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### West Carleton Branch 616



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Newsletter by Arleen Morrow & Marilyn Deslauriers

#### **October Newsletter**

Branch 616's Autumn Season got off to a good start with the **Earlybird Membership Campaign** that began September 1. Renewals are going well but some members had to wait for stickers which were received from Command a bit late. Members who renewed got their names in the draw for the September refund, AKA free membership. The winner for September is **Glen Carr!** Congrats Comrade! **Just a friendly reminder -** when you submit your 2025 dues during the months of September, October and November, you become eligible for a discount and a refund. All names go into a draw and one is selected at the end of each month for the refund. Pay now and there are 2 chances left to be in the draw {everyone gets the discount).

The annual Poppy Campaign gets underway on Friday October 25 and the call is out for volunteers. Branch 616, in support of our Veterans and Remembrance, will place poppy trays at various businesses in West Carleton for your convenience. There will be poppy tables at the Metro Store, Sobeys, and LCBO on March Road. We need volunteers to attend these three stations; please visit the Branch at 277 Allbirch Road in Constance Bay to view the signup schedule and pick a date to serve at a table. The campaign goes until November 10, the eve of National Remembrance Day. The monies received are considered a donation not a sale. This year Branch 616 Remembrance Day service is on Saturday November 9.

One of the first events of the month was Zone euchre for both Branch and Auxiliary. The Ladies are enjoying a very successful run in Zone sports. So far three euchre teams have advanced to District, 616 has placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in darts Doubles and Singles, and this District event will hosted by Branch 616! Congratulations Ladies, keep it going! Cribbage is next for the L.A. which will be hosted by Branch 95 Smiths Falls on October 26.

On Monday September 23 Zone Commander Rob Madore, Zone Finance Officer Terry Jacobs and Deputy Zone Commander Jim Wilson visited the Branch for their annual Inspection. The Ladies



Auxiliary will have their Zone Commanders Annual Inspection on Monday November 4. Excellent results are expected.

Local darts phenom sixteen year old Hoss Polegato has qualified for the upcoming World Masters Tournament in Budapest! Branch 616 will be hosting a benefit in support of this local Champion! Poster attached.

#### **Past Events**

**Friday September 13, Seniors Barbecue:** Jim and Gloria Wilson had loads of help at the Sandhill Seniors second barbecue of the season. Thank you to all who volunteered and all the patrons who came out to support the Seniors and the Branch!

**Saturday September 14, Visit to the Perley Centre:** The Veterans from the Perley Centre were unable to visit the Branch for their annual July visit so Branch 616 visited them. Branch President Kevin Johnson and his wife Sue, Past President George Dolan, and 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Arleen Morrow went to the Perley loaded with gift bags and treats. They joined the veterans, the staff, the Korean Vets, and the musical group 'Forever Friends' in the Pub for a few hours of fun and entertainment. A good time was had by all! Thank you to everyone involved! We will have to do this again!

**Sunday September 15, Legion Week Honours and Awards:** Thank you to all who attended the opening event of Legion Week. Besides those receiving years of membership pins there were some significant individual awards presented. The Friday Night Meals to Wheels volunteers were given the Good Times Award. The Volunteer of the Year award winner was Tom Watters. Life Membership was awarded to Harriet Farrell who also received her 40 year pin. Jim Wilson received the Meritorious Service Award. Congratulations, Comrades - well deserved!

**Tuesday September 17, Legion Week Ladies Darts Opener:** Ladies House League Darts came off hiatus in fine style with most of the established players showing up along with some newcomers. This was a fun event to introduce new players and limber up 'old' ones. There will be 2 more casual Tuesdays then the Ladies Darts executive will present a schedule for the coming season. All ladies 19+ are welcome to join.

Wednesday September 18, Legion Week TRIVIA Challenge! Kevin Johnson hosted this Trivia challenge and it was a good one! Four tables of challengers faced 5 sets of trivia quizzes each. The top brainiacs were Harriet Farrell, Graham Ginsberg and Michele Harlow. Way to go! Can't wait for the next one!

Thursday September 19: Legion Week Men's Darts: There was a good number of shooters for this opener. The format is the same as Ladies Darts – some fun nights then teams are selected. The schedules will start after Thanksgiving.

**Friday September 20, Legion Week Mixed Darts:** There was not as good a turnout for this event since this is blind draw doubles with no need to establish an average or join a team. Attendance will pick up significantly in coming weeks (when this late summer weather is done!). Those who came had a great time.

Complimentary Snacks were available to all participants in these Legion Week sporting events!

Saturday September 21, Windup to Legion Week: Alfie Currie Memorial Golf Tournament! This popular annual event was a sellout weeks before tee-off time! Thank you to Tom Watters for diligently arranging this biggest Legion fundraiser year after year! Thank you to the volunteers who helped Tom with set-up and execution. Thank you to the donors of prizes, the bartenders who were on their feet all day, Peter and the kitchen staff for the delicious roast beef dinner, the golfers, the Edgewood staff, and everyone who volunteered their time and participation. And congrats to the winning players and prize winners!

**Friday September 27, Ladies Auxiliary Barbecue:** Another roaring success, another great night for us and the customers! A full BBQ menu was offered with complimentary pasta salad! Thank you to the ladies of the auxiliary who volunteered their time and effort – Brie, Michele, Joan, Carolle, Arleen, and Lynne!

### **Coming Up:**

**Saturday October 5, Benefit for Hoss: Dart Tourney** in support of Friday night regular Hoss Polegato to help with his trip to Europe! Poster attached

**Friday, October 11, Turkey Dinner: Meals to Wheels** is back in operation! The first offering on the menu is Harriet's Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings! Pickup at 5:30 pm, \$20.00 per dinner, cash or card. **Order Only** by calling the Branch at **613-832-2082** between 2 and 6 pm., or on **Meals to Wheels** new **Facebook page**. Cutoff for ordering is End of Tuesday October 8 or Sold Out.

Saturday October 19, Private booking

Friday October 25, Meals to Wheels - Ribs on the Smoker! 5:30 pm., \$20.00.

Friday October 25, Private Booking

Saturday October 26, Halloween Part !! YAth or Folte sylle ails!!

Friday November 1, Meals to Wheels, TBA

**Saturday November 9, Branch Remembrance Day:** Branch opens at noon. At 1:00 p.m. take the bus to the parade form-up area at McConnell & C Bay Rd; at 1:30 p.m. march off to the Legion for the Ceremony at the Cenotaph. All are welcome inside after the ceremony for complimentary late lunch.

**Monday November 11, National Remembrance Day:** Branch will open at 10:00 a.m. for viewing the Service at the National War Memorial, Ottawa. Branch 616 Color Parties will join forces with Branch 638 Kanata and 248 Almonte for their services at 11:00 a.m.

Saturday November 30, Veteran's Christmas Visit! Details to follow!!

### **Don't Forget:**

Next L.A. Meeting – Monday October 7, 7:00 pm. Next Branch Meeting – Monday October 21, Executive: 7:00 pm.

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 1<sup>st</sup> Monday: Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm.

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday: Branch Executive Meeting 6:30 pm.

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of June\*, September, November, January, March, May:

Branch General Meeting 7:30 pm

\*The Legion fiscal year starts in June. July & August general meetings are suspended.

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of February & August: Joint Meeting Branch/LA, 7:00 pm.

Tuesday: Ladies' Darts 7:00 pm.

**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday: Seniors Potluck & Meeting 12:00 noon** 

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: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in September to following Saturday Branch Remembrance Day: Saturday prior to November 11

New Year's Day Levee: every January 1<sup>st</sup> 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.





## Perley Visit















Alfie Currie Memorial Golf Tournament!



## **LA Darts**



2<sup>nd</sup> 1st Doubles Winners



## L.A. BBQ





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Ladies Darts 7pm	2	3 Men's Darts 7pm	4 Mixed Darts 7pm	5 Dart Tourney Benefit for Hoss
6	7 LA Meeting 7:00 pm	8 Senior's Potluck & meeting 12pm Ladies Darts 7pm	9	10 Men's Darts 7pm	11 MixedDarts 7pm Meals to Wheels Turkey	12
13	14 Thankgiving	15 Ladies Darts 7pm	16	17 Men's Darts 7pm	18 Mixed Darts 7pm	19
20	21 Branch Exec mtg 7:00 pm.	22 Ladies Darts 7pm	23	24 Men's Darts 7pm	25 Meals to Wheels Ribs  Private Booking	26
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17	18 Branch Exec Mtg 6:30 pm Gen Mtg 7:30 pm	19 Ladies Darts 7pm	20	21 Men's Darts 7pm	22 Mixed Darts 7pm	23 District Darts
24	25	26 Ladies Darts 7pm	27	28 Men's Darts 7pm	29 Mixed Darts 7pm	Vets Christmas Visit







## Royal Canadian Legion

**Branch 616 West Carleton** 377 Allbirch Road Woodlawn

### Remembrance Day

Saturday November 9, 2024

The Branch will open at 1200 hours (12:00 noon). A bus will be provided for transportation

McConnell Street and Constance Bay Road where the parade will form up at 1300 hours (1:00 pm) for the ceremony at the Legion cenotaph.

Please come inside after the service for a late lunch, courtesy of the Branch.

> Lest We Forget





### **Budapest Bound Fundraiser**

# Constance Bay Legion Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> 12-6 pm

We are hosting a Fundraising tournament for <u>Hoss Polegato</u> to help get him to Dart World Master's in Budapest Hungary.



This will be a blind draw for mixed teams. It will be based on couples but if you can't find a partner one will be provided.

\$30 a couple or \$15 for a single

12 pm Registration 1pm start time

Cash prized Silent Auction 50/50

And last but not least a light dinner will be available

If you have any questions you can reach out to myself Sarah <a href="mailto:srutley@hotmail.com">srutley@hotmail.com</a> or my <a href="mailto:co-host Laurie Hall lauriejhall9@gmail.com">co-host Laurie Hall lauriejhall9@gmail.com</a>