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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE 48th HIGHLANDERS OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

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EDITOR'S APOLOGY

It had been planned to have a newsletter out to you in December, before the Christmas season. Unfortunately I came down with the most severe cold and first bronchial cold I have had in the last twenty years. I was forced to bed with a thundering headache shortly after nine following a great time at the December 8 Turkey Shoot and Meat Roll and was unable to much of anything for the next two weeks. Fortunately I was able to enjoy a very relaxing Holiday period and recover during visits to my parents in Cambridge and my wife's family in Nova Scotia. I apologize for not getting the December newsletter out to you. You will find some things in this edition from that period. I hope everyone had a great Christmas and my wife and I wish you all a belated Happy New Year.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

At the General Meeting on November 8, 1990, Don Burr agreed to be the Immediate Past Present and the following were elected for the 1991 term:

- President Gord Outhwaite
- Vice-President George Roberts
- Secretary Dann Oliver
- Treasurer Hugh Mowat
- Marshall Ray Bower
- Member Ed Majeau
- Tom McCue
- Harry Ross
- Jack Smale

The following have accepted appointment to the Executive since then:

- Member Bob Barnes
- Ken Waylett

Gord is looking for one more Member to fill out the 1991 Executive.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Happy New Year from myself and all your Executive Committee for 1991.

The 48th Highlanders Old Comrades Association and The Regiment will be ringing in the new year with a new set of rules. The GST, which will affect us all, the recession and the tensions in the Middle East. Our 100th Anniversary Reunion for all Highlanders who served with The Regiment at any time in peace or war. All these challenges facing the 48th Highlanders in the future will be met with the same enthusiasm and success as in the past. Your Executive for the Reunion year has a lot of hard work ahead of them and I am quite confident they will do a good job and keep our club operating in a very successful manner.

If you have any ideas you feel will be helpful to the operation of your club, jot them down and leave them at the bar. The Executive will address them as soon as possible.

I would like to say Thank You to last years Executive for a job well done and also to the Ladies Auxiliary for the superb support they have been to the 48th Family for almost a Hundred Years.

Dileas Gu Brath! G. Outhwaite.

MEMBERSHIP

Jack Smale reports that the 1991 Regular Membership Cards are now available and they are beautiful. There is no more reason to delay. At only \$15.00 where can you get a better deal? Jack says he is getting inquiries from Highlanders we haven't heard from in years. He says some are even sending in back dues, one as far back as 1982. Think of other Highlanders who may not be members and get after them. The Red Tourri will only be sent to paid up members as of March 31, 1991. Remem-

ber we have Associate and Social Memberships available as well. Let's go over 1000 for our 100th. Let's not only get Highlanders back into the fold but look for new Associate and Social Members as well. The following is a description of these two categories:

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Shall consist of persons, who, in the opinion of the Executive Committee and by a majority vote of the members at a General Meeting, are worthy of such distinction, and must:

i.) have had at least one (1) year service in some branch of Canadian or Allied Services, or

ii.) be a son or daughter of a present or deceased regular of life member.

Who do you know?

SOCIAL MEMBERS

Shall consist of persons, who, in the opinion of the Executive Committee or the chairman of the Membership Committee, are worthy of such distinction. The Executive Committee in office, may, at any time, grant, recall or cancel this membership.

Who do you know?

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Attendance at the October Nomination meeting was minimal, at the November Election meeting it was better, at the December meeting it was minimal again and at there was not a quorum at the January meeting. It should be lots better. At recent Board of Directors, Executive Committee and General Membership meetings the problem of attendance has been discussed with the following suggestions being made; a) reduce the quorum requirement to 10 or 15 (currently 25 or 20 at the President's discretion), b) start the meetings at 1900 hrs, c) eliminate the monthly General Membership meetings and only have the General Membership at the Annual General Meeting of the 48th Highlanders Association, d) ask the Colonel to assign enough Militia personnel to attend the monthly General meeting to make up the difference. As it is now your Executive has to make all the decisions in

running the Hall. Your Executive needs and sincerely wants your input in making your Hall the place you would like it to be and to learn what types of things you would like to see happening. Come to the monthly meeting on the second (2nd) Thursday of each month except July and August. Mark the days on your calendar NOW so you will remember. Come with or meet a friend at the Hall.

FROM THE IODE

Our 48th Chapter has enjoyed a busy and successful year due mainly to the assistance of the members of the Chapter and the members of the Regimental Family. At this time we wish to thank those who have attended and supported our functions during the year.

On behalf of our Regent, Marj Harding, and the Executive Committee of the Chapter I extend to our veterans at Sunnybrook Hospital and other members of the Regimental Family a very merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and prosperous New Year.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 20, 1991 at 1400 hrs (2 pm) in the Sergeant's Mess. Grace Mackay Edgar - P.R.

TURKEY SHOOT & MEAT ROLL

The crowd was a little smaller than last year and it means that those who weren't there missed a great afternoon. In the Turkey Shoot, with only 12 minutes to go and everything looking like it was all over, George Roberts thought he'd finish off the total at a nice 125 cards. Jane Currie saw him shooting and thought she'd take another chance. This caused several others to join in the frenzy and we finished with 134 cards shot. With her last minute effort, Jane bumped Shaun Ruddy out of the fifth place spot for the final turkey. The card #, Name and score of the winners are: 87 - Marg Elson - 275; 7 - Ernest Wilson - 268; 51 - Stan Bettles - 248; 85 - Pat Davidson - 239; 126 - Jane Currie - 238. We thank Gord Outhwaite and George Roberts for selling, scoring and recording this event.

The Meat Roll proved to be very popular with each 'roll' of 15 players

at \$2.00 each selling out very quickly. After the first ten games had been rolled there were still many people who wanted more so it was decided to send a Purchase Team out to the local meat counter to acquire four more roasts. This proved fortunate for the Bowers, who had arrived late and for Marge Ritchie who hadn't won yet and was on the 'Purchase Team'. The High and Low Score from each roll could chose from the available pork chops, bacon or roasts (pork & beef). The High and Low winners for each roll were: 1 - Kevin Wilcox, Graham Elson; 2 - Kevin Wilcox, Shirley Lavergne; 3 - Joanne Herdman, Stan Bettles; 4 - Art Currie, Jim Davidson; 5 - Graham Elson, Mary Stephens; 6 - Al Smith, Jean Jones; 7 - Shaun Ruddy, Jane Currie; 8 - Carrol O'Neil, Larry O'Neil; 9 - Larry O'Neil, Marg Elson; 10 - Bud Lloyd, Pat Davidson; 11 - Ray Bower, Fran Bower; 12 - Marg Ritchie, Marg Elson. We thank Pat Ritchie, Bob Lavergne and Art Currie for selling, scoring and recording.

Congratulations to all the winners and to all those who didn't win this time thank you for your kind donation. A Special Thanks to Ken Waylett and the Entertainment Committee for a job well done.

The afternoon was such a success that we will be having a 'Meat Roll' of ten games with 15 players per game on the second Saturday of each month, except July and August, starting Saturday, February 9. This party begins at 1300 hrs and goes until all ten games have been played. Bring your spouse or a friend or several friends and join in the FUN. You could win Sunday supper.

FROM Lt. COLONEL MICHAEL E. GEORGE

In 1966 the Regiment lost a great Highlander... LCol Jim Counsell DSO.

As a result of his untimely death I was given the great honour of leading the Old Comrades Association on Warriors Day and on Remembrance Day Parades.

The Old Comrades have given the active Regiment strong support over the past forty-five years. By parading with the Regiment on Remembrance Day the veterans continue to honour Fallen

Comrades that lie in cemeteries in Sicily, Italy and Holland and those 48th veterans who have died since the end of the war.

As Highlanders we will remember them.

On Sunday November 11, 1990 at Moss Park Armoury I witnessed three other militia units, who shall remain nameless, on their Remembrance Day parade. One unit had no veterans on parade, the second unit had eleven veterans on parade while the third unit had twenty-two veterans on parade.

May the Old Comrades Association of the 48th Highlander of Canada continue to parade in strength on Remembrance Day.

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

LINCOLN TOWN CAR LOTTERY

LCol Dick Read reports there have been over 700 tickets sold to date. This is about one third of the maximum number of 2500 that are available. He wants everyone to remember that the proceeds from this lottery are needed to pay the expenses of the Reunion and go toward the cost of refurbishing and buying new Dress Uniforms. The more tickets we sell, the more we can do. Ford Motor Company is providing us this \$45,000 1991 Lincoln Town Car FREE of charge. The least we can do is sell all the tickets. It has been suggested that maybe the \$100.00 cost per ticket may be a little too much for some people at this time, so we have come up with a way for you to be involved at less cost to you and, at the same time improve your chances of winning something. It is the old idea of Syndication. Should you not want to be on a ticket by yourself, we, at the OCA, are syndicating tickets for you to be involved with. For ten dollars (\$10) you will be one of ten on a ticket or for twenty-five dollars (\$25) you will be one of four on a ticket. You decide how many tickets and for how much on each ticket that you would like to be involved. For example, you may decide that, for this month, you want to spend

\$20 and you would like to be on two tickets for \$10 each. Or, you may decide you would like to spend \$50 and put \$10 on five tickets, or \$25 on two tickets. Then you send your cheque or money order and a note about your choices to the Secretary of the OCA at the Memorial Hall. Make your cheque or money order payable to "48th OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION" and please PRINT your name and address very clearly on your note. We will then assign you to the requested number of tickets. When we have a ticket sold out we will send you a list of the names on that ticket. Each ticket will be registered in the name of the first person on that ticket, who will be the Chairman of the Syndicate that owns that ticket. Don't worry about what to do when your syndicate wins. It shouldn't be too difficult to find someone to buy the new \$45,000 1991 Lincoln Town Car by offering a nice discount. This should leave somewhere around \$35-40,000 for the members of the syndicate to divide up or spend on a group trip or donate to charity or whatever you would like to do with it. When one of the tickets sold through the OCA Syndication Program wins in the Early Bird or Bonus Draw, the OCA will benefit from any prizes awarded. Remember, applications for tickets, along with payment, need to be received at Ticket Control Headquarters by midnight, March 23, 1991. DO IT NOW! Only players can win.

PS - this syndication idea can be used by anyone to line up ticket sales to your friends, relatives, co-workers, neighbours, members of other groups you may belong to and anyone else you can think of. When you syndicate a whole \$100 ticket yourself and deal directly with the 100th Anniversary Campaign office and your ticket is a winner in the Early Bird or Bonus Draw you will receive the Draw Prize. Should you need more application forms call me at 751-8397 and leave a message on my machine. This is not the time to be bashful. Go out and sell Lincoln Town Car Lottery tickets for the good of your Regiment! DO IT OFTEN AND DO IT NOW!!!

Early Bird Draw Winners to date;

In Order - \$1000.00, \$300.00, \$200.00.
Sep 28 - Chris Reesor, George Barron, Dr. O.J. Balabanian.
Oct 26 - Douglas Haldanby, Brian Ruddy, F.E. Tshannen.
Nov 30 - Irene O'Kell, Jocelyn Campbell Evelyn Moir.
Dec 28 - Derek Bate, Gwen Read, John Coulson.

The last Early Bird Draw will be Friday, January 25, 1991. Get your Applications in NOW to be eligible for this draw. There will apparently be one Bonus Draw after the end of March with the Final Draw being done at a major Reunion event in May. Buy! Sell!

PSS - Every ticket is entitled to two (2) seats in "The Reserved VIP Section" of the CNE Grandstand for the May 18th Presentation of New Colours and the Massed Band Concert. What a Deal!

PSSS - The seller of the winning ticket gets a \$1000 Prize. Go for it!

REUNION

Watch your mail for an update expected soon. It will outline the final dates for the various events and activities. Should you hear of anyone who is not getting the mailings from the Reunion Committee, please let us know.

MUSTER PARADE

Remember the Muster Parade on Friday, January 25, 1991, 1930 hrs. at Moss Park Armoury for all able bodied Highlanders who would like to be "On Parade" for the Presentation of New Colours. Your Regiment wants you again.

VISITOR ACCOMMODATION

We are reminded that there are a number of people coming from Holland to attend our 100th Anniversary. The Committee is still looking for accommodation for some of these visitors. They will be in Canada from about the 14th to 25th of May. Should you feel you could open your home to billet any of our Dutch friends please contact: Herbert J. Pike, 23 Marthclare Avenue, Don Mills, Ont. M3A 1E1 416/447-0240

FROM OUR MARSHAL

As some of you realize, we aren't getting any younger. This means some

of us pass on to join our previously fallen comrades. When this happens, we are often called upon to provide Ushers and Pall Bearers. We would like to spread this honour around to more of our comrades. Should you wish to be available for this duty would you please contact our Marshall, Ray Bower, at 759-0338 or leave your name and number at the Hall. Thank you.

We are doing up a list of those who passed on in 1990. Would you please forward the names of those you know of to the Secretary at the Hall.

SPORTS

Ed Majeau has it all rolling again. The Progressive Euchre started Monday, January 14. It happens every Monday, with Registration at 1930 hrs so the games can start at 2000 hrs sharp. There are cash prizes for first, second, third and the most Lone Hands for the night.

Cribbage goes on Wednesday nights and Darts on Friday. It looks like there is an outside group that wants to use our Hall on Tuesday nights for their Euchre League. This still leaves Thursday nights open. It has been suggested that we ask you if you would like to have a billiards group set up for Thursday nights. Should there be enough interest, a second table could be added at no initial cost to us as long as we will take the short end of a 60/40 split of the proceeds from the tables. Contact Ed Majeau at the Hall to let him know you want to shoot pool.

ENTERTAINMENT

This Committee, under the guidance of Social Member, Ken Waylett, continues to do a Super job of organizing activities for your enjoyment. The Grey Cup Party could have been better attended but the good crowd had a great time anyway. The day turned a modest profit plus the bar proceeds.

New Years Eve saw 111 people at the Hall to enjoy the revelry. It was reported that the food was great, the music to everyone's liking, the company fantastic and the free libations soothing. Those of you who weren't there

missed a good one. They even showed another modest profit plus the bar.

JUTE BOX SATURDAY NIGHT seems to be a popular time for people to gather at the Hall when there isn't a dance or dinner being held there. Come out and enjoy a night of easy dancing to the varied tunes on our Jute Box. Shoot some pool or throw some darts or play some cards. For friendship, it sure beats whatever is on your TV at home.

BLACK WATCH BURNS LUNCH

Our good friends in the Toronto Branch of The Black Watch Association are having their traditional Burns Lunch on Friday, January 25 in the Polish Combatants Hall, 206 Beverly Street and their bar is open by noon. The cost is about \$7.50 per person. Highlanders and their ladies are welcome as usual. You'll need to call them at 979-2017 for any more details.

WOODBINE RACE TRACK DAY

For all you horse racing fans this glorious day will be on Saturday, May 11. The tariff is \$21.95 per person for your admittance to Woodbine. Transportation to the track is on your own. Should you be going on this day contact Ken Waylett at the Hall before April 30 to pay for your ticket.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Mark these dates on your calendar.
- January 25 - Black Watch Burns Lunch.
 - February 04 - Life Members Meeting.
 - " 09 - Meat Roll 1300 hrs.
 - " 12 - The Bradenton Dinner.
 - " 14 - General Meeting 2015 hrs.
 - " 16 - Valentine's Dance.
 - March 04 - Life Members Meeting.
 - " 09 - Meat Roll 1300 hrs.
 - " 14 - General Meeting 2015 hrs.
 - " 16 - St. Patrick's Dance.
 - April 01 - Life Members Meeting.
 - " 11 - Annual General Meeting.
 - " 13 - Meat Roll 1300 hrs.
 - " 13 - Bill Dance Night.
 - May 06 - Life Members Meeting.

- " 09 - General Meeting 2015 hrs.
 - " 11 - Woodbine Racetrack Day.
 - " 11 - Meat Roll 1300 hrs.
 - " 16 - 18 Reunion Activities.
- June 03 - Life Members Meeting.
- " 08 - Meat Roll 1300 hrs.
 - " 13 - General Meeting 2015 hrs.

HELP

We still need your Letters to the Editor, Jokes, Trivia, and 'War' Stories to make your RED TOURRI more interesting. Write to me at the Hall or at the address below.

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BOOK REVIEW

While wandering about a newly refurbished plaza in Halifax between Christmas and New Year I came across a very interesting book at a very interesting price. This hardcover book was first published in Canada in 1987 to sell for \$29.95 yet it was on a clearance sale for only \$3.99. Not one to pass up a bargain, I thumbed through it and found it most interesting because it has a lot of pictures.

The book MUSKETS TO MISSILES - A Pictorial History of Canada's Ground Forces by J.A. Foster. As I read the fly-leaf, then the forward I began to think this might be 'good' book as well as a bargain. The facts that it is covering such a time span and it really does have a lot of very good pictures means that the written portions need to be very concise. They are. This book turns out to be a very good short history, written in a very readable style, of the militia in this country.

The following is in the appendix and I thought you might like to see it.

CANADIAN REGIMENTS IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE Militia Infantry.

Governor General's Foot Guards
The Canadian Grenadier Guards
The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada

The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada
Les Voltigeurs de Quebec
The Royal Regiment of Canada
The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry (Wentworth Regiment)
The Princess of Wales' Own Regiment
The Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment
The Lincoln and Welland Regiment
The Royal Canadian Regiment
The Highland Fusiliers of Canada
The Grey and Simcoe Foresters
The Lorne Scots (Peel, Dufferin and Halton Regiment)
The Brockville Rifles
The Lanark and Renfrew Scottish Regiment
Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders
Les Fusiliers du St. Laurent
Le Regiment de la Chaudiere
Royal 22e Regiment
Les Fusiliers Mont-Royal
The Princess Louise Fusiliers
The Royal New Brunswick Regiment
The West Nova Scotia Highlanders
The Nova Scotia Highlanders
Le Regiment de Maisonneuve
The Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa
The Royal Winnipeg Rifles
The Essex and Kent Scottish
48th Highlanders of Canada
Le Regiment du Saguenay
The Algonquin Regiment
The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada (Princess Louise's)
The Lake Superior Scottish Regiment
The North Saskatchewan Regiment
The Royal Regina Rifle Regiment
The Rocky Mountain Rangers
The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4th Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry)
The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada
The Royal Westminster Regiment
The Calgary Highlanders
Les Fusiliers de Sherbrooke
The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada
The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's)
The Royal Montreal Regiment
The Irish Regiment of Canada
The Toronto Scottish Regiment
The Royal Newfoundland Regiment