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President

Hello Club Members, as winter's chill sets in, your safety is our top priority, so please remember, No Ice is Truly Safe Ice, The pond may look frozen and inviting, but please stay off the ice!



I'm asking all members to appreciate and make use of the club's offerings, while ensuring their behavior maintains a positive and welcoming environment for everyone. A polite reminder to:

Enjoy the club: Participate in activities, use the facilities, and feel a sense of belonging.
Be respectful: Adhere to the club rules, treat fellow members and staff with courtesy, take care of the facilities, and be mindful of others' comfort and peace. Adhere to our club's code of conduct and engage in discussions and interactions with civility. We want all members to feel safe, heard, and valued without fear of offense, intimidation, or harassment.

No vulgar profanity: Our club includes a wide range of ages, backgrounds, and perspectives. Understand that language norms have evolved, we must be mindful that not all members are comfortable with this type of language, and it can create an unwelcoming or even hostile environment for some. Please watch your language.

I'd like to take this time to thank our Sport's Committee and its members for an outstanding year, with meals, and events. The feedback from our club's members has been very positive. The meals/events were a resounding success, not only providing excellent food and atmosphere but also fostering a wonderful sense of camaraderie and spirit within the club. Your hard work in coordinating these meals and events did not go unnoticed.

The contributions made by the Sports Committee are a vital part of our club's ability to thrive. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a committed and supportive Sports Committee. If any member is interested in joining the Sport's Committee, see one of the members listed on the Sport's Committee page.

See you in the club rooms

Bryan Bucholtz



Past President

A member's responsibility to their club involves active participation, communication, supporting goals, upholding rules, and contributing skills to build a strong community, which means attending meetings, voicing opinions constructively, and helping with tasks, Key duties include fulfilling financial obligations (dues), follow bylaws, and act in the club's best interest, avoiding personal conflicts. Attend meetings and events regularly; no one had the right to "grumble" if not in attendance.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the club.

Happy Valentine's Day to all! It's not just a day for couples to celebrate. It's a day for you to show those you love that they matter ☺

Karen Sutherland

This meeting is dedicated to

HMCS Raccoon



September 6th, 1942

HMCS Raccoon was escorting a merchant ship when it was attacked and sunk. The captain of the lead escort observed the Raccoon zigzagging in search of the submarine. Two explosions were heard, which the other ships believed were depth charges from the Raccoon. It was only later that it was established that the explosions were the sound of Raccoon's boiler exploding after being hit by a torpedo.

37 crew went down with the ship.

We must never forget their sacrifice.

Note:

The Battle of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, which saw German U-boats penetrate the Cabot Strait and the Strait of Belle Isle to sink 23 ships between 1942 and 1944, marked the only time since the War of 1812 that enemy warships inflicted death within Canada's inland waters. The battle advanced to within 300 kilometers of Québec City. A war that pervaded people's lives but was still somehow remote, had become immediate, threatening, and very real. The Battle of the Gulf of St. Lawrence was part of a larger conflict called The Battle of the Atlantic which included all of the Atlantic Ocean between North America and Europe and was fought between 1939 and 1945.





2nd Vice

Jeremy Jackson

Thursday Nights

Food served 6 pm – 8 pm

Thursday, February 5	Wings and Meatball Soup with salad
Thursday, February 12	Wings and Whistle Dogs & fries
Thursday, February 19	Wings and Bacon Cheeseburger & fries
Thursday, February 26	Wings and Loaded Nachos



Please Join Us For a

SOUP-ER BOWL COOK-OFF



Sunday, February 8, 2026



Soup tasting and judging
12-2 pm

Join us for a fun and tasty afternoon



ENGLISH STYLE FISH & CHIPS

O.C.N.V.A.

Tickets go
on sale
Feb 21

Thursday, April 2, 2026



*Fish
&
Chips*

\$20.00 per person

2 pieces of fish, chips, coleslaw, and bun

Dinner served 5:30 pm- 6:30 pm

Tickets are available at the bar starting February 21st

Only 130 tickets available



Friday Lunches



12noon \$15.00



January 30	Pork Schnitzel
February 6	Krispy Chicken
February 13	Roast Beef
February 20	Lasagna
February 27	Pork Chops
March 6	Chicken Schnitzel
March 13	Irish Beef Stew
March 20	Ham And Scalloped Potatoes
March 27	Krispy Chicken
April 3	Good Friday Closed
April 10	Pork Schnitzel
April 17	Roast Turkey and Stuffing
April 24	Roast Beef
May 1	Lasagna
May 8	Ham & Scalloped Potatoes



All Lunches are subject to change or cancellation!
Check the Gangway for notices.



Friday Dinner

Friday Night Dinners 5-7 pm
\$15.00

Friday, February 6	Wings and Chicken Skewers with Salads
Friday, February 13	Wings or Philly Cheesesteak with fries
Friday, February 20	Wings or Lasagna/salad
Friday, February 27	Wings or Spareribs with Baked Potato



We encourage our members & guests to bring their own containers for their leftovers or pay a charge of \$2 for a take out container from the galley.

Good Friends, Good Food, Good Times



House

Peter Keith

Oxford County Naval Veterans Association

Bartenders

Daytime..... Dan Wilkins

Evenings and Weekends - (Alphabetical)

Tracy Ditchfield

Jamie Dixon

Mark English

Heather Ewen

Steve Gilbert

Sean Jackson

Jim Keith

Lindsay Lenauskas

Shelley Norton



Bar Etiquette

Treating your bartender with courtesy ensures a positive experience for everyone and often results in better, more attentive service. Key aspects of courtesy involve being patient, prepared, and polite, as well as respecting their space and their job.



Monday, February 16th, 2026
Club hours 11 am - 8 pm

Please...
**CLEAN YOUR
TABLE BEFORE
LEAVING**

CLUB PROTOCOL

Please make sure you and your guests are:
Returning glasses, bottles and cans to the
designated areas or to the bar.
Discard any trash in the appropriate bins.
Return dirty dishes to the galley trolley.



FEBRUARY AT A GLANCE



Meals and entertainment

Thursday, Feb 5	Dinner	6-8 pm
Friday, Feb 6	Lunch	12noon
Friday, Feb 6	Dinner	5-7 pm
Friday, Feb 6	Beach Party	7-10 pm
	DJ Ian Crandall	
Saturday, Feb 7	Colour Party Horse Races	1-3:30 pm
Sunday, Feb 8	Souper-Bowl Cook off	11am- 1pm
Sunday, Feb 8	Super Bowl Sunday Party	6pm- end of game
Thursday, Feb 12	Dinner	6-8 pm
Friday, Feb 13	Lunch	12noon
Friday, Feb 13	Dinner	5-7 pm
Saturday, Feb 14	Colour Party Horse Races	1-3:30 pm
Saturday, Feb 14	Valentine's Dance	7-10 pm
	Ϛ The Wright Stuff Band	
Monday, Feb 16	Family Day	11am-8 pm
Thursday, Feb 19	Dinner	6-8 pm
Friday, Feb 20	Lunch	12noon
Friday, Feb 20	Dinner	5-7 pm
Saturday, Feb 21	Colour Party Horse Races	1-3:30 pm
Saturday, Feb 21	Bonspiel -off site	9am-3 pm
Saturday, Feb 21	Bonspiel Dinner	5pm-7 pm
Saturday, Feb 21	Live Entertainment	7-10 pm
	Ϛ Willie and Friends Band	
Sunday, Feb 22	Executive Meeting	10 am
Wednesday, Feb 25	Steak Dinner	5:30-7 pm
Wednesday, Feb 25	General Meeting	8 pm
Thursday, Feb 26	Dinner	6-8 pm
Friday, Feb 27	Lunch	12noon
Friday, Feb 27	Dinner	5-7 pm
Friday, Feb 27	Live entertainment	7-10 pm
	Ϛ The Vooodooo Kingz	
Saturday, Feb 28	Colour Party Horse Races	1-3:30 pm

Watch for notices in the gangway or on Facebook..



Meeting Dates

Executive Meeting

Sunday, February 22

10 am

General Meeting

Wednesday, February 25

8 pm

Steak Dinner \$22.00

Served between 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

General Meeting Steak Dinner Pre-Buy Dinner Ticket

Steak Dinner tickets can be purchased
BEFORE General Meeting Night.
Starting the Monday of the week
before the meeting, tickets will go on
sale for the steak dinner.



Guests are permitted to the steak dinner, but only members can attend the meetings.

No dining, signing and dashing. If you signed the attendance book you need to stay for the meeting.

RCNA Director

I was asked the other day how many R.C.N.A. Clubs are left in Canada. The last report I received there are 15. I will make a list and post it in the Gangway.

Fred Newton

R.C.N.A. Club Locations

British Columbia:

Comox Valley RCNA

Vancouver NVA

Alberta:

Edmonton RCNA

Calgary NVA

Northern Ontario:

North Bay RCNA

Sudbury NVA

South Central Ontario:

Niagara Region RCNA

Oshawa Naval Veterans

Kitchener-Waterloo NVA

Brant NVA

Southwest Ontario:

Oxford County RCNA

Sarnia RCNA

Admiral Hose RCNA - Windsor

Nova Scotia:

Adm. Murray - New Glasgow Peregrine RCNA - Halifax

Members-at Large contact:

RCNA Membership VP: junegreig@shaw.ca



OCNVA MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS

Purpose

Reports of officers and the financial statement.

Discuss current issues and make decisions.

Inform members of club news.

Address new and old business.

Attendance

All members living in Oxford County are required to attend at least 1 general meeting a year AND sign the attendance book or be subject to loss of membership unless approval has been granted in writing by the Membership Chairperson.

(By-Law – meetings - page 33 – g)

Only Club members are permitted at the general meetings.

The club is only as strong as its membership.

Support your club, and make sure you are attending the General meetings



1st Vice

Keep the Club Informed

When you know of a Veteran, Club member, or immediate family of a club member who has "Crossed the Bar" or is in the hospital, please let us know by contacting the Club's office at 519-537-8991. office@ocnva.ca

Dennis Beattie

CROST THE BAR

Donations have been made in the name of the following:

Members

Non-Members



"It is the Soldier, not the minister
Who has given us freedom of religion.
It is the Soldier, not the reporter
Who has given us freedom of the press.
It is the Soldier, not the poet
Who has given us freedom of speech.
It is the Soldier, not the campus organizer
Who has given us the freedom to protest.
It is the Soldier, not the lawyer
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.
It is the Soldier, not the politician
Who has given us the right to vote.
It is the Soldier who salutes the flag,
Who serves beneath the flag,
And whose coffin is draped by the flag,
Who allows the protester to burn the flag."



— Charles M Province

PLEASE STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK



If you have a cough, fever, cold symptoms or diarrhea
please stay away and come to the club when you are
feeling better.

ALWAYS REMEMBER

Cover your cough and sneezes.
Avoid touching public surfaces.
Wash your hands often.

Winner of the early bird Membership 2026 draw

Kevin McAuley



Membership



February 1st is the start of the 2026 membership year and marks the busiest month of the year for the Membership chair. January 31st is the closure of the membership books for the past year and as happens each year end, we do expect to lose some members.

Our current total membership numbers stand at 944 members, but I am anticipating our numbers to drop this year by 50 to 100 members, that have decided for whatever reason, not to renew their membership. If our total membership drops below 900 members, this will allow us to bring on board more new members currently on the waiting list.

Over 700 members have already paid for their 2026 memberships which is great. In early February I will be able to report on the final total membership and numbers by membership category. Another plus this year is the status of the sign in book where, to date, just over 880 members have already signed in for attending their General Meeting.

In the last year the membership applications slowed down considerably, and we now have the waiting list, giving Membership a much better control over all the applications. The waiting list now stands at 84 applications with over 60 of that number being for social member status.

A big thank you goes here to all the members that have contacted me through the year about not being able to attend their one General Meeting and more importantly, they have been giving me names of members that were unable to attend a General Meeting through illness, mobility, work schedules etc. and I was able to mark the sign in book accordingly.

I look forward to seeing all the members again in 2026.

Dick Henshall

If you attended a General Meeting in the 2025 membership year, signed the attendance book and paid your dues for 2026 membership

Welcome to the Membership Year

February 1, 2026 – January 31, 2027

If you did not attend a 2025 meeting or contacted membership@ocnva.ca to explain why or have not paid your 2026 membership dues you are suspended from the club for 1 year, and cannot attend the club, even as a guest.

OCNVA Colour Party

Horse Races

Saturday, 1:15 pm post time

Sat Jan 10th – Sat March 28th

No races on January 31st due to Winter's Day



All Proceeds go to the OCNVA The Woodstock Navy Club



Treasurer

The financial statements will be posted in the gangway for any member to have a look at them

The beginning of 2026 is well upon us and as we start our activities and events in the new year, please be sure to come out and support the Club. Some of the many events that will take place, just to mention a few, will be the Colour Party Horse Races, Souper Bowl Sunday prior to the big NFL Super Bowl game of the season, the Navy Club Bonspiel and Italian Night that are being run by the Sports Committee and so many other items.

At the time of this report being written, I have nothing further to report from the City's consultant on their findings and recommendations to make good the low water level in our pond. The latest I have been told is that the consultants are still compiling readings of water levels in the inspection wells. When I hear more, hopefully sometime late January or early February, I will be sharing this information and findings with everyone.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Family Day. Be sure to enjoy Valentine's Day with that special person or people around you.

Lyle Ball

**The Navy Club will no longer sell Navada tickets.
Thank you for your past support in purchasing them.**



Tickets go on sale Sat Feb 14

St. Patrick's Day Party
Saturday, March 14th
\$5.00 pp

tickets are available at the bar (starting Sat Feb 14th)

8 pm -12 am

MEMBERS AND GUESTS with tickets ONLY!
The front door will be manned and tickets will be collected.
The clubs' room will be closed 5 pm - 12 am (ticket holders only)

St. Patrick's day hats permitted. 5pm -12am



- Sign-up sheets are posted on the gangway bulletin board for various events and tournaments.
 - When you sign up, all names MUST be legible -(printed) and must contain FIRST and LAST name and membership number.
 - Avoid disappointment and cancellations by signing up early!!!!!!
 - Please make sure you pay the bartender at the time of signing up. (if applicable)
 - Only Members can sign the signup sheets!
- For the safety of our bartenders working at night, and closing late, we designated 2 parking spots close to the galley exit for our bartenders. Please be respectful of this and do not park in these spots. We want our bartenders to be as safe as possible when closing at night. Thank you.
- NO DRINKING ON THE DANCE FLOOR! For the safety of other dancers, due to spilled drinks (slippery floor), broken glass (if a drink is dropped,) and sloshing drinks on other dancers, we do not permit drinks on the dance floor.

Sandra Lightbody

Most-needed food items

- Peanut butter
- Jam
- Cheez Whiz
- Canned Meats
- Instant Oatmeal Packets
- Juice Boxes
- Instant mashed Potatoes
- Sidekicks
- Pudding cups
- Applesauce
- Chunky Soups
- Canned pastas
- Canned Beans

Donations for canned goods and non-perishable food items are being accepted at the club.

The donation box is inside the club in the gangway.

All goods donated to Operation Sharing Woodstock



Operation Sharing
Woodstock







February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	2 	3	4	5 Thursday dinner 6-8pm McDonald's Soup & Salad	6 12noon Lunch 5-7pm Dinner Beach Party DJ Ian Crandall 7-10pm	7 Horse Races 1:15pm
8 Soup cookoff 11am-2pm Super Bowl Party 5pm-close	9	10	11	12 Thursday dinner 6-8pm Wings & Whistle Dog /fries	13 12noon Lunch 5-7pm Dinner	14 Horse Races 1:15pm Valentine Party The Wright Stuff 7pm-10pm
15	16 Family day open 11am- 8pm	17	18	19 Thursday dinner 6-8pm Wings & Bacon Cheeseburger /fries	20 12noon Lunch 5-7pm Dinner	21 Horse Races 1:15pm Borspiel-off site Borspiel dinner 5-7pm Willie and friends 7-10pm
22 Executive Meeting 10am	23	24	25 Steak Dinner 5:30-7 pm General Meeting 8 pm	26 Thursday dinner 6-8pm Wings & Loaded Nachos	27 12noon Lunch 5-7pm Dinner Voodoo Kingz 7-10pm	28 Horse Races 1:15pm

CENTURY 21

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Entertainment

George Spilak

All entertainment has no cover charge unless otherwise stated.



Friday, February 6

Beach Party-summer attire encouraged

DJ Ian Crandall

7-10pm



Saturday, February 14

Valentine's Party

The Wright Stuff

7-10pm

Saturday, February 21

Live entertainment

Willie and Friends band

7-10pm

Entertainment - all members' welcome

Friday, February 27

Live Entertainment

Voooodooo Kingz

7-10pm

Saturday, March 14th

Live entertainment

The Vineyards

8pm-12am

St. Patrick's Day Party..... ticketed event

Pre purchase tickets, only 140 tickets for sale



It's a
Party

Saturday, Feb 14th

Valentine's Party

Live entertainment

The Wright Stuff

7pm - 10pm

THE WRIGHT STUFF

• No Entry Fee • 50/50 Draw

**NO COVER CHARGE
FOR GREAT MUSIC**

Summer At The Club

Beach Party

Friday, February 6th

Beat the winter blues
Don't miss a fun party

Dinner
5 - 7 pm
Chicken
skewers
Potato Salad
Macaroni Salad

DJ
Ian Crandall
Beach tunes
7-10pm
No Admission Fee

Summer Drink
Vodka,
Cranberry
Juice, soda
Dressed up
for summer

Summer
Attire
Encouraged
Prize for best
summer shirt

- > NOTE: no tanky
showering,
- > no spaghetti
strap shirts,
- > no short
shorts.

Please leave coat's
zippers open!

Summer Games with prizes
50/50
Shuttleboard Shuffle

Good vibes, great music, unforgettable memories!

Saturday, February 21, 2026

Live entertainment

7-10 pm

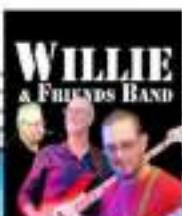
Following the Bonspiel Dinner



ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE WELCOME TO ENJOY THE
MUSIC OF



**WILLIE
& FRIENDS BAND**



Our shuffleboard, darts, and pool tables are available for our members to enjoy during non-league times. We kindly request that you take note of the scheduled league times and ensure your gameplay is completed without impacting the start times of the league.

Thank you for your cooperation

FEBRUARY

Feb's League Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 12:30pm Ladies Shuffleboard 5pm Snooker 6:30 Cornhole	3 12:30 Ladies shuffle Board 5pm Snooker	4 11:30 am Mixed Shuffleboard 7pm Darts	5 10:30 am Senior Men's Shuffleboard 6pm Mixed shuffleboard 6 pm Snooker	6	7 11am Snooker 1 pm Men's shuffleboard
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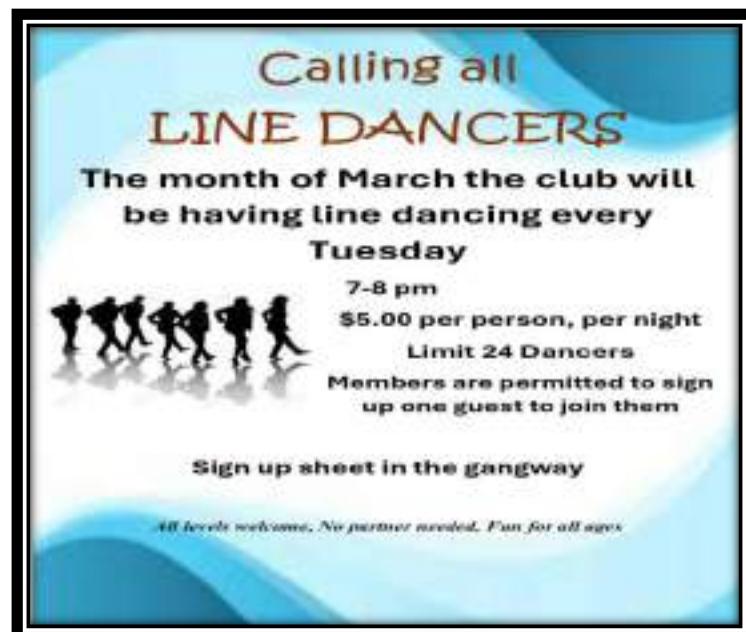
Sport's

Although we celebrate the winter sports, we also love our indoor sports at the Club. It's fun to play and fun to watch and celebrate along with. The leagues are in full swing and it's nice to see members coming in to enjoy a friendly game of shuffleboard, darts, pool or snooker. Feel free to come on down and enjoy the fun.

It's Superbowl month so good luck to all the football fans out there.

I also want to wish a Happy Valentines's Day to all the members their families and friends. I wrote this in January, I hope that groundhog had good news.

Ed Cowie



Grounds

We sure hope Spring comes soon! We are doing our best to keep everything clean. Once again cigarette butts are everywhere!!! We have had to pick up all kinds of cigarette butts from the parking lot, and snowbanks. There are ash trays provided for you, please use them and tell your guests to use them! We have better things to do than pick up YOUR cigarette butts.

Thanks to the crew on Leve day that helped sell the 50/50 tickets. It was a busy and fun day!

We are organizing a shuffleboard/darts/euchre tournament on Sunday, March 29, details are on the posted flyers. Sign up sheets are in the gangway, please make sure your first and last name are there and it's legible. Please sign up early for these events so we know how many to accommodate and to avoid cancellation if not enough members are interested.

We like to wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day

Gerrie & Bill Arthurs

Grounds Chairperson required for executive term 2026-2027

This is Bill and Gerrie Arthurs's last year as ground chairperson, and the Club will need a member to step up and take over this position.

Any member interested can take this year and learn about the duties and specifics of being Grounds. If you are interested, please talk to Gerrie & Bill Arthurs, or one of the Directors. It's a great club to be part of and a good group of volunteers on the executive to work with.

Secretary

Valentine's Day is a day some people look forward to in the middle of a dreary winter. Daylight is getting longer and milder days are coming. As your Secretary of the Navy Club, I am working hard to make sure you are kept informed on all of the issues. Please attend General Meetings where you will hear recent meeting minutes read as well as be part of the discussion going forward. Don't be shy - come on up and say "hi".

Marilyn McNeil,



Master At Arms

Happy 2026 Everybody. Been very busy as of late and staying busy in the next few months. Please make sure your guests are signed in if you see people not following club rules please inform them yourselves in a friendly manner as I'm not able to be there at all functions. The club is at full membership with lots of new members who may not be familiar with our rules.

Terry Cunningham



Directors

Bob Roloson Rick D'Entremont Brenda Wilson



Signup Sheet is in the gangway as of February 9th

- ✓ **Members Only**
- ✓ **First AND last name - legibly**
- ✓ **If you sign-up, please SHOW up!**

Coordinators : Bill & Gerrie Arthurs

Navy Club



Day of Tournaments

Sunday March 29th

Euchre  **Shuffleboard**  **Darts**

Shuffleboard \$10.00



10:45 start max 24 players.



Euchre \$10.00

12:30 start max 40 players.



Darts \$10.00

12noon start max 24 players.

Sign-up sheets are in the gangway

Tickets on
sale Feb 7

O.C.N.V.A.

Sports Committee Italian Night

Saturday, March 21st

\$25.00 per person



Dinner Served at 6:00 pm

Spaghetti & Meatballs, Chicken Parmesan, Caesar Salad, and Garlic Bread



Live Entertainment 7 pm – 10 pm

Wheelhouse

Dinner tickets are sold at the bar.
Only 120 dinner tickets available

TABLE RESERVATIONS WILL BE TAKEN - LOCATION WILL BE ASSIGNED BY
THE SPORTS COMMITTEE



ATTENTION PLEASE

Leaving the main club room early for events!!

When a TICKETED EVENT is planned.....
the main club room will be closed at 5 pm and members will need to move to the sports room for the entertainment chairperson or committee to set up.

OCNVA Sport's Committee

The Sports Committee would like to thank Woodstock Minor Hockey for allowing us to host their Coaches Breakfast on Sunday January 11th. This event was well attended, and we look forward to hosting it again in 2027.

Upcoming events include:

- 70" Big Screen TV draw. It will be drawn during Superbowl on Sunday, Feb 8. Get your tickets at the bar.
- Navy Club Curling Bonspiel Sat Feb 21. Signup sheet is in the gangway, come out for a great time. Curling, food, and prizes. Curling and lunch at Woodstock Curling Club, dinner at the Navy Club, followed by live entertainment by Willie and Friends band.
- "Italian Night Dinner and Dance" on Saturday, March 21, \$25.00 a ticket, with the menu being: Chicken Parmesan, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Caesar Salad, and Garlic bread. Tickets go on sale Sat, Feb 7, 2026. Limited number of tickets for sale (120 tickets). Don't miss out..... get yours early! Reminder to sign the reservation signup sheet posted in the gangway.
- 649 Draw – we will be running another 649 draw early in March, keep an eye out for the board and sign up at the bar.
- Tickets are still available for Blue Jays vs Pirates ballgame May 24, bus trip.

Rob Osmond

Sports Committee

Executive Chairman – Terry Roloson

Secretary – Rob Osmond

Treasurer – Jeff Bloxidge

Sports – Laurie Fraser

Membership – George Spilak

Sports Committee Members

Bob Baird	Jeff Bloxidge	Steve Brown
Bryan Bucholtz	Harold Craib	Jamie Dixon
Mark (aka Stan) English	Laurie Fraser	Sean Jackson
Jim Keith	Tyler Rivers	Paul Robinson
Terry Roloson	Rob Osmond	Pat Smith
George Spilak	Troy Toth	Jim Walker
Tim Wettlaufer	Chris Whetstone	

If you would like to get involved and become a member of the Sports Committee, please put your name forward to our Chairperson, Terry Roloson, or Membership George Spilak, we always welcome members to join us.

member.

What is the O.C.N.V.A. COLOUR PARTY

The O.C.N.V.A. Colour Party is a dedicated group of members who carry and represent the official flags (Colours) at ceremonies, parades, community functions and the Navy Club's General meetings

The Colour Party stands for the traditions of our Navy and carries the flags with reverence and pride. They follow specific drill, protocol, and dress codes, requiring training in flag handling and military bearing.

What They Do:

- **Represent O.C.N.V.A.:** They are visual symbols of the Navy's club commitment to veterans and Canadian military heritage.
- **Parade with Flags:** They carry the Canadian Flag, the O.C.N.V.A. Banner, and sometimes other military or association flags.
- **Participate in Ceremonies:** They are present at formal club events, Remembrance Day services, community parades, and special functions.
- **Uphold Protocol:** They learn precise flag drill.

Who Can Join:

- Any O.C.N.V.A. member in good standing can join.
- They learn drill, flag handling, and protocol through training sessions.
- The O.C.N.V.A. Colour Party is always looking for new members, if interested please speak to one of the Colour Party members.



In essence, the Colour Party brings solemnity and tradition to the Navy Club's events, honouring those who served and sacrificed

Colour Party

January was a busy month for the Colour Party.

Levee Day on January 1st had a great turnout, we would like to thank the Ingersoll Pipe Band for the entertainment they provided for the club that day.

We are looking to recruit new members this year, the following are just some of the events we march the colours/flags for:

- OCNVA monthly General Meetings
- Saturday, February 21st OCNVA Curling Bonspiel, held at the Woodstock Curling Club.
- Sunday, May 3 the Battle of the Atlantic Parade and Commemoration.
- Monday, May 18th Victoria Day Parade
- June 6, D-Day parade and ceremony
- August – opening ceremony for the Woodstock Fair
- November - Remembrance Day services in Woodstock, Inverkip, Chesterfield, Old St. Pauls' Church and the opening ceremony for the Navy Vets hockey game
- October, - Pumpkinfest where we have received plaques
- December, - the Santa Claus Parade
- January 1st, Levee Day
- Private funerals and "Celebration of Life" for club members

We host Saturday Horse races Jan to March, and we volunteer for selling poppies at Zellers on behalf of the Navy Club. The Colour Party has been around for more than 50 years. One of the founding members was Cecil Williamson.

We look forward to a great 2026.

Mary Couch Bob Brown

Levee Day 2026



Ingersoll Pipe Band



GALLERY CREW

Front to back

Connie Hahn, Tammy

Hewson, Jane Chisholm



President Bryan (back to middle)

Mary Couch, and

Diane Hanwell

President of the Colour Party &
Membership Chairperson

Best Funeral Potatoes

butter for greasing pan
1 tablespoon butter
1 medium onion diced
2 lbs hash browns frozen, diced (not shredded)
1/2 cup butter melted
21.5 ounces condensed cream of chicken soup (two 10.75 ounce cans)
2 cups sour cream
salt to taste
black pepper to taste
2 cups cheddar cheese freshly grated
3 cups corn flakes crushed
2 tablespoons butter



Preheat oven to 350° F. Prepare a 9×13 casserole dish by greasing with butter or nonstick spray.

Sauté onion in 1 tablespoon butter until translucent in a medium skillet. In a large bowl, add frozen hash browns, melted butter, cream of chicken soup, sour cream, grated cheese, cooked onion, salt, and black pepper. Mix together until combined.

Replace medium skillet to the heat and melt the remaining 4 tablespoons butter. Add in crushed corn flakes and stir to toast about 1 minute. Sprinkle over top casserole.

Bake uncovered for 40-45 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Serve hot.



It's cheesy, creamy, onion-y, and topped with the perfect layer of crispy cornflakes.

It's the ultimate comfort food.

Sports

Find and circle all of the Sports that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message - a Vince Lombardi quotation.

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BILLIARDS	FISHING	RUGBY	SWIMMING
BOCCIE	FOOTBALL	RUNNING	TENNIS
BOWLING	GOLF	SKATEBOARDING	VOLLEYBALL
BOXING	HANDBALL	SKATING	WRESTLING
CRICKET	HOCKEY	SKIING	

When older people say,
"Enjoy them while
they are young."
They are talking about
your knees and hips
not your kids.



I read the instructions manual
and it said I needed a large
screwdriver. So I got
out the Vodka and
orange juice, but
everything after
that remains a
complete
mystery.

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To the memory of those stout hearts, our shipmates and messmates who have not returned and will not be returning from the dark waters.

Somewhere in those unlit depths today they lie,
a torn steel hull their sepulcher, an ocean floor their abbey.
One remembers them not alone for the gallantry
of their sacrifice, but too because somehow
one's own life seems the richer for
having known their friendship.

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