progress. I think that every member on the new executive should do their own chair and let the other members do theirs. Thanks again to Gail Bourhill for helping me in the secretary position.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT – ERNIE BREMNER

Good day comrades, I been reviewing the current state of the laws and constitutions including clubhouse rules. We should have an update for the September general meeting. The membership files are being reviewed. This will take some time as we currently have 108 affiliated members, 2 affiliated non voting, 147 associates, 1 life member and 75 ordinary members. So, we currently have 327 members. We will work at increasing our numbers. As the cadet liaison officer, the cadets are in their summer training camps. The cadet corps start up in September. Have a great summer.

LEST WE FORGET

REMEMBER!

**IT'S NOT WHAT
YOU PAY TO BE A
MEMBER.**

**IT'S WHAT THEY
PAID TO LET YOU.**



**2nd VICE-PRESIDENT – LARRY LEISKAU**

Trust all is well with everyone. The last few weeks have definitely been a roller coaster ride.

My Thanks and gratitude to those who have helped us make the transition and 'Learning Curve' start to take shape.

It has been stressful and at times overpowering.

I'm proud to say we now have an outstanding Bar Crew. We are working hard to fill the last position over the next 2 weeks.

We welcome back Tina who will take on the 'Floater' role. Julie has completed her first 2 closing shifts and she is pumped (excited) almost beyond words.

Once Carolyn returns from PEI in mid September, we should be a finely tuned Bar Crew machine.

Thanks to everyone (especially Pat, Mary Ellen, Linda and Corey) for being so patient. I am a work in progress. Small steps as they say.

I'm very proud of our New Bar Crew Team. Please let them know how much you appreciate their efforts.

That's it for now. I'm out of here.

Peace

TREASURER REPORT – PETER WHITEHALL

Comrades

After suffering for almost two years with covid 19 and closures etc., the branch now seems to be slowly getting back to a somewhat normal state. More and more people are coming back to the legion and we are getting busier day by day. Sales are increasing and we are looking for ways to build them up further while still controlling all of our costs. Although we were closed for part of last year, we did manage to do reasonably well at almost a break-even position for the fiscal year and if the first month of the new year is any indication of what is going to happen this year, then things look very good.. Over the past several months, with the help of the board of trustees, we have changed our accounting system and hopefully when you return to our general meetings in September, they will be easier to read and understand for everyone.

As always, I would like to thank the executive committee for all their help and support and to the general body for continuing to support our legion.

KEEP COMING INTO THE LEGION AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS.

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER – (MITCH) PAUL MITCHELL

I am pleased to be the Public Relations officer for the branch. I have Gail and Fatima on my team and together we have attended a Cherry Street Festival where a Legion booth was set up and a small membership drive was done the results are still pending.

We were successful in cancelling an old web site so no more charges will be from Myhosting.

We are also currently redoing the Web site and Facebook which hopefully fingers crossed won't be to long into the future, say two weeks is our goal.

Thanks to Gail and Fatima for all they are doing.

**VETERANS AFFAIRS – (MITCH) PAUL MITCHELL**

Thanks for allowing me this opportunity to do Veterans Affairs for the branch we are currently looking into how many veterans the branch currently has so we can get them all together for a dinner as soon as possible.

We are also looking into a memorial for all past members who have passed since we were in COVID status. However, this will take a little time as well.

I have reached out to several of the local Funeral Directors so all establishments are on the same page as to what is offered for funerals where the Legion is concerned. A few more Funeral directors I will get a hold of next week.

WAYS & MEANS – ROSE COSTA

Saturday meat draw is going well. Tuesday Karaoke and meals are doing great, bringing people to the legion. Thanks to Carl for the great music.

We are looking at running a bingo and holding euchre tournaments.

If anyone has any suggestions for activities, please let me know.

SENIORS GROUP – ROSE COSTA

We are looking for seniors for our Seniors Group, starting the 2nd Sunday in September from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please let Charlotte or myself know if you would like to attend. We will be having a pot luck and games.

Come out and have some fun.

SPORTS REPORT – DON GINGRICH

All regular sports are doing well. New tournaments coming up are posted on the bulletin board. We are looking at possibly starting euchre tournaments in September.

HOUSE AND GROUNDS – DON GINGRICH

We are looking for volunteers to dig up the shrubs. If anyone is interested, please talk to me.



BRANCH 50 EXECUTIVE

President	Chris Pickering
1 st Vice President – Security	Ernie Bremner
2 nd Vice President	Larry Leiskau
Treasurer	Peter Whitehall
Branch Secretary	Raymonde Hachey
Sergeant At Arms	Vacant
Membership	Ernie Bremner
Poppy Campaign	Mike Buck
Youth Education	Carol Gabriel
Track & Field	Don Gingrich
Sports	Don Gingrich
House & Grounds	Don Gingrich
Ways & Means	Rose Costa
Sick & Visiting	Jay Oswald
Honors & Awards	Carol Gabriel
Veterans Services	Paul Mitchell
Seniors	Rose Costa

Branch 50 VOLUNTEERS

Chaplain	Canon Pratt	<u>Kitchen</u>	
Dugout	Gail Bourhill	Peter Whitehall	Rose Costa
		Gail Bourhill	Vera Pollock
		Shirley Maguire	Irene Blanchard
		Shirley Maguire	



We are always looking for volunteers for many venues, eg. Funerals, entertainment, food preparation and cleanup for karaoke night, pool tournaments, etc. Please drop us a note in the suggestion box or email gailbour@hotmail.com Thank you.

Reminder Recycle Information – YOU CAN HELP

We collect Pop cans, pop tabs, eye glasses, Canadian Tire money and toiletries for veterans at Sunnyside Nursing Home and Parkwood Hospital.

Please remove the tabs from the pop cans before depositing them in the recycle bin and bring in the tabs in a separate container. The pop cans will be donated to the Waterloo Shriners Aluminum Can Recycling Program and the tabs will be sent to the Elora Legion for their Wheelchair Program. 2,900 wheelchairs have been purchased through this program so far.



Our new website is up and running. Please visit:
<https://kitchenerlegionbranch50.ca/>



Cherry Festival 2022 - July 9th



Veterans Picnic

July 10th





PLEASE SEND MY DUGOUT VIA E-MAIL

Name: (please print) _____

Membership #: _____

Email address: _____



Royal Canadian Legion
Fred Gies (Branch 50) Ontario

Email: royalcanadianlegion1@bellnet.ca

Online: <http://kitchenerlegionbranch50.ca>



Contest

Suggestions

We are looking at refreshing the Dugout and we would like your input for suggestions on a new name.

Deadline is October 1st and more information to follow.

Please complete and drop in the suggestion box at the legion or email gailbour@hotmail.com

____ My suggestion for a new name _____

____ I like the name Dugout.

Thank you for your suggestions.

**PLEASE
AND
THANK
YOU!**
Written by Elizabeth Purcell



AUGUST 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 CIVIC HOLIDAY Open 1:00 - 7:00 pm 1:00 p.m. Bid Euchre 6:30 p.m. 8-Ball Pool	2 1:00 p.m. "Fun" Darts 1:00 p.m. Shuffleboard 6:30 p.m. Karaoke	3 1:00 p.m. Bid Euchre	4 1:00 p.m. Euchre 7:00 p.m. 9-Ball Pool	5 1:00 p.m. Solo	6 <u>Noon Crib</u> Tournament 4:00 p.m. Meat Spin 7:00 p.m. Euchre Club
7	8 1:00 p.m. Bid Euchre 6:30 p.m. 8-Ball Pool	9 1:00 p.m. "Fun" Darts 1:00 p.m. Shuffleboard 6:30 p.m. Karaoke	10 1:00 p.m. Bid Euchre	11 1:00 p.m. Euchre 7:00 p.m. 9-Ball Pool	12 1:00 p.m. Solo	13 9:30 a.m. Exec. Meeting 4:00 p.m. Meat Spin
14	15 1:00 p.m. Bid Euchre 6:30 p.m. 8-Ball Pool	16 1:00 p.m. "Fun" Darts 1:00 p.m. Shuffleboard 6:30 p.m. Karaoke	17 1:00 p.m. Bid Euchre	18 1:00 p.m. Euchre 7:00 p.m. 9-Ball Pool	19 1:00 p.m. Solo	20 4:00 p.m. Meat Spin 10:00 am Pool tournament No euchre
21	22 1:00 p.m. Bid Euchre 6:30 p.m. 8-Ball Pool	23 1:00 p.m. "Fun" Darts 1:00 p.m. Shuffleboard 6:30 p.m. Karaoke	24 1:00 p.m. Bid Euchre	25 1:00 p.m. Euchre 7:00 p.m. 9-Ball Pool	26 1:00 p.m. Solo 7:00 pm Lions Club Karaoke fund raiser with Carl Buder Everyone welcome	27 4:00 p.m. Meat Spin 7:00 p.m. Euchre Club
28	29 1:00 p.m. Bid Euchre 6:30 p.m. 8-Ball Pool	30 1:00 p.m. "Fun" Darts 1:00 p.m. Shuffleboard 6:30 p.m. Karaoke	31 1:00 p.m. Bid Euchre 6:00 p.m. Cigar Club	1		3



SEPTEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28				1 1:00 p.m. Euchre 7:00 p.m. 9-Ball Pool Early Bird Memberships Renewals	2 1:00 p.m. Solo	3 <u>Noon Cribbage</u> Tournament 4:00 p.m. Meat Spin 7:00 p.m. Euchre Club
4	5 LABOUR DAY CLOSED	6 1:00 p.m. "Fun" Darts 1:00 p.m. Shuffleboard 6:30 p.m. Karaoke	7 1:00 p.m. Bid Euchre	8 1:00 p.m. Euchre 7:00 p.m. 9-Ball Pool	9 1:00 p.m. Solo	10 9:30 a.m. Exec. Meeting 4:00 p.m. Meat Spin 7:00 pm. Live band Diane & The Cavaliers Cover charge at door
11	12 1:00 p.m. Bid Euchre 6:30 p.m. 8-Ball Pool	13 1:00 p.m. "Fun" Darts 1:00 p.m. Shuffleboard 6:30 p.m. Karaoke	14 1:00 p.m. Bid Euchre	15 1:00 p.m. Euchre 7:00 p.m. 9-Ball Pool	16 1:00 p.m. Solo	17 10:30 a.m. Pool tournament 4:00 p.m. Meat Spin 7:00 p.m. Euchre Club
18	19 1:00 p.m. Bid Euchre 6:30 p.m. 8-Ball Pool	20 1:00 p.m. "Fun" Darts 1:00 p.m. Shuffleboard 6:30 p.m. Karaoke	21 1:00 p.m. Bid Euchre	22 1:00 p.m. Euchre 7:00 p.m. 9-Ball Pool	23 1:00 p.m. Solo	24 4:00 p.m. Meat Spin 8:00 <u>pm Private</u> Rental
25 1:00 pm. Zone Commander Branch Inspection 2:00 <u>pm General</u> Meeting	26 1:00 p.m. Bid Euchre 6:30 p.m. 8-Ball Pool	27 1:00 p.m. "Fun" Darts 1:00 p.m. Shuffleboard 6:30 p.m. Karaoke	28 1:00 p.m. Bid Euchre 6:00 p.m. Cigar Club	29 1:00 p.m. Euchre 7:00 p.m. 9-Ball Pool	30 1:00 p.m. Solo	