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Branch President Anne Frankish (left) and Ladies' Auxiliary President Donna Packer cut the Anniversary cake near the end of the anniversary event at the Coldwater Branch on January 12.

HAPPY 90th ANNIVERSARY!

On Sunday January 12 many members of our branch and the community gathered at the branch to mark the 90th Anniversary of what is locally known today as "the Coldwater Legion". People joined in to socialize and reminisce around photo albums and digital images covering several decades of the branch's history. The centerpiece of the display was the original, framed, 1935 Charter that officially established the Coldwater (Ontario No. 270) Branch as part of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League.

This association was born out of the amalgamation of several groups and associations of Veterans that had been created across the country by, and for, Veterans of the First World War. Less than five years after the standing up of our branch, a new generation of war Veterans would come out of the Second World War. They were soon allowed to join the association, which, with the support of a strong Ladies' Auxiliary, grew and expended to eventually accept all Veterans as well as other categories of membership. The addition of the prefix "Royal" was approved by Queen Elizabeth II in 1960, and the association became what it is today: The Royal Canadian Legion.

Although the 90th Anniversary event at the branch was fairly low profile, it was certainly worth doing. The search for photos and documents to be featured at that event revealed some significant gaps in the coverage of our Branch history, particularly for the early decades. Our intention is to work on filling those gaps in the coming months - even years if needed - through several projects that will involve the community. We believe that many local families still possess Legion-related photos, articles, or documents that could help us filling some gaps in the branch's history. We will not be asking people to donate their cherished heirlooms and documents, just to give us a chance to scan or photograph your Legion-related items. We certainly would like to fill the gaps in the branch's history before it's too late.

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FROM THE BRANCH PRESIDENT



It's that time of year again; will that rodent see his shadow or not? Being raised in Wiarton, I do not see him as a rodent but as a very trusted weather guide. He's our Wiarton Willie. All joking aside though, here's hoping that spring is just around the corner, as we have certainly had enough snow.

On behalf of the Executive and members of RCL Branch 270, our condolences go out to the family of Veteran William Bennett who passed away in May. We just recently heard of his passing. Our condolences also are sent to Shawna Tinney and her family in the loss of her father Peter Tinney. Shawna is the Branch's bookkeeper and she does an excellent job. She goes up and beyond to keep our books in order.

It has been a very busy time for the Branch and the Ladies' Auxiliary. Thank you to the 90th Anniversary committee for preparation for the January 12 event. Comrade Norm Marion did a great job in finding many pictures and the original Charter of Branch 270 (January 2, 1935) and preparing a digital presentation. Comrade Paula Brown helped sort and identify many pictures. Comrades Cheryl Barr, Eileen Doyle-Mattice and Debbie Southorn did an excellent job in decorating. Comrades Michele Blunt and Margaret Anne Murray worked together with Ladies' Auxiliary to plan a menu. The Ladies' Auxiliary who are an integral part of our Branch presented an artistic, tasteful display of food. Comrade Brian Judges did the ribbons commemorating our 90th Anniversary. Once again, our members and community supported the 90th Anniversary by spending time to reminisce and socialize. Deputy Zone E4 Commander Amanda Bottineau and Zone E5 Commander Bruce Henn dropped by after their District E meeting in Barrie. Zone E4 Ladies' Auxiliary Commander Helen Smith and her husband Tyson also attended the 90th Anniversary. Severn Township was represented by Councillor Dan Janssen. Unfortunately, MP Adam Chambers and MPP Jill Dunlop had prior commitments. However, we did receive 90th Anniversary certificates from both Federal and Provincial Government. As we said at this event, we are working towards our 100th Anniversary celebration. We hope that if you have pictures or remember something that was significant about the Branch please contact the Branch.

We will be applying for another OTF grant again this year. Once again thank you to Comrades Marlene Klanert and Kari Malmstrom for gathering the data required for grant submission.

Yours in Comradeship,
Anne Frankish, Branch 270 President

FROM THE LADIES' AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Greetings Comrades:

I know January has 31 days but it feels like it's been a thousand! I think we have had enough snow and cold! Let's hope February is not a repeat.

January was a very busy month for our Auxiliary. Several Celebrations of Life. As well, our Auxiliary provided a great buffet

for the President's Levee and an amazing spread of food for the Branch's 90th Anniversary. Many thanks to those who made this possible. Well done!

We also provided a Pancake/sausage breakfast for the North Simcoe PC Riding. I must admit that the pancakes and sausages were delicious. Again a great team effort!

We have purchased a new single door refrigerator for the upstairs kitchen. This, along with the existing two door, will provide much needed space for storage and trays for events.

New ceiling tiles were installed in the upstairs kitchen. Thank you to Comrade Rick Yule for your hard work!

We have several events to cater to in February. If you can volunteer to help out, please get in touch with me.

Our condolences go out to the family of Annie Coombs who passed away recently. Annie was a Life Member of the Coldwater Ladies' Auxiliary. A Celebration of Life will take place on Saturday February 1 in the Branch upstairs hall from 1-4 p.m. Visitation is on Friday January 31 from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home. On Friday January 31 at 4:45 p.m. at the Coldwater Funeral Home, a Ladies' Auxiliary Funeral Service for Annie will take place. All Ladies' Auxiliary members are invited to attend and pay their respects.

Our next meeting is on February 18 at 6:30 p.m. I look forward to seeing you there!

Yours in Comradeship,
Donna Packer, Branch 270 Ladies' Auxiliary President

BRANCH GENERAL MEETINGS

The next General Meeting will be on
Tuesday February 25, 2025,
beginning at 6:30 p.m. Branch
General Meetings take place on the
fourth Tuesday of each month, from
September to June (except for
December), in the upstairs hall,
starting at 6:30 n.m.

THE MAPLE LEAF

The Maple Leaf is the award-winning newsletter of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 270 Coldwater, published each month in the first week of the month. It is primarily an internal communication tool through which the Branch Executive and Committee Chairs disseminate information and report to the membership on their respective activities. Opinions expressed in feature articles are those of the writers and do not imply endorsement by the Branch or the Legion. Committee reports and pre-arranged article must be received no later than the 23rd of the month in order to be published in the following month's issue. Please submit by email to: Branch PRO at branch270@rogers.com.

TREASURER REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Al Myre, Treasurer

The General account balance is \$51,672.66.

The Building account balance is \$79,552.74.

The Nevada account balance remains at \$237.61.

The bottle drive for the month is \$513.60.

The prior month bottle drive was \$526.40.

To date we have received \$21,000.00 as part of the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) grant.

We have paid \$2,599.00 for a water softener, \$15,524.60 to replace the heating/air units and \$25,977.04 for new windows and doors. We are scheduled to receive the balance of the grant as follows; \$16,800 in March 2025 and \$4,200 in October 2025.

The GST/HST holiday that took effect December 2024 will end February 15, 2025.

BOTTLE DRIVE UPDATE

Submitted by Comrade Cheryl Barr, Bottle Drive Coordinator

Even with all this crazy weather we are having, the community support that we get with the Bottle Drive is incredible. We are very grateful for the donations that people are making. The Beer Store did a pickup on January 22nd and we sent back \$264.00 worth of empties, The Branch has sent back 554,589 empties since the very first drive. The total amount of money raised is \$68,246.10. I would like to thank all the volunteers that have been looking after the Bottle Drive Shed. I would like to mention

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at this time that I am stepping down as the Bottle Drive Chair. If you are interested in this Chair, please let any Executive member know.

ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Penny Lawrence-Judges, Entertainment Chair

The **February** entertainment schedule is as follows:

- 1 Music: All About the Blues starts at 1:30 p.m.
- 4 Trivia Night. Registration 6 p.m. starts 6:30
- 8 Meat Draw starts at 3 p.m.
- 9 Super Bowl Party – doors open at 4 p.m.
- 11 Trivia Night. Registration 6 p.m. starts 6:30
- 15 Music with Buckskin starts at 2 p.m.
- 18 Trivia Night. Registration 6 p.m. starts 6:30
- 22 Alex Champ: Hypnotist - doors open at 7 p.m.

The **March** entertainment schedule is as follows:

- 1 Sing-O Bingo starts at 3:00 p.m.
- 4 Trivia Night. Registration 6 p.m. starts 6:30
- 8 Meat Draw starts at 3 p.m.
- 11 Trivia Night. Registration 6 p.m. starts 6:30
- 15 Sing-O Bingo starts at 3:00 p.m.
- 17 St. Patrick's Day Party - Music with Debbie D Band starts at 1:30 p.m.
- 18 Trivia Night. Registration 6 p.m. starts 6:30

SICK & VISITING

Submitted by Comrade Betty-Anne Burnie, Sick and Visiting Chairman

I have been keeping in touch with those I know are ill or not well. If there are any issues that require my attention please let me know. Home phone (705) 686-3270 or email bburnie6@hotmail.com

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Hippos can run faster than humans on land, and swim faster than humans in the water, which means that the bicycle is your only chance of beating a hippo in a triathlon.

Quote of the Month

“Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.” - Barack Obama

WAYS & MEANS REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Penny Lawrence-Judges, Ways & Means Chair

Thank you to everyone that came out for our Euchre Tournament! Great time was had by all.

On February 22 come and enjoy a laughter-filled night with Master Hypnotist Alex Champ. Tickets are \$20.00 each, available at the branch. Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. and the show will start at 8:00 p.m. Get a group together and join us for a great night. This will be upstairs.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Cheryl Barr, Membership Chair

Membership stands at 349: Affiliate, 62; Associate, 240; Life, 2; and Ordinary, 45. These numbers are going to go down and back up as members pay their dues.

The Branch welcomes the following new comrades: Kelly Beach; Brad Madigan; André Champoux; Jennifer Janes; Norman and Darlene Crannie; and Mary Louise Sheremeto. We sent to the Bennett family our deepest condolences for their loss of Veteran and Branch member William Bennett who passed away in the spring at the young age of 101. The flag at the branch was lowered for three days in his honour. William Bennett was a Veteran.

Membership dues are now \$65.00 due to an increase in the Per Capita tax that is paid to Dominion Command. Please check the back of your Membership card to see if you have your 2025 sticker. If not, please contact the Branch. Your sticker may be behind the bar. I would like to mention, at this time, that I am stepping down as Membership Chair. If you are interested in this Chair, please let any Executive member know.

BURSARY OFFICER REPORT

Submitted by Henny Risebrough, Bursary Officer

I would like to remind the members of the Legion and the Ladies' Auxiliary that the deadline for bursary applications is fast approaching. It is the last Friday of March. If you have family members that are in post-secondary education

and meet the requirements please reach out and we can get the process started. Bursary applications can be picked up at the branch, or applications can be obtained from the Ontario Command website:

<https://www.on.legion.ca/remembrance/youth-programs/bursaries>

SPORTS REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Al Myre, Sports Officer

Greg Stout, John O'Hara, Laren Norrie & Hans Klanert participated in the Seniors Dart tournament held in Collingwood on January 25. Congratulations go out to this group as they all qualified for District level, which will be held in Sutton on March 1, 2025. We wish them luck.

The Elmvale Branch will be hosting a Euchre tournament on February 8, 2025. At this time, we have Richard MacDonald, Phyllis Devine, Jim Olds & Heather Davey representing our branch. We also wish them luck.

Next dart tournament will be held in Victoria Harbour on March 22. This is a mixed tournament and is open to all members.

Details of all Zone Sports activities are posted in the Club Room. If anyone is interested, do not hesitate to reach out.



At the January Seniors Dart Tournament in Collingwood, left-to-right: Zone Sports Officer Bob Gourlie; and Coldwater team members John O'Hara; Greg Stout; Laren Norrie; and Hans Klanert. Members of this group have qualified for District level in Sutton in March.



Congratulations to Clifford Kitchen who scored 180 during a game of darts on Thursday Night Darts.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Norm Marion, Branch Public Relations Officer

The monthly newsletter and on-line media - Facebook & Website – and the BIDDY are kept up-to-date. Images from the Poster & Literary Contests are posted on the BIDDY, FB and web pages.

We had two photos published in the current issue of the Legion Magazine (Jan-Feb 2025). They are of Kari Malmström presenting a cheque to the Trillium Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps Commanding Officer, and of John O'Hara manning our booth at the Fall Fair. I have sent two more photos of our president Anne Frankish presenting cheques to Coldwater Public School students and to the local Food Bank.

YOUTH EDUCATION REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Cheryll Barr, Youth Education Chair
Happy Valentines' Day Comrades!

Due to the late notice from Zone E4 on Public Speaking, Branch 270 will not be hosting a Branch Public Speaking again this year. Zone E4 Public Speaking will be on February 22 in Elmvale. This time frame doesn't give our amazing

students enough time to get ready. The committee has decided to make sure that all information regarding the Legion's annual Poster and Literary Contests and Public Speaking Competition be given to the teachers and students in the middle of September, so that they can be ready for these contests in time. I am happy to report on behalf of my committee and the branch that the following students have placed at Zone level in the Poster & Literary Contests: Intermediate Color Poster, 3rd place, Noah Pryn; Primary Black & White Poster, 1st place, Vivienne Hunter; Senior Essay, 1st place Timothy Cooke; and Intermediate Poem, 1st place, Payton Sargent. Congratulations to all. All first place winners have been forwarded on to District level for the next judging.

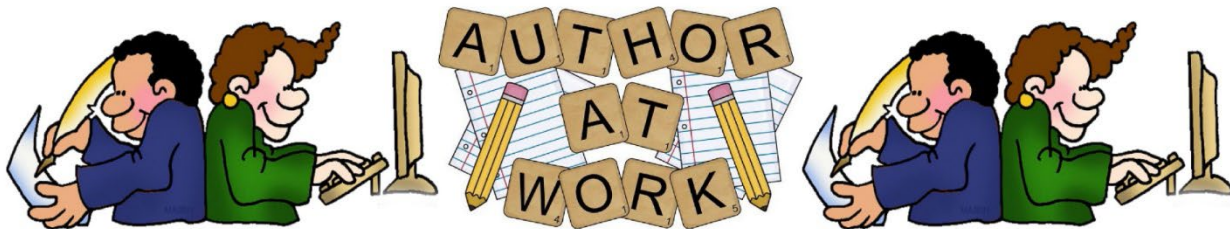


Vivienne Hunter (left) was one of the many home schooled students who took part in the 2024 Poster & Literary Contests held by the branch. Vivienne's award for taking 1st place in the Primary B&W Poster category was presented to her by Youth Education Chair Cheryll Barr during a weekly class session held upstairs at the branch.



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MESSAGE FROM MPP JILL DUNLOP

As we move into February, I'm happy to share updates from Queen's Park, where our government continues to work on initiatives that benefit our communities and strengthen Ontario.

One important development is the launch of "Operation Deterrence," a new provincial initiative aimed at tackling organized crime and improving public safety. This builds on the successful "Fortress Am-Can" initiative, which focuses on enhancing the security of our border alliance with the United States. Together, these efforts are helping to keep our communities safe from illegal activity and strengthening the bond between our nations.

Another positive development for Ontario is the addition of over 23,000 jobs in the final month of 2024. This job growth is a testament to our government's strong economic recovery efforts, and it will help improve the lives of many people across the province. A thriving job market means more opportunities for our families, and we are committed to continuing this momentum into 2025.

Closer to home, I'm pleased to announce that the province is taking important steps to increase access to skin and wound care in long-term care homes. This initiative will help ensure that our seniors receive the highest standard of care, promoting better health outcomes and enhancing the quality of life for those in long-term care. Providing essential support to our seniors, ensures they receive excellence in care, improving their overall quality of life.

As always, I remain committed to supporting the needs of our community. Whether it's advocating for local infrastructure projects or connecting with residents to hear your concerns, I continue to work hard on your behalf.

In the spirit of community, I invite you to two fun Family Day activities as I offer a free skate in Orillia and a free swim in Midland. It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy time with family and friends and enjoy some memorable moments.

Wishing you all the best this February!

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VETERANS, MENTAL HEALTH, AND THE SERVICE DOG CONNECTION

From the files of Dominion Command

This opinion article content is reproduced with permission from The Hill Times where it was originally published as part of a policy briefing in November 2024. It was written by Nujma Bond, the Legion's Communications Manager and national spokesperson. The Legion thanks the Veterans who generously shared their experiences with us.

OPINION | By Nujma Bond | November 11, 2024

The Royal Canadian Legion has long been advocating for government-led national training standards for service dogs—amazing animals that provide a lifeline for Canadian Armed Forces and Royal Canadian Mounted Police veterans living with operational stress injuries such as post traumatic stress disorder, or physical injury.

Canada still doesn't have any such standards. Why does it matter? It's summarized in the words of one retired RCMP veteran, Ed Brake. A former staff sergeant and head of the RCMP's police motorcycle unit in Ottawa, Brake has lived with a German shepherd service dog named Cora for about two years. Cora was trained through a program recognized by Wounded Warriors Canada (WWC).

"I've already seen the benefits of having a true certified service dog," he explains. Not only because of the support they provide, but also "because there's a ton of fakes, and it makes a difference." He also says legitimate dogs are regularly questioned—and it can be an uncomfortable experience.

It's not that there has been an overt lack of willingness to develop national guidelines in Canada. The federal government took on this task and was close to getting there as far back as 2018, but the effort ended rather abruptly and has seemingly been abandoned. The reason? The Legion learned it was too difficult to reach a consensus among affected parties, including well-meaning yet disparate groups that run training programs.

If fulsome national consultations have occurred, surely an expert panel can be convened, a plan developed, and standards put in place in relatively short order. Not everyone will agree, but common sense must prevail. Canada already has national standards and regulations for many things that affect health and well-being.

Upholding standards and providing related ID-cards would make it much easier for the general public to recognize a certified service animal. It would assist airlines, eating establishments, workplaces, and others. It could also help make it possible for organizations including the Legion—and possibly Veterans Affairs Canada—to direct funding to veterans for the costly feeding and caring of dogs; knowing the animals and their owners have accredited training, and the dogs are considered an official treatment element.

Currently, the Legion's Ontario Command leads a program called Operation Service Dog, and through its collaboration with WWC, has provided over \$2-million to help train and pair over 61 veterans with service dogs, with 27 more on the way. The Legion's Quebec Command is set to begin a similar relationship. Because WWC developed a set of standards, they could potentially be applied across the country today—pending modifications that might be needed. The framework exists and has been tested.

Caliber—fondly known as Callie—is a standard poodle, a service dog paired with now-retired CAF veteran Kenda Doody two years ago after a suggestion from a health-care provider. They became a "team" last November. A former combat veteran, Doody describes the relationship this way: "[Callie] has been making me 'soft' again," she says, having become 'hard,' unapproachable, angry, and isolated after living through traumatic experiences while serving in the forces.

These animals can provide reassurance, reduce anxiety, and make a more "normal" life possible—literally taking some veterans from their basements back into society. Our country needs to take action to make it easier for our veterans to receive and maintain a qualified service dog as part of their treatment plan.

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Tuesday evenings

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BRANCH HISTORIAN REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Norm Marion, Branch Historian

Thank you to those who attended or helped with our Branch 90th Anniversary event. It was low profile, but worth doing. The search for photos and documents to be featured at that event revealed some significant gaps in the coverage of our Branch history. I intend to work on this in the coming months/years through several projects.

I remind you that I am still open to process submissions to the Military Service Recognition Book (MSRB) Vol XII. So far I submitted only two for that edition. New submissions or suggestions for submissions are welcome. A sample submission can be seen on this page featuring Wilfred Victor Manning, a First World War Veteran and founding member of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 270 Coldwater.



MANNING, WILFRED VICTOR

Wilfred Victor Manning was born in Coldwater, Ontario, on November 13, 1897. He was the son of William Haight and Mary Ann (Quantrell) Manning. On February 1, 1916, he enlisted in the Army in Midland, Ontario, with the 157th Battalion (Simcoe Foresters), Canadian Expeditionary Force. He was 18 years old and single. He listed his trade as labourer, and had no previous military experience. Private Manning, regimental number 644493, sailed on the S.S. Cameronia to arrive in England on October 28, 1916. After some training in England, he landed in France on May 13, 1917, assigned to the 116th Canadian Infantry Battalion, part of the 3rd Canadian Division. On August 28, 1918, near the town of Arras, France, he suffered multiple gunshot wounds to wrist, hand and thigh, and lost two fingers as a result. He returned to Canada for

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Demobilization and, after receiving treatment, was officially discharged on April 12, 1920. Wilfred settled back in Coldwater and later married Rose Adelaide Worrell in 1931. He was a founding member of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 270 Coldwater, and served a term as Branch President. He passed away on April 22, 1949, and is buried in the Coldwater Cemetery.

BUILDING MANAGER REPORT

Submitted by Kari Malmström, Building Manager

I have the following report in the way of 1st Vice/ Building Manager since our last meeting.

My report is as follows:

- Monthly fire inspections are completed and new fire double doors will be installed in the next few weeks.
- I am hoping that 2025 will be a good year for our branch. In 2024 we were able to make some substantial improvements to our building including the roof repair (some more on the horizon), water filtration and softener, and new windows and doors. I am hoping that the improvements continue in 2025 with another application for grant funding coming up. A wish list has been created and needs to be discussed.
- Thank you to everyone who came in during our Christmas break to help in the painting and clean up and especially Rick Yule for the upstairs kitchen ceiling tile installation. Good time had by all the Picassos.
- Thank you to everyone who came for our 90th Anniversary celebration of our branch. Good time and great to hear and see some of our history. The Ladies' Auxiliary did a fabulous job on the food they prepared as usual. Thank you LA.
- We do have a small leak in the stepped down portion of our roof. Chris Rhinold went up and saw that the membrane and top coating has water in between the layers. A repair is needed but cannot be done until the spring. Cost to be determined.
- Downstairs Club Room audio system has been upgraded to allow the use of wireless microphones. New speakers in both rooms will help in making announcements. Unfortunately our old amplifier is causing static in the sound and a replacement unit would cost us an additional \$180 plus taxes. To repair old amplifier controls would be approx. \$150 plus tax. I will present an amendment to my motion for the system refurbishment.
- I have repaired the old panic bar temporarily. It will work until we get Orillia Glass to look at it when they come in to install the new interior doors.
- Don't forget to come out to our Super Bowl Party in the Clubroom on February 9. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. with 6:30 p.m. kick off. Hoping for a good crowd.



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JANUARY 11

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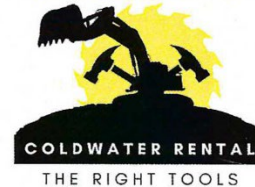
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- June 7 Annual Lawn & Plant Sale
- June 21 Mid-Summer's Drumming
- June 21-22 Coldwater & Area Studio Tour (Host Centre) | Vintage Tractor & Equipment Display
- July 19 Archibald & Catherine Woodrow Farm Day
- Aug. 21 Heritage crafters sale
- July 2-August 27 School Day Wednesdays
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January 7

High Hand – Anne
 Low Hand – Jackie
 Most Lone Hands – Willy

January 14

High Hand – Betty-Anne
 Low Hand – Jackie
 Most Lone Hands – Paul

January 21

High Hand – Doreen
 Low Hand – Jackie
 Most Lone Hands – Brian S.

January 28

High Hand – Richard
 Low Hand – Phyllis
 Most Lone Hands – Jackie

SHUFFLEBOARD

January 9

1st : Betty-Anne & Richard
 2nd : Heather G.
 3rd : Ken & Brian
 Sunshine: Jim

January 16

1st : Ken & Richard
 2nd : Doreen & Brian
 3rd : Paul V. & Heather D.
 Sunshine: Ken

January 23

1st : Betty-Anne & Paul
 2nd : Richard & Phyllis
 3rd : Brian & Sherrin
 Sunshine: Brian S.

January 30

1st : Lloyd & Brian
 2nd : Richard & Heather G.
 3rd : Ken & Phyllis
 Sunshine: Doreen



FRIDAY NIGHT STEAK DARTS

January 3

1. Cathy
 2. Penny
 3. Jane
 4. Allan
 5. Richard
 6. Kari
 Sunshine: Richard

January 10

1. Debbie
 2. Cheryl
 3. Lorne
 4. Cheryl
 5. Dianne
 6. Phyllis
 Sunshine: Don

January 17

1. Kari
 2. Robin
 3. Jean
 4. Kari
 5. Dianne
 6. Joe
 Sunshine: Jean

January 24

1. Allan
 2. Henny
 3. Cheryl
 4. Debbie
 5. Gaëtanne
 6. Don
 Sunshine: Debbie

BRANCH 270 WEEKLY SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

- Winter Schedule - Euchre

1 p.m. every Tuesday

Trivia

6 p.m. every Tuesday

Fun Darts

7:30 p.m. every Wednesday

Shuffleboard

1 p.m. every Thursday

Steak Darts

6 p.m. every Friday

January 31

1. Jane
 2. Phil
 3. Al
 4. Bill
 5. Penny
 6. Annie
 Sunshine: Debbie

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<p>Everyone!</p>						
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