

" THE RED TOURRI "
A NEWS LETTER
(FROM THE OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION)

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PRESIDENTS REPORT:-----DON BURR

The summer and the traditional vacations, picnics etc.that accompanies it are pretty well laid to rest till next year.

This tells us all that it's time to shake free of all those lazy days of summer and get back to work.

In my case where I underwent a change of employers and have taken over a whole new field of duties, WORK is a must, if I am to remain gainfully employed.

Although This will limit my activities at the club as well as many of the other social affairs which I usually enjoy during the fall and winter months, I still hope to be able to find time to participate in many of the fine fuctions that the Entertainment commitee has planned for the coming season.

God they say takes care of fools and drunks (This scares me).

The way the various committees have been working during the past months tells me that sometimes too much supervision is worse than none. Sports are coming fine Membership over the expected, Entertainment doing a bang up job and an Ever ALERT Treasurer looking after the purse strings. Really who could ask for a better result. (Somebody is looking after me.)

Pres.cont:

Much discussion has taken place regarding the action of the F.M.C.(Force Mobile Command) in relieving LCol John Sandham as Commanding Officer of the Regiment and the appointment of Major A.G. Young as acting C.O.

These events regardless of the trauma they have created are a decision made by the Military. Neither the Old Comrades Association or those interested from a personal point of view are in a position to question this action.

It has been made clear by Military Headquarters the the Decision to relieve LCol Sandham of his command was not based on any personal misconduct by him but on strict Military suitability. This action is being challenged by Lcol Sandham through the correct channels and will be resolved in that manner.

We of the O.C.A. regardless of our personal feelings are Highlanders, we owe our alligence to the Regiment and the Regiment must follow the directives of G.H.Q. if the Regiment is to remain part of the Armed Forces of Canada. LCol Sandham has been a friend and supporter of the O.C.A. for some time and he has the respect of the club.

SECRETARYS REPORT-----WIN ROGERS

After a long hot summer it is good to greet the Fall weather which is a little more bearable.

The only problem now is that Winter is just about on our door step and the other extreme of the Canadian weather picture will take over.

Meantime back at the Club the fall and winter seasons functions are getting underway.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS- 2000 HRS THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, THE EXECUTIVE MEETS THE TUESDAY PRECEDING THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT 1900 HRS.

LIFE MEMBERS, FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH 1300 HRS.

There will be Crib and Euchre play on alternate Monday nights. (see the sports report for details.)

The Ladies Auxilliary have lined up a whole programme of functions (see coming events)

Other happenings are the 50th. Anniversary Dinner, Remembrance Day Parade, and the Memorial Ceremony. All Traditional Regimental and O.C.A. functions.

When YOU come to one of these functions make a two minute phone call and remind one of your Buddies of what's going on. This might be an oppourtunity to have a small reunion of your own.

Since the removal of what was called the North Choir Stall by those that weren't totally enamoured with it we have put it to good use.

the Monday night Crib and Euchre have had room to move from table to table without tripping over each other, several functions have been held that would have gone elsewhere to find room to move, planned functions to accomadate 120 against 100 previously are planned and a better return for the space available is the result.

We have more to do, the regular care of the furniture and equipment that is being looked into (to date the quotes received have been prohibitive). A suggestion that we rent the equipment and do it with a work party is presently being considered as an alternative .

To have the Hall in top condition is a must. We have special occasions to look forward to and a clean and pleasant area are essential to their success. During the year coming we will be having many visitors coming and going in the normal practice of putting the final touches on the the Preparations for the 100 anniversary.

Let's keep the Hall as we like it.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS -----BARRY DEACON

This year seems to be special in a good number of ways. A year of coincidences of happenings within the regiment and the world generally.

The calendar match between 1939 and 1989 which makes the anniversary of days of events of 1939 fall on the same day this year.

To attempt to bring people together on those same days several events have been planned.

1. Remembrance Day Ceremony at the 48th Memorial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery will be held on Saturday 4 November.
2. Remembrance Day Service on Saturday 11 November at 11.00 a.m.
3. A Remembrance dinner 7.00 p.m. Sat. 11 November.
4. A Reunion Dinner on Saturday 16 December, (this is the day of departure of the first contingent of Canadian Troops for overseas).

All these events are open to all Highlanders that have served with the Regiment, Before, During or After The Second Great War.

Everyone Should Plan to Attend.

Especially The Memorial Services.

We should all keep in mind that many that will be Honoured on those days are the people that made possible the formation of this organization We owe them OUR RESPECT.

COMING EVENTS-----THE FAMILY

- Mon. 2 Oct. Life Members meet.
- Tues. 10 Oct.- Executive Board meet.
- Thurs. 12 Oct.- General Membership meet.
Annual Nominations for
Election will be held.
- Sat. 14 Oct.- L/A Octoberfest Party
- Sat. 28 Oct.- Halloween Dance
- Sat. 26 Nov.- Grey Cup Day
- Sat. 9 Dec.- L/A Dinner Dance
- Sat. 4 Nov.- Memorial Parade.
- Mon. 6 Nov.- Life Members meet.
- Tues 7 Nov.- Executive Board meet.
- Thurs. 9 Nov.- General Membership meet
Election will be held.
- Sat. 11 Nov.- Remembrance Day Parade.
- Remembrance Day Dinner.
- Sat 16 Dec.- Reunion Dinner

Other activities:

Biweekly Crib and Euchre nights will be held on alternate Mondays. (see Sports Report for details.

Saturday nights that are not scheduled for another activity, the Club will be open for Social Evenings, Dancing etc.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT-----JACK SMALE

By the next meeting, 12 Oct. 1989 I hope to be able to report that we have 800 plus registered paid up members. I recall back in January setting what I thought to be a very optimistic target for membership of 700.

WHAT HAPPENED!

As far as I can make out a lot of people started to pull in the right direction.

The Life Members set up a registration table at their meetings, with the ever hard to resist Sershall brothers as a team signing them up and collecting the dues.

The Bartenders reminding their customers that dues time had arrived or asking that embarrassing question,

ARE YOU A MEMBER SIR.

The officers association arriving with their annual list for membership for all active Officers.

The discovery of many that this Club is designed for the pleasure and comfort of it's members and those that belonged to it were a friendly sociable group well worth associating with.

Adding this all up I can see why we met and exceeded our target. I sometimes feel like a winner, sometimes like a loser since I didn't recognize the potential that existed. Next year 1000 members ??? or should I be shooting Higher.

TREASURERS REPORT-----JACK WEAR

After checking our books up to the end of September I find that we are pretty well on target with what had been our forecast.

This is a fair achievement knowing that we had some expenses that were not in the forecast. This of course is a good omen BUT not one to say that we are out of the woods, therefore CAUTION and restraint is the order of the day.

Treasurers of all organization would like to have a large sized treasury so they can sit back and relax and not have to squeeze every nickel to the nth degree. With me I am more than grateful just to be able to meet the current expenses and pray like hell that the roof doesn't fall in before we have sufficient funds to prop it up.

We knew when the Club was making this move that we had a large sized elephant to dispose of and the only way we could accomplish this was to eat it one bite at a time. We have a large sized dinner to eat, also a good membership and if everyone takes their bites then we are home free.

Now to put away the crying towel and look a little ahead I am anticipating enjoying myself at some of the social activities that have been planned for this fall and winter.

SPORTS REPORT-----EDDIE MAJEAU

Since the last Tourri we have had a chance to assess the Monday night alternate Euchre and Crib games.

On both nights our attendance has been reasonably good, slightly higher on Euchre nights which seems to be the preference of the majority of those attending.

After seeing this the question was put the players and it was decided to have Euchre only on Monday nights, leaving Cribbage for the Veterans Cribbage league which plays every Wednesday during the winter season. Three teams from the club are entered in this league.

If you are not a team member and would like to play you can contact Eddie Majeau, Connie Wood or Win Rogers and they will arrange to have you placed on a team (Ladies are eligible and welcome).

On the 16th. Sept. we had our annual golf tournament. Needless to say noone broke par, no holes in one, just an ordinary day followed by a sit around, the normal lie telling about Golf experiences, having a couple of drinks and generally relaxing and enjoying the company of our friends.

SICK REPORT -----HARRY ROSS

On my regular visit to Sunnybrook Hospital in August I had Bill South and Harry Sershall to help me give a little cheer to some of our sick comrades.

We still have 14 Highlanders in Sunnybrook, Bill Scott⁴ is in Brampton and Bill Moir is in Princess Margaret's. Sick at home are Jim Maxwell and Jack Sandulak.(Sandy Has Made it to the club on a couple of times) As you can see there is very little change from month to month which can be very monotonous for our boys.

The only way we have of breaking this up is by visits so any who can spare the time would be welcome. The Hospital staff is very cooperative in directing you to the patients. Pay them a visit if you can.

Just before this was to go to press it was reported that Bill Elms and his son were in a very serious accident in the Peterborough area.

They have since been moved to Sunnybrook. Their conditions still being uncertain we can give no further info at this time.

You may obtain up to date information through the Club as it becomes available.