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President Report



Dear Members,

I hope this Clarion finds you and yours healthy and safe. It has been exciting to hear of members getting their vaccines. I believe each shot is a step toward a return to normal for all of us.

The impact of the pandemic on the Club is difficult to measure. The Provincial Health Orders have both shut us down at times (like right now), and left substantial restrictions in place in between. The Executive have had no input on these changes; we and the Staff have simply had to adapt. There is nothing we can do but plan for when the Province opens things up again. But I assure you, Meat Draws, Bingos, live music, dancing and all our Special Events will return as soon as possible.

The Financial Statement for 2020 revealed that despite all the CO-VID relief funding and parking and kitchen rentals, our overall income was down 55%. You will see more details about the finances in Len Reid's finance report, and the financials are posted monthly on the bulletin board by the office. Getting back on track will be a challenge, but one our members can certainly achieve.

I am often asked when our next General Meeting will be. It is our current intention that, when it is allowed, we will hold an Annual General Meeting and Executive Election all in one day. The nomination board will go up at least three weeks prior to the meeting day. The date of this meeting will be set as soon as the 50 person limit is lifted; like-

ly in the fall. The membership will be informed as soon as we know.

My deep thanks goes to the current Executive, who have stayed far beyond the year they signed up for. Please take some time to consider volunteering your expertise and efforts in an Executive role for 2022. The Club needs you, and it is the team of Members, Executive and Staff that will help us move ahead.

There is much to look forward to as the Club comes back to life. A member dinner using the new kitchen equipment and hopefully an event for Canada Day. Meat draws, bingo, and perhaps a pool tournament on the resurfaced tables. And always, an opportunity to stop by and see friends and familiar faces. Now is a good time to renew your membership in preparation for coming in. Dion is at the Club on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to noon, simply ring the bell and he will be happy to say hello and help.

I'd also like to extend my thanks to the staff and volunteers also who have helped with member call outs, the creation of this issue of the Clarion and all the accounting and paperwork that has kept the Club busy behind closed doors.

We look forward to (hopefully) seeing you May 25!

Best,

Colleen McMorran

President Unit 302

Not everyone is meant to stay in your life forever..

Sometimes they are only there long enough to teach you the lesson that you needed to learn.

Battle of the Atlantic and VE Day



The Battle of the Atlantic was the longest continuous battle of the Second World War and one in which Canada played a central role. The battle began on the opening day of the war in September 1939 and ended almost six years later with Germany's surrender in May 1945.

The Battle of the Atlantic was the struggle between the Allied and German forces for control of the Atlantic Ocean. The Allies needed to keep the vital flow of men and supplies going between North America and Europe, where they could be used in the fighting, while the Germans wanted to cut these supply lines. To do this, German submarines, called U-boats, and other warships prowled the Atlantic Ocean sinking Allied transport ships.

The Battle of the Atlantic brought the war to Canada's doorstep, with U-boats torpedoing ships within sight of Canada's East Coast and even in the St. Lawrence River. Canada's Merchant Navy, along with the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) and the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF), played a key role in the Allied efforts. East Coast cities soon found themselves involved in the battle, since Allied convoys (groups of ships that crossed the Atlantic together under the protection of naval escorts) were frequently leaving busy ports like Halifax and Sydney, Nova Scotia, and St. John's, Newfoundland, during the war.

Reference: <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/history/historical-sheets/atlantic>

V.E. Day

Victory in Europe Day - also known as VE Day - celebrates the Allied Forces accepting the Nazi's unconditional surrender from World War 2. The final document was signed on 8 May 1945. Today, countries throughout the world celebrate VE Day annually, on either 8 or 9 May.

Every year, on May 8/9, veterans' organizations across Canada recognize the anniversaries of The Battle of the Atlantic and Victory in Europe Day. We all have fond memories of Don Fisher presiding over the bell in the club and paying respect to our veterans who served. Although we won't be able to stand on ceremony this year, let's all take a minute during our day to reflect and look forward to May, 2022 when we can join Don for the ringing of the bell in memory.

H. McKay
Entertainment Chair

"On all the oceans the white caps flow
There are no crosses row on row
To all that sleep beneath the deep
Rest in peace, our country's free"

Entertainment Report

Here we are in the middle of Spring, 2021! Who would have thought this pandemic would still be with us?!

If these were normal times, the Club would have had a new Executive by now and somebody else would probably be writing this report. As it is, the current Executive was asked to carry on as we could not have a General Meeting or elections. In a few months' time this situation will hopefully change and we will be able to resume regular procedures, including having an election.

My time as the Entertainment Chair has not been what I had hoped it would be – Covid 19 being the culprit – as I'm sure others on the Executive would agree. We lost a few of the Executive Members early on for one reason or another so the rest of us had to take up the slack.

I must say the bulk of the extra work was done by our President, Colleen. She has done a marvelous job. Every possible government grant and subsidy, Federal and Provincial, that we were eligible to receive, Colleen made sure we applied for. As you will know, we were highly successful. This was not an easy task as there was a huge amount of documentation and proof that had to accompany each application. I'm sure the Finance Chair will have more to say on that topic.

Soon it will be time to "pass the torch" so to speak. The incoming Executive will step

into their positions knowing the Club is in a great place financially. Now all we need is for members to run for the positions. If you've ever thought of taking on a position, now would be a good time. Your Club needs you. Why not speak to somebody on the Executive and find out what is involved in the different Chairs? The other members will always support you and help you learn the ropes. The Club does not run itself and depends heavily on volunteers to make things happen.

The Entertainment Chair is a great one. It's a "happy" chair. As well as booking the bands, this position works closely with the Special Events Chair – it's all fun stuff such as decorating the lounge for different occasions and helping to plan events. The bands are all easy to get along with – each one I've dealt with says they love to play at our Club. I'm sure membership misses the Friday dances and look forward to coming out again.

Spring is a time to look forward and be optimistic, so to that end I have tentatively booked the Kingmixers for Canada Day! Wouldn't it be a wonderful way to celebrate July 1st. Just imagine the lounge decked out in red and white – sharing a pint with good friends – feasting on delicious food!

And to all the mothers, grandmothers, sisters, daughters, & maternal figures in our lives – Happy Mother's Day!

Yours in comradeship
Holly McKay
Entertainment

Going over the top.

A rare photograph that shows the moment when the first men go over the top during a raid near Arras, France, on the 24th of March 1917.

An officer of the 10th Battalion, Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), leads the way out of a sap (short trench). Shells are bursting in the distance.

Short trenches (saps) were dug towards the enemy trenches and enabled troops to move forward in a way that limited their exposure to enemy fire.



Lieutenant John Warwick Brooke, the official British photographer, followed them in the sap, into which a shell fell short killing seven men.

Life in the front line always carried an element of danger. The threat could be from snipers, shellfire or from taking part in a trench raid or a major offensive.

Lest We Forget.

Information and photograph came from Imperial War Museums. Image file number IWM Q 5100.

Bar Manager Report

Hello Comrades!

I hope everyone is doing well. I'm glad our members are being vaccinated.

Now as we're getting closer to the home stretch of the pandemic, I'd really like to focus on safety for all the members, Executive, and staff.

Over the past year, the "new normal" brought by Covid has been difficult for everyone. One of the benefits, though, is that it helped people to begin to work together for the greater good. As military veterans, you've lived this principle in your service to our country and each other. It's an important lesson for us all.

Let's all do our best to adhere to the Club's Covid

Safety Plan and the Public Health Orders. Please remember to wear your masks at all times, when not sitting at your table. Please sit with your own bubble and maintain the 6-foot social distancing.

All members, the Executive, and staff have truly shown their commitment to safety and the Provincial Health Orders. Let's continue to remain vigilant in the next couple months, continue to uphold the safety standards, until we can return to the good old days of having fun, raising money for charities, and all the other good work of this club.

Shoulder-to-Shoulder,
Dion Amyotte
Bar Manager

Membership Report



Hello Members,

I hope everyone is safe and well. I hope all our members are in line for the vaccine and we can get back to normal.

Our club needs all our members safe and back to life as we knew it.

We finally gave out our donations for the year 2020. Our total was \$9000.00.

The list of the donations is in this issue of the Clarion, if you have questions, please let me know.

Thanks to Sally and Colleen for the help getting it

done.

Thanks to the meat draws and bingos we were able to hold in 2020.

Please if you have not renewed your membership please do so, we need to keep our doors open to welcome everyone back to enjoy all the exciting events we are planning.

Please stay safe, help your neighbours.

Thank you
Johanna Emerick
Past president
Membership Chair.

2020 Club Donations

Sidney Food Bank	\$2000.00	Saanich Peninsula Pipe Band	\$1000.00
Citadel Canine Society	\$3000.00	Saanich Peninsula Hospital Foundation	\$1000.00
North Saanich Middle School	\$1000.00	TOTAL:	\$9000.00
676 Kitty Hawk	\$1000.00		

Finance Report

First of all, I want to thank Lori Evans, our Office Administrator and Jim Davison, Trustee Treasurer for their help and knowledge in financial matters. Without their help I wouldn't be able to do my finance position on the Executive.

As of April 1, 2021 our General Account with Coast Capital is \$156,316.01.

There are 3 GIC's at different maturity dates:

a 3YR, maturing 25Apr2022 for \$6,200.37,

a 3YR, maturing 27Apr2023 for \$16,055.14 and,

a 1-5YR compounding maturing 10Feb2022 for \$6,711.21.

Although these figures look good, it's only because we applied and received pandemic emergency funds. The biggest is the Canadian Emergency Business Account for \$60,000.00. But we have to repay \$40,000.00 by Dec. 31/22. This amount is

only to be used for non-deferrable expenses and wage subsidies. We are making equal monthly payments to cover this loan.

We also use the Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy to pay our staff. Although we pay their full wages, the government repays us 75% through this subsidy.

We have applied and been granted the Veterans Organizations Emergency Support Fund. Our amount payable is \$10,630.56 to be used for such categories as: Insurance, Utilities, & Facilities.

That's the good news. Comparing our income Jan 01 to Mar 31, 2020 vs 2021. Canteen sales are down \$47,245.57. Gaming income is down \$47,467.01. Our total expenses are down \$98,873.13 and our total net income is down \$21,950.48.

All in all it doesn't look good but we're still afloat.

Len Reid
1st Vice/Finance

Liberation of Holland



In the final months of the Second World War, Canadian forces were given the important and deadly task of liberating the Netherlands from Nazi occupation. From September 1944 three months after the D-Day landings in Normandy, in mid-September, the Allies launched Operation Market Garden, a massive airborne assault on the Dutch town of Arnhem. This attack failed but continuing to April 1945, the First Canadian Army fought German forces on the Scheldt estuary — opening the port of Antwerp for Allied use — and then cleared northern and western Netherlands of Germans, allowing food and other relief to reach millions of desperate people. I wrote several articles in previous issues of our Clarion newsletter about

the Liberation and operation Market Garden. It was not a pretty site as mud, trenches and shell craters hampered the advancement of the Canadian and Allied forces. They had to lay boards on top of the craters in order to advance. The Canadian Archives has many pictures of the terrain and difficulties of the day. More than 6,000 Canadian soldiers were killed, wounded or captured in this gruelling but victorious campaign that became a key step in the liberation of northwest Europe and the end of the war.

Today in May, Canada is fondly remembered by the Dutch for ending their oppression under the Nazis.

Don Fisher

Sgt-At-Arms

L.A. Fundraising



The Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank all unit members who so generously supported our Purdys Easter campaign.

As well, we would like to thank all those who purchased Easter masks. The LA will have some fabulous Canada Day masks for sale

in June; they will again be the recommended 3 layer and will reverse from maple leaves/Canada print to a pattern suitable for everyday wear. They will be packaged for your protection and will be available in front of the bar.

Liz Lebel
LA Fundraising

Memberships

Beat the meat draw rush and renew your membership! Dion is at the club Monday through Friday during the day to help. Just ring the bell!

Renewal Prices:	
Under 65 years	65 and over
Active: \$50.00	Active: \$45.00
Affiliate/Associate: \$55.00	Affiliate/Associate: \$50.00

Early Bird Draw Winners

October: Randle Feilden—\$50 certificate to Harbour House Chinese Restaurant

November: Richard A. Smith—\$50 certificate to Surly Mermaid

December: William Perry— free membership 2021

Two Mothers Remembered

by Joann Snow Duncanson

I had two mothers – two mothers I claim,
two different people, yet with the same name.
Two separate women, diverse by design,
but I loved them both because they were mine.

The first was the mother who carried me here,
gave birth and nurtured and launched my career.
She was the one whose features I bear,
complete with the facial expressions I wear.

She gave her love, which follows me yet,
along with examples in life that she set.
As I got older, she somehow younger grew,
and we'd laugh as just mothers and daughters do.

But then came the time that her mind clouded so,
and I sensed that the mother I knew would soon go.

So quickly she changed and turned into the other,
a stranger dressed in the clothes of my mother.

Oh, she looked the same, at least at arms length,
but now she was the child and I was her strength.
We'd come full circle, we women three,
my mother the first, the second and me.

And if my own children should come to a day,
when a new mother comes and the old goes away,
I'd ask of them nothing that I didn't do.
Love both of your mothers as both have loved you.