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VP Report

Good morning, Comrades



A most exciting summer as I attended two prestigious ceremonies remembering our Veterans.

The first was at God's Acre Veterans' Cemetery in Esquimalt on May 28th. This is an annual Candlelight Tribute to honour all those who have served and are currently serving.

The second on August 9th was at the Esquimalt Memorial Park to honour Veterans, CAF members, police officers and civilians who served in international peace support operations. The date marks the largest single-day loss of Canadian lives in peacekeeping operations. Nine Canadian Forces members were killed when their Buffalo aircraft, operating under the United Nations colours, was shot down over Syria. Syrian forces reportedly mistook the slow-moving aircraft for an Israeli fighter jet.

These two ceremonies are open to the public and are very well worth the opportunity to participate.

Shoulder to Shoulder
Don Fisher
VP Unit 302

Finance Report

Comrades,



I hope everyone had a great summer. The club has been running smoothly and membership is growing.

Chequing Account; \$128,680.50 up \$2,752.91 from August 2025.
Gaming Account; \$108,338.87 up \$16,489.59 from August 2025.
G.I.C.'s; \$115,732.00 up \$1,666.03 from August 2025.

Average daily bar sales for August ;\$1.337.00

Respectfully,
Sally Nalleweg
Finance.

Membership Report



Good morning, Comrades

As of this writing our membership has grown to 1355 members. That is the highest we have been since the 1990s when we were in the mid 1300s. What happened in the 90s you ask? What seems like yesterday

but in reality it is 30 plus years ago when the CRD injected the 60/40 rule for smoking and then a couple of years later banned all indoor

smoking. All public buildings restaurants and bars etc. felt the pinch. It's been a long climb back and it is all because of you and your Executive working on your behalf.

Well done!

Don Fisher
Membership Chair

Awards

Membership chair Don Fisher presents Lorne Pomerleau (40 years) and Bob Anderson (30 years) with their Long Service Association pins at the May 24th, 2026 general meeting.

ANAVET's pins are awarded at a general meeting to those members in good standing starting at five years and in increments of five years thereafter.



Initiations

Don Fisher Membership Chair presented Patricia Douglas, Jamie Cross, Lynn Girard, Mark Donaldson, Keith Lawrence Jackson, Ray Headrick, Ben Manning, Laura Manning, Ian Baker, Lynda Baker, Maurice Girard, Gail Smith, Joleen Hook, Craig Harper, Ailene Foss and Talia Parent with their Association pins as they are initiated at the General Meeting May 24th, 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.

Sports Report

Good morning!

Since we last met it has been a very busy summer. The golf tournament was fun in spite of the rain and hail. On September 12th team members Shane Holwell, Ron Phillips, Owen Kassinen and Terry Gelinas Played in Provincial competition in Richmond and placed 2nd. Great job guys!

Another successful Bocce tournament was held in August. 1st place went to Shane Holwell and Karen Quigley and in 2nd were Owen and Ali Kassinen. Fun was had by all.

Monthly pool tournaments continue to be very well attended and enjoyed.

Currently planning pool play offs and we will be sending a 302 team to play in Provincials in Vernon October 17th.

Crib and poker continue on a weekly basis and our dart team is starting up as well.

A huge thanks to volunteers Shane Holwell, Cas Barcellona, Ron Phillips and Debbie Moore for all the help this summer.

Gaye Phillips
Sports Chair

Sports photos submitted—ed.



Provincial Golf in Richmond



Pool Winners

Estate Planning

Dan was a single guy, living at home with his father and working in the family business.

When he found out he was going to inherit a fortune when his terminally ill father died, he decided he needed a wife with whom to share his fortune.

One evening at an investment seminar, he spotted the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. Her natural beauty took his breath away. "I may look like just an ordinary man", he said to her, "but in just a few years, my father will die, and I will inherit \$20,000,000".

Impressed, the woman asked for his business card, and three days later she became his stepmother.

Women are so much better at estate planning than men.

The Fourth Quarter of Your Life:

Many of us are now in the last quarter of our life and should read this interesting piece of advice;

You know time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years.

It seems just yesterday that I was young and embarking on my new life. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went.

I know that I lived them all.

I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

However, here it is the last quarter of my life and it catches me by surprise.

How did I get here so fast?

Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that I was only on the first quarter and that the fourth quarter was so far off that I could not visualise it or imagine fully what it would be like.

Yet, here it is my friends are retired and getting grey - they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me but I see the great change. They're not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant but like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd become.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day and taking a nap is not a treat anymore. It's mandatory because if I don't of my own free will, I fall asleep where I sit.

And so, now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did. But at least I know that, though I'm on the last quarter and I'm not sure how long it will last, that when it's over on this earth, it's over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done; things I should have done but truly there are many things I'm happy to have done.

It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not on the last quarter yet, let me remind you that it will be here faster than you think.

So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life do it quickly.

Don't put things off too long. Life goes by so quickly.

So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether you're on the last quarter or not.

You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of life. So, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember - and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the past years.

'Life' is a gift to you.

Be Happy!

Have a great day!

Remember, it is "health" that is the real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.

You may think:

Going out is good - but coming home is better!

You forget names - but it's okay because there are other people that forgot they even knew you!

You realize you're never going to be as good as you use to be at golf - but you like the outdoors!

The things you used to care to do, you aren't as interested in anymore - but you really don't care that you aren't as interested.

You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV on than in bed - you call it 'pre-sleep'!

You miss the days when everything worked with just an 'On' and 'Off' switch!

You tend to use more 4 letter words - 'what' and 'when' You have lots of clothes in your wardrobe, more than half of which you will never wear - but just in case!

Old is good -

- Old is comfortable

- Old is safe

- Old songs

- Old movies

- and best of all,

- Friends of old!

So, stay well, 'Old friend!'

Have a fantastic day!