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CLUB HOURS

Mon 11am-11pm
Tues 11am-11pm
Wed 11am -12am
Thurs 11am-12am
Fri 11am-12am
Sat 11am -12am
Sun- CLOSED



President

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November already! It was another great year at the club!

Thanks to John DeVries, Mike Overholt, Rob Osmond, Terry Cunningham, Paul Langford, Wayne Murphy and the other volunteers for the work they have done to get our pond levels back up. A huge thank you to Karen Sutherland, Lyle Ball and Peter Keith, for their incredible dedication, persistence, and hard work with the city, this matter has finally been resolved and fixed. The saying is “it takes a village” and in our case ‘It takes a club’ to support and accomplish what needs to be done. Thank you to all those who were involved in resolving our pond water issue.



The poppy board is in the gangway. Please consider signing up to sell poppies at our table, which will be located inside Zehrs. Any amount of time will be appreciated.



Remembrance Day, Wednesday, November 11, will be held at the Cenotaph (on the corner of Buller St. And Graham St.).
Light lunch to follow at the Navy Club.

Our meal schedule is back in full swing! Join us for a Thursday dinner, Friday lunch, or Friday dinner. Your attendance directly supports the club and helps us continue providing excellent meals and entertainment for our members and guests.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the administration staff, the bartenders and the custodian of the Navy Club for the tremendous effort they put in, day in and day out, to make sure that our members and the club are well looked after. Many of us do not see all the demands placed on our staff, but their work is greatly appreciated.

To succeed in life, you need three things - a wishbone, a backbone and a funny bone.

Bryan Bucholtz



This month is dedicated to.....

HMCS Guysborough



March 17, 1945

HMCS Guysborough was traveling alone when she was hit by a torpedo. The torpedo struck the stern which caused significant damage and a slight list to port, but the ship refused to sink. At 19:35 she was fired upon again which struck on the starboard side. The vessel slowly sank after 35 minutes. 43 crew died while waiting for rescue. 40 crew survived.

We must never forget their sacrifice



Past President

Please be kind. We expect our members to treat everyone they encounter at the club respectfully.

We have a zero-tolerance policy for verbal abuse. This includes people you have brought as guests. Insulting, swearing at, or threatening staff or others results in immediate action, such as service restriction or suspension from the club.

What Verbal Abuse Includes

- **Shouting and yelling:** raising one's voice or screaming at staff or other club members.
- **Profanity:** Using bad language, curses, or swearing.
- **Insults:** Making personal attack, rude comments, or demeaning statements.
- **Slurs:** Using racial, religious, sexist, or discriminatory language.

It's a shame that we even have to spell this out. Bottom line, if this is the way you like to conduct yourself, we don't want you as a member.

Karen Sutherland





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



Wednesday, November 11, 2026

Open 11am -12am

Ceremony at the Cenotaph

Followed by a light lunch at the Navy Club

“Specific Dress Code in Effect on Special Days”!

Wednesday, November 11th Remembrance Day: show respect for our veterans by dressing neatly and orderly.

Saturday, November 28th is the Colour Party Christmas with semi-formal attire. No Jeans or ripped clothing permitted.

Saturday, December 12th is the Sports Committee Christmas Dinner and Dance with a dress code in effect. NO jeans or T-shirts.



Friday, January 1st, Levee Day at the club is a huge event, but to honour our Veterans, a **DRESS CODE WILL BE IN EFFECT from 11 am to 1 pm.**

No jeans, t-shirts, work clothes or casual attire are permitted during that time!! The rest of the day will be relaxed, although the club has a standard dress code that will be in effect.

Please remind your guests of our Dress Code for these dates.



November AT A GLANCE



Meals and entertainment

Thursday, Nov 5	Dinner	6-8 pm
Thursday, Nov 5	Football on TVs	8:20 pm
Friday, Nov 6	Lunch	12noon
Friday, Nov 6	Dinner	5-7 pm
Friday, Nov 6	Live entertainment	7-10 pm
The Piranhas		
Saturday, Nov 7	Grilled Chicken Lunch	12-1pm
Wednesday, Nov 11	Remembrance Day lunch	after the ceremony
Thursday, Nov 12	Dinner	6-8 pm
Thursday, Nov 12	Football on TVs	8:20 pm
Friday, Nov 13	Lunch	12noon
Friday, Nov 13	Dinner	5-7 pm
Friday, Nov 13	Live entertainment	7-10pm
Steve Beach and the Boys		
Saturday, Nov 14	Liver Lunch	12-1 pm
Monday, Nov 16	Executive Meeting	7pm
Thursday, Nov 19	Dinner	6-8 pm
Thursday, Nov 19	Football on TVs	8:20 pm
Friday, Nov 20	Lunch	12noon
Friday, Nov 20	Dinner	5-7 pm
Friday, Nov 20	Live entertainment	7-10pm
Bottoms Up		
Saturday, Nov 21	Pig Tail lunch	12 – 1 pm
Wednesday, Nov 25	Steak Dinner	5:30-7 pm
Wednesday, Nov 26	General Meeting	8 pm
Thursday, Nov 26	American Thanksgiving Football	
	Galley food	12noon-8 pm Thursday, Nov 26
	Football on TVs	12:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 8:15 pm
Friday, Nov 27	Lunch	12noon
Friday, Nov 27	Dinner	5-7 pm
Saturday, Nov 28	Colour Party Christmas Dinner & Dance	6 pm
	Midlife Crisis	8-11 pm

All meals and entertainment are subject to change or cancellation.

Watch for notices in the gangway or on Facebook.

Show your support for the club by participating in our meals and events.

If you send Publicity the details of your event or meal, before the 2nd Friday of the month, it can be promoted in the next month's Port and Starboard.

Let's keep our members in the loop on what's cooking and what's coming up next.

MEETING DATES

Executive Meeting

Monday, November 16 @7pm.

Fireside room

General Meeting

Wednesday, Nov 25th, 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.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Wednesday, November 11, 2026

at the Cenotaph (on the corner of Buller St. and Graham St.)

10:00 am bus will pick up at the Navy Club

10:30 am Pre-laying of Wreaths

11:00 am Ceremony

Light lunch at the Navy Club after the Cenotaph

Navy Club open 11 am – 11 pm





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

Sympathy donations have been made in the name of the following:

Thomas (Tom) Furlong	July 2, 2026,	OCNVA Member
William (Bill) Ebel SR	Sept 2, 2026,	Father of Bill Ebel - correction
Larry Marks	Sept 15, 2026,	OCNVA Member
Ron Lonsberry	Oct, 17 2026,	OCNVA Member

IN WATERS DEEP

In ocean wastes no poppies blow,
 No crosses stand in ordered row,
 Their young hearts sleep.... beneath the wave....
 The spirited, the good, the brave,
 But stars a constant vigil keep,
 For them who lie beneath the deep.

Tis true you cannot kneel in prayer
 On certain spot and think “he’s there.”
 But you can to the ocean go....
 See whitecaps marching row on row:
 Know one of him will always ride....
 In and out.....with every tide.

And when your span of life is passed,
 , He’ll meet you at the “Captain’s Mast.”
 And they who mourn on distant shore
 For sailors who’ll come home no more,
 Can dry their tears and pray for these
 Who rest beneath the heaving seas.....

For stars that shine and winds that blow
 And whitecaps marching row on row.
 And they can never lonely be
 For when they lived..... they chose the sea.



Tickets will be on sale from the bar Sat., Nov.14th

Let's Celebrate!

New Years Eve

Thursday, December 31st

\$25.00 pp

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE BAR

9:00 pm – 1:00 am

(DOORS OPEN AT 7 pm) (No table reservations)

Live Entertainment

New



The best in Motown, Funk, 80's R&B, Disco Reggae and Classic Rock

◆ Dress code in Effect — Dressy Casual or Cocktail Dress ◆

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





Publicity

THE PORT AND STARBOARD



The Port and Starboard, a monthly publication edited and produced by Publicity Chairperson on behalf of the Oxford County Naval Veterans Association (aka – the Woodstock Navy Club) and is free to all OCNVA members.

To view a copy, visit www.ocnva.ca, or there is a limited number of paper copies in the gangway or have it emailed to you as a member. publicity@ocnva.ca

EACH ISSUE CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ★ President report
- ★ Executive reports
- ★ Upcoming events and entertainment
 - ★ Meals
- ★ Club news, and protocols,
- ★ League calendar and Club calendar
- ★ Sponsors Ads to help offset the cost of the printing of the booklet (cover is printed in a batch once a year)
- ★

Does the club have your correct and up-to-date contact information?

✓ Mailing address ✓ Phone number ✓ Email address

Having the correct contact information is crucial for both members and the club to maintain communication, to keep you informed of club news, and for membership identification. Please inform the office of any changes in your contact information.

✓ Call the office 519-537-8991 Judy or Jennifer ✓ Email the office@ocnva.ca

Emails

If you are a newer member and are not receiving emails from the Navy Club Publicity, your email might have been overlooked being sent to me. Please email publicity@ocnva.ca and I will add you to my list. Don't miss out on club news and upcoming events, make sure I have your email address. Members only.



*Some people are always grumbling because roses have thorns;
I am thankful that thorns have roses.*

Sandra Lightbody



Master at Arms

Cheryl-Anne Haber



Membership

Your new membership cards are ready and available for purchase at the Bar **Monday to Friday, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Please note that cards **will not be available during evenings or on weekends**, so be sure to attend one of the scheduled Membership Renewal Dates listed below.

Sunday, October 25	General Meeting
Saturday, November 14	11 a.m. -1 p.m.
Saturday, November 21	11 a.m. -1 p.m.
Wednesday, November 25	General Meeting
Saturday, December 12	11 a.m. -1 p.m.
Wednesday, December 16	General Meeting
Saturday, December 19	11 a.m. -1 p.m.
Saturday, January 9	11 a.m. -1 p.m.
Saturday, January 16	11 a.m. -1 p.m.
Wednesday, January 27	General Meeting

Keeping Your Membership Information Up to Date

The Navy Club is required to keep accurate and up-to-date information for all members. To help with this, I've added a QR code to each membership card for 2027-28.

Simply scan the QR code using your phone's camera, and you'll be able to view the information we currently have on file for you in our Clover Membership Database.



Please take a moment to check that your information is correct! If anything needs to be updated, send me an email at membership@ocnva.ca with your corrected contact information or drop a note in the membership box in the Gangway.

QR Code

As a reminder, all members are required to attend at least one General Meeting each year to maintain their membership. There are only three General Meeting dates remaining this year, so please make every effort to attend one if you haven't already.

The membership break down is as follows:

Navy: 24
Associate: 45
Affiliate: 457
Social: 391
L/P/H: 18

Total: 935 members

Waiting list:55 applications

If you know of any members who are unable to attend due to illness, mobility issues, work schedules, moving out of town, or other circumstances, please let me know. I'm happy to make a note in the membership book so their situation can be taken into consideration, and their membership status can be maintained.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events and having the chance to get to know you all a little better.

Tracy Geilen



Treasurer

The financial statements will be posted in the gangway so all members can review them.

Josh Middleton

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.



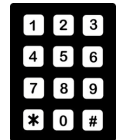
KEYPAD CODE

The keypad code is for all OCNVA members in good standing to use to gain entry into the club.

It is NOT to be given to guests or non-members.

Your guests ARE NOT TO USE the keypad for entry.....ESPECIALLY if you ARE NOT with them.

Any member found giving out the code will be asked to meet with the resource committee to discuss their membership status.



Secretary

It's a busy Autumn at the club. We are having great meals at Friday lunches/dinners - thank you Galley volunteers.

Soon, we'll be looking forward to the Christmas season with dances and dinners. Let's kick up our heels and celebrate the season in our awesome club.

Marilyn McNeil



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

Saturday, Nov 7th

Lunch
12noon-1 pm

**Grilled Chicken
Fries & Salad**



**Lunch
time**

**12noon
-1pm**

Liver and Onions



Lunch



Saturday, Nov 14th

12noon

\$13.00 per person

Purchase your meal ticket from the bar.
after 11 am on Saturday, November 14th

**Saturday, November 21
Lunch 12 - 1 p.m.**



Pig Tails

Sauserknaut, Baked Beans
& fries



**LUNCH
TIME**

Meal tickets can be
purchased day of,
from the bar





From the Galley

Football Season - Thursday Nights

Food served 6 pm – 8 pm

Game at 8:15 pm



- November, Thurs 5 Wings or Club Sandwich with fries
November, Thurs 12 Wings or Peameal Bacon on a bun /fries
November, Thurs 19 Wings or Broccoli/Cauliflower Cheddar Soup with
grilled cheese
November, Thurs 26 American Football. See flyer on pg. 17



With the increasing cost of take-out containers,
please bring your own container for your leftovers or
pay a minimum \$2.00 donation for a takeout

Friday Lunch & Dinner

Lunch 12 noon \$15.00

- Friday November 6 Krispy Chicken
Friday, November 13 Lasagna with Caesar salad
Friday November 20 Ham & Scalloped Potatoes
Friday, November 27 Pork Chops

Dinners 5-7 pm \$15.00

- Friday November 6 Wings or Nachos in a bag/fries/salad
Friday, November 13 Lasagna/garlic bread/salad (no wings)
Friday November 20 Smash Burgers/fries/salad (no wings)
Friday, November 27 Wings & Ribs with baked potato/salad

All meals are subject to change or cancellation. Check out the gangway or Facebook.



November

*PP – Private party

All meals and events are subject to change or cancellation.

See the sports calendar
for leagues and times pg 23

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Saving time Fall back 1 hour PP 1-4pm	2	3	4	5 6 -8pm dinner 8:20pm Football	6 12noon lunch 5-7pm Dinner Angelo 7-10pm	7 Grilled Chicken Lunch 12-1pm
8 PP1-4pm	9	10	11 	12 6 -8pm dinner 8:20pm Football	13 12noon lunch 5-7pm Dinner Steve Beach & the boys 7-10pm	14 Liver Lunch 12-1pm <i>New Year's Eve tickets go on sale</i>
15	16 Executive Meeting 7pm	17	18	19 6 -8pm dinner 8:20pm Football	20 12noon lunch 5-7pm Dinner Bottoms up 7-10pm	21 Pig tail lunch 12-1pm PP 1pm- 12am
22	23	24	25 Meeting 8pm Steak Dinner 5:30pm	26 American Thanks giving Football 	27 12noon lunch 5-7pm Dinner PP 7pm-12am	28 Colour Party Country Christmas Dinner and 
29	30					

CENTURY 21

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REMEMBRANCE

DAY

NOVEMBER 11

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Entertainment

George Spilak

Friday Nov 6
Live entertainment

Angelo & Friends 7-10 pm
no cover charge

Friday Nov 13
Live entertainment

Steve Beach & the Boys 7-10 pm
no cover charge

Friday Nov 20
Live entertainment

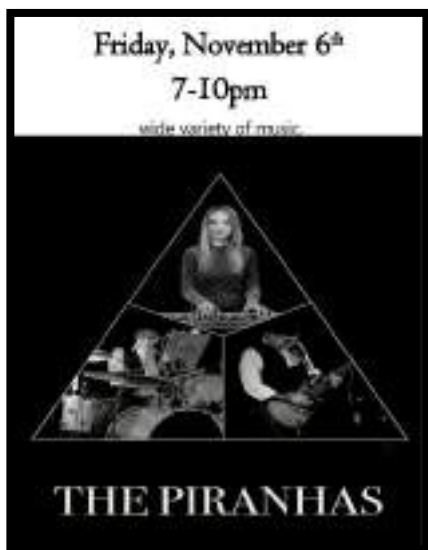
Bottoms Up band 7-10 pm
no cover charge

Saturday, Nov 28nd

Colour Party Christmas Dinner & Dance
Ticketed event

Live entertainment

Mid Life Crisis 8-11pm



Saturday Lunches

We are looking for a few members to cover our upcoming Saturdays and prepare a simple lunch.

You choose the menu!

It can be as basic as soup and sandwiches,
hamburgers and fries,
or whatever you feel like making.



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

Sign-up yourself or your group

The sign-up sheet is in the gangway

Thursday, November 26th

American Thanksgiving Football

FROM THE GALLEY

- Sausage on a Bun
- Chili
- Turkey Legs
- Fries
- Poutine
- Chili Fries

12noon-12midnight

Prizes

Raffle

1:00 pm Chicago Bears at Detroit Lions

4:30 pm Philadelphia Eagles at Dallas Cowboys

8:20 pm Kansas City Chiefs at Buffalo Bills



Grounds

Fall is upon us now, some of the trees are a beautiful colour.

The pond has been fixed and the fish survived. They look forward to their food every day. Thanks to the guys that did a great job fixing the pond.

The annual Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Campaign is right around the corner (October 24 – November 11), and we are looking for volunteers to help staff our Poppy booth at Zehrs. Any time makes a huge difference in supporting our local veterans and their families. A sign-up sheet is in the gangway



Bill Arthurs



RCNA Director

Part of belonging to the OCNVA is remembrance of sailors that are on eternal watch.

Canada lost over 150 sailors in WW1, over 2000 in WW2 and 9 during the Korean conflict. Hundreds of naval personnel have been lost during peacetime.

At this time of year, we must remember all who were lost. Not just our sailors, but all of the men and women of the army and air force as well. Take a moment to reflect on how things may have been different. Remember all who have gone since.

Wear a poppy to remind everyone of the ultimate sacrifice that they made to keep Canada and our other allied nations free. We must never forget

Ken Eckenswiller



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.

Kids' Christmas Party - Sunday, Dec 6th, at 11am

-  A maximum of 150 people will be permitted. (Kids and 2 adults per family)
-  For members' children/grandchildren only.
-  Children must be 12 years old or younger. Please specify age on the signup sheet.
-  The signup sheet will be posted for 2 weeks and then taken down. It can be taken down early if the maximum capacity of 150 is signed up.
-  The bar will be closed that day.
-  You will be responsible for any pictures you wish to take with Santa.



**Navy Club's
Kids Christmas Party
Sunday, December 6th
11am - 1pm**

Cookie decorating. Ornament making. Colouring station
Hot Dogs, fries & a drink
Visit from Santa Clause

For member's children or grandchildren only

- limited number of people will be permitted, a total 150
 - Avoid disappointment - sign up early
 - maximum age 12yrs
 - only 2 adults per family
 - The bar will NOT be open!

Sign up sheet will be posted for 2 weeks

**SIGN UP SHEET
POSTED FOR ONLY 2
WEEKS
NOV 2 - Nov 14**

**KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
GALLEY AND CLUB'S ROOM
THURSDAY AFTERNOON IN THE
GANGWAY**

KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
GALLEY AND CLUB'S ROOM
SIGN UP SHEETS ARE IN THE
GANGWAY

It's the most
Wonderful
of the
T X ME year



Directors Bob Roloson ★ Dick Henshall ★ Lyle Ball

Pond Update and Progress

We have been busy with the repairs to the pond this past month. John DeVries and Mike Overholt started work on the pond on Monday, October 5th. The first couple of days of was strictly pumping the water out of the pond so John could begin excavating at the location of underground stream at the south end of the pond as well as trimming trees to allow the equipment to get to the work location. Rob Osmond assisted with the tree trimming. None of the fish were relocated and there was enough water left in the pond for them to properly survive. No fish died from us lowering the water level. On Wednesday, October 7th the excavation was dug to approximately 5 feet below the bottom of the pond then blue clay was imported and packed into place. This is commonly known as "A Plug". The blue clay was trucked to our site by Ed-Xco (Doug Ede). The last remaining blue clay was installed on October 8th and then clean up was started around the pond. We were constantly monitoring the water level. At one point the water level came up 8" in less than 24 hours. At the time of this report being written (October 15th) the water level had risen to 18" below the overflow pipe which is up 3" from 2 days prior. It will continue to rise over time. The final clean up of the branches was completed by John D, Mike O, Rob O and Terry Cunningham. John has placed a truck load of larger stone around the areas that was disturbed during this work. There are many fish that remain in the pond, mostly a mix of carp, catfish and bass. As near as we can count, there are probably 50 to 60 fish in the pond. The only remaining work to be done is the supply and placement of topsoil and grass seeding.

Lyle Ball





Woodstock Sea Cadets

Based on details in 'The History of a Club, the first forty years' by Tom Dent and the History of RCSCC Woodstock, author unknown.

The story of the Sea Cadets and the Navy Club in Woodstock (The early years)

The story of the Sea Cadets in Woodstock pre-dates the founding of the Navy Club and in fact goes back to 1940 and at that time, the Sea Cadets were named RCSCC Achilles and paraded in the Woodstock Collegiate. By the early 1950's, the Sea Cadets in Woodstock had ceased to exist and this is where the Navy Club and the Sea Cadet story really begins.

Starting in 1952, the founders of the Navy Club organised their first Club meeting and then in 1953 the Club was officially renamed as the Oxford County Naval Veterans Association. With no Sea Cadet corps then in existence, the Navy League of Canada contacted the newly formed Navy Club and asked them if they would take responsibility for setting up a new Sea Cadet Corps in Woodstock. Several prominent founder members of the Navy Club were former Sea Cadet officers and in 1957 they formed the core of the new RCSCC Oxford Sea Cadet corps parading initially in the Woodstock Armoury before moving to the horticultural building at the fairground.

At first the Sea Cadets corps covered the whole of Oxford County, however demand was such that in the early 1960's, the Club was involved in setting up an offshoot corps in Ingersoll and this prompted a name change for the cadet corps. On February 13, 1963, their white ensign was lowered for the last time and RCSCC Oxford ceased to exist, being replaced by RCSCC 153 Woodstock, the corps that we all now know.

I am sure that the founders of the OCNVA would be pleased to see that the relationships that they formed with the Sea Cadet Corps back in 1957 are still ongoing to this day.

Dick Henshall



Sports

Now that our annual RCNA Sports Day has officially concluded, I want to take a moment to extend my heartfelt congratulations to everyone who participated, helped out as volunteers, or came out to cheer and enjoy the day.

It takes a monumental effort to pull off a large-scale event like Sports Day, and I was fortunate to have an incredible amount of help from so many of our members. Thank you all once again for your dedicated time, energy, and teamwork in making the day such a fantastic success. We did retain the “Cock of the Walk” trophy.

Looking ahead, our winter sports leagues are now getting underway! Rosters across our programs are already full or filling up very quickly. Joining a league is always a great way to stay active, enjoy some friendly competition, and hone your skills during the cooler months.

I hope to see as many members as possible take full advantage of everything our club has to offer this winter season.

Ed Cowie

2026 RCNA Sports Day Woodstock Navy Club Winners

Gold – 1st place

Snooker
Washoes
Shuffleboard
Cribbage

Mark Rodgers & Steve Hague
Kate Soganich & Chantelle Phelps
Dwight Noels & Cathie Macaloney
Deb Wilkins & Deb Jackson



Silver- 2nd place

Euchre
Comp Golf
Senior Golf
Ladies Golf
Washoes
Shuffleboard
Bean Bag Toss

Paul Zanella & Bev Travell
Ed Cowie & Jerry Watson
Colin Brown & Hans Scholten
Deb Morton & Julie Riddell
Sean Jackson & Shawn Evans
Liz Miller & Marilyn Easton
Denise Gowdey & Julie Percey

Bronze - 3rd place

Snooker
Comp Golf
Senior Golf
Ladies Golf
Shuffleboard
Washoes

Gary Drennan & John Drennan
Matt Wolfe & Wally Beckham
Lenny Morgan and John Rowe
Sherry MacKellar & Kim Whitehead
Gerrie Arthurs & Dale Arthurs
Milan Grujic & Dennis Dona

Cock of the Walk -2026 *Oxford County Naval Veterans Association*



Do you have an idea for a tournament you would like to put on? Do you want to start a league in some sport? Talk to the Sport's Chairperson to find out how to go about it. Tournaments and

Leagues are always welcome but must abide by the club's rules.

NOVEMBER

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 Ladies shuffle board <u>12:30pm</u> 5pm Snooker Bean Bag 6:30pm	3 Ladies shuffle board <u>11:30am</u> 5pm Snooker	4 Mixed shuffleboard 11:30am Mixed darts 7pm	5 10:30am Seniors' Men <u>Shuffleboard</u> Mixed shuffleboard <u>6:30pm</u> 6pm Snooker	6	7 11am Snooker 1pm Men's Shuffleboard
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22	23 Ladies shuffle board <u>12:30pm</u> 5pm Snooker Bean Bag 6:30pm	24 Ladies shuffle board <u>11:30am</u> 5pm Snooker	25 Mixed shuffleboard 11:30am 5:30-7pm Steak Dinner 8pm General meeting	26 10:30am Seniors' Men <u>Shuffleboard</u> Mixed shuffleboard <u>6:30pm</u> 6pm Snooker	27	28 11am Snooker 1pm Men's Shuffleboard
29	30 Ladies shuffle board <u>12:30pm</u> 5pm Snooker Bean Bag 6:30pm	<div>Blue – Shuffleboard Green- Darts Black – Snooker Purple- Bean Bag toss Red – Club priority</div>				<div>Cricket is available with online and emailed Post and 5 tickets only!</div>

Sports Committee

Hoping everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving.



Our 649 draw is still open as of this report, get your numbers in at the bar for a chance to win.

November 26 is American Thanksgiving and a full day of football and food at the club. Make sure to get in on the ticket raffle for the Tailgate Essentials draw. Tickets are \$5 each at the bar and will be drawn during the football games on Nov 26.

We have our Sports Committee Christmas Party coming up on December 12th. Tickets are available from the bar. See posting below.

Rob Osmond

A festive poster for a Christmas Dinner & Dance event. The background is white with a border of red and green Christmas decorations, including pine branches, red berries, and candy canes. The text is centered and uses a mix of black, red, and green fonts. A small green box in the top left corner contains text about ticket sales.

Tickets go on
sale
Monday,
October 19

O.C.N.V.A.
Sports Committee
Christmas
Dinner & Dance
Saturday, Dec 12th
6:30 pm
\$25.00 per person
Tickets are available at the bar (130 tickets only)
Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, veggies,
salad, bun & dessert
Live music by
HWY 24
8 pm – 11pm
Reservations will be taken, - Location will be assigned.
Sign-up sheet in gangway

Colour Party

The Colour Party had a busy month starting with The Battle Of Britian.
Our fall horse races ran in October, and we had a good turn out, thanks to everyone for supporting the us.

We are looking forward to Remembrance Day service on November 11th at the cenotaph, with refreshment to follow back at the Navy club.

Our Christmas Dinner & Dance is happening on November 28th, and you won't want to miss it. Get ready to dress to impress, as we are stepping things up with a semi-formal theme this year. Indulge in a main course of roast beef and ham served with all the trimmings, followed by an evening on the dance floor.
Tickets can be purchased from the bar.

We are happy to announce that we have a new Colour Party member, welcome to Marnie Cuthbert. She will be a great asset to our club.

We're still looking for Colour Party members—come on out, join us, and have some fun!

Mary Couch

Bob Brown



Battle of Britian Service

Dick Henshall, Ernie Hardeman MMP Oxford, Mary Couch, Nancy Wright

O.C.N.V.A. COLOUR PARTY

Christmas Dinner & Dance

Saturday, November 28, 2026

Tickets availaible from the bar.



Easy Beer Bread



3cup sifted all-purpose flour
1 tbsp baking powder
2 kosher salt
1 can (12oz) beer, room temperature
1/2 cup of cold butter
2 tbsp granulated sugar

1. Preheat the oven to 375F. Prepare a 9x5 glass loaf pan with butter or pan release.
2. In a bowl add the flour, baking powder, salt and sugar.
3. Whisk dry ingredients together.
4. Pour in the beer and stir all ingredients until just combined and there are no dry parts. The batter will be thick.
5. Pour the batter into your prepared glass loaf pan and smooth out if needed.
6. Cut the butter into slices- roughly tablespoon size- and place on top of the raw batter evenly.
7. Bake for 35-45 minutes or until the bread is golden brown on top. There should be about 1/2 inch of melted butter bubbling at the bottom. Start checking at 35 minutes.
8. Allow to cool on the counter for about 5 minutes or until all the butter in the bottom of the pan is soaked back up into the bread.

Beer Bread Tips & Notes

- Salt: Optional but recommended. Even sprinkle a little flaky sea salt on top after baking.
- Butter: Salted, high-quality butter makes the biggest difference. It mimics the old-school lard Grandma used and creates that irresistible crust.
- Beer Choices: IPAs give great flavour or try any seasoned beer (pumpkin, apple, honey, wheat,) Room temperature is the key!



- Add 1-1 1/4 cups cheddar cheese to the batter and reserve some for over the top of the bread before baking.
- You can also add 1teaspoon of garlic powder, and dried rosemary to kick it up a notch.
- Add 1 teaspoon of cinnamon, 1 cup chopped apple, and use an apple-flavoured beer.

EASY *homemade*
BEER BREAD

Songs From the Year 2003

Find and circle all of the songs from 2003 that are hidden in the grid. The remaining 22 letters spell an additional song title from 2003. Answer on page 28

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L U F I T U A E B U L C A D N I U F
H P I C T U R E R Y O B Y B A B O I
Y G N I T N O R F A S E Y Y A S Y G
S N I N T O Y O U M I S S Y O U T H
U O P U D N A T S H U N W E L L N T
B R A T I R O N E S T O O S W E A E
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ALL I HAVE	GET LOW	LANDSLIDE	SO GONE
ANGEL	GOSSIP FOLKS	LIKE A STONE	SOMEDAY
BABY BOY	HEADSTRONG	LIKE GLUE	STAND UP
BEAUTIFUL	I CAN	MESMERIZE	STUCK
CLOCKS	I WANT YOU	MISS YOU	SUGA SUGA
COME OVER	I'M WITH YOU	PICTURE	SUNRISE
DRIFT AWAY	IGNITION	RAIN ON ME	SUPERMAN
FIGHTER	IN DA CLUB	RIGHT THURR	TROUBLE
FRONTIN'	INTO YOU	SAY YES	UNWELL
GET BUSY	INTUITION	SENORITA	

A man visited his doctor, and the doctor checked him over before commenting, “It looks like you get a fair bit of exercise.”

The man replied, “Oh yeah, in fact, just the other day I walked 5 miles over rugged terrain as I climbed over rocks and trees. I also walked along the edge of the lake, pushing my way through tall thistles, and even slid down sandy slopes while getting sand in my eyes.” The doctor was quite impressed. “Well, you are certainly a dedicated outdoor enthusiast.” The man replies, “Not really doctor, I’m just a really bad golfer.”



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4th stanza of the poem “For the Fallen”

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
 Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
 At the going down of the sun and in the morning
 We will remember them.



The hidden song title is: HOW YOU GONNA ACT LIKE THAT

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I can't speak highly enough of Karen and the care she brought to every step of our journey. From the very beginning, she approached the process with kindness, professionalism, and an incredible amount of patience—especially as she worked alongside my elderly father and me during such an emotional transition.



Karen went far beyond what we expected from a realtor. She provided hands-on support with downsizing, helped coordinate an estate auction (including being onsite to help with sale), arranged movers, and helped ensure that items were thoughtfully donated. Every detail was handled with intention and care. What meant the most was her understanding and compassion. She took the time to support my father through a difficult and deeply personal process, always offering thoughtful guidance while respecting our pace.



Along the way, she became someone we truly trusted—not just as a professional, but as a friend. Her strong understanding of the market, combined with her insight into the true value of our home, ensured a quick and timely sale—something we are incredibly grateful for. We feel incredibly fortunate to have had Karen lead us through the sale of our family home. I would wholeheartedly recommend her to anyone navigating a move, especially during such meaningful life transitions. While no move is ever easy, Karen made the entire experience feel seamless and lifted so much of the stress from our shoulders. - Sue Gallo



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