

# Debert Legion Notes

By Danny Martell

Bingo is alive and well in Debert. Yes folks, for those people who like to play the game come on out on Monday nights to Branch 106. The doors open at 7:00PM. The early bird games start at 7:30PM, with the regular games starting at 8:00PM. Canteen facilities are available and there are a few short breaks for smokers.

Come on out and bring a friend for an enjoyable night out. Everyone is welcome.

A big thank you is passed along to Shirley Lewis, Eugene Adshade, Betty Adshade, Verna Preeper and Frank Lewis, who look after the Bingo Games here at Branch 106. I understand Shirley has stepped down now.

On Saturday, May 29th, Branches 106 and 72 made the trip to the Camp Hill Complex in Halifax to entertain some of our Veterans with a BBQ and some music.

Making the trip from 106 were Leora Lewis, Sharon Kyle, Charlei Boren (Jr), Dan Martell, Linda Slack, Dave and Wendy MacPhee, George and Tina Cooke, Earl Harvey, Ardith McCully, Kris Turner and John Ruf. Logan Spencer from Branch 72 also made the trip as did Philip Whynt from Truro.

George Cooke, along with Evelyn Gill and Aubrey Woodworth looked after the music and song and did an excellent job.

Kris Turner and John Ruf made their first trip to Camp Hill and did a great job as the paparazzi. Kris and John we are all waiting to see your pictures, and hope to see you again in October.

The order of the day was hamburgers, hot dogs and salads along with a scrumptious dessert, compliments of Marcia Eastcott. Also helping out in the kitchen with the salads, etc were Shirley Lewis, Marcia, Leora, Sharon and Linda.

To all the people who helped in any way to make this trip the huge success it was, thank you very much.

A tip of the hat and a big thank you is passed along to Norman Eastcott, Loyis and Loyal Crocker, Bill Wood and Eugene Adshade who carried the Branch colours at the opening ceremonies of the Debert Military Museum on Saturday, May 29th.

Wed., June 2nd, the cribbage League concluded another very successful season with its year ending Surf 'N' Turf Banquet. After a beautiful meal of lobsters, Steak/porkchops and salads, gift certificates totaling over \$780 were handed out to the players and every player got at least one.

Debbie Cock and Ron Eastcott took home top honours with a score of 1483 and for their efforts received gift certificates of \$30 each.

Away back in second place with 1832 points was the duo of Ron and Nate Francis, they received \$20 gift certificates for their efforts. Norm Eastcott and Debbie Buchanan tied Marg Miller and Bunny Burris for most winning nights, with 4 each and each received a \$10 gift certificate.

Barb and Phil Scott had the most hidden scores, with 5, and they took home \$15 gift certificates.

High Hand for the year was shared by Jimmy Dykens and Doug Mattatall, they both had 28's, and \$15 certificates.

Dianne and Dave Webber looked after last place honours and for their efforts they were rewarded each with a \$10 gift certificate. The Crib League made donations of \$100 to the IWK Hospital, the Relay for Life and the Vets Fund at Camp Hill.

Special Guests at the banquet were Charlie Borden(Jr), President of the Branch and Linda Slack, president of the Ladies Auxilliary. A big thank you is passed along to Debra Buchanan, Bunny Burris, Marilyn Dykens, Marcia Eastcott (excellent job on the marinating) who worked the kitchen and did a great job on the salads, etc.

Tommy Manley and Norm Eastcott looked after the BBQ and did a super job as did Dan Martell with the lobsters. Thank you for your efforts. To the cleanup crew, namely Dave P., Leslie F., Marilyn D., Marg M., Kim M., Jess D., Wilfred C., Ron E., Karen R. and Norm E., thank you.

Did Kim and Jess really deserve something extra for looking after the seniors all year? Was Dave Pratt really in charge of washing the paper plates? Tom Manley thank you for all your help during the year, it was appreciated and to Earl Harvey, thank you very very much for a job well done.

Don't forget, the League starts up again in the fall, get yourself a partner and come on out and have a season of fun and laughter.

Congratulations are passed along to Shelly Vincent and Shelly Tanner, for their fine showing last month in the 5k leg in the Halifax Marathon. Shelly V. finished the run in a time of 29:59, which was good enough to put her in 58th position out of over 900 female runners or 388th out of 1405 runners (both sexes). Shelly says it was an awesome experience and that she is very proud of her accomplishment considering it was her first time ever.

Shelly Tanner did the run in a time of 34:23 and told me it was an overwhelming experience.

The only downer of the day was Amanda Slack. Amanda hurt her leg and could not make the run.

If work commitments let them, all three girls are looking forward to the "Johnny Miles" Run in New Glasgow and "The Confederation Bridge" Run later in the summer.

Congratulations are also passed along to Vanessa Piercy from Debert who did the run in a time of 30:32 and to Linnie Ewart who finished in a time of 45:05.

This race (run) is truly worldwide, what with runners coming from places like Doha, the capital of Qatar, Vancouver, Regina, Grand Cayman, Iqaluit and many more places across Canada and the USA.

Girls, good luck, and many successful runs this summer and fall.

A tip of the hat and a big thank you is passed along to Bill and Paula Wood for the fine job they did in decorating our Veteran's Graves on Decoration Day. It sure looks good when you pass a grave yard and see the red Maple Leafs waving in the breeze and telling the world "A Veteran lie's here".

On Saturday, June 12th, Dave MacPhee, Earl Harvey and myself, visited the two grave yards in Debert and the Masstown Cemetery and they were in beautiful condition. We spoke to Aubrey Gratto at the Masstown Cemetery where he was busy filling in a depression on one of the graves that had sunk a bit. Aubrey said it is a never ending job keeping them in the excellent condition they are in. Aubrey had his tractor, wagon and Cape Breton backhoe and the clay was really flying. Boy he sure can handle that back hoe. Once again, Bill and Paula, thank you, a job well done.

A special thank you is passed along to Steven Swan who donated three pictures of the Korean War to Branch 106. The pictures were framed by "Charlie's Frame Shop" which was owned by Steven Swan. The frame shop is closed now and has been for quite some time. Steven, thank you very much.

Happy Birthday wishes for June are passed along to Marilyn Dykens, Gordon McCully, Donna Eastcott, Charles Borden(Sr), Ardith McCully, Lee McCulloch, Debbie Cock.

Happy Anniversary wishes for June are passed along to Anna and Harvey Adams, Jean and Don MacQueen, Garnet and Debbie Buchanan, Loyis and Loyal Crocker, Shawna and Bruce Higgins, Debbie and Harold Barclay.

A special thank you is passed

along to Pam and Paul Eastcott, who on Friday the 2nd of July hosted a Karaoke Night for the Youth Leadership Camp, which was held here at Branch 106. To Eric Barnhill, we pass along a thank you for all your help in setting up the Karaoke equipment for Pam, Paul and all the young singers. From all reports, everyone had a ball.

The fishing (bass) season is in full swing and from all reports there is some very nice bass being caught.

I guess the secret is to wait out the eels, Tommy cod and dog fish. Fred Blenkhorn was in with a beautiful bass, as were Doug and Brandon Harvey and Karen Hughes. My gosh, they all had beautiful fish.

I had a phone call the other day from Earl Harvey and he told me, he and Leona were about to sit down to a beautiful brown trout supper, compliments of their grandson Brandon. It was Brandon's first brown and it was an 18 inch beauty. This young man loves to fish.

Is it rumour or true, that

Greg Slack is about to open a U-fish operation somewhere in Debert or is he going to string a net and specialize in selling trout? Is Gerry (Bear) Dykens really going to do "The Confederation Bridge Run"?

Happy Birthday wishes for July are passed along to Valerie Yantha, Harvey (Grizzly) Adams, Bill Wood, Bruce and Wayne Higgins, Earl Harvey, Ron Totten, Debbie Buchanan, Jim Adshade, Eric McCully, Ed Skinner, Doris McCully, Helene Eastcott.

Happy Anniversary wishes for July are passed along to Laura & Fred MacKinnon, Jane & Glen MacDorman, Marcia & Norm Eastcott, Mary & Jack Barley, Betty & Robert Hill, Shelly & Mark McCully, Connie & Sam Worthington.

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

*(Editor's Note: Our apology to Danny and his loyal followers. Debert Legion Notes was omitted from the July issue)*

## Lower Onslow Community Centre Notes

By Ann Fiddes

The warm, muggy weather we have been experiencing the last couple of weeks did not dampen the enthusiasm of yard sale enthusiasts on Saturday, July 10th. The Community Centre was designated as the official starting point of the 75 km yard sale, and many people checked out the deals we had to offer. Thanks to everyone who donated goods for the yard sale, made financial donations, came to shop and those who donated their time to work at the yard sale. At the end of the day \$1335.42 was raised. Business was very slow Sunday morning, so we closed down after a couple of hours.

The various committees are busy planning activities for the fall. If you have any suggestions for activities at the centre, please call Doug, 843-3727 or Ann, 662-3732 and let them know.

We will not be meeting in August. The September meeting

will be on September 13th, due to the Labour Day holiday the first Monday of the month. We invite everyone, in the community, interested in our success to come to this meeting, we are looking for ideas and always in need of more volunteers to make our centre a success.

Eagles on July 3rd, Joan and Sid Mitchell, Dartmouth spent the afternoon of July 6th, visiting me. They were spending a few days at Joan's old home place.

Several from here had the salmon, strawberry supper from St James United Church on July 14th. Trueman and Vivian Layton and Ellen Layton, Halifax attended the supper. I enjoyed a visit with them in the afternoon.

We extend our sympathy to the families of the late Jack Peppard, who passed away July 16th, Birthday greetings go out to Kevin Fields, who is celebrating a birthday this month.



Aubrey Rushton, center, celebrated his 90th birthday with family and friends on July 3rd. Shown here is Aubrey and some of his family. From far left; Daughter, Joan Seaton, Sault Saint Marie, Ontario; Granddaughter, Dawn Ching, Souris, PEI; Granddaughter, Jennifer Atkinson, Bible Hill, NS; Granddaughter, Lisa Seaton, Sault Saint Marie, Ontario; Daughter, Valerie Seeton, Truro, NS; Aubrey Rushton, Bible Hill, NS, Son, Wayne Rushton, Lornvale, NS, Granddaughter, Cindy Henson, Sault Saint Marie, Ontario and Granddaughter, Shaun Seaton, Sault Saint Marie, Ontario. Sitting in front is Aubrey's wife, Evelyn Rushton also of Bible Hill NS.



Aubrey Rushton prepares to cut the birthday cake during celebration of his 90th birthday. (Submitted Photo)



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