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## FORT ROUGE Br. 97

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# NEWSLETTER

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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING**  
**MARCH 27, 1996 - 8:00 PM**



Your Pot of Gold  
may be found at our  
Early Celebration of:

**St. Patrick's Day**  
**Sat. March 9th**



With Irish Singers & Dancers  
Irish Mist Band



## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT: JEFF MATHIESON**

January 1996 is over and thank goodness. The cold weather sure took it's toll. Bar sales were down, bingo attendance was down and while many of our costs are on going, some like heat are up. All in all it was a tough month. Another factor is our decreasing membership - between deaths and non renewals, we are losing members faster than new members joining. This is a great disappointment and we will be shortly putting on a blitz. In the meantime, if you know of some one who would be eligible for membership we could use your help. Talk to them about joining. The criteria for joining is much easier these days. Children, Grandchildren, Brother and Sister of Veterans can become voting associates as well as spouses of those numbers. We also have lots of room in our fraternal category.

Your entertainment committee are working hard to put on good affordable entertainment. If you have any complaints or suggestions, we can look at them and discuss the pros and cons. Tuesday Bingo has been converted to paper bingo and while not exactly a huge success, we are looking at some encouraging signs. Doug Fisher has taken on this project and could use help and support.

I am pleased to say that two more members have come forward and are willing to join the Executive. These are Jim Ryland and Ron Liberty. Jim is very interested in Membership and Ron has volunteered for Sunday Bingo. I am prepared to have these two names nominated and confirmed at the February meeting. This will fill out our Executive for 1996.

Marie Westcott and her color party are working hard under the guidance of John Miscavish and I congratulate them.

All of the above mentioned do need help, so please get involved and help out where you can. It is volunteer help that keeps this branch afloat. Are you doing you share? Could you help out some where? Don't leave it all to the willing few.

## **FINANCE - DOUG FISHER**

The Fort Rouge Legion needs your help to make our club healthy. By taking positive action, we can bring prosperity back to our club. Your executive has a plan which will work with your support.

In order for us to prosper in the long term we must stop the decline in our membership and reverse this trend. To attract and keep new members we must create an environment and atmosphere they like.

Our clubrooms are in need of some major renovations. Money will have to be raised or borrowed to get these renovations underway. Every person is important and special, and should be treated with dignity and respect. How we treat each other, newcomers and guests, will ultimately decide the success of our club. Don't wait for an executive member or someone else to extend common courtesy and friendship towards a newcomer - DO IT YOURSELF!

Clubs fail because everyone waits for someone else to do something, and often, nobody does anything. Come out and participate, volunteer and be a part of making your club successful. If each of us gives just a little time and goodwill NOW, we will have a terrific club!

## **MANAGERS REPORT**

### **PLEASE BE COURTEOUS TO YOUR STAFF**

Staff are here to serve you and have certain responsibilities regarding over service. The law can hold them responsible for the well being of a patron who has been overserved. Staff do not cut patron's off out of spite or malice but out of concern for your and their well being. Staff are instructed to stop service before a patron is impaired. Please co-operate with your staff for everyone's sake.

**SICK VISITING - D. HANNA**

This month has been very slow due to the bad weather, visits were limited. I have added two Comrades to my committee - Aubrey Freeman and Richard Kunzelman. They will be a big help to my committee. At the present time we have comrades in;

DEER LODGE HOSPITAL: M. Egan & T. Pochailo

CENTRAL PARK LODGE: J. Killen & D. Burnyeat

GOLDEN LINKS LODGE: B. Parrott

HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER: R. Watson

Was in hospital now at home: L. Ariano

SHUT-INS: E. Bateman, L. Feuilletre

A. McIvor, D. Mitchelson, V. Ives,

G. Sandmark, E. Symko, D. Trotter

E. White, R. Wuirch, L. Shipley

G. Carpenter, V. Day, J. Rivard.

If anyone has information on COMRADES of the Legion either ill at home or in the hospital please let us know by leaving their names at the BAR in the LOUNGE or phone the OFFICE at 453-4254 and they will see that their names are put in our BOOK. Please state what hospital they are in.

We are sorry to hear that one of our Comrades Lawrence Wesley lost his sister Muriel Wesley on February 20, 1996.

See you all at the next General Meeting.

**LADIES AUXILIARY - H. PEDLAR**

Congratulations to our new President for "1996" - Grace Brewer.

Ladies we need your help, won't you please make an effort to attend our meetings. They are held on the second Wednesday of each month. Next meeting Wednesday March 13th at 8:00pm.

COMING EVENTS- Our District Rally will be held Saturday March 16th. Contact Grace Brewer if you are interested in going.

BIRTHDAY DINNER - Monday April 15th at 6:00pm  
- at Pembina Village.

Cost is \$5.00 for members & \$10.00 for guests. We are hosting a Bingo at Deer Lodge Hospital April 1st.

ANNUAL SPRING TEA - Sunday May 6th

- tickets \$2.00 per person available from members of the Ladies Auxiliary.

We have many talented knitters, sewers and craft people, won't you please help fill our sewing tables. Daintees and homecooking is another table that needs lots of help. Plus "Nearly new" table and raffles. Again please don't wait to be asked, be a volunteer.

Congratulations to Helen Lepine - another grandson named Joshua. Our deepest sympathy to Dierdra Globush and Robert Morrin in the loss of their father. To all those sick in the hospital or at home we wish you well and a speedy recovery. Don't forget the next meeting March 13th - 8:00pm.

**SPORTS - SHEILA MORRIS**

My committee for 1996 consists of;

- Co-Chair - Gary Cumming
- Mary Cumming
- Veronica Caplette
- Bernie Morris

We hosted Command Darts on January 27th and Fort Rouge cleaned up. Singles - Mike Wattis Doubles - Mike Wattis and Andy Allard. Teams - Mike Wattis, Andy Allard, Errol Allard, Doug Allard and Phil Allard. They play at West Kildonan Branch #30 on March 29th, 30th and 31st and if they win their they'll go on to Brockvill on May 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th. **GOOD LUCK GUYS!!**

We put on an A&B Double Round Knock Out Snooker Tournament on February 16th and 17th.

The winners were;

- 1st - Harry Stevens
- 2nd - Wayne Dewar
- 3rd - John Levine
- 4th - Barney Toale

High run Jack Ramsay.

The Charleswood Bonspiel will be held on April 13th, 14th and 15th. Entry forms may be picked up at our Branch.

Dave Helme will be representing our Branch #97 in the Cribbage Single Tournament in Dryden on April 13th and 14th. **GOOD LUCK DAVE!!**

We are having a Josie Ashcroft Memorial Dart Tournament on April 27th. Cash prizes and a Chinese Auction. Come on out and join in the fun. Registration 9:30-10:30. Proceeds go to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

**65 CLUB - P. WILSON**

Our club meets the first Tuesday of each month. We invite all members to join us. All it requires to become a member is that you are retired and member of the Branch, or on a disability pension. We welcome all. We hold a Crib Tournament on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30pm. Admission \$2.00 - members and guests welcomed !!

Penny Bingo every Thursday at 1:30pm. - open to all, come out and enjoy a fun afternoon. **COMING EVENTS** - Dinner meeting and meat draws in April. More details at our March meeting. Race day in July or August. Hope to see you at some of the events.

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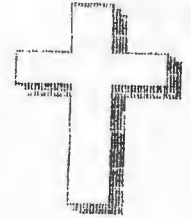
<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Jeff Mathieson	
<b>PAST-PRESIDENT</b>	John Miscavish	
<b>1ST VICE-PRESIDENT</b>	Doug Fisher	
<b>2ND VICE-PRESIDENT</b>	Art Wattis	
<b>3RD VICE-PRESIDENT</b>	Dick Hanna	
<b>SGT-AT-ARMS</b>	Marie Westcott	
<b>EXECUTIVE</b>	Art Wattis WAY & MEANS	Sheila Morris SPORTS
	Lloyd Skelding PUBLICITY	Pat Clark BINGO
	Jim Ryland MEMBERSHIP	Don Pilbeam POPPY
	Larry Moreau MAINTENANCE	Pat Barkley ENTERTAINMENT
	Doug Fisher FINANCE	John Miscavish SERVICE & REHAB
	Dick Hanna SICK VISITING	Doug Fisher TUESDAY NIGHT BINGO



# Last Post



With deep sympathy the Branch records the passing of the following comrades since our last review. The officers, executive, and members extend their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved families.



(Since November 1, 1995)

<b>ROY</b>	<b>BLEAKNEY</b>	- 50yr Member
<b>NOBLE</b>	<b>CONDLIFFE</b>	- 40yr Member
<b>JOYCE</b>	<b>DESMEDT</b>	- 13yr Member
<b>BRUCE</b>	<b>DONEY</b>	- 51yr Member
<b>ALVIN</b>	<b>HANSEN</b>	- 19yr Member
<b>SAMUAL</b>	<b>MORRIN</b>	- 26yr Member
<b>WILLIE</b>	<b>PATERSON</b>	- 26yr Member
<b>LORNE</b>	<b>STEWART</b>	- 37yr Member

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,  
we will remember them.



## BINGO - PAT CLARK

As reported last month we are not upset at the turnout on Tuesday and Friday due to the cold weather. When the weather warms up we anticipate our crowds will come back. We held our first Tuesday paper bingo on Feb 13th. This new change is on the similiar format as the Ladies Auxiliary except for a few changes. We have added a letter "Y" and a Pick 7 accumulators. COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR TUESDAY NIGHT BINGO!!

I would like to thanked Sheila Morris - Co-Chair, Bernie Morris, Tom McGrath, Verna Boyle and the rest of my volunteers. More volunteers are needed for collecting or calling bingo.

## SUNDAY BINGO - JEFF MATHIESON

Like everything else, Sunday Bingo attendance was considerably down in January. However, so far in February things look more normal. Hopefully this will be my last Sunday Bingo report. Ron Liberty has come forward and offered to take over. Thanks Ron and I ask each of you to give him your fullest support. It's not an easy job. Please do come forward and even if it's one Sunday a month. Many hands make the job easier.

## MAINTENANCE - LARRY MOREAU

Members of the Committee are:

Doug Fisher, Len Friday,  
Lloyd Skelding, Grant Bell,  
Bernie Morris

Repairs initiated:

- 1) Make and installed swing hinge for beer chute door.
- 2) Make four wrenches for CO2 tanks
- 3) Make and intalled latch catches for lounge cooler doors.
- 4) Repair leaking faucets as required.
- 5) Repair Bingo machine fan motor.
- 6) Repair leaking drain on lounge bar sink.
- 7) Woodward Hall - installed 100 watt bulbs in wall fixtures. Extended one pot light down for better lighting - waiting on price for more exensions for the balance of the pot lights.
- 8) Smaller general repairs as required (i.e. bathroom door hinges - tighten screws.)
- 9) Lounge bar sink drain plugged - Roto Rooter unable to clear it. This means pulling out clay, maybe necessary to abandon this drain line.

Future anticipated action:

- 1) Check tables and chairs for repair.
- 2) Clean up boiler room.
- 3) Clean up maintenance locker.
- 4) Work party to clean storage areas - i.e. Games room storage areas plus others as required.

# BILL'S

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## **PUBLICITY - LLOYD SKELDING**

I have contacted both the Lance and the River-view Reflector regarding the cost of running ads to inform more people about upcoming Legion events. More about this as we get our committee meetings together.

Both papers expressed interest on doing stories on Legion events and Legion people. Publicity would like to hear from members who have knowledge of some of the good deeds the Legion has done for the community both past and present. We are also seeking human interest stories concerning Legion members again past and present. We are also working on photo opportunities to get more Legion activities publicised. As you know there are two kinds of stories in the Legion, those that can be told and those that can't. If you know any of the former, please contact Lloyd Skelding.

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## **SARGENT-AT-ARMS - MARIE WESTCOTT**

Our Color Party is alive and well. We have attended our second session at color party school (McGregor Armory). We even recieved a commendation, although a verbal one, a couple of the training officers called our Sargeant over and asked "Marie just what the heck did you do to the Skeldings to take them from zero to almost up to speed in only two weeks?" Of course we at Branch #97 have a secret weapon, I won't mention any names but his initials are "John Miscavish", the man who has so generously given his time and talent to get our color party up to speed. Many many thanks John.

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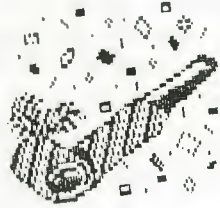
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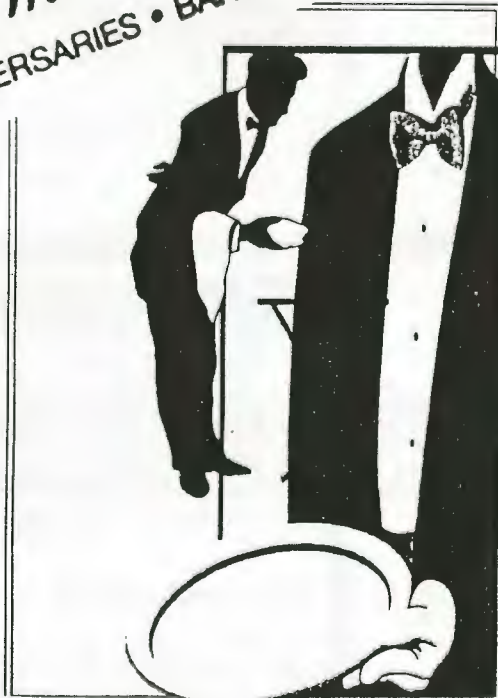
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**ENTERTAINMENT - PAT BARKLEY**  
Our major Entertainment for the Spring is:  
#1-Our Early St. Patrick Day Celebration on  
Saturday March 9th.  
#2-Our " ONE TERRIFIC WEEKEND " on  
the Easter Long Weekend of April 4-6.  
April 4 - Cavaliers Band and \$ 1.65 Beer  
April 6 - Karaoke Contest in the afternoon  
- "Memories of ELVIS" in the night  
Ray Hollick packed the Bingo Hall  
at the end of November.  
\* \* so get your tickets early !

A Reminder that Karaoke starts alternating  
between Friday night and Saturday afternoon  
beginning on Friday March 8th.

**WAYS & MEANS - A. WATTIS**  
The following comrades have offered to help  
the Ways & Means committee with the Saturday  
afternoon meat draws: Helen Pedlar, Mike  
Goodman, Sharon Fraser, Bernie Morris,  
Stephany Selkirk, Geo Sawatsky, Heather  
Primmatt, Nellie Allard, Don Parliament and  
Bruce Fazackerley. While this looks like a  
sufficient number of volunteers it hasn't  
turned out that way for various reasons. So I  
am still looking for comrades to give one hour  
of their time Saturdays to sell meat draw  
tickets from 1pm-2pm, 2pm-3pm and 3pm-4pm.  
Give me a shout and offer your services so we  
can help our Branch pay the bills. The cold  
snap kept our sales to a minimum on a couple  
of Saturdays in Jan and Feb and seriously  
affected our profit ledger from the direction  
we have previously been accustomed to.  
Come on down to the Branch on Saturday  
afternoon and try your luck on Bingo, VLTS,  
Billiard tables and our Eight ball table and  
buy some meat draw tickets. WE NEED YOUR  
PRESENCE AND YOUR SUPPORT.



## COMING EVENTS

Fri. March 8 - Singers Paradise  
Sat. March 9 - St. Patricks Day  
(Irish Dew Band)

Sat. March 16 - Hound Dogs

Fri. March 22 - Singers Paradise  
Sat. March 23 - Domino

Sat. March 30 - Passport

Thu. April 4 - Cavaliers Band  
Fri. April 5 - Legion Closed-Good Friday  
Sat. April 6 - \* Elvis Sighting \*  
\* Ray Hollick \*

Sat. April 13 - Pheasant Pluckers

Fri. April 19 - Singers Paradise  
Sat. April 20 - Al Weldon

Sat. April 27 - Spice of Life

Fri. May 3 - Singers Paradise  
Sat. May 4 - Passport

Sat. May 11 - Spurs

Fri. May 17 - Singers Paradise  
Sat. May 18 - Hound Dogs

Fri. May 31 - Singers Paradise  
Sat. June 1 - Spurs