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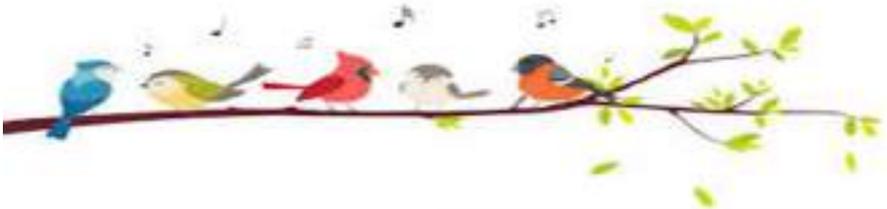
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President

Things look good at the club as we move into the warmer weather. We had some great meals, outstanding entertainment and strong supported leagues this winter. Thanks to everyone who came out and supported their club.



Supporting your club

- ✓ by attending functions, it ensures financial sustainability.
- ✓ Purchasing food or drinks at events provides immediate necessary income for the club.
- ✓ A higher turnout at meals or social events improves morale for members and the volunteers.
- ✓ Regular attendance at meetings helps ensure your club remains strong, and active.
- ✓ By attending and actively participating in these events, members move from merely being "vested" to being fully "invested" in their club's success.

Patio Reminder: The outdoor seating area (patio & smoking area) should be treated no differently than inside the club. Treating the patio as a "natural extension" of the indoor space rather than an afterthought. 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. Cigarette butts belong in the provided containers not on the lawn!! At the end of the day turn down your table umbrella.

Mark your Calendar:

“The Battle of the Atlantic” parade and commemoration ceremony, will be held on Sunday, May 3rd at 11:00 a.m. The parade will form up across James Street at 10:30 a.m. and March off at 10:45 a.m. As always, we need a good turnout from our membership, and I am hoping you will consider attending. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held indoors.

You can't always have a good day, but you can always face a bad day with a good attitude!

Bryan Bucholtz



Past President

May is the month for Nominations for the executive term
July 1st, 2026- June 30, 2027.



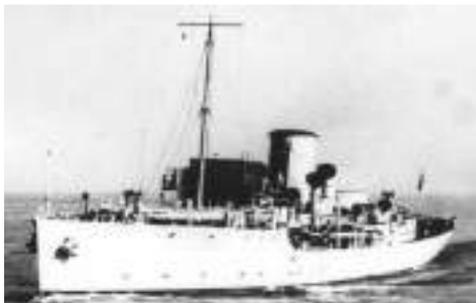
Interested in joining the executive team? Any member in good standing (who meets the criteria for the position) is eligible to run. Nominations are open for all executive positions, but we have key positions that are stepping down, (Grounds, Treasurer, Directors, Membership) and will need to be filled.

This is a great opportunity to get involved and make a difference.

Take the month of April and May and look over the positions, see what's involved and decide if it's for you. Current executives are available to outline their roles and responsibilities. We encourage interested members to put their name forward for a position at May's General Meeting on Wednesday, May 27, 2026..

Karen Sutherland

This meeting is dedicated to.....



HMCS Windflower

On the morning of 7 December, the convoy was off the Grand Banks, Newfoundland, when SS *Zydenberg* appeared thru the dense fog at only 400 yds. Collision was unavoidable and the large freighter sliced into WINDFLOWER's port quarter at a 45 degree angle. Within minutes of the collision the bulkhead near the damage gave way and the corvette began to flood. When the cold sea water reached the boiler room, the boilers exploded, causing many of the deaths.

Twenty-three of the RCN corvette's ship's company were killed in the incident.

We must never forget their sacrifice

Outstanding Club Members

Arpan Khanna MP wants to recognize any O.C.N.V.A. member who is outstanding in the club and community. A member who has gone above and beyond. Any individuals who has made extraordinary contributions in areas like community volunteering, and volunteering at our club.

If you know of any member, who is dedicated to making a positive impact at the club and in the community put their name and a short write up about them in an envelope, mark on it "Member recognized" and hand it in to the office, the bar or any executive member.



Thank you!



On behalf of the Navy Club, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to member Bryon Langdon for his generous donation of a large Canadian flag, to be flown outside our club. Thank you Bryon!



2nd Vice

Jeremy Jackson

Thursday Nights

Food served 6 pm – 8 pm

Thursday, April 2	Fish and chips - Pre purchase ticketed meal
Thursday, April 9	Wings and Bacon Cheeseburger/fries
Thursday, April 16	Wings and Back bacon on a bun/fries
Thursday, April 23	Wings and Loaded Nachos
Thursday, April 30	Wings or BLT/fries

The last Thursday night meals for the season, thank-you for your support, see you in the Fall!

Friday Lunches

12noon \$15.00

Friday, April 3	Good Friday Closed
Friday, April 10	Pork Schnitzel
Friday, April 17	Roast Turkey and Stuffing
Friday, April 24	Roast Beef
Friday, May 1	Lasagna
Friday, 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, April 3	CLOSED
Friday, April 10	Wings and Schnitzel on a bun
Friday, April 17	Wings and Flatbread pizza
Friday, April 24	Wings and Philly Cheesesteak
Friday, May 1	Wings and Lasagna
Friday, May 8	Smashed burgers (no wings)

Friday May 8 is the last Friday Lunch / Dinner for the season

NOTHING BRINGS PEOPLE
together
 LIKE GOOD FOOD

Saturday Lunches

Volunteers needed to prepare a Saturday lunch!

Something simple as soup/sandwich, hamburgers/fries
or something more.....you choose.

It's a great way to have fun with friends and support your club!

Sign-up your groupThe sign-up sheet is in the gangway



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



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

Oxford County Naval Veterans Association
Like our Facebook page.... meals and events are posted daily/weekly





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
- Marianne McMahon



Easter Weekend Hours



Thursday, April 2 nd (Fish Fry)	11 am – 12 am
Friday, April 3 rd Good Friday	CLOSED
Saturday, April 4 th	11 am -12 am
Sunday, April 5 th Easter Sunday	CLOSED
Monday, April 6 th	11 am – 11 pm

PATIO AND SMOKING AREA

Maintaining a clean, tidy, and safe patio and smoking area is essential for hygiene, aesthetics, and fire prevention.

- ❖ **Dispose of Cigarette Butts Properly:** Ensure cigarettes are fully extinguished by using provided containers. **Never** use plant pots, **grass**, or mulch for disposal as these can ignite.
- ❖ **Dispose of Trash Properly:** Always use designated garbage bins instead of littering to prevent pests and maintain an enjoyable environment.
- ❖ **Clean Up After Yourself:** Take all personal items, food waste, and trash with you when leaving, ensuring the area is ready for the next member.
- ❖ **Shared Responsibility:** Acknowledge that keeping the patio and smoking area clean is a collective responsibility, ensuring they remain safe and enjoyable for all members.





APRIL AT A GLANCE



Meals and entertainment

Thursday, April 2	Fish & Chip Dinner & Dance	5-11 pm
Thursday, April 2	Live Entertainment	7-10pm
	HWY 24	
Friday, April 3	CLOSED	
Monday, April 6	Easter Monday- Open	11am-11pm
Thursday, April 9	Dinner	6-8 pm
Friday, April 10	Lunch	12noon
Friday, April 10	Dinner	5-7 pm
Friday, April 10	Live entertainment	7-10pm
	The Piranhas	
Saturday, April 11	Live entertainment	2-5 pm
	Steve Beach & Stan	
Thursday, April 16	Dinner	6-8 pm
Friday, April 17	Lunch	12noon
Friday, April 17	Dinner	5-7 pm
Saturday, April 18	Karaoke	1-4 pm
	Chris Baker	
Sunday, April 19	Executive Meeting	10am
Thursday, April 23	Dinner	6-8 pm
Friday, April 24	Lunch	12noon
Friday, April 24	Dinner	5-7 pm
Saturday, April 25	Perch Fish Fry	5-7pm
Saturday, April 25	Live Entertainment	7-10pm
	Cobby's Kitchen Band	
Sunday, April 26	Brunch	10 – 11:30am
Sunday, April 26	General Meeting	12:30 pm
Thursday, April 30	Dinner (last one of the season)	6-8pm

All meals and entertainment are subject to change or cancellation.
Watch for notices in the gangway or on Facebook..

IF YOU ARE SICK:

Stay home	Cough or sneeze into your elbow, not hand	Wash your hands frequently	Get some rest and drink plenty of fluids

Battle of the Atlantic

The Battle of the Atlantic (1939-1945) was WWII's longest naval campaign, where Germany's U-boats tried to cut vital supply lines from North America to Britain, while the Allies (especially Canada's growing Navy) fought to protect them using convoys, air cover, and technology like radar and codebreaking. Canada played a huge role, protecting convoys and developing its navy from a small force into a major power, ultimately securing Allied supply routes against the U-boat threat and closing the "Mid-Atlantic Gap".

The Battle of the Atlantic lasted the duration of the Second World War in Europe, which officially ended on May 8, 1945 (known as V-E Day).

Royal Canadian Navy ships lost during the Second World War

HMCS FRASER	47 lost
HMCS CHARLOTTETOWN	191 lost
HMCS REGINA	30 lost
HMCS BRAS D'OR	30 lost
HMCS OTTAWA	114 lost
HMCS ALBERNI	59 lost
HMCS MARGAREE	142 lost
HMCS LOUISBOURG	42 lost
HMCS SKEENA	15 lost
HMCS OTTER	17 lost
HMCS WEYBURN	9 lost
HMCS SHAWINIGAN	91 lost
HMCS LEVIS	18 lost
HMCS ST. CROIX	147 lost
HMCS CLAYOQUOT	8 lost
HMCS WINDFLOWER	23 lost
HMCS CHEDABUCTO	1 lost
HMCS TRENTONIAN	6 lost
HMCS SPIKENARD	57 lost
HMCS ATHABASKAN	128 lost (86 captured)
HMCS GUYSBOROUGH	51 lost
HMCS RACoon	37 lost
HMCS VALLEYFIELD	125 lost
HMCS ESQUIMALT	44 lost
MTB (Motor Torpedo Boats)	40 lost



We must never forget their Sacrifice

<https://readyayeready.com/ships/rollcall-of-ships-lost-at-sea.php>

Navy Club members should attend

The Battle of the Atlantic

Parade and Commemoration Ceremony

Sunday May 3rd, 2026

11 a.m. (Navy Club parking lot)

Canada and its Naval community commemorate those lost at sea in the longest campaign of the Second World War

Join us in our memorial service

The Battle of the Atlantic was Canada's longest military engagement of the Second World War, lasting from September 1939 to May 1945. This battle was bravely fought by the men and women of the Canadian Merchant Navy, the Royal Canadian Navy, and the Royal Canadian Air Force.



We must never forget their sacrifice!





Membership

Our current total membership at the end of March stands at 864 members.

The breakdown of categories is below :-

#1 – Navy	21 members	#2 – Associate	36 members
#3 – Affiliate	413 members	#4 – Social	372 Members
H/L/P -	22 members		

The current differential balance of social members against the total club membership in the club is now up to 125 members or 43%. This means that the numbers for this year are looking very good and we should be able to start bringing in some new social members, possibly starting in June.

We have brought on board 10 new members in February and another 10 in March and the plan is to continue bringing in a similar number of new members each month while still giving priority to Navy, Associate and Affiliate applications. The applications for membership in April and May have already been processed by membership and will be reviewed by the Executive in the respective months. The waiting list now stands at 87 applications with 60 of that number being for Social membership. Although allocated, the applications for the next two months are still reported on the waiting list numbers by category and date.

If there are any questions about membership in the Club, please do not hesitate to contact me at membership@ocnva.ca and I will respond as soon as I can.

Looking forward to seeing all the members in the Club in 2026.

Dick Henshall

Obtaining an Armed Service Number:

If you are a #4 Social member and have or had a parent, son/daughter, sibling, grandparent or great-grandparent in the Armed Service, please submit their service number to the office or Membership Chairperson so we can make room for more Social members. If you don't know how to obtain the number, contact, Stephen J. Smith, historian researcher, and collector, at Stephenjsmith1978@rogers.com or call 519-536-952

**Only 2 months left for the
Executive July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026**

Executive Meeting
Monday, May 25, 2026 @ 7pm(fireside room)

General Meeting and Nominations
Wednesday, May 27, 2026 @ 8pm

Executive Meeting
Sunday, June 14, 2026 @ 9am
General Meeting and Elections
Wednesday, June 24, 2026 @8pm



Meeting Dates

Executive Meeting

Sunday, April 19th
10 am



Daytime General Meeting

Sunday, April 26th

12:30 pm

Brunch

Served between 10am – 11:30am

General Meeting Brunch Pre-Buy Meal Ticket
\$15.00 per person



- Scrambled eggs
- Home fries
- Sausage & bacon
- Baked beans
 - Toast
- Coffee and Juice



- Mimosas & Caesars will be available to purchase from the bar!

Brunch Meal tickets can be purchased BEFORE the General Meeting.

Tickets will be on sale Monday April 6

Guests are permitted to the breakfast but **ONLY MEMBERS** can attend the meeting.



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

Raymond McMullen (Moon)	March 9, 2026	OCNVA Member
Steve McNeil	March 11, 2026	OCNVA Member

Non-Members

Velma Kaufman	February 13, 2026	wife of Dan Kaufman
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I AM CANADIAN

Hey, I'm not a lumberjack, or a fur trader....
I don't live in an igloo or eat blubber, or own a dogsled....
and I don't know Jimmy, Sally or Suzy from Canada,
although I'm certain they're really really nice.



I have a Prime Minister, not a president.
I speak English and French, not American.
And I pronounce it 'about', not 'a boot'.

I can proudly sew my country's flag on my backpack.
I believe in peace keeping, not policing,
diversity, not assimilation,
and that the beaver is a truly proud and noble animal.
A toque is a hat, a chesterfield is a couch,
and it is pronounced 'zed' not 'zee', 'zed' !!!!



Canada is the second largest landmass!
The first nation of hockey!
and the best part of North America

My name is Joe!! And I am Canadian!!!

<https://speakola.com/arts/jeff-douglas-joe-i-am-canadian-molson-2000>



RCNA Director

'This year's annual RCNA meeting will be held in Calgary the weekend of September 24th to 26th. If you are interested in attending contact me for further information.

Fred Newton



Treasurer

The Club continues to be extremely busy. Keeping that in mind, it won't be very long (towards the end of April) that the various leagues and meals will be wrapped up. We will continue to need your support for our Club.

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

We have nominations and possibly an election coming up soon for your Club's Executive. If you are interested in participating with the Executive, be sure to let one of the Directors know your intention of putting your name forward.

As my tenure as Treasurer is coming to close, we do have a very qualified person willing to take over my position. I will be nominating this person once nominations are open.

Wishing everyone a safe and Happy Easter.

Lyle Ball

POS System

When purchasing from the bar:

- ✓ Cash or Cards only
- ✓ No cash back
- ✓ No tabs
- ✓ Debit cards - .04¢ per transaction charge included in your total sum.
- ✓ Credit Card - 3% of the total transaction cost included in your total sum.



e-transfer available

Available to pay for your membership,

pre-buy your General Meeting Steak Dinner tickets, club's dinner & dance tickets, or pay for club rental. Tickets will not be held until confirmation of payment is received.

Contact the office for more details.



Directors

Bob Roloson Rick D'Entremont Brenda Wilson



HELLO April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
**NOTE P.P. Private Party			1	2 Fich & Chip HWY 24 7-10pm	3 Good Friday CLOSED	4
5 Easter 	6 Open 11am- 11pm	7	8	9 Thursday dinner 6-8pm	10 12noon Lunch 5 - 7 pm Dinner The Paranhas 7-10pm	11 Steve Beach 2-5pm
12	13	14	15	16 Thursday dinner 6-8pm	17 12noon Lunch 5 - 7 pm Dinner	18 Karaoke with Chris Baker 1-4pm
19 Executive Meeting 10am	20	21	22	23 Thursday dinner 6-8pm	24 12noon Lunch 5 - 7 pm Dinner	25 Perch Dinner 5:30-7pm Cobby's Kitchen Band 7-10pm
26 Brunch 10-11:30am General Meeting 12:30 pm	27 P.P 6-9 pm	28	29	30 Thursday dinner 6-8pm Last Thurs night dinner		

No darts on General Meeting Night

All meals, entertainment, or events are subject to change or cancellation

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X MYTH #2:
"I need 20% down."

TRUTH: Many buyers qualify with far less.
Flexible options can get you
in a home sooner.

X MYTH #3:
"The market is crashing."

TRUTH: Our local market is stable.
Homes are still selling
with smart strategies.

X MYTH #4:
"There's nothing good out there."

TRUTH: The right home is out there.
Let's find it with a strong plan.

This Spring, Buy Smart — Not Scared.



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All entertainment has no cover charge unless otherwise stated.

Thursday, April 2 HWY24

7-10pm

Following the Fish & Chip ticketed event.

Friday, April 10

The Piranhas

7-10pm

Live entertainment

Saturday, April 11

Steve Beach & Stan Szymkow

2-5pm

Afternoon live entertainment

Saturday, April 18

Karaoke with Chris Baker 1-4pm

Join in the singing or come and listen.

Saturday, April 25

Cobby's Kitchen Band

7-10pm

Following the Perch dinner -ticketed event



Saturday, April 18th

KARAOKE

With Chris Baker

1 – 4 pm

Come enjoy a fun afternoon at the club!

Show us your talents or just enjoy listening.

WHAT HAPPENS AT KARAOKE STAYS AT KARAOKE

Unleash Your Inner Star - It's Karaoke Time!



- ✓ All Executives are **volunteers** who are not paid for their time or hard work. There are a total of 17 executive positions, see the front of the Port and Starboard to see positions and who holds them.
- ✓ Our staff comprises of 2 part-time office administrators, 10 bartenders, and custodial.
- ✓ **Volunteering** at the Navy Club
 - Galley – sandwich making, Celebration of Life lunches, Saturday lunches, (2nd Vice – Jeremy Jackson)
 - Grounds- is always appreciative of any help you can give helping around the grounds, - garbage pick up, . (Grounds Bill & Gerrie Arthurs)
 - Entertainment- always needs help running games, prizes, taking tickets for events, setting up for events. (Entertainment – George Spilak)
 - Sports- All leagues and tournaments are welcome. If you are interested in forming a league or having a tournament, please speak to Ed Cowie Sport’s Chairperson about the Navy Club’s protocols and available time slots.
- ✓ Benefits of **volunteering**, makes a positive difference for your club.

Sandra Lightbody

Do You Know “What’s happening at the Club?”

FLYER POSTINGS inside the club in the gangway. Flyers are posted for upcoming events and meals.

FACEBOOK – is kept up daily on what’s happening now and in the coming week.

PORT AND STARBOARD NEWS BOOKLET is published monthly (July & August has a summer issue), a limited number of paper copies are available, it is posted on our website and emailed out to members (if we have your email address).

WEBSITE – *Oxford County Naval Veterans Association, the Woodstock Navy Club* – posts upcoming events, meals, entertainment. You can view the recent and past Port and Starboards. Has club information, dress code, veterans’ resources, etc.....



Grounds

We are having our annual Spring clean-up for the Navy club grounds on Sunday, April 12th at 9:30 am. We appreciate all the help we can get, bring your garden rake and gloves. If possible, we need a couple of leaf blowers to clean up the parking lot. Early workers are welcome if 9:30am is too late.

High School students are welcome to come help for their community hours.

Someone with a truck is needed to haul garden debris to the city depot.

Rain Date will be Sunday, April 19th.

Reminder to smokers to use ashtrays provided, help us keep the grounds clean.

Bill and Gerrie 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.

If you are interested and want more information, 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.

**July 1, 2026- June 30, 2027 Executive nominations
are held the last Wednesday of May.**



Kids Fishing Derby



Due to the low water levels in the pond, the pond is still closed

~~CANCELLED~~

The Kids Fishing Derby will be cancelled again for this year.

Watch the gangway for up-to-date notices on the pond.

Cadet Corps to be homeless.

The local Sea Cadet and Navy League Corps have been parading in the building known as the '**Ship**' in Southside Park for more than 50 years.

They have now been informed by the City of Woodstock, that the building has been condemned and will be demolished.

The cadets will lose the use of the building at the end of the current training year in June.

The Branch is the organizing group that oversees the two corps and they are actively looking for a new home for the cadets.

If any members know of a hall or building that may be suitable for the cadets, can they please contact Dick Henshall at d_henshall@bell.net with details and if possible, a contact name.

Dick Henshall

Navy League of Canada, Woodstock Branch



Nomination – Wednesday, May 27

Elections (if needed) – Wednesday, June 24

Executive term July 1, 2026- June 30, 2027

2026/2027 Executive Nominations

Nominations for the 2026-2027 Executive will be taken until May 27st, 2026.

- The President & 1st Vice must be a member in good standing for 5 years.
- The President must have served one year or more on the executive.
- The RCNA Director must be Navy or former Navy.
- To serve as a director, you must have served 2 years or more on the executive.
- Job descriptions will be posted in the club. Any member willing to run for a position on our executive must sign a consent form.

Executive positions:

President (Resource Committee)

1st Vice-President (Cross the bar, Sick & Visiting)

2nd Vice President (galley)

Treasurer

House Chairperson (Resource Committee)

Entertainment Chairperson

Grounds Chairperson

Membership Chairperson

Publicity Chairperson (social media)

Sports Chairperson (leagues)

Secretary (Resource Committee)

Master-at-Arms

OCNVA Directors (3) (Resource Committee)

RCNA Director



Volunteering to be an executive member is one of the best ways to make a difference in your club. It also offers the opportunity to cross paths as well as, in many cases, quickly bond with people from the club. Volunteering as an executive member offers a way to have a real and lasting impact on your club.





Secretary

Happy Spring! Please check your Port and Starboard for some exciting upcoming events!

Marilyn McNeil



Master At Arms

Terry Cunningham



Elimination Draw tickets are available at the bar. Last ticket drawn wins! Get your ticket(s) early, they sell out fast. Draw will be held on Saturday, May 9th at 1pm
Sponsored by the OCNVA Sports Committee



Ringing of either ship's bells, which are hanging in the club room... constitutes the person who rang the bell to buy a round for everyone in the club! Don't ring it unless you plan on following this protocol.



Signing in for the Daily and Weekly

- Membership numbers must be legible.
- NO signing in for another member...ie wife, husband, partner, friend, etc.... The members themselves must be the one to sign the sheet.



Your mind is a garden. Your thoughts are the seeds.
You can grow flowers or you can grow weeds.



Sports

I hope everyone has a great Easter and enjoys the company of friends and family. The leagues are all wrapping up after a successful wintertime run of fun. If anyone is interested in running a summer league for any of our sports, please contact me and we'll get things organized.

Ed Cowie

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

Winter League schedule Sept -May

Monday

12:30pm Ladies Shuffleboard -Last league day Monday, April 27,2026

5pm Snooker- Last league day Monday, April 4, 2026

6:30pm Cornhole-Last League day Monday, May 11, 2026

Tuesday

12:30pm Ladies Shufflebord – Last league day Tuesday, April 28, 2026

5pm Snooker- Last league day Monday, April 4, 2026

Wednesday

11:30am Mixed shufflebord – Last league day, Wednesday, April 29, 2026

7pm Mixed Darts – Last league day, Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Thursday

10:30am Senior's men shuffleboard -Last league day Thursday, April 9, 2026

6pm Mixed shuffleboard- Last league day Thursday, April 30, 2026

6pm Snooker -Last league day, Thursday , April 4, 2026

Saturday

11am Snooker- Last league day Saturday, April 4, 2026

1pm Men's shuffleboard- Last league day Saturday, March 28, 2026

*Thank you to all our participants for making this season a great success and loads of Fun!
See you in the Fall!*



Bookings of the Club

Members ONLY can book the club.

When booking a date, Navy Club meals, events, and entertainment take precedence and are given priority.

O.C.N.V.A. members must fill out a “Special Occasion Request for Use of Facilities” form describing the event. The forms are available from the office or a bartender on duty.

Our facilities are always open to our membership during regular business hours. If you wish to have a “private function,” you must book your event on a Sunday.

If approved, you **MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE** for the ENTIRE EVENT. All guests must leave before or when you do.



Keep your invites to personal invitations (ie texts, private messages, paper invites) ...**NO Social media invitations – (Facebook, Instagram, mass emails).** Please let your family members and friends know this!



If this event is found to be advertised, promoted, or shared on any social media platform, it can be cancelled immediately **without refund**.

We are a private club, and **NOT** open to the public, your event should include family and friends you know only.

As a member reserving the club, you are **RESPONSIBLE** for all your invites...As the person who invited them, you are expected to manage their actions and ensure they do not become a burden or cause issues for the club.

NO OUTSIDE CATERERS ALLOWED.

Entertainment: You are financially responsible for any entertainment you wish to hire.

Any person under suspension from Club privileges **MAY NOT** enter the premises or be signed in as a guest for special occasions.

For the full Rental agreement and costs, see the office.

OCNVA Sport's Committee

Sports Committee would like to thank everyone that helped to make the curling bonspiel on Saturday, Feb 28 a success. Congratulations to Julie Porter for winning 50-50. A special thank you to John & Linda Force and Julie Porter for all their help at this event.

Upcoming events include:

- Annual Perch Fish Fry on Saturday April 25, with live entertainment to follow by “the Cobby’s Kitchen Party Band”. Tickets will be sold on Saturday April 4th
- Elimination Draw Saturday, May 9, 1 pm. Tickets are now available at the bar. Only 250 are available.
- Saturday, May 9 BBQ Pork Lunch 12-4pm. More information to come.

We would like to welcome Lou Mabee Sr as a new member to the Sports Committee. 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, Membership George Spilak, or any Sports Committee member. We always welcome new members.

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

Bryan Bucholtz

Mark (aka Stan) English

Jim Keith

Paul Robinson

Pat Smith

Jim Walker

Jeff Bloxidge

Harold Craib

Laurie Fraser

Lou Mabee

Terry Roloson

George Spilak

Tim Wettlauffer

Steve Brown

Jamie Dixon

Sean Jackson

Tyler Rivers

Rob Osmond

Troy Toth

Chris Whetstone

Colour Party

The Colour Party have been busy working with Peter Keith- House Chairperson, on a new design for the dais in front of the Navy Club. We think that it is going to be a improvement to the front of the club.

The horse races have been going very well, and **its** profits will go towards the repairs of the **dais**.

The Battle of the Atlantic Ceremony and Parade, Sunday, May 3rd, at 10:30am in the OCNVA parking lot. There will be light refreshments inside the club after the ceremony. Visit the fireside room for information on the Navy Club and its servicemen who fought in WW2.

Monday, May 24, has us marching the colours in the Victoria Day parade.

Saturday, June 6, D-Day parade, has us marching at the “Ship” in Southside Park.

We are always looking for new members! If you are interested in joining, please talk to one of the Colour Party members.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for your continued support. 🐾 We are officially in the home stretch—only 1 week left with the horse races....see you at the finish line.

Mary Couch
Bob Brown



Italian Meatball Soup

1st place in the Soup-er Bowl Cook-off Sunday, February 8, 2026

By Sandra Lightbody & Kelly Stringle

FOR THE MEATBALLS

1 pound ground beef
1 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning
1 egg
1/2 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon minced garlic
1/2 teaspoon dried parsley
1/2 cup breadcrumbs
1/4 teaspoon pepper

FOR THE SOUP

2 teaspoons olive oil
2 stalks celery sliced
15 ounce can crushed tomatoes do not drain
8 cups beef broth
2 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning
1/4 red pepper flakes
3/4 cup dry short pasta such as ditalini or orzo
2 tablespoons fresh parsley chopped

1/2 cup onion finely diced
3 carrots peeled and diced
16 ounce can tomato sauce
salt and pepper to taste
1 teaspoon garlic powder

FOR THE MEATBALLS

Place all the meatball ingredients in a large bowl. Stir with a large spoon or use your hands to combine all the ingredients. You can add a few teaspoons of water if needed to make the process easier.

Shape the meat mixture into small balls (1/2 inch to 3/4 inch in size). Add to soup mixture and simmer, (see for soup directions). Meatballs will cook faster the smaller they are.



FOR THE SOUP



Heat the olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add the onion, celery and carrots. Cook the vegetables for 4-5 minutes. Add the crushed tomatoes, tomato sauce, beef broth, seasonings, salt and pepper. Bring to a simmer. Add the uncooked *meatballs to the soup. Simmer for 60 minutes. Add the Pasta, simmer until pasta is tender. Top with parsley.

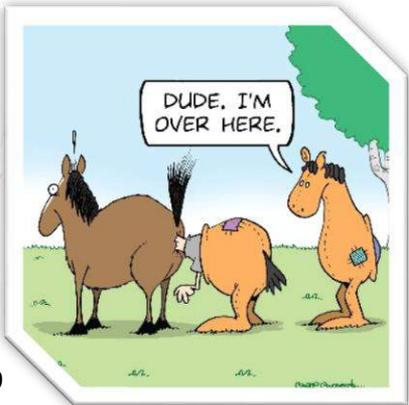
90's Songs

Find and circle all of the 1991's songs that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell an additional song. Answer on page 28

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| ALRIGHT | EVERLONG | LOUNGIN | SLIDE |
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| ANYTHING | FINALLY | MISSING | TELL ME |
| ANYWHERE | FOOLISH GAMES | MR. JONES | TIME |
| BIG POPPA | HERO | NO DIGGITY | TOO CLOSE |
| BLACK CAT | I KNOW | NO RAIN | TWO PRINCES |
| CRAZY | I SWEAR | NOBODY KNOWS | UNBELIEVABLE |
| CREEP | INFORMER | NOT TONIGHT | WANNABE |
| DEAR MAMA | JUMP AROUND | RUN-AROUND | WHO DAT |
| DECEMBER | JUMPER | RUNAWAY TRAIN | WITHOUT YOU |
| DISAPPEAR | LAST KISS | SAVE TONIGHT | YOU'LL SEE |

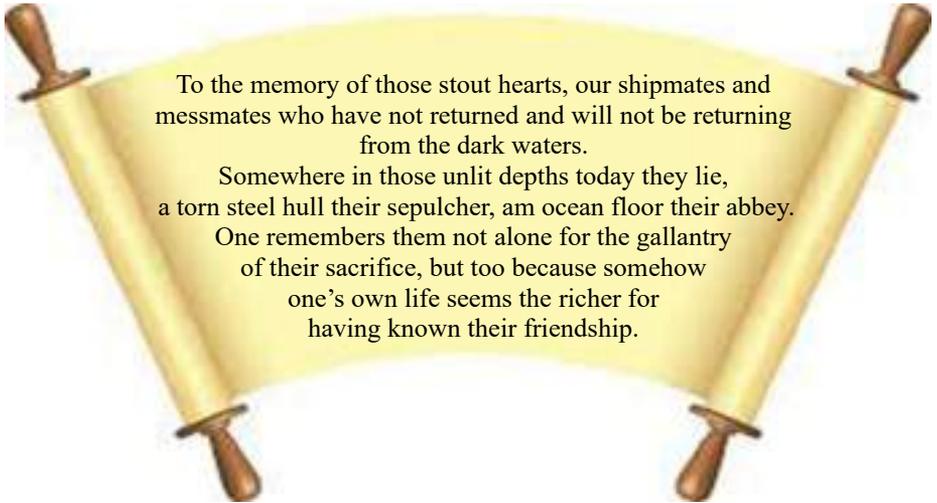
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SO I WAS AT WALMART EARLIER. A LADY WAS LOOKING AT FROZEN TURKEYS, BUT SHE COULDN'T FIND ONE BIG ENOUGH. SHE ASKED THE STOCK BOY, "DO THESE TURKEYS GET ANY BIGGER?" HE REPLIED WITH A STRAIGHT FACE, "NO MA'AM, THEY'RE DEAD." MADE MY WEEK.



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