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Wed 11am -12am
Thurs 11am-12am
Fri 11am-12am
Sat 11am -12am
Sun- CLOSED

President

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Warmest holiday wishes!

Please note that due to the Christmas Holidays, our December's General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 16 at 8 p.m. There will be no steak dinner for this meeting.

As this year draws to a close, I want to thank the members for their wonderful support and dedication to the club this past year. I look forward to a prosperous and exciting new year together.



Friday, January 1st, Levee Day at the club is a well-attended 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 with our usual dress code in effect. Master at Arms will be manning the doors 11 am-1 pm. Please be respectful but have a good time.

May your Christmas be filled with joy, peace, and wonderful moments with loved ones.

Bryan Bucholtz



Main club room to be vacated early

Sport's Committee Christmas Dinner and Dance	Saturday, December 12
OCNVA New Year's Eve Dance	Thursday, December 31st

The main club room will be **closed at 4 pm** and members will need to move to the sport's room for these committees to set up for their Holiday Dinner and Dances. We appreciate your co-operation and consideration



This Christmas, we want everyone to get home safe, so skip the sleigh and call a cab if you've been a little too 'gifted' with holiday spirits

This meeting is dedicated to…….

HMCS Trentonian



On 22 February 1945 HMCS Trentonian was escorting a convoy consisting of 10 ships. The HMCS Trentonian hull shuddered as a huge explosion ripped a hole in the ship's starboard quarter. The ship had been torpedoed by the German submarine. It took about 14 minutes for the ships to sink.

Six men went down with the ship. Ninety-six men were rescued.

We must never forget their sacrifice

Past President





The season of tinsel, jingle bells and silly Santa hats is here. Holiday season brings many guests to the club. Guests are welcome to the club, but ALL guests must be accompanied by a member and be signed in.

A guest is anyone who is not a member, even if they are your **wife, husband, partner, friend, or family.** You as a member are required to sign them in. The guest book is located just outside of the main club room.

Inviting guests to the club and buying tickets to attend a function or dinner is fine but as a member, you must make sure they know our procedures, protocols, and dress code.
You are responsible for your guests!

Sending warm holiday greetings and happy New Year wishes to all.

Karen Sutherland

House No Report

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







DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

Thursday, Dec 3	Dinner	6-8 pm
Thursday, Dec 3	Football on TVs	8:15 pm
Friday, Dec 4	Lunch	12noon
Friday, Dec 4	Meat Draws	12noon
Friday, Dec 4	Dinner	5-7 pm
Saturday, Dec 5	Live Entertainment	7 – 10 pm
	Do-Overs Band	
Sunday, Dec 6	Kid's Christmas Party	11 am – 1 pm
Thursday, Dec 10	Dinner	6-8 pm
Thursday, Dec 10	Football on TVs	8:15 pm
Friday, Dec 11	Lunch	12noon
Friday, Dec 11	Meat Draws	12noon
Friday, Dec 11	Dinner	5-7 pm
Friday, Dec 11	Live entertainment	7-10pm
	Rusty James	
Saturday, Dec 12	Sports Committee Christmas Dinner & Dance	6 pm
	"HWY24"	8-11 pm
Monday, Dec 14	Executive Meeting	7pm
Wednesday, Dec 16	General Meeting	8 pm
Thursday, Dec 17	Dinner	6-8 pm
Thursday, Dec 17	Football on TVs	8:15 pm
Friday, Dec 18	Lunch	12noon
Friday, Dec 18	Meat Draws	12noon
Friday, Dec 18	Dinner	5-7 pm
Thursday, Dec 24	Christmas Eve	11 am – 5 pm
Friday, Dec 25	Christmas Day	CLOSED
Saturday, Dec 26	Boxing Day	11 am – 8 pm
Thursday, Dec 31	New Year's Eve Day	11 am-5 pm
Thursday, Dec 31	New Year's Eve dance	7 pm – 1 am
	"Hollywood Blvd" band	
Friday, Jan 1	Levee Day	11 am -8 pm

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



December Meeting Dates

Monday, December 14th
Fireside room
Executive Meeting
7pm



Due to the Holidays
Our December General Meeting
has been moved up to

Wednesday, December 16th
8 pm
General Meeting

NO steak Dinner

KNOW YOUR LIMIT

The message "for the safety of the club, don't drink and drive" is a clear and direct reminder to prioritize the well-being of the club, the bartender and its members by avoiding impaired driving. To ensure everyone's safety, it's crucial to plan ahead,… utilize designated drivers,….. or find alternative transportation….. if too much alcohol consumption is involved.

Please make sure you and your guests are returning glasses, bottles and cans to the designated bins or to the bar.
Discard any trash!
Return dirty dishes to the galley trolley.

BE CONSIDERATE
MAKE SURE YOUR TABLE IS CLEAN BEFORE LEAVING

1st Vice No Report

Dennis Beattie

Keep the Club Informed!!!!
When you know of a Veteran, club member, or club member's parent, spouse, or child, 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

"Crossing the Bar"

Sympathy donations were made in the name of:

Jadwiga Grygorgewicz	April 24, 2026 mother of member Tom Grygorgewicz	
Marie Watt	October 10, 2026, mother of member Phil Watt	
Tyson Kropf	November 6, 2026,	OCNVA Member



NAVY LINGO we use!

- ✓ **Galley**: The ship's kitchen – our kitchen.
- ✓ **Gangway**: the ramp or bridge for boarding and disembarking a ship -our front entrance way.
- ✓ ***Port:** The left side of the ship when facing the bow.
- ✓ ***Starboard:** The right side of the ship when facing the bow.
  The **Port and Starboard is our monthly news booklet, with executive reports, meals, entertainment and club news. It can be found in hard copy, online and emailed out to members.
- ✓ **Bravo Zulu:** A phrase meaning "well done".

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



The best in Motown, funk ,90's R&B, Disco Reggae and Classic Rock

♦ Dress code in Effect → Dressy Casual or Cocktail Dress♦

Levee Day

Friday Jan 1, 2027

11 am -1 pm

In honour of our Veterans,
a dress code will be in effect.
(no jeans or casual attire)

1-pm – 8 pm

Regular OCNVA dress code
(absolutely no ripped jeans or work clothes)

4pm
Ingersoll
Pipe Band



Light
Lunch



Publicity

Attention ALL volunteers. Keep me informed!
If you plan on preparing an event or Saturday lunch, please keep Publicity informed so I may promote your meal/event. publicity@ocnva.ca

It's important our meals and events are publicised to our members! Send me an email or text with the following:

- ✓ Event/Meal?
- ✓ Date and Time?
- ✓ Cost?
- ✓ Event or meal details?



If you send me the details before the 2nd Friday of the month, it can be promoted in the next month's Port and Starboard.
Let's work together to ensure our members always know what's cooking and what's coming up next.

I have been asked "***why am I not receiving emails from Publicity***" ?

To find an email sent to you from publicity@ocnva.ca that is missing from your inbox, check your account's "All Mail", or "Spam, and Trash" folders

Where to Look

- **All Mail:** This folder stores every message you have not permanently deleted, including archived emails.
- **Spam or Junk:** Automated filters sometimes route legitimate emails here by mistake.
- **Trash:** Check if the message was accidentally deleted or auto filtered.
- **Promotions or Social tabs:** If you use categorized inboxes, the email might be sitting in one of those tabs instead of the Primary tab

How to Search Effectively

- **Search by sender or keyword:** Type the sender's name, email address, or words from the subject line into the search bar.
- **Run a broad search:** Ensure your search includes archived and deleted mail or check all mail categories.
- **Review filters and forwarding:** Go to your account settings to verify that a filter isn't automatically archiving, deleting, or forwarding incoming messages.

Wishing peace, joy, and plenty of holiday cheer to all of you!
From my home to yours, have a warm and cozy Christmas.

Sandra Lightbody



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:

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

As a reminder, all members residing in **Oxford County** are required to attend at least one General meeting each year to maintain their membership. There are only **two General Meetings remaining this year**, so please make every effort to attend one if you haven't already. Members who have not yet attended a meeting have been highlighted on the membership list, which is available at the bar.

In previous years, the Club has allowed some flexibility with late membership payments. However, due to our high membership numbers and a significant waiting list, we will be firm with the deadline this year. **All 2027 membership dues must be paid by January 31, 2027. There will be no exceptions.**
After this deadline, membership numbers belonging to members with outstanding dues will be reassigned. Those members will forfeit their Club membership and be subject to a **12-month suspension**.

The Membership breakdown is as follows:

#1 Navy: 24
#2 Associate: 45
#3 Affiliate: 457
#4 Social: 390
L/P/H: 18
Total: 934

Waiting list: 65

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.

As we approach the holiday season, I want to take a moment to wish all our members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
May your holidays be filled with happiness, laughter, good health, and special moments with family and friends. Thank you for your support, kindness and for all the ways you contribute to making our Club a place we can all enjoy and be incredibly proud of.

I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

Merry Christmas and warmest wishes for a happy and healthy 2027!

Tracy Geilen



Treasurer

The Association's financial records have been fully reconciled for the reporting period. All transactions were reviewed for accuracy, and no irregularities or outstanding liabilities were identified. The Association remains in a stable financial position.
The financial statements will be posted in the gangway for any member wishing to review them.
As we approach the holiday season, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all members for their continued support and participation throughout the year. I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season, and all the best for the coming year.

Josh Middleton



Secretary***

Very big wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I also think about all those people who have December birthdays. Have a fantastic month.
Our Club has great lunches, dinners and events this month. I hope to see you all there. Happiest of family times.

Marilyn McNeil

Note***

Marilyn has shared that this upcoming year will be her last as our volunteer Executive Secretary. We are incredibly grateful for everything she has contributed to our executive team. As we plan ahead, we are now seeking candidates to fill the Executive Secretary position for the next executive term. July 1st 2027 – June 30 2028
Nominations will be held May 2027
Election in June 2027

If you are interested and want more information, please talk to Marilyn McNeil, or one of the Directors. Lyle Ball, Dick Henshall or Bob Roloson.

MEAT DRAWS

Friday, December 4th
Friday, December 11th
Friday, December 18th



DURING FRIDAY LUNCH
12noon – 1pm
$2.00 each stick or 3 sticks for $5
There will be 3 draws during the lunch hour
"play 1game, play 2 games or play all 3games!"
Win a variety of meat

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









Weekly Sandwich Crew
Thursday Night Galley Crew
Friday Lunch Galley Crew
Friday Night Dinner Galley Crew
General Meeting Steak Dinners
Saturday Lunch Volunteers
Celebration Of Life Lunches
General Meeting Breakfast Crew
Volunteers who help with ticketed meals,
Special Occasion/Bookings,
Fish Fry dinners,
Liver Lunches
BBQs



Our Club runs solely on volunteers for the Galley, if you are interested in volunteering, please speak to one of the crew from the above list or talk to 2nd Vice Jeremy Jackson!
Go ahead and get yourself a group of friends and put something together.



Keep Publicity informed!
If you plan on preparing a meal or Saturday lunch, please keep Publicity informed so I may promote your meal/event.
publicity@ocnva.ca or PM / text me.



2nd Vice No Report

Jeremy Jackson



From the Galley

Thursday Dinners

Food served 6 pm – 8 pm Game at 8:15 pm

Thursday, December 3	Wings and Loaded Nachos or fries
Thursday, December 10	Wings and Bacon Cheeseburger/fries
Thursday, December 17	Wings and Club Sandwich/fries
Thursday, December 24	NO MEAL
Thursday, December 31	NO MEAL

Friday Lunch & Dinner

Lunch 12 noon **$15.00**

Friday, December 4	Roasted Chicken with side
Friday, December 11	Pork Schnitzel
Friday, December 18	Turkey & Stuffing
Friday, December 25	NO MEAL

Dinners 5-7 pm $15.00

Friday, December 4	Wings or Bacon wrapped footlong/fries
Friday, December 11	Wings or Chicken Fingers/fries
Friday, December 18	Turkey & Stuffing
Friday, December 25	NO MEAL





With the increasing cost of take-out containers, please bring your own container for your leftovers or pay $2 donation for a galley take-out container.





December

*PP – Private party

All meals and events are subject to change or cancellation.

See the sports calendar for leagues and times pg 23

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 6 -8pm dinner 8:20pm Football	4 12noon lunch Meat Draw 12noon 5-7 pm Dinner	5 Do-overs band 7-10pm
6 Kids Xmas Party 11am-1pm Pre sign-up required	7	8	9	10 6 -8pm dinner 8:20pm Football	11 12noon lunch Meat Draw 12noon 5-7 pm Dinner Rusty James 7-10pm	12 Sport's Comm Christmas Dinner and Dance
13 2-7 pm P.P.	14 Executive Meeting 7pm	15	16 General Meeting 8pm NO steak Dinner	17 6 -8pm dinner 8:20pm Football	18 12noon Lunch Meat Draw 12noon 5-7 pm Dinner	19
20 10 am - 4 pm P.P.	21	22	23	24 Xmas Eve Open 11am-5pm	25 Xmas Day Closed	26 Boxing Day Open 11am -8pm
27	28	29	30	31 Open 11am-5pm New Year's Eve Dance 7pm - 1am	Jan 1st Levee Day 11am- 8pm	

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Entertainment

George Spilak

Happy Holidays…. see you in the club rooms.

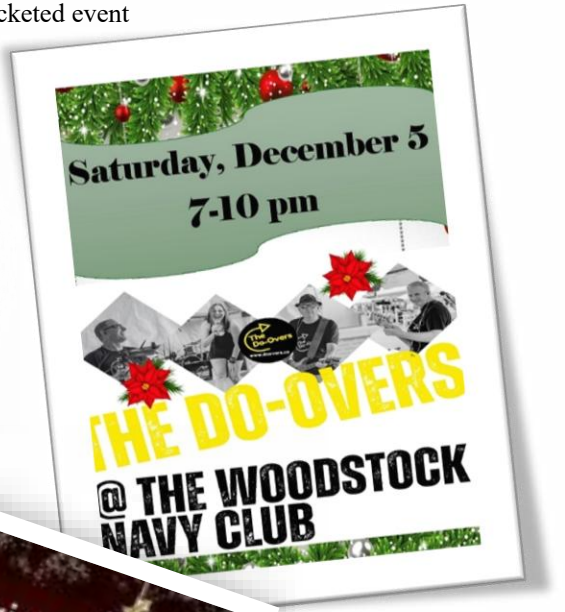
Saturday, December 5 **The Do-Overs band** 7-10 pm
Live entertainment

Friday, December 11 **Rusty James** 7-10pm
Live entertainment

Saturday, December 12 **Sports Committee Christmas Dinner and Dance**
HWY24 **8-11 pm**
Ticketed event:

Thursday, December 31 **New Year's Eve Dance**
Hollywood BLVD band ticketed event









Halloween 2026



















Grounds

The Poppy Campaign has officially wrapped up for this year! Bill and Gerrie would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to each one of you who generously gave your time to help at our poppy table at Zehr's. We truly appreciate your support!
The pond is now complete. The ground was graded and seeded. Appreciate all the help from the guys! We have a wonderful group of volunteers in this club. Their help makes Bill & Gerrie's job of Grounds much easier.
Both of us wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Bill Arthurs

RCNA Director

I have been informed of a website that may be of help to all our veterans.
Google: **Canadian Virtual Hospice** It is a free online resource for veterans and families navigating life, loss and change after service.
This comes from Major (Ret'd) Bruce Henswood MSM CD. He is the Chair of the National Council of Veteran Associations in Canada (NCVA). There may be some information that can help if in need.

At this time, I would like to take the opportunity to wish each and every member a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Remember to have fun but...keep your stick on the ice!

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.



The 2026 Fall issue of the RCNA Yardarm is now available at www.rcnayardarm.com

A paper copy is available for members to have a look at, but please return it to the side bar in the gangway.

Directors

Things are staying very busy at the Club with all the variety of meals that are served up on Thursday evenings, Friday lunches and dinners and the lunches served on Saturdays. Please remember these all come to fruition because of our volunteers. Without the volunteers, we wouldn't be able to enjoy these meals. Please come out and support the Club and the volunteers by having a meal.

All the leagues are now in full swing and soon we will be in the middle of the Christmas season with the various dinners and dances as well as the kids getting to see Santa. It's going to be a busy month.

I (Lyle) was fortunate enough to be able to take this picture of the pond, in the right light and right angle. Enjoy our beautiful pond that we can all be proud of and show it off to our guests!



The Pond, for the most part, is now completed. Greg Routenburg from C.L. Routenburg & Sons Ltd. was gracious enough to donate the topsoil required to fix up the areas that were disturbed while the repairs were being completed. Rob and his crew put down grass seed over the fresh topsoil. Thank you again to everyone that participated in making the pond right again.

On behalf of the Directors, we want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. We also want to extend a Happy New Year to everyone. Enjoy a safe holiday season with your family and friends.

Bob Roloson, Dick Henshall, Lyle Ball

OCNVA Colour Party

Horse Races

Saturday, 1:15 p.m. post time

Sat, Jan 9th – Sat, March 20th

No races on January 30th due to Winter's Games Day

No races on March 27th due to Easter weekend



Master at Arms

As we head into the holiday season, I'm happy to report that events at the Club have been running smoothly, and it's been wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves. Good company, laughter and time together are a big part of what makes our Club special.
Thank you to our members, guests, volunteers and staff for helping keep the Club a welcoming and respectful place. A special thank you to everyone who gives their time to make our events a success. Your efforts are appreciated.
I look forward to another year of working alongside you and enjoying all that our Club has to offer.
Wishing you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. May the season bring you plenty of laughter, good company and time with those who matter most.

Cheryl-Anne Haber



A huge thank you to the **Monday Night Bean Bag Toss League** for their generous donation of **$280** to the Children's Christmas Party! Your support will bring so much joy and holiday magic to the kids this year. We truly appreciate your kindness and club spirit



Huge thanks to the **Colour Party**! They generously donated **$220** toward our upcoming Children's Christmas Party. We appreciate their amazing support!

Operation Sharing

Donations for non-perishable food items are being accepted at the Navy club.
The donation box is inside the club in the gangway.
All goods donated to Operation Sharing Woodstock

Find us on: facebook

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

Sea Cadets RCSCC Woodstock

Every year, the cadets with 153 Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps Woodstock participate in the Remembrance Day ceremony at the cenotaph in Victoria Park, here in Woodstock.
This year, the sea cadets paraded as a combined unit along with the cadets from 2833 Oxford Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps.
The OCNVA Colour Party was again split between the ceremony in Woodstock and the ceremony in Innerkip. With the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 55 unable to attend the ceremony and our limited numbers, our Colour Party asked the sea cadets for assistance. Three cadets were selected and they carried the White Ensign, the Red Ensign and the Naval Jack in the parade and during the service at the cenotaph. RCL Branch 55 asked an army cadet to carry the Legion colours as part of their colour party.
A very good turnout with many cadets at the parade and a special thank you here go to Petty Officer Cadet 2nd class Nicholson, Master Cadet Brepohl and Master Cadet Fraser for carrying the flags as part of the OCNVA Colour Party.

Wishing all the cadet officers and cadets Seasons Greetings and we look forward to working with them again in 2027,

Dick Henshall
OCNVA Director







Sport's

As we enter the holiday season, I want to thank everyone who participated in and supported our autumn sports programs, leagues, and events. December is always a high-energy month at the Club, and we have a fantastic lineup of events and regular leagues to finish out the year strong. The shuffleboard, snooker and bean bag toss leagues are well underway with great participation and there's a lot of fun going on.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the members and a thank you to all the volunteers for their help and support.

Ed Cowie

Deb Roloson and Tracy Ditchfield are hosting our Winter Games Day on Jan 30. Teams of 8 are to sign up and participate in various games. To lock in your team's spot, please stop by the bar to submit your payment. Registration isn't final until paid, so if another team signs up and pays first, they will take the open slot.

Sign up sheet is in the gangway.

Deb and Tracy also need volunteers to man the games, keep score and help with lunch, volunteer sign up sheet is in the gangway.

Sign up sheets will be post Monday, December 28th.





Blue – Shuffleboard
Green- Darts
Black – Snooker
Purple- Bean Bag toss
Red – Club priority

Colour is available with online and emailed Port and Starboards only!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Ladies shuffle board 11:30pm 5pm Snooker	2 Mixed shuffleboard 11:30am Mixed darts 7pm	3 10:30 am Senior Men's Shuffleboard 6pm Mixed Shuffleboard 6 pm Snooker	4	5 11am Snooker 1 pm Men's shuffleboard
6	7 Ladies shuffle board 12:30pm 5pm Snooker Bean Bag 6:30pm	8 Ladies shuffle board 11:30pm 5pm Snooker	9 Mixed shuffleboard 11:30am Mixed darts 7pm	10 10:30 am Senior Men's Shuffleboard 6pm Mixed shuffleboard 6 pm Snooker	11	12 11am Snooker 1 pm Men's shuffleboard
13	14 Ladies shuffle board 12:30pm 5pm Snooker Bean Bag 6:30pm	15 Ladies shuffle board 11:30pm 5pm Snooker	16 Mixed shuffleboard 11:30am 8pm **General meeting** (NO steak dinner)	17 10:30 am Senior Men's Shuffleboard 6pm Mixed shuffleboard 6 pm Snooker	18	19 11am Snooker 1 pm Men's shuffleboard
20	21 Ladies shuffle board 12:30pm 5pm Snooker Bean Bag 6:30pm	22 Ladies shuffle board 11:30pm 5pm Snooker	23 Mixed shuffleboard 11:30am Mixed darts 7pm	24 Christmas Closed	25	26 No League play
27	28 No League play	29 No League play	30 No League play	31 No League play		



Sports Committee December Report

We have our Sports Committee Christmas Dinner and Dance coming up on December 12h. We look forward to having a great meal, which will be prepared and served by the Colour Party. Great music by HWY24. Check at the bar for any remaining tickets.

We sincerely thank all our members and their guests for their continued support of our meals and events. By attending, you directly contribute to the success of our club. Stay tuned to the "Port & Starboard", the gangway, and Facebook for upcoming 2027 meals and events announcements.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Rob Osomd
Sports Committee Secretary



Colour Party

We've had a great November so far! We kicked off the month with Bob Brown and his two grandchildren generously donating their time to sell poppies—a tradition he has kept up for several years now. Thank you, Bob, for your continued dedication to the Poppy Campaign!

We've been busy honouring our veterans! This Remembrance Day, our group split into two teams to march in both the Innerkip service and the Woodstock ceremony at the cenotaph, with the cadets joining us to help at both locations. We're lucky to have them supporting us.

The cadets will also be joining us in the Santa Claus Parade on November 21. Please note the new start time of 5:00 p.m., which has been moved earlier to accommodate the Holiday Train arriving in town that evening. Hopefully we will have good weather?

We now have 2 new members, Marnie Cuthbert, and Ted Derbowka, we welcome them both. We are still looking for more new members, if interested, please talk to one of the Colour Party.
We are looking forward to our Christmas dinner and dance on November 28th.
From all of us from the Colour Party we are wishing everyone a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, enjoy and drive responsibly.

Mary Couch
Bob Brown









Chicken Parm Meatball Skillet

1lb ground chicken
1egg
½ c breadcrumbs
¼ c grated Parmesan
2 tbsp chopped parsley
4 garlic cloves chopped
Salt
pepper



3 tsp. olive oil
1 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
½ tsp. dried oregano
Salt

1-
½ medium onion finely diced
1 ½ c shredded mozzarella
pepper

Arrange a rack in center of oven; preheat to 400º.

In a large bowl, combine egg, chicken, breadcrumbs, Parmesan, parsley, and half of garlic; season with salt and black pepper. Form into meatballs (about 1 Tbsp. each). In a large ovenproof skillet, heat 1 Tbsp. oil over medium heat. Cook meatballs, turning occasionally, until browned, about 5 minutes total. Transfer to a plate.

In same skillet over medium heat, heat remaining 2 Tbsp. oil. Cook remaining garlic, and onion stirring, until fragrant, about 1 minute. Stir in tomatoes and red pepper flakes oregano, salt & pepper.
Bring to a simmer, then return meatballs to skillet. Top with mozzarella.
Bake meatballs until cheese is melted and an instant-read thermometer inserted into a meatball registers 165°, about 10 minutes



Cheesy, flavorful chicken meatballs are baked in a skillet with a homemade tomato sauce and *plenty* of cheese, until bubbling and delicious.
Serve it with a fresh **spinach salad** and **garlic bread**, and you've got an easy, satisfying dinner

Marine Life

Find and circle all of the listed words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell the name of a sea animal.
Answer on page 28

ANCHOVY	BARRACUDA	CLAM	CLOWNFISH
COD	CRAB	DOLPHIN	HALIBUT
JELLYFISH	LAMPREY	LOBSTERMANATEE	
MARLIN	OCTOPUS	OYSTER	PENGUIN
PORPOISE	PRAWN	SARDINE	SCALLOP
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