



On a recent visit to the Veterans Memorial Hospital a presentation from the Debert Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 106 Crib League to Jen Pinder of the Recreation staff by Comrade Earl Harvey. The money is to be used to purchase DVDs of the 2011 Royal Nova Scotia Tattoo. (MacQueen Photo)



During a visit to the Veterns Memorial Hospital (Camp Hill) by members of Great Village and Debert Royal Canadian Legions, Comrade Ron McBurnie brought greetings from the Great Village Branch to veteran Don Fulton of Bass River, a resident of the hospital. (MacQueen Photo)

Great Village Garden Club News



Richard and Kathleen Akerman, along with Heather MacKay, look over the selection of shrubs for sale at the Garden Club Plant Sale on May 14. (Shears photo)

By Linda Shears

The Great Village Garden Club met at 7:30 PM on April 26. Proceedings began with an information session on biosolids. Those invited to take part in presenting information were: Dr. Gordon Price, P.Ag., Innovative Waste Management Chair, Dept. of Engineering, NSAC, Daniel Gillis, an NSAC research student, Tom Taggart, the municipal councillor who represents the area, and Bill Hurst, a concerned area resident who happens to have a degree in Agriculture from the University of Guelph. Six or seven people attended the session along with our regular Garden Club members and a new member.

Dr. Price provided a technical overview titled "Biosolids and Agriculture." About 400,000 metric tonnes of biosolids are created annually in Canada, with almost half of it being applied to the land. Daniel Gillis spoke of the three-year study at the NSAC on the benefits of biosolids and possible concerns about contaminants. No conclusive evidence as to whether biosolids are safe was revealed.

Bill Hurst expressed strong concern about the land application of biosolids, first felt while he was a resident of Ontario. One of his main concerns is the contamination of drinking water from the hormones and phar-

maceuticals present in biosolids.

Tom Taggart expressed fears Colchester County, which possesses some of the best farmland in eastern Canada, is putting its soil at risk by applying biosolids. Medical waste and man-made chemicals are big risk factors. Council's decision to proceed with the application was made on the basis that there appear to be no conclusive studies completed showing that solid waste application is harmful to people or soils.

The evening's presentations gave us much "food for thought"—whether contaminated or not. Each consumer will have to decide for himself or herself whether biosolids in agriculture are a positive or negative factor.

In the business meeting, the trial vegetable (Crystal Apple cucumber) and flax seeds (to celebrate the Planters) were given out to anyone who had not already received them.

The Plant Sale held on May 14 as our annual fundraiser was very successful, with an excellent variety of perennials as well as some shrubs.

A couple of Garden Club members will attend the Nova Scotia Association of Garden Clubs Convention at Oak Island on June 3-5.

The next meeting is on May 24 at 7:30 PM at Faith Baptist Church. New members are always welcome.

Debert Legion Notes

By Danny Martell

New Bar hours have been posted for the Branch and they went into effect as of 16 May 2011: Monday to Thursday 4:00 to 10:00PM; Friday 3:00PM to 1:00AM; Saturday 2:00 PM to 12:30AM and closed on Sunday.

A tip of that hat and a very special thank you is passed along to Bill and Paula Wood for the fine job they have done with Decoration Day here at Branch 106. By the time you read this article, Bill and Paula will have put refurbished white crosses and new flags on all our deceased Veteran's graves.

Bill told me that Paula is retired now and she had lots of time to paint the crosses. Bill and Paula, thank you very much.

On Saturday, May 14th, Branch 106 Debert and Branch 72 Great Village got together and headed for the "Camp Hill Complex" in Halifax to provide a beautiful hamburger and hotdog BBQ, with salads and dessert for the Veterans and some of the staff at the Complex.

Making the trip from Branch 106 were Leona and Earl Harvey, Sharon Kyle, Charlie Borden(Jr), Linda Slack, Dan Martell, Betty Crossman, Savannah Barclay, Judy Crossman, Don (Padre) MacQueen and Lenora Lewis, along with Eddie Murphy and Katherine Joudrie.

From Branch 72 there was Ron McBurnie, Beth Poirier, Shannon MacAloney, Albert Collins and Rhonda McBurnie. To all, a special thank you is passed along for your help, in helping make a special day for our Veterans at Camp Hill.

To Marcia and Norma Eastcott and Shirley Lewis who did an excellent job in the kitchen getting the burgers, salads and dessert ready for the trip, thank you very much. Oh yes Marcia, your dessert was the talk of the day and one Veteran (American Lady) said it reminded her of Christmas it was so colorful and delicious.

To Glendon McBurnie and the boys in the band, thank you, your music did the trick. Eddie and Katherine managed to get in four dances.

We had some extra help, when it was time to serve the Vets and we pass along a very special thank you to Chantelle McBurnie, Jessica Lewis and Madeleine Morris. These three well-mannered young girls did just a super job. They are daughters of band members.

A thank you is passed along to the Wednesday Night Crib League, who donated \$100 to "The Camp Hill Veteran's Memorial Fund".

Earl Harvey presented a cheque for \$100 to Jennifer Pinder. The money will go towards buying tapes of the International Tattoo, so the Vets can watch the tattoo at their convenience. Thank you to Earl and the Crib League.

While getting ready for our trip to Camp Hill I had a very nice chat

with Betty Crossman and her granddaughter Savannah Barclay, this young lady has made several trips to the Complex with the Branch and pitches right in to help where she can. She graduates this year from CEC and then it is off to Acadia for two years and then on to Dalhousie for two years as she pursues her goal in life, a Degree in Law.

If you want Betty's eyes to light up like a full moon on new fallen snow, just talk to her about Savannah, she is sure proud of her granddaughter, and rightfully so.

Savannah, good luck and never lose sight of your goal.

Well folks, the final hand has been counted and the final peg has been moved and with them the Wednesday Night Crib has completed another very successful year.

First place honours were taken home by Debbie Cock and Ron (Easy) Eastcott with 1530 points, away back in second place was the team of Ron and Nate Francis with 1681 points. Debbie Buchanan and Norma Eastcott rounded out the top three with 1722 points. Barb and Phil Scott held the League on their shoulders, they finished with 2446 points.

Gerry Dykens recorded the only 29 hand for the year while Norm Eastcott had a 28. There were 48, 24 point hands and Marilyn Dykens led the way with 5, while Jess Deveau had 4. Jo-Anne Bartlett and Lauchie Rector had most Hidden Scores with 6. Debbie Cock and Ron Eastcott had Most Winning Nights with 5.

The Surf and Turf Banquet will be held on June 1st at 6:30PM. (Thanks Earl)

The beautiful Nascar jacket and cap that the Crib League was selling tickets on was won by Joan Ward from Liverpool. Congratulations to Joan. To all the people who bought tickets on the jacket and cap, thank you very much for your support, it helps the League make donations to some much needed causes.

Debbie Cock and Ron Eastcott were off to PEI to take part in the R.C.L. Maritime Play-Offs. They did not do so well, but they helped NS win the Championship and our Province will host the Championship in 2012.

Those pull tabs from beer, pop and other cans do help, as evident by the picture on page 86 in the may/June edition of the Legion Magazine. A mister Roy Wesley from the Legion in North Bay was presented with a cheque for \$1,023.00 from the Pop Tab Fund to help in the purchase of his wheel chair.

To all those people who drop off their tabs, thank you very much, your tabs have assisted the A.L.S. (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) Society of Nova Scotia.

The final standings and individual stats for the "Debert Mixed Dart League" are as follows: A-Division



From left: Comrade Betty Crossman, her granddaughter Savannah Barclay, and Comrades Earl Harvey, Charles Borden, Jr., Dan Martell and Legion Auxillary President Linda Slack were pleased to have a visit with Debert Royal Canadian Legion member Comrade Dave Boutillier (front) at the Veterans Memorial Hospital in Halifax during a recent visit carried out by the Debert and Great Village Legion Branches. (MacQueen Photo)

Winner was Team #8- Owen Totten, Roz Bennett, Alan Griffin and Doug Harvey with 125 points; B-Division Winner was Team #10- Kenny Smith, Judy Crossman, Lorne Keddy and Tyler Muise.

Members of the 180 Club are Mike Rushton, Paul Eastcott, Skip Dawson and Allen Griffin. High Start , (M) Ken Smith and Clayton Finck- 160, (L) Debbie Cock- 115; High Finish, (M) Skip Dawson- 148, (L) Barb Scott- 79; High Score, (M) Mike Rushton- 174, (L) Deanna Martell and Dawn Foreman- 156; Most Starts, (M) Clayton Finck- 104, (L) Debbie Cock -79; Most Finishes, (M) Clayton Finck-90, (L) Barb Scott- 37; Most Tinkles, (M) Mike Giles- 170, (L) Charmaine Turner- 153; Least Tinkles, (M) Ron (Easy) Eastcott- 25 (L) Deanna Martell- 62.

The Play-Offs are just finishing up and we will have something in next month's edition.

The Peter Black Annual Dart Shoot took place on Saturday, April 30th and Skip Dawson and his team got their names on the trophy for 2011 by edging out Linda Mingo from Tatamagouche in a

thrilling play-off. Barb Scott and her team finished third. Linda Mingo had High Score for the girls with 140, Julie Taylor had High Finish for the gals with a 56. Skip Dawson had High score for the men with a 171, Paul Eastcott had the High Finish for the men with 101. Clayton Finck won the 50/50 draw. (Thanks Earl).

Happy Anniversary wishes for May are passed along to Phyllis and Gordon McCully (Gordon that's a long time with a good lady), Gloria and Ralph Campbell, Annette and Steve Williams.

Happy Birthday wishes for May are passed along to Mike Glen, Ralph Campbell, Mac MacDougall, Sue Taylor, Alfred Matthews, Jim Dykens, David Putnam, Virginia (Silver Cross) Roberts, Kenny Smith(Sr), Marg Nicholson, Shawn Taylor and Shirley Lewis.

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