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**Newsletter by Arleen Morrow
& Marilyn Deslauriers**

February Newsletter

Branch 616 has had an excellent start to the new year and intends to keep up the pace! The renovation of the function room is ongoing with the wash-rooms next on the agenda. The house darts leagues are rolling right along and are well-attended. ‘Meals to Wheels’ is back on track and is busier than ever. And of course the pool table is hardly ever idle.

Jim Wilson has organized a number of casual Sunday Euchre sessions which are very well attended, also a Trivia night that drew a record number of brainiacs. We are looking forward to more of the same.

Membership continues to grow, with new applicants every month. Please remember that to be eligible to play interbranch sports membership dues must be paid in order to remain in good standing. Another gentle reminder – membership is now \$65.00 per annum.

The Ladies Auxiliary has a new project – Sunday Breakfast! The Auxiliary plans to reinstate breakfast starting on January 26. Work units with a head cook in charge have been organized and a schedule is drawn up. The first breakfast was held as planned and was super successful. We have a great breakfast future ahead of us. Thank you L.A!

The minutes of the Executive and General meetings will now be posted on the Bulletin Board within a few days of the meeting for the perusal of members. If any member has an issue with any of the content please attend the upcoming meeting to address it. General meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the 3rd Monday of January, March, May (elections), June, September and November unless otherwise stated.

Last Post: We have said goodbye to a 12 year member of Branch 616. John Cooper was a faithful supporter and especially loved the Friday TGIF dinners. Our condolences to his wife Sandra and Family.
R I P Comrade

Past Events

Friday January 10, Meals to Wheels TGIF Dinner: In less than an hour the Ladies Auxiliary served up delicious Baked Ham and Scalloped Potatoes with mixed veggies and homemade Apple Pie. Thank you to the LA volunteers, those in the hot kitchen and those delivering outside in the below zero temps.

Saturday January 11, Trivia! A record number of players turned up for this challenge. It was won by Ron Strathern. Runners-up were Michelle Bainbridge, Walter Wojtas, and Sue Dicks. Pic page 3.

Sunday January 19, Euchre: Good turnout for this first Euchre of 2025; thank you Jim Wilson for organizing.

Friday January 24, Meals to Wheels Chicken Parm by Harriet. Harriet Farrell and the volunteers moved over 100 dinners out the door, again in record time. Thank you to everyone involved. Pics p3.

Sunday January 26, Breakfast: Harriet was back in the kitchen for the Ladies Auxiliary's first breakfast of the new program. For this first effort, she and the girls served over 100 satisfied customers! Breakfast is available every Sunday from 9:00 am. to 12:30 pm.

Sunday January 26, Euchre: Jim's second euchre was also a hit. Some players came for breakfast and stayed to play. Great combination, great idea to follow breakfast with Euchre! Thank you everyone!

Sunday February 2, Ladies Auxiliary Breakfast, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. The new breakfast endeavor is off to a great start. The LA volunteers outdid themselves again! Thanks to everyone involved.

Sunday February 2, Euchre: Breakfast was followed by another great turnout for some rousing games of Euchre. Again, breakfast volunteers and customers were among the players. Thank you LA and Jim Wilson.

Coming Up:

Friday February 14: Meals to Wheels Valentine Special, Beef Wellington; Filet Mignon with herbs and mushrooms, Potatoes fondant, Spinach salad, Asparagus, Brioche buns, Black velvet cake ,,, \$25.00

Saturday February 15: Branch Mixed Dart Tourney, open to members of **house dart leagues** only. Register at 11:00 am, play at 11:30 pm.

Sunday February 16, Old Sled Run: Registration and Breakfast 8:00 am to 10:00 am. Run leaves at 10:00 am, back to the Branch for Awards and Chili (included with registration) at 3:00 pm. Poster page 6

Saturday February 22: Trivia! 7:00 pm.

Friday February 28, Meals to Wheels: Menu TBA

Saturday March 15: Theresa Wilson Memorial, Annual Ladies Dart Tourney

Monday March 17, St Patricks Party! 3:00 pm; More details to follow

Don't Forget:

Next L.A. Meeting – Monday February 17, 6:15 pm.

Next Branch Meeting – Monday February 17, 7:00 pm , Executive & L.A. Joint Meeting

Hall Rental: We have an 80 to 100 capacity space to rent - please call the Branch for info **613-832-2082**

Standing Dates:

Monday: Every 1st Monday: Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm.

Every 3rd Monday: Branch Executive Meeting 6:30 pm.

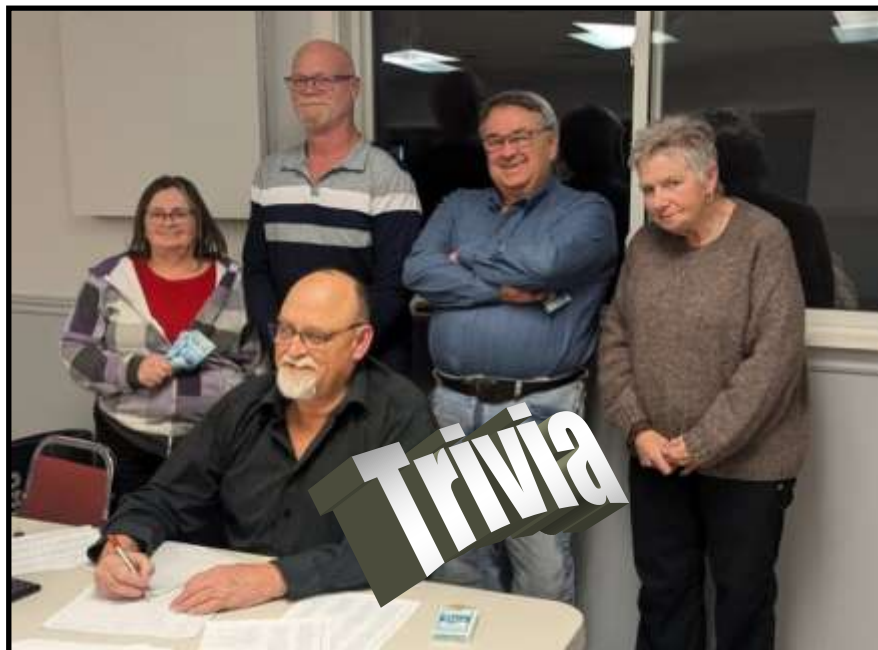
Every 3rd Monday of June*, September, November, January, March, May: Branch General Meeting 7:30 pm *The Legion fiscal year starts on June 1; July & August general meetings are suspended

Every 2nd Monday: Ladies darts Singles, blind draw 7:00 pm.

Tuesday: Ladies' Darts 7:00 pm.

Every 2nd Tuesday: Seniors Potluck & Meeting 12:00 noon
Wednesday: Youth Darts, 7:00 pm
Thursday: Men's Darts 7:00 pm.
Friday: Mixed Darts 7:00 pm.
Every 2nd Friday: Meals to Wheels TGIF Dinner 5:30 p.m. \$20.00
Canada Day: every July 1st
Legion Week: 3rd Sunday in September to following Saturday
Branch Remembrance Day: Saturday prior to November 11
New Year's Day Levee: every January 1st
St. Patrick's Day Celebration: every March 17
Children's Easter Party: every Easter Sunday



RED FRIDAYS - Please show your support for our troops and their families and to the families of the 158 soldiers killed in Afghanistan.



February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 LA Breakfast 9:00 am Groundhog Day Euchre 1 pm	3 LA Mtg 7:00 pm.	4 Ladies Darts 7pm	5 Youth Darts	6 Men's Darts 7pm	7 Mixed Darts 7pm	8
9 Euchre 1:pm	10	11 Senior's Potluck & meeting 12pm Ladies Darts 7pm	12 Youth Darts	13 Men's Darts 7pm	14  Meals to Wheels Valentine Special  Mixed Darts 7pm	15 Branch House Leagues Mixed Dart Tourney 11:00 am.
16 Old Sled Run	17 Branch Exec Mtg 7:00pm	18 Ladies Darts 7pm	19 Youth Darts	20 Men's Darts 7pm	21 Mixed Darts 7pm	22 Trivia 7 pm
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 **Royal 616
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LEGION
IN CONSTANCE BAY
PRESENTS:
The 18th Annual



Old Sled Run

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2025

* 377 Allbirch Rd., Constance Bay *

* The run starts at 10:00; Awards at 3:00 *

* Breakfast available 8 to 10 \$10 – chili afterward incl. w/entry fee*



An off-trail parade to Quyon, QC.

- **Featured sled this year:**
Skiroule in honour of **Gilles Villeneuve, Jacques Villeneuve & Rick Charlebois?**
- \$15 entry (\$20 family) includes Rick & Walt's excellent chili, hot dogs and Branch 616 hospitality;
- Awards for all of our usual **unique classes**: bring your loudest pipes, best rat sleds or best old suit
- All proceeds benefit Branch 616.
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