

# Debert Legion Notes

By Danny Martell

A very special thank you is passed along to the Langille Family, who in memory of Eva, donated a very substantial sum of money and a beautiful card to the Ladies Auxiliary of Brach 106. Ed, Sal and Nan, thank you very much.

On Saturday, June 13th, Branch's 72 and 106 got together and headed for the Camp Hill Complex in Halifax to provide some of our Veterans with a BBQ of hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and beautiful short cakes (field berries) and some GREAT (C and W) flavored music.

Making the trip from Branch 72 were Danny Wesley, Leora Lewis, Shannon MacAloney and Ruby Skinner. From 106, Don (Padre) MacQueen, Tina and George Cooke, Wendy and Dave MacPhee, Pam Morrissey, Sharon Kyle, Audrey Gallagher, Marg Miller, Bunny Burris, Marg Nicholson, Linda Slack, Skip Dawson, Earl Harvey and Danny Martell made the trip.

As well as providing our vets with a BBQ, there were two other noteworthy events. The first, saw Branch 72 President Danny Wesley, along with Shannon and Ruby, present comrade Laurie Downing, who is now a resident of the Complex with this 45 Year Pin and Membership Card. Congratulations Laurie and thank you Danny, Shannon and Ruby.

The second event saw Comrade Earl Harvey, on behalf of the Wednesday Night Crib League, present a cheque for \$100 to Emily Csukly Acourt, a Recreational Therapist for Veteran's Services. This money will go towards buying tapes of "The International Tattoo", so that the Vets who cannot get out to the event, may see it, in the friendly confines of the Complex (Earl & Crib League, thank you).

There was a lot of new faces on this trip and they were all excellent workers. To all who made the trip and all behind the scene (salad's, etc, kitchen), thank you very much for all your help, it all helped in making it a very successful day.

Danny Martell asked Marg & Bunny to take a crib board and teach him how to play crib on the trip to Camp Hill, their response was "Mission Impossible, if we were travelling to Toronto there still would not be enough time."

Almost forgot, thank you to Glendon McBurnie and his five piece band for the nice music. It was much appreciated by all.

Have you ever seen a boat in a bottle and wondered how it got there?

Danny MacEachern dropped in a few days ago to show me just that, a boat in a bottle.

It seems Dan found an old rum bottle from a work site

and wanted to do something special with it. So Dan, with bottle in tow, was off to see Charlie Turner from Belmont, to see if he could do the job. Well, Charlie was the man for the job.

Now Dan was a two mast salt banker, turned into a rum runner, that took Charlie approximately 67 hours to build. Charlie says if it was more detailed it might have taken about 100 hours to build.

He started working with wood a long time ago and has been at it for 45 years or more. If any of our readers are interested in salt & pepper shakers, give Charlie a call, he has some beautiful sets. He builds just about anything.

If this woodworker is not in his shop, you most likely will find him on some body of water in Colchester County with his fishing rod and a story or two to tell.

On Wednesday, May 20, the Crib League concluded another very successful year with its yard end Surf and Turf Banquet and the presentation of individual honours and awards.

Debbie Cock and Ron (Easy) Eastcott pegged their way to first prize honours and will have their names put on "The Larry Ward Memorial Plaque" as well as taking home the monetary award for their efforts.

Bobby Pash and Tommy Manley ended up with second place honours, Debbie Buchanan and Norman Eastcott finished in third spot. Diana Webber and Cristen Pratt took home last place honours, and a reward.

Debbie Buchanan had high hand with a 28. Debbie Buchanan and Ron (Easy) Eastcott had three, 24 hands and were financially rewarded for their efforts. Marg Miller and Bunny Burris had most hidden scores, while Debbie Buchanan and Norman Eastcott had most winning nights, and were also financially rewarded. Everybody went home with something for the year.

Guests for the banquet were Charlie Borden(jr.), Branch President, Linda Slack, President of the Ladies Auxiliary and Betty Crossman, a good person, who does an awful lot for her Legion. Betty, thank you from the Crib League.

Special thank you's are passed along to Debbie B., Bunny B., Marilyn E., for the salads, etc., to Tommy Manley for his fine efforts on the BBQ, to Deanna and Danny M., who did up the lobsters. A thank you is passed along to Dave Pratt, Marg Miller and all the rest who looked after the clean up. If I missed anyone, thank you all for your help. A special thank you is passed along to the Crib League for their donation of \$100 each to the IWK Hospital and the Camp Hill Veterans Association. Thank you Debbie

Cock for the twelve decks of cards for next year.

Earl, from all of us, thank you very much for a successful year. See you all in 2009/10.

They came, they saw and they conquered, on Friday and Saturday the 22nd and 23rd of May, Branch 98 from Kingston, NS paid us a visit for a friendly dart shoot. Along with Branch 98 there were a few players from Branch 34 in New Glasgow and Branch 26 in Truro.

In total there were approximately 120 shooters, and from all reports it was a fun filled two days.

Friday evening was a meet and greet, which was a huge success, and Saturday was down to business of shooting darts.

When the final game was over the visitors from Kingston were crowned champions for 2009 with a score of 103 to 95. High finish for the ladies was Dawn Adams with a 58. For the men, Steve D. was tops with a 58. High score for the ladies was Darlene with a 140. Carl Kaulback had a 140, for the men's high.

Sandy Brittain (Kingston Legion) won the beautiful race car jacket that the Crib League was selling tickets on. Linda Desmond (Kingston) won the 50/50. My gosh they won just about everything that could be won.

To Tommy Manley, who is not a dart player, a very special thank you is passed along to you for rounding up those goodies that were used for prizes. Thanks to everyone who sold tickets on the jacket. Thank you to Dawn and Amy Forman, who sold tickets on Saturday. To all the local businesses who donated goodies, thank you very much and finally to all the people who worked on this one, to make it the huge success it was, thank you very much. (Thanks Earl).

Fishing season is upon us and depending on who you are talking to, the catch's have been good. Fred Blenkhorn has caught three nice bass in the Bay, and from the Lower Debert Beach down to Parrsboro there has been some nice keepers taken.

Larry and Spencer Martell along with Greg Slack had a good day walking the Debert River in search of a feed of trout. (They were tasty). Larry and Spencer had a good day at the Bass River Fire Brigade Fish-A-Rama, they took home 6 nice trout and all on the fly.

Ty McMullen dropped off two big eels and Thank you, they were good. (Thanks).

Marcia and Norm Eastcott are just back from a wonderful vacation in beautiful British Columbia. They were out to say hi to Shelly and Brandon Duguay and Peter Murphy. While they were there, Norm got in a bit of fishing and for his efforts he came home with a wallop of big salmon. I wonder if he

will bother with those small trout in the Debert River any more?

Do we have another Sidney Crosby in our area? Our own Shelly Vincent has taken to floor (ball) hockey and is really having a blast with it. Shelly says that they are getting between 17 and 24 players a night and are really enjoying it. Wouldn't it be nice to see a league spring up for these girls.

All winter long, Shelly is after her boys, your gear doesn't belong there (floor). Now the boys are returning her words, "Mom, your gear doesn't belong there".

Have you ever noticed, when someone is telling you a fish story it is always the big (monster) that got away, it is never the little fellow.

Have you ever wondered how those gifted people, both women and men, who make those beautiful quilts (etc.), end tables (etc.), price their wares and do they get a fair price for their works of art and labour?

Congratulations to Linda Slack who won the Plant Stand, that the Branch was selling tickets on. To all those people who bought tickets on the stand, thank you very much for your support. To Everett McCully, who made this beautiful plant stand, a tip of the hat and a very special thank you is passed along to you.

This one is for "Ripley's Believe It or Not". Debbie Cock came back from shopping and she had money left, what's up?

To all our driver's, if you enter a parking lot to park your vehicle and see Allan Zimmer in his vehicle, drive like hell to get out of there. It is not safe. His backing up driving skills are non-existent.

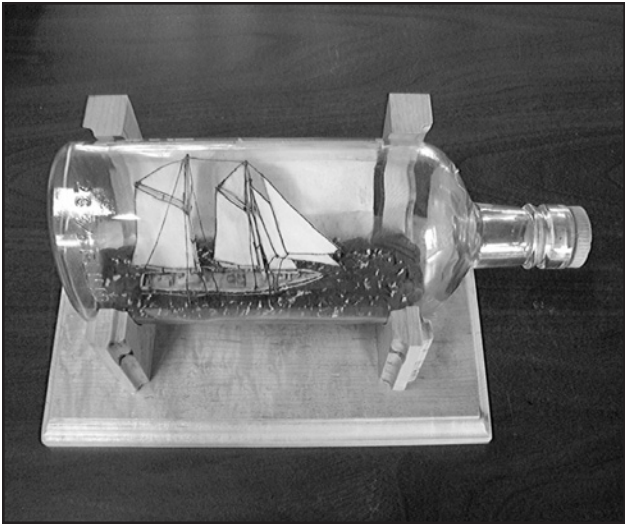
Is it true, Sharon Kyle drives like Mario Andretti? Is Debbie Buchanan a new driver? Why the heck does she have to be off the road by (12) midnight? What in the name of time did she do?

Is Harvey Adams a two fist-ed drinker, or does he just like to carry two glasses?

Happy Anniversary wishes for June are passed along to Jean and Don MacQueen, Anna and Harvey Adams, Debbie and Garnet Buchanan, Loyis and Loyal Crocker, Debbie and Harold Barclay, Patricia (Patty) and Kenneth Casey, Shawna and Bruce Higgins, Micheline and Jack Sterling.

Happy Birthday wishes for June are passed along to Marilyn Dykens, Gordon McCully, Debbie Cock, Betty Totten, Judy Shay, Charles Borden(Sr.), Maurice MacDougall, Donna Eastcott, Ira Decoste, Trevor Mellroy, Ardith McCully and Lee McCulloch.

Please say a prayer for our troops in Afghanistan, and their families. Please don't forget to thank a Veteran, it is because of their sacrifices that we are able to enjoy our freedom and our country.



A group of Royal Canadian Legion members from Debert Branch #106 and Great Village Branch #72 visited the Veteran's Memorial Hospital (Camp Hill). While there Branch #72 President Dan Wesley presented Branch member Laurie Downing, a past resident of Economy, and now a resident of VMH, with his 45 year pin as a Legion member. Shown from left: Branch #72 President Dan Wesley, Comrades Shannon MacAloney and Ruby Skinner and seated Comrade Laurie Downing.

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