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<u>President</u>



Welcome 2025! I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season. 2024 was a year filled with lots of

entertainment and activities, including the renovation of the universal bathroom. The year ended with the return of the kid's Christmas party which was a great success as well as the New Year's Eve festivities and Levy Day.

We are always looking for volunteers and if you are interested in becoming a volunteer reach out to an executive member to find out how you can sign-up. Let's have another amazing year!

Karen Sutherland



Attention;

Any member who did not attend the required yearly meeting in 2024 and has not contacted the membership chairperson in writing to be exempt, will be suspended as of February 1st.



BY Law

YEARLY MEETING NOTICE

If you live in Oxford County, you must attend at least. **1 meeting per year**, to ensure your Membership or be <u>expelled for a period</u> <u>of not less than one year.</u>

All Association privileges will cease for the 2025 year and such person shall not be allowed to attend any functions sponsored by the Association in the clubrooms or be in the clubrooms as a guest.

Should you desire to be reinstated, an application for reinstatement is required and it shall be subject to the same qualification as if he had never been a member.

There are 8 evening and 2 Sunday daytime meetings to accommodate all members.



This meeting is dedicated to

HMCS Croix



20 Sep 1943 HMCS St. Croix was torpedoed and sunk while escorting a convoy.

68 crew members were lost. Of the 5 officers and 76 ratings picked up by the British frigate HMS Itchen, only one, Leading Stoker William Allen Fisher, survived the sinking of the Itchen a few days later.

We must never forget their sacrifice

HMCS St. Croix I81 - 18 Dec 1940

A battered HMCS St. Croix enters Halifax Harbour after enduring a powerful North Atlantic storm. This photograph shows some of the damage inflicted on St. Croix, including guardrails hanging over the ship's side (center) and broken windows on the ship's bridge (top center). Less visible but more serious storm damage included bent steel plating on the bridge and below-deck flooding caused by massive waves. The photograph also emphasizes the ship's narrow hull, which contributed to its instability in heavy seas and to poor handling.





Membership membership@ocnva.ca

This will be the first report for the 2025 membership year, and I look forward to another busy year for the membership chair. As in previous years, we have held back all the new member applications received in late 2024 and these are being held until the Executive meeting in February 2025. We currently have 43 applications still on hold from 2024. At the end of January 2025, we will know how many new members we can bring on board given our cap of 950 members in the club. Unfortunately, there is no guarantee that all the 2024 membership applicants will be accepted as members until possibly later in the 2025 membership year.

As I clean up the membership list at year end and prepare the new sign-in book ready for the February 2025 General meeting, I would again ask that if you know of any members that are unable to attend a General Meeting through illness, mobility, work schedules, etc. to please let me know so I can mark the book accordingly to maintain their membership status.

In past years, the club has been somewhat lenient on late payment of membership dues but given our high membership numbers, this year, the cut-off date for the payment of 2025 dues is <u>fixed at January 31 2025</u>. After this date, the membership numbers for nonpaying delinquent members will have to be reassigned and members will lose their club membership and be subject to the 12-month suspension. Again, I would ask that if you know of any members who cannot pay their membership dues through illness, out of the country, etc., please let the club know and we will work with them to avoid impacting their membership.

Current membership is now at 939 members and the breakdown is as follows:-

Navy -		27
Associate	•	34
Affiliate -	-	431
Social -		432
H/L/P -		25
TC		

If you need to update your personal information, address, phone numbers etc. please contact me at <u>membership@ocnva.ca</u> or the office <u>office@ocnva.ca</u> and we can easily make the changes in the computer system.

To all the returning members, all the very best wishes for 2025, and to any new members, welcome to the Club and I look forward to seeing all the members in 2025.

Dick Henshall



When attending a General meeting for the first time in the year, please make sure you sign the attendance book and get your card stamped for proof of attending your yearly meeting.



January Meeting Dates



Executive Meeting Sunday January 19th @ 10am



General Meeting Wednesday January 29th @8pm

Last meeting date to attend a yearly meeting to ensure your 2025 membership.

Steak Dinner 5:30pm- 7pm ^{\$22.00} Pre buy or purchase the day of.....

You will have the opportunity to pre- buy your steak dinner ticket. Starting the week before the meeting you can pre-buy OR come meeting night and buy your dinner ticket.



Guests are permitted to steak dinners but only members can attend the general meetings.

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.



2nd Vice

I want to thank all the galley volunteers for their help this season. We have had a very successful year because these people stepped up and gave so much to help. Great Job!

Cheers to the New Year! May 2025 be an extraordinary one.

Bryan Bucholtz

Friday Lunches

100	\$15.00	12noon
January 3	NO Lunch	
January 10	Ham & Scalloped F	Potatoes
January 17	Lasagna	
January 24	Roast Beef	
January 31	Pork Schnitzel	
February 7	Krispy Chicken	
February 14	Roast Beef	
February 21	Lasagna	
February 28	Pork Chops	
March 7	Chicken Schnitzel	
March 14	Irish Beef Stew	
March 21	Ham & Scalloped F	Potatoes
March 28	Krispy Chicken	
April 4	Roast Turkey	
April 11	Pork Schnitzel	
April 18	Good Friday (CLOSED
April 25	Roast Beef	
May 2	Lasagna	
May 9	Ham & Scalloped F	Potatoes



Friday Night Dinners \$15.00

5-7 pm

January 3	NO Lunch
January 10	Smashed Burger (no Wings)
January 17	Wings or Lasagna -Live entertainment: Steve Beach
January 24	Wings or Hot Roast Beef sandwich
January 31	Wings or Schnitzel on a bun - Live Entertainment: The Piranhas

All lunches and dinners are subject to change or cancellation! Check the Gangway and Facebook for notices.

A minimum donation of \$2.00 for take-out containers



Thursday Night Dinners 6-8pm

- Thursday, January 2 No Dinner Thursday, January 9 Wings, Club House sandwich with fries Thursday, January 16 Wings, Meatball subs Thursday, January 23 Wings, Whistle Dog with fries
 - Wings, Bacon Cheeseburger







Weekly Sandwich Crew **Celebration Of Life Food** Thursday Night Football Galley Crew Friday Lunch Galley Crew Friday Night Dinner Galley Crew General Meeting Steak Dinners Saturday Lunch Volunteers Volunteers who help with ticketed meals, Special Occasion/Bookings, Fish dinners,

Thank you so much!

A big shout out to the guys and gals who volunteer their time to prepare some great meals.





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 Lenauskas Shelley Norton

Navy Club Hours

Monday	11 am – 11 pm
Tuesday	11 am – 11 pm
Wednesday	11 am – 12 am
Thursday	11 am – 12 am
Friday	11 am – 12 am

Executive email addresses

President	president@ocnva.ca		
-Any issues or	inquiries about the club.		
Secretary	secretary@ocnva.ca		
-corresponden	ce		
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-publicity, ema	il addresses		
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entertainme	nt bookings and correspondence		
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-Membership-	related issues		
House	house@ocnva.ca		
Treasurer	treasurer@ocnva.ca		

publicity@ocnva.ca



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Make sure we are in your contact list!

To be sure our emails always make it to your inbox, add us as a contact! <u>publicity@ocnva.ca</u>

Check your "Spam Mail" - some email providers are filtering emails! Want to be on our list- email publicity with your name, membership #, and email address.

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



CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR CLUB www.ocnva.ca Oxford County Naval Veterans Association "the Navy Club"

Sandra Lightbody



Master at Arms

Happy New Year to all fellow members. Please keep in mind this club is all our club to be preserved and treated with respect.

Terry Cunningham



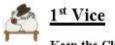
Grounds

Bill and I thank all the volunteers who helped with this year's poppy campaign collections. Great job done!

Poppy collectionZehrs\$4779.00Out of town\$1020.00Navy Club\$ 257.00Bill and I standing in.\$3831.00Miscellaneous\$97.00Total\$9,241.00

May the New Year bring you happiness, peace, and prosperity. We are wishing you a joyous 2025!

Gerrie Arthurs & Bill Arthurs



Keep the Club Informed!!!!

When you know of a Veteran, club member, or club member's spouse, or parent, 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 – <u>office@ocnva.ca</u> Dennis Beattie

Sympathy donations were made in the name of:

Member

Val Masson – past president Dec 01st, 2024 OCNVA Member



December 2024



Walter Baker James Kramer David Melbourne George Spilak SR Larry Turvey Bruce Wharram "Crossed the Bar" (alphabetically) Mabel Brown Jane MacQueen Elizabeth Orlicky John Smith G. Lyn Wallace Ron Young

2024 OCNVA MEMBERS

Ray Corbett Val Masson Emest Pellow Ralph Tayler Keith Walton







Avoid the disappointment of music not being booked because of low attendance.....support your club by attending the functions booked for members no cover charge for great music!!!





Our Navy Club continues to host numerous events, lunches, and dinners.

Please be sure to come out and support these meals and events. The club is only as strong as you support it.

In the upcoming months, the Colour Party will be starting with their horse races on Saturdays. This is always a fun way to enjoy a Saturday afternoon with friends and come out to support them and the Club.

The financial statements are posted in the gangway so that any member can look at them. Thank you to all the members who participate and volunteer their time to make our club what it is. Without these people, we would not have such a vibrant club.

I'm sure you will be seeing this in a number of reports in this month's Port & Starboard, but this is a reminder to get your mandatory meeting in before the end of January 2025 and be sure to pick up and pay for your membership card renewal either at the General Meeting or at the bar.

As 2024 wraps up, it's good for us all to reflect on the numerous changes, upgrades, and renovations which were completed over the year. There have been numerous items this year; existing washrooms upgraded & refreshed, a new handicap accessible washroom, POS (Point Of Sale) that replaced our old cash registers, new wood fencing, landscaping along the back of the parking lot, a sea can for additional storage, Fireside Room renovation and upgrades and theses are just a few of the things completed and the list goes on. All of these various upgrades need to be completed in order to keep our grounds and facility in tip top shape for all of us to enjoy. It also gives us an opportunity to show case our facility to people that visit our Club.

I would like to wish everyone a Healthy & Happy New Year.

Lyle Ball



Directors

Rick D'Entremont, Bob Roloson, Brenda Wilson



I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Fred Newton



Secretary

secretary@ocnva.ca

We wish you health and happiness and a Happy New Year from our house to yours.

Marilyn McNeil.



Sat	Fri	Thurs	Wed	Tue	Mon	Sun
4	3 NO LUNCH NO DINNER	2 NO DINNER	1 Levee Day 11 am -8 pm			
11 Horse Races 1:15 pm start	10 Ham Lanch Smached burgers Dinner	9 Wings Chŵ sandwich with tries Dinner 6-Spm	8 Dart League Starts back7pm	7	6	5
18 Cabbage roll lunch 12noon Horse Races 1:15 pm start	17 Lasagna Lanch Lasagna Dinner Steve Beach 7-10pm	16 Wingy Meathall sub with fries Dinner 5-3pm	15	14	13	12
25 NO HORSE RACES Winter Sports Day 12 – 6 pm	24 Roast Beef Lunch Hot Beef Dinner	23 Wings Whistle dogs with fities Dimer 6-Spm	22	21	20	19 Executive Meeting 10 am
	31 Pork Schnitzel Lamch Schnitzel on Ban Dinner Piranhas 7-10 pm	30 Wings Azon chevolurger with fries Dinner 5 fipm	29 Meeting 8 pm Steak Dinner 5:30-7 pm	28	27	26

All Lunches and Events are subject to cancellation or change!

Kid's Christmas Party

Tracy Geilen, Colleen Cant, Kelly Stringle, Lynne Walker, Mrs. Claus (Mert McMahon) Tracey Crandail, Carlene Smith, Kim Deitch, Santa Claus Rose Dona, Vonda Bullock, Susan Barta, Sandra Lightbody, Nancy Kropf Grace Oliver-Fhuit

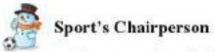


Mike Haber Pat Rolston, Heather Werby, Karen Eckert, Corinne Haber









Vacant

All our sports leagues are going well. We urgently need more curlers for the February 8 Curling Bonspiel. Sign up sheet is in the gangway.



PLEASE STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK



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

> ALWAYS REMEMBER Cover your cough and meezes. Avoid touching public surfaces. Wash your hands often.

League's schedule

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

Thank you for your cooperation!



OCNVA Leagues - All leagues are for members only.

Monday ladies' afternoon shuffleboard Coordinator: Linda Jackson	12:30 pm	
Tuesday ladies' afternoon shuffleboard Coordinator; Nancy Kropf		12:30 pm
Wednesday mixed darts Coordinator; Nancy Kropf		7:00 pm
Thursday morning senior men's shuffleboa Coordinator; Ted Morris	urd	10:30 am
Thursday night mixed shuffleboard Coordinator; Bill & Gerrie Arthur	'S	6:00 pm
Saturday afternoon men's shuffleboard Coordinator; George Spilak		1:00 pm
Snooker League. Coordinator; Ed Cowie	Monday Tuesday Saturday	5-9 pm 5-9 pm 11-3 pm
Thursday Snooker league		6-9 pm

All leagues and tournaments are welcome. If you are interested in forming a league or having a tournament, please speak to the Sport's Chairperson about the Navy Club's protocols and available time slots.



Private Bookings of the Club

Members ONLY can book the club.

<u>Club Rentals are available for members only</u> (rental for a non-member is no longer accepted).

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.



All Guests must be signed in, the guests are the responsibility of the member who signed them in.

Guests are not permitted to come in earlier or leave later than the member.

Please ensure your guests follow our rules and dress code!



SIGN UP EARLY!!

Throughout the year, sign-up sheets are posted on the gangway bulletin board for various events and tournaments



Events may be canceled weeks before the event if not enough names are on the sign-up sheets.

Avoid disappointment and cancellations by signing up early!!!!!

The club is only as strong as its membership......



Saturday Lunches

The Club needs volunteers to prepare a Saturday lunch! Sign-up sheet in the gangway Especially with the horse races every Saturday, it would be nice to have lunch before. A great way to support your club and have fun with friends.

Colour Party Christmas Dinner Galley Crew

Thanks to the Sports Committee for cooking a great Christmas meal



Sport's Committee Christmas Dinner Galley Crew

Thanks to the Colour Party & Friends for cooking a great Christmas meal





Sports Committee

Happy New Year, hoping everyone enjoyed the holiday season.

The Sports Committee would like to thank everyone who attended our Christmas Party on Saturday, December 7th. A special thank you goes out to the Colour Party for the preparation and serving of our Christmas meal, it was wonderful as always. Keep an eye out for future events including a 649 draw in early March as well as Italian Night scheduled for March 22.

The sports committee would like to thank Lyle Ball for his years of dedication. Lyle stepped away from the committee at the end of 2024.

We also welcome Laurie Fraser as a new sports committee member.

2025 Sports Committee Executive

Chairman – Jamie Dixon Secretary – Rob Osmond Treasurer – Jeff Bloxidge Sports – Laurie Fraser Membership – George Spilak

2025 Sports Committee Members

Steve Brown Mark (aka Stan) English Jim Keith Terry Roloson Jim Walker Bryan Bucholtz Laurie Fraser Tyler Rivers Pat Smith Tim Wettlaufer Harold Craib Sean Jackson Paul Robinson Troy Toth Chris Whetstone

Rob Osmond Secretary, OCNVA Sports Committee

If anyone is interested in joining the Sports Committee, please contact Jamie Dixon (chairperson), George Spilak(membership), or any Sports Committee member.



4 Tickets to Navy Vet Home Game winners Nancy Kropf, Steve McNeil, Tim Wettlaufer, Brenda Wilson



Colour Party

The Colour Party had another busy month and a lot of fun doing so. We marched in the Santa Claus parade and had a great turnout of the Navy league, who marched with us, a big thank you to all of them who came out to support us. We had our Christmas dinner and dance on Saturday, November 23, and would like to give a big thank you to the Sports Committee men who did a fabulous job cooking for us.

Saturday, December 7th the Colour Party cooked for the Sports Committee Christmas dinner and we had a great turnout of help from our Colour Party and their spouses. Thank you to Glen Couch, Deb Worthington, Kim Mayberry, Jason Mayberry, Carol Henshall, Candy Beintema, and Linda Lockhart, for their help, we could not have done it without your help.

We would like to wish everyone a happy New Year, don't drink and drive- be smart and safe. Hope to see everyone in 2025.

Mary Couch Bob Brown

> President: Dick Henshall Treasurer: Nancy Wright Colour Commander: Aaron Worthington Assistant Colour Commander: Kevin Lockhart Secretary (Publicity): Mary Couch Kit and Stores: Mary Lou Fruin Communications : Jason Beitema Special Events: Bob Brown Members: Jason Mayberry *The Colour Party is always looking for new members, if interested in joining please talk to one of the Colour Party Members.*









6 ounces sharp cheddar cheese, cubed 3 ounces Havarti cheese, cubed 1 red bell pepper, sliced 1/4 cup black olives 1/4 cup green olives stuffed with pimentos 1 tablespoon olive oil 1 tablespoon white distilled vinegar 1/2 teaspoon dried Italian herbs



Instructions:

1. In a mixing bowl, combine all ingredients and stir well to coat everything evenly .

2. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours. Before serving, allow it to sit at room temperature for 15 minutes

Enjoy this flavorful appetizer!

TIPS & NOTES:

This may be served immediately upon making, but will not have quite as much flavor.



A husband and wife were driving through Louisiana. As they approached Natchitoches, they started arguing about the pronunciation of the town. They argued back and forth, then they stopped for lunch. At the counter, the husband asked the waitress, "Before we order, could you please settle an



argument for us? Would you please pronounce where we are very slowly?" She leaned over the counter and said, "Burrr-gerrr King."

A teacher asked her students to use the word "beans" in a sentence. "My father grows beans," said one girl. "My mother cooks beans," said a boy. A third student spoke up, "We are all human beans."



Answers on page 28



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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Answers to puzzle on page27

- 1. 4 get it (forget it)
- 2. Jack in a box
- 3. Somewhere over the rainbow
- 4. Back door
- 5. Read between the lines
- 6. Blood is thicker than water
- 7. Beeline
- 8. Cancelled Flight
- 9. Once upon a time
- 10. Green eggs and ham
- 11. Try to understand
- 12. Downtown
- 13. Bump in the night
- 14. First Aid
- 15. 1 in a million
- 16. Apple Pie
- 17. Ice cube
- 18. Rocking around the Christmas tree
- 19. Think outside the box
- 20. 6 feet under the ground
- 21. Won by a nose
- 22. Too big to ignore (2 big 2 ignore)
- 23. Half baked
- 24. Neon lights

Karen Sutherland

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