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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Comrades,

This year we celebrate our 60th Anniversary. The milestone deserves recognition and remembrance throughout the whole year. We kicked off the Anniversary on the 3rd of March 2009, taking a step back in time and giving back to our members, where in the day camaraderie and beer were aplenty and cheap. The day was reflected in glasses costing only 60 cents and many of those were hoisted in remembrance and friendship - even though I know some of you recall beer costing only 10 cents. I would like to thank our Manger, Luke Humber and Comrade Ray Bowcott for doing the official opening ceremony and thank our breweries for their donations. There are more events to come and I hope that you can all enjoy a little piece of them. A special Anniversary announcement will happen in the Peninsula News and I look forward to seeing most of you at our 60th Anniversary Dinner on the 4 April 2009, where we will celebrate, reflect and remember our Units legacy.

Our financial situation has improved and we are still financially sound. Our year-end 2008 financial statement has been reviewed and discussed at the General meeting and I'm pleased with the results. During these economic times

and the recent changes in government spending, I believe that there will be tough goings for the interim; we will strive to ensure that Unit 302 remains strong.

Our membership numbers continue to grow steadily and we are ahead of last years membership pace. Our meat draw, music entertainment on Friday nights, the Sunday afternoon local talent and music bingo, and the various sporting events continue to be successful.

The 6th Biennial Provincial Command Convention will be held in Chilliwack, BC on the 28-29 March 09 and a follow up report will be provided in the May 09 Clarion.

I would like to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for their outstanding contributions and support to Unit 302.

I would also like to thank the Manager, the bar staff, our Executive and "all of you" - the membership as a whole - for all your hard work and support.

This year we must celebrate, reflect and remember to stand - Shoulder to Shoulder.

Fraternally yours,
Shane Holwell, President
Unit 302



ANAF SPORTS



The first sports event went off without a problem, the Super bowl 2009

Was well attended and special thanks to the volunteers that stepped up to the plate, Casey won the VIP seating and shared with her friends, Pres. Shane won the football toss and won a Green Bay Jacket and everyone feasted on Baron of Beef subs and the Pittsburgh Steelers won the day.

The next event is the Provincial bowling tournament and will be sending Don and Sylvia Fisher, Wally Norbury, Ron Phillips, Harry Sanderson, the event will be held in Vancouver on Feb. 21.

Further to this event, Don & Sylvia, Ron Phillips, Wally Norbury, Joy Scott represented Unit 302 and brought home the second place trophy, Don has additional write up as he was there and took some bragging-rite photos.

The Crib Challenge is ongoing every second

Monday night alternating between Dinner and a movie, we have had up to 13 players for crib.

The next scheduled event is Hockey day in Sidney on Feb.21, there will be three games played that day, all Canadian teams with the last game starting at 7pm and prizes will be won by attendees there and the big prize are tickets to a Vancouver Canucks game, and the sponsor for this event is Molsons.

Event was well attended and The Canucks were victorious, new member Lori Dodd won the Canuck tickets.

Next event: Dart play downs, Sun. Mar. 8, ten players played and some great games, good to see Don and Sylvia Fisher in the play downs as well as Joy Scott and Diane Hollingworth, Emilie Carretero. The winners that get to go to Vernon: Dave Roed, Kelly Lovell, Ken Halliday, and Darren Moore, this event will take place on Mar. 28 Good luck 302 players.

Joe Harrison

Sport chair

Special Events

Dear Comrades

I do believe I am up to the challenge. We had a great turn out for Valentines day 2009, great music, great food (thank you ladies in the galley). I would like to thank Donna Loftus and In Touch Cards and Gifts for their donation, and Luke Humber for help with decorations also Annie Shaw for letting me use her "Private Stash" John Gill. Thanks for the great deal on carnations, and all others who got into the spirit of the day.

The next big event is the 60th anniversary on April 4, 2009, which is a huge under taking and is involving many members and volunteers.

Tickets are on sale at the bar.

Fraternally Yours,

Randy Evans

Special Events

Ladies Auxiliary



Jan.11th we held the election of new L.A. officers and executive. A big thanks to Johanna Emerick (president of unit 12) for doing our elections. We would also like to thank Betty McClelland for doing installations.

Our newly elected officers and executive are as follows:

- President - Michelle Humber
- Past President - Marlene Powell
- 1st Vice - Betty McClelland
- 2nd Vice - Dee Jones (membership & publicity)
- Secretary - Cathey Somerville
- Treasure - Sally Nalleweg

EXECUTIVE

- Helen Watt - sick & visiting
- Donna Loftus - fundraiser
- Audrey Wiseman - ways & means
- Casey Sutherland - 6th meat draw

It's wonderful to see four new faces on the executive. We started Jan. off with initiating a new member, a big welcome to Jackie Levi. We have already received donations from members and nonmembers, which is great. Thank you all so much. Last year the L.A. donated over \$6,000 back into the unit. We also donated to several

other organizations. So far this year the ladies have been busy making lunches for the Peninsula Weavers, the food bank members and helping the unit with their 60th Anniversary.

Donna Loftus is in charge of fundraising and she has a lot of great ideas. So keep checking the bulletin board for up coming events. Valentines draw went over very well.

Once again our prayers go out to our members that are shut-ins and in the hospital.

Comrade Ashly Humber has moved to Calgary. We wish you well.

We are always looking for new members, so LADIES pick up a membership form, any of our members will gladly sign you up. It's a great way to volunteer and meet people. Membership forms are on the wall by the back door patio room

As Delegates-Michelle Humber, Marlene Powell, and Cathey Somerville will be attending the Ladies Auxiliary Convention held in Chilliwack March 28th. Safe traveling comrades.

Submitted by Dee Jones
Publicity & Membership



On 21 March 2009, Unit 302 representatives Don Fisher, Joy Scott, Wally Norbury, Sylvia Fisher and Ron Phillips traveled to Vancouver to participate in the Annual Provincial bowling tournament held at the Granview Lanes on Commercial Street. The team caught the 7:00 Ferry and arrived at the bowling lanes early at about 9:20. Registration was at 10:30 and bowling commenced at 11:00. The lower mainland was well represented in the event with Team BC from Unit 100 and another team from Unit 100. Unit 26 had one team and Unit 284 had two teams. Units 298 and 302 rounded out the seven team tournament.



Unit 302 Bowling Representatives L to R
Don Fisher, Joy Scott, Wally Norbury, Sylvia Fisher
and Ron Phillips

The first game results had Joy running 3 strikes in a row for a whopping 266 pinfall and Wally also striking 3 times in a row and struggled for a 164 pinfall. Don helped out with his 237 for a team total pinfall of 1020 leading the tournament ahead of team BC (Unit 100) by 20 pins followed by Unit 100 with a 795 pinfall.

With about a four hour head start on everyone else (we were all up around 5:00 AM to catch that first ferry), Ron struggles with head pins, Wally is about to cut the cord on the left corner pin and the team virtually ran out of gas. While team BC bowls an 1104 pinfall, the Unit 302 keglers could only muster up a 791 still in second place by a great margin over Unit 100.

The second game had Don leading with a 247 and Ron strings 3 strikes in a row for a 233. Joy comes through with a 207 and Wally hates left corners. Sylvia helps out as anchor, gets a head pin in the tenth and picks up extra pins to take the team over the thousand pinfall again for a total of 1004 pins. Team BC rolls a 1048 so now Unit 302 trails by 19 pins going into the third and final game. Unit 100 lost some more ground and now trails by 349 pins behind leading Team BC.



Don finished with a 202 for a three game total of 686 pins and Joy finished with her three game total of 635 pins. Ron's three game total of 551 lead by Sylvia next at 478 and Wally with a 465.

The total three game scratch pinfall for Unit 302 was a very respectful 2815 pins.

Several of the other teams were looking forward to coming to the Island next year had we won but we'll have to let that one go for another year.

The Unit 302 team wishes to thank the Unit for their support and I know that we as individuals and as a team represented you well.

The third game took its toll on the Unit 302.

Submitted by Don Fisher

End Injustice To Our Veterans

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By JOHN LABELLE

Are military/RCMP veterans worthy of having their CPP benefits exempted from the reduction applied to their pension when they attain age 65, or sooner if they become disabled, when senators, MPs and judge advocates are exempted?

While veterans appreciate the recession situation, passing Bill C-201 would not be an additional expense to taxpayers in Canada. It would, in fact, be a boost to the Canadian economy. The federal government would receive 60 per cent back in the form of taxes.

Bill C-201 would amend the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act and Royal Canadian Mounted Police Superannuation Act (deletion of deduction from annuity).

Military/RCMP veterans maintain that in 1965-66 the government of Canada deliberately or otherwise imposed on military/RCMP personnel a gross injustice by merging rather than stacking their pension benefits.

Veterans were dealt with in a negligent fashion. At that time, senior military officers did not hold assistant deputy minister appointments to represent them. They were not properly briefed on the pitfalls associated with the merging of their contributions. In short, democracy did not occur, they were not given any options, yet they always made the required maximum contributions. And \$20 billion in surplus has been removed from their pensions to pay down the national debt - an amount that would have been more than sufficient to pay for the removal of the CPP pension reduction formula!

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The government of Canada must take into consideration that military/RCMP personnel are a different government provider. Our veterans served abroad on numerous 24 / 7 missions. They often faced dangerous situations, health hazards, and extended family separation with elevated levels of stress. Veterans were prepared to give the ultimate sacrifice. These factors often resulted in a shorter career.

Consideration must also be given to our military/RCMP spouses, for they experienced a loss of CPP benefits and many of them lost their career aspirations while following us around the world. Their dedication to the Canadian Forces resulted in their loss of employment opportunities, thus resulting in a loss of their CPP benefits.

This misguided policy violates the principle of democracy, fairness and justice, as it affects the welfare of military/RCMP veterans and their families in their golden years. More than 40 years have passed. Now is the time for the government of Canada to take action to terminate this injustice of clawing back our veterans' pension. It would be a great opportunity to honour our veterans by voting yes to Bill C-201.

Military/RCMP personnel must not be forgotten once they take off their uniforms. They have gallantly served their country of Canada. They, in their golden years, deserve to be treated fairly and justly.

On March 25, MP Peter Stoffer will introduce, in the House of Commons, Bill C-201 for its second reading, debate and subsequent vote. Our veterans deserve nothing less than to spend their golden years with the financial dignity they and their families have paid for.

John Labelle, Lower Sackville, is campaign co-ordinator, Veterans Pension Justice.

THEMEPUZZLER

by Alan Greensides

PARTJUMBLING

D	E	D	E	D
N	E	N	A	E
A	A	N	C	C
C	C	A	A	A
E	D	E	C	C

HOW TO PLAY: The definitions below have their solutions in the grid. The first number is the length of the answer. The second is the square in which it starts. Circle each letter of the answer. The may appear horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. The remaining letters will spell out a **THEMEWORD** that hasn't already been used. For **PARTJUMBLING** and similar ones the Key Word defines the word from which all the answers and the solution are anagrams.

(Medium) Solution: 4 Letters

The Key word is many of us do it on Friday nights
 (5,5) Roue (3,15) Highest card (3,11) Fresh-water
 fish (4,22) Lair (3,1) Rattan (4,16) May (3,25)

Answers: Dance Can Den Ace Cad Dace Cane
 Solution: Acne

PUT YOUR CAR KEYS BESIDE YOUR BED AT NIGHT

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break in your house, odds are the intruder

won't stick around... after a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there.....

Maybe it could save a life or a sexual abuse crime.

One could even carry their car keys whenever they go outside. If one should fall or have difficulty simply activate the car alarm and others will know there's a problem.

Submitted by Betty McClelland