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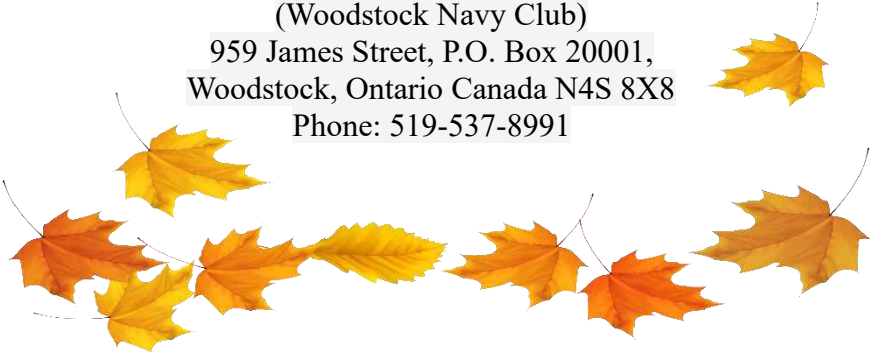
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Now that fall has shown its colours, things are picking up at the club. There are lots of events scheduled for October, including Oktoberfest and Halloween, our leagues have also started as well as our meals.



Christmas is around the corner, and we will be hosting a kids Christmas party on December 8. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the planning and execution of this party.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving enjoying good food and good company. Here at the Navy Club we are thankful for all of our volunteers and dedicated members.

Karen Sutherland



Past President

Val Masson

New Club Hours effective Monday, September 23

Monday	11 am – 11 pm ^{*new}
Tuesday	11 am – 11 pm ^{*new}
Wednesday	11 am – 12 am
Thursday	11 am – 12 am
Friday	11 am – 12 am
Saturday	11 am – 12 am



Club Room Closes Early

The club room is to be vacated early when ticketed events are scheduled. All members and guests are to vacate at the posted time so the club room can be set up for the ticketed events and Christmas Parties, excluding Halloween, and New Year's Eve- for these events, the whole club is closed to nonticketed holders. In most cases, the sports room with the pool tables will be available for your socializing.

Please be respectful and cooperative for these posted events.

“WHAT IF TODAY, WE WERE JUST GRATEFUL FOR EVERYTHING? ”

Charlie Brown

This meeting is dedicated to.....



HMCS Bras d'Or

On 17 October 1940,

HMCS Bras d'Or was ordered to proceed to Clarke City, Quebec, to shadow a Romanian freighter While departing *Bras d'Or* grounded herself on a shoal only minutes outside of port. She managed to free herself and continue on to Clarke City. Both ships encountered poor weather, and as darkness fell both ships turned on their navigation lights, an odd thing for a naval vessel to do during wartime. On the 19th it was reported that the lights of *Bras d'Or* had suddenly vanished.

It is believed that she had sustained unnoticed hull damage when she had run a ground, and that it combined with the poor weather and sea conditions led to her destruction, she sank with all hands.

5 officers and 25 ratings perished.

We must never forget their sacrifice

Note:

HMCS Bras d'Or was not the only vessel to be lost in the St. Lawrence during WW2. Between May 1942 and November 1944 in what historians now refer to as the "Battle of the Gulf of St. Lawrence", a total of 19 merchant ships and 4 naval ships were sunk in the St. Lawrence river and gulf by a few German U-boats. At least 340 people—136 of them aboard the Newfoundland ferry—died as a result of these attacks.

www.merchantships2.tripod.com/brasdor/brasdor.html

<https://www.canada.ca/en/navy/services/history/ships-histories/bras-dor.html>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMCS_Bras_d%27Or_\(FHE_400\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMCS_Bras_d%27Or_(FHE_400))

FRIDAY LUNCHES



12noon \$15.00

September 27	Ham and Scalloped Potatoes
October 4	Crispy Chicken
October 11	Roast Turkey and Stuffing
October 18	Roast Beef
October 25	Pork Schnitzel
November 1	Crispy Chicken
November 8	Lasagna and Caesar Salad
November 15	Ham and Scalloped Potatoes
November 22	Pork Chops
November 29	Roasted Chicken Breast
December 6	Pork Schnitzel
December 13	Roast Beef
December 20	Roast Turkey and Stuffing
December 27	NO Lunch
January 3	NO Lunch
January 10 – May 9	TBA

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



October's Friday Night Dinners

5- 7 pm \$15.00

Friday, September 27	Smashed Burgers, and fries
Friday, October 4	Oktoberfest- ticketed event
Friday, October 11	Wings or Beef on a Bun
Friday, October 18	Wings or Hot Beef sandwich with fries
Friday, October 25	Wings or Schnitzel on a bun with fries

Saturday Lunches

Volunteers needed to prepare a Saturday lunch!

We have over 900 members and only need a few to pick a Saturday and prepare a 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 group

The sign-up sheet is in the gangway.

Autumn leaves and pumpkins, please!



2nd Vice

Bryan Bucholtz

Thursday nights
Sept 5 - Dec 26, 2024
Football and Food (to be announced weekly)
at the
Navy Club
Food
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Game time @ 8:20 p.m.

Please bring a container for leftovers or pay a donation of \$2.00 per container.

The donation container will be in the galley.



WHEN YOU PURCHASE TICKETS FOR AN EVENT

Events – Table Reservations



Most ticketed events from the Sports Committee, Colour Party, or special events from Entertainment request you sign the sheet for a table reservation. Make sure you sign your table up at the time you purchase your ticket!

Avoid the disappointment of not having a table reserved for you and your group on the night of the event!

The committees will assign the location of table seating. Sign-up sheets are posted in the gangway....





House Peter Keith

Oxford County Naval Veterans Association

Bartenders

Daytime..... Dan Wilkins

Evenings and Weekends - (Alphabetical)

Tracy Ditchfield

Jamie Dixon

Gary Docherty

Mark English

Heather Ewen

Steve Gilbert

Sean Jackson

Lindsay Lenaukas

Shelley Norton



Monday, October 14th

OPEN 11 am – 8 pm

Private Bookings of the Club

Members ONLY

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.

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

You must pay a set donation for the use of the club, payable at the time of booking.

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

- NO OUTSIDE CATERERS ALLOWED.
- A 50% deposit of food booked is required at the time of booking for the number of guests booked.
- 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.
- OCNVA Dress Code: MAKE SURE YOU & YOUR GUESTS FOLLOW OUR DRESS CODE.

For the full Rental agreement, see the office.



1st Vice-Chairperson

Keep the Club Informed!!!!

When you know of a Veteran, club member, or their immediate family, who has “Crossed the Bar” or is in the hospital Please let us know by contacting the club’s office 519-537-8991 or Email – office@ocnva.ca

May your life be full of both Thanks and Giving!

Dennis Beattie



“Crossed the Bar”

Donations have been made on behalf of:

Members

Ray Corbett

August 27, 2024

OCNVA Member

The picture of King Charles has arrived and is hanging at the back of the stage.



RCNA Director

Vacant





Meeting Dates

Executive Meeting

Sunday, October 20th 10 am

General Meeting

Daytime

General Meeting

Sunday October 27th 12:30 pm

Breakfast \$15.00

Served between 10:00 am – 11:30 pm

Scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, bacon, home fries
baked beans, toast, coffee, and juice.

Mimosas and Caesars will be available to purchase!

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

Tickets for Breakfast will be available from the bar after October 1st





Membership

The sad news this month is that one of the long-time Honourary members of our club has crossed the bar. He was also a long-term member of the Colour Party and took part in all the parades on behalf of the club, he will be sorely missed. On a more positive note, I now have twelve applications for this month, and it is rewarding to see that three of the applicants are grandchildren of current or former members. One of the applicants has asked if they can be assigned their grandfather's membership number and we try to accommodate these requests. At the last executive meeting, the decision was made to cap the Club membership at 950 members. The tokens for the daily/weekly draws, the Clover computer system, and the blue membership sign-in book are set up for 1000 members and we already have a member with a 997 membership number, the cap is strictly for the total number of members. With our current total membership very close to the new cap, we will now be introducing a waiting list to better control our membership applications.

Our current total membership now stands at 932 members and the breakdown of the membership categories is :_

Navy -	26
Associate -	34
Affiliate -	422
Social -	424
H/L/P -	26



The membership database is now fully set up on the Clover computer system and as we approach the year end, it is very important that we review and update our records. Throughout the year, if you have changed address, phone number, e-mail etc. can you please notify the club, and we can update our records. You can contact the office by phone at 519 537 8991 or by email at office@ocnva.ca. You can also contact the membership chair at membership@ocnva.ca.

Dick Henshall



When attending a general meeting for the first time, sign the attendance book and get your card stamped to prove you have attended your yearly meeting.





Executive email addresses

President	president@ocnva.ca
-Any issues or inquiries about the club.	
Secretary	secretary@ocnva.ca
-correspondence	
Publicity	publicity@ocnva.ca
-publicity, email addresses	
Entertainment	entertainment@ocnva.ca
-entertainment bookings and correspondence	
Membership	membership@ocnva.ca
-Membership-related issues	
House	house@ocnva.ca
Treasurer	treasurer@ocnva.ca



Treasurer

With the Club fully open and functioning with the start-up of the various leagues as well as Thursday and Friday lunches and dinners all members have the opportunity to come out, enjoy the company of your fellow members, and support your Club.

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

The back room has been completed and is ready for anyone to rent this space for a small function. The fireplace has been serviced and is operating which will provide a heated space during the fall, winter, and spring months.

I look forward to seeing all of you back in the Club. The Club needs your support to continue being a successful Club and covering our operating costs and maintenance when needed.

Theresa and I want to wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving Day weekend.

Lyle Ball



Grounds

We hope everyone had a great summer. The pond will be closed for the fishing season on Saturday, September 28th.

The 2 parking spots, designated for "STAFF ONLY" have been identified with pavement paint. Please DO NOT PARK IN THESE SPOTS.... Please be respectful of this, we want our bartenders to be as safe as possible when closing at night. Thank you.



Remembrance Day is not far off, and we will need people to volunteer to sell poppies at Zehrs. The signup board will be in the gangway as soon as we are notified when we can start. Please sign up.

We should certainly count our blessings, but we should also make our blessings count. Happy Thanksgiving.

Gerrie & Bill Arthurs



Directors

We are currently looking for a 3rd director, please read your blue by-law book for OCNVA Directors' duties. To be a director you must have served on the executive for 1yr.

We are still looking for an RCNA Director, they must be Navy or Ex-Navy.

Wishing our members, the happiness of good friends, the joy of a happy family, and the wonder of the holiday season. Have a memorable Thanksgiving!"

Nancy Wettlaufer

Rick D'Entremont

Vacant Position



Master At Arm

I hope everyone is ready for fall. This is just a reminder that hats are not allowed in the club room, please honour our veterans by removing your hat before entering.

Terry Cunningham



Secretary

From our home to yours, Happy Thanksgiving.

Marilyn McNeil



October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			Bluegrass and Old Time Country Jam 7-9 pm	6pm Wings & food 8:20pm Football 	Crispy Chicken Lunch 12noon Octoberfest Dinner Eric Hatzenbuehler	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			Bluegrass and Old Time Country Jam 7-9 pm	6pm Wings & food 8:20pm Football 	Turkey Lunch 12noon Beef on bun Dinner 5-7 pm Trysted Sister 8-11pm	Lunch 12noon -1pm Meat Draws 1-3pm
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Open 11am-8 pm 		Bluegrass and Old Time Country Jam 7-9 pm	6pm Wings & food 8:20 pm Football 	Roast Beef Lunch 12noon Hot Beef sandwich Dinner 5-7 pm No entertainment	Tex Mex Lunch 12noon -1pm KARAOKE 1-4 pm 
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Executive Meeting			Bluegrass and Old Time Country Jam 7-9 pm	6pm Wings & food 8:20pm Football 	Pork Schnitzel Lunch 12noon Pulled Pork on a Bun Dinner 5-7 pm No entertainment	 Halloween Dance 8-11 pm "The Vineyard"
27	28	29	30	31		
General Meeting 12:30pm Break fast 10 - 11:30 am			Bluegrass and Old Time Country Jam 7-9 pm	6pm Wings & food 8:20pm Football		

HAPPY
HALLOWEEN



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Entertainment

George Spilak

No admission fees unless otherwise stated.



Friday, October 4th

Eric Hatzenbuhler

Live entertainment 8-11 pm
following Octoberfest dinner- ticketed event

Friday, October 11th

Trysted Sister

Live entertainment 8.-11 pm

Friday, October 18th

No Entertainment

Saturday, October 19th

Karaoke

1-4 pm

Friday, October 25th

No Entertainment

Saturday, October 26th

The Vineyard (ticketed event)

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Live entertainment 8 pm - 12 am

Ticketed Event – \$5.00 pp Tickets are on sale at the bar!

Costumes encouraged!



Friday, October 4th

Following the Sports Committee Octoberfest Dinner (ticketed event)

Live Entertainment

Eric Hatzenbuhler

Band

PROST
(CHEERS)



Music
8 -11pm

All members are welcome (after dinner) to enjoy the music and dance.

No cover charge






HELP SUPPORT YOUR CLUB BY ATTENDING THE ENTERTAINMENT PLANNED FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT!

Saturday, October 19th

**KARAOKE**

With
Chris Baker

Come enjoy a fun afternoon at
the club!

Show us your talents or just enjoy listening.

WHAT HAPPENS
AT
KARAOKE
STAYS AT KARAOKE

1 - 4 pm

Lunch
12noon - 1pm
Check gangway
for what's cooking

don't miss out!

Every Wednesday

Bluegrass and Old Time Country Jam



For Your Enjoyment, every Wednesday from 7 to 9 PM the Thames Valley Bluegrass & Old Time Country Pickers will be here to play for you. Anyone can join in and play with us, it is an open microphone Jam, and we welcome all who wish to play. There are no electrical plug-ins only acoustic instruments. Please microphones onstage only..



Publicity

Don't miss out on the news and events at the club.

Email publicity@ocnva.ca and get on the e-mailing list, members only.

Happy Turkey Day! I wish you the best time with your family and friends, as the holiday fills your home with warmth and laughter. Enjoy the feasting!



Sandra Lightbody.

**Saturday, Sept 28
and Oct 12**

MEAT DRAW

Try your luck at winning
some prizes!

1 pm

(4 games, 4 prizes)
\$3.00 per game

lunch 12noon- 1pm





Sport's

The month of October will see the start of most of the club's sports leagues.

Watch the gangway bulletin boards and Facebook for the RCNA Sports Day results, which was held in Brantford on September 21st.



A weekly Monday Night Euchre League will be starting on Monday, September 23. Start time will be 6:30 pm, \$5.00 entry fee, NO sign up sheet, just show up!

Looking to hold one event/tournament a month on available Saturdays. Watch for more news on October's event/tournament, tentatively scheduled.

Laurie Fraser

The club works best when we have volunteers and the support of the community.

August 24th Golf Tournament

Thanks to our organizers:

Mike Smith
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Brian Bucholtz
Galley Crew

The feedback has been nothing but positive.

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OCNVA Sports Committee

On October 4 we are hosting an Oktoberfest Dinner, complete with a great selection of traditional Oktoberfest food which we will be served 5:00 -7 p.m. Pork Schnitzel, Sausage, and City Chicken. Following dinner, the club has booked entertainment by Eric Hatzenbuhler for all members to enjoy, 8-11 pm.

Keep an eye out in early November for another 649 draw.

The Sports Committee would like to thank all the shuffleboard leagues for their donations for the refinishing of the shuffleboard table. Good luck to all the teams this year.

Have a Safe & Happy Thanksgiving.

Rob Osmond

O.C.N.V.A. Sports committee



Oktoberfest
Dinner
Friday, Oct 4th

5-7pm **\$25.00 per person**

- ◆ Pork Schnitzel ◆ Breaded City Chicken ◆
- ◆ Sausage & Sauerkraut ◆ Mashed Potatoes ◆ Bun ◆

Tickets sold at the bar.
Table Reservations are needed – sign up at the time of ticket purchase.
Sign-up sheet in the Gangway

*All members are welcome to enjoy the
Music of Eric Hatzenbuhler and his band
8-11 pm*

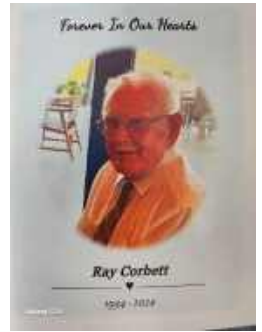
**Happy
Thanksgiving**



Colour Party

The Colour Party is in full swing for the fall, we have been busy.

It was a tough one for us, we were the honorary marchers for one of our long-time comrades. It was an honour to be part of Ray Corbett's memorial and to honour a veteran of 27 years. Rest in peace, we will miss you and your wisdom.



We will be marching in Ingersoll on October 15th for the Battle of Britain service.

The Battle of Britain was a military campaign of the Second World War, in which the Royal Air Force and the Fleet Air Arm of the Royal Navy defended the United Kingdom against large-scale attacks by Nazi Germany's air force, the Luftwaffe. It was the first major military campaign fought entirely by air forces.



Monday, November 11th, some of the Colour Party will be marching in the Innerkip Remembrance Day service and some of us will be in Woodstock at the service at the Cenotaph (on the corner of Buller St. and Graham St.)

Mary Couch
Bob Brown

The Colour Party is always looking for new members, if interested in joining please talk to one of the Colour Party Members.

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We are so looking forward to our Christmas dinner and dance, In October, the tickets will be on sale at the bar and from each member of the Colour Party, watch for flyers. We look forward to seeing some of you there - Country and Western Themed, Roast Beef and Ham dinner.





Ticketed Event!

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Ticket holders only -ONLY MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS

Tickets must be purchased by members only!

\$5.00 per person- limited 150 tickets available

Clubs room will be closed 6 pm-12 am (ticket holders only)

Front doors will be manned and tickets will be collected!



OCNVA Woodstock Navy Club

Halloween Party



Saturday, Oct 26th

8 pm -12 am



Live Entertainment by



Tickets \$5.00pp

Limited # tickets

Only members can purchase tickets



Costumes are Encouraged

MEMBERS AND GUESTS with tickets ONLY!

The front door will be manned and tickets will be collected.

The clubs' room will be closed 6 pm -12 am (ticket holders only)



O.C.N.V.A. COLOUR PARTY
Country Christmas Dinner & Dance
Saturday, November 23rd
\$25.00 per person

Tickets are available from the bar - sign up for your table reservation

6:30 pm Dinner

Roast Beef & Ham, mashed potatoes, veggies, salad, roll & dessert

8:30 pm Live Entertainment

Midlife Crisis



Table Reservations will be taken

Sign-up sheet in the gangway

*Seating location will be
assigned by Colour Party*

LIVER AND ONIONS



LUNCH



Saturday, Nov 16th

12noon \$12.00 per person

*Purchase your meal ticket from the bar.
after 11 am on Saturday, November 16th*



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1 box (14.1 oz) refrigerated Pillsbury™ Pie Crusts (2 Count), softened as directed on box

PUMPKIN PIE FILLING

3/4 cup packed brown sugar
1 can (15 oz) pumpkin (not pumpkin pie mix)
1 1/4 cups half-and-half
2 eggs
1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice



PECAN PIE FILLING

2/3 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup light corn syrup
3 eggs
2 cups chopped pecans

Heat oven to 375°F. Remove pie crusts from pouches. On lightly floured surface, unroll and stack crusts one on top of the other. Roll to 17x12-inch rectangle.

Fit crust into ungreased 15x10x1-inch pan, pressing into corners. Fold extra crust even with edges of pan. Crust should come to top edge of pan, sealing any tears in crust.



In large bowl, using whisk, mix Pumpkin Pie Filling ingredients until well blended. Pour filling over crust; spread evenly. Bake 25 to 28 minutes or until filling is set.

Meanwhile, in medium bowl, using whisk, mix all Pecan Pie Filling ingredients except pecans until well blended. Stir in pecans. Carefully spoon over pumpkin pie filling, spreading evenly.



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. Answer on page 24

L W S E S S O R C A L O I F N N E
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BOCCE	FOOTBALL	RUNNING	TENNIS
BOWLING	GOLF	SKATEBOARDING	VOLLEYBALL
BOXING	HANDBALL	SKATING	WRESTLING
CRICKET	HOCKEY	SKIING	



Did you hear about the Italian Chef who died?

He pasta away.
 Here today, gone tomato.
 How sad he ran out of thyme.
 His family cannoli do so much.
 You never sausage a bad thing.
 Sending olive my love to the family.
 His legacy will become a pizza history.
 His wife is still upset, cheese still not over it.

"It wasn't THAT under-cooked."

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.

Happy
Fall

Attention IT'S THAT TIME A YEAR AGAIN

Please **do not** visit or come into



the Navy Club if you have:

- **Fever, cough or cold symptoms**
- **Diarrhea and/or vomiting**



Thank you for helping keep our members well!



ERNIE HARDEMAN
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