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President Report



Comrades All

Summer is almost here.

The club is doing very well and there are only great things ahead of us.

The executive has worked very hard these last four months to keep our club open.

Thanks to all the volunteers for your hard work

and to the members for your support.

This is your club, come in and use the dart boards, pool tables, enjoy the meat draws and the entertainment that are here for you. Bingo on Sunday afternoon. Bring in your friends and family to enjoy a cold one.

See you at the club.
President Johanna Emerick

Meat Draw



Hello comrades.

Well the beginning of this year has been great for the meat draw.

Every week keeps on getting better, we are at about 20% higher than last year on the profit side.

Once again our volunteers continue to carry out all duties to insure our success.

I am sure this will be a banner year.

Your in service.
Ray Moore

Special Events



Hello Comrades,

It has been a great year so far.

Mother's Day went really well with 100 tickets sold.

As many of you know, I have stepped down from the executive due to health reasons. In the past 3 years I have made some great friends, and have really enjoyed being part of this club. I would like to thank all the wonderful staff and volunteers, for the great job they all do.

Almost forgot, donations to the Peninsula Food bank from the Sunday bingo food was \$11,638.00 since Feb 2024. I am very proud that I started this and hate to see it stop but have to.

We are the best ANAF anywhere, and I am so proud to have been part of it all.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer.

Thank you,
Debbie Moore

Membership Report



Wow! It's been a busy month trying to keep up. As of this writing Friday the 22nd, we are sitting at 1190 members. Dion mentioned the other day that that number represents almost one third of the Sidney population. Thanks to Dion and his bar staff for all the extra work filling out receipts and taking in all the paperwork for the new member-

ships and the renewals. Last year we finished with a total of 1159 members so here we are not even half way through the year and we've exceeded that number by a good margin.

Wishing all a very good summer of fun, happiness and good health.

Membership Chair

Don Fisher

Initiations

Don Fisher Membership Chair presented Lesa Vella with her Association pin as she is initiated at the General Meeting March 15th, 2026.

Once initiated at ANAVETS Sidney Unit 302 at the general meeting, members receive their Association pin and, have a voice and a vote at general and special meetings.



“People have to forgive. We don't have to like them, we don't have to be friends with them, we don't have to send them hearts in text messages, but we have to forgive them, to overlook, to forget. Because if we don't, we are tying rocks to our feet, too much for our wings to carry!”

— C. JoyBell C.

“The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.” - Sydney J. Harris

“Always be a first rate version of yourself and not a second rate version of someone else.” - Judy Garland

“It is unwise to be too sure of one's own wisdom. It is healthy to be reminded that the strongest might weaken and the wisest might err.” - Mahatma Gandhi

Sports Report

It's been a busy and fun spring for Sports!
Bowling was a great way to get club members and guests out for some fun. Winners were Ron Phillips, Owen Kassinen, Diane Hollingworth, Cas Barcellona and Cindy Thyne. Thank you to Beacon Brewery, Miracle Lanes and Star Cinema for providing prizes for this Event.

Monthly pool tournaments continue and are always a sell out. Thank you to Debbie Moore for making great bunwiches for both bowling and pool, and to Ron and Cas for your help.



Photo: Submitted

Golf is next up on June 6th and I am very pleased with the interest already. Planning a great day.

Team 302 is in Kamloops this weekend for the Provincial crib tournament. Good luck and have fun Jim McNutt, Terry Gelinias, Cas Barcellona and Diana Wass.

Busy planning some summer fun now so watch for event posters!

Gaye Phillips
Sports Chair

Our own bar staff, Diana Wass participated in the Times Colonist 10K run on April 26th. Here she is clutching her finishing medal.

Well done, Diana

Ed.



Photo: Shane Holwell

Battle of the Atlantic



The first Sunday in May each year commemorates the end of the Battle of the Atlantic, the longest, most unforgiving campaign of the Second World War. Navy and merchant marine sailors endured the harsh and unforgiving waters of the North Atlantic, facing enemy raiders and deadly U-Boat wolf packs, to keep the supply lines open between North America and European ports.

From Sept. 3, 1939 through May 8, 1945, a continuous flow of war materials was maintained between North America and The United Kingdom by the convoy system, with some convoys taking up to 17 days under continuous threat.

Between enemy submarines, and the unpredictable weather of the North Atlantic, each trip could be a nerve-wracking experience.

The Royal Canadian Navy escorted over 25,000 ships to Europe from 1939 to 1945.

During the Battle of the Atlantic, the RCN sank 31 U-boats and sank or captured 42 enemy surface vessels, while successfully completing 25,343 merchant crossings.

The Navy lost 24 ships and 1,797 sailors in the war. At war's end, the Royal Canadian Navy was the third-largest naval force in the Allied world.

Rest well me hearties. We have the watch.

Ready, Aye Ready

Don Fisher