



ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION FRED GIES BRANCH 50

THE DUGOUT

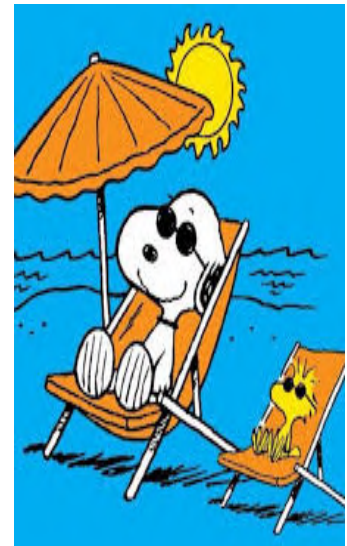
July - August - September 2019

PRESIDENT REPORT - PAM BARRAGER

Hey Comrades. I would like to thank all who voted for me. It is greatly appreciated. I look forward to the year ahead as President. I will do my best as best I can. Please be patient. I just want to say the I would like to bring the branch back to what it was. A place where you can come in and relax and laugh and meet new friends. I do not want to step on anyone's toes or hurt anyone's feelings. I just want the branch to survive for the future. It may mean that we have to change the way things have been done in the past a little. I would greatly appreciate any input or ideas you may have as members of Branch 50 at any time. If "WE" do not work together as a team on the Executive and Executive Committee and as members "WE" will not work at all. "COMMUNICATION IS KEY" Hope to see you around the branch. Do not hesitate to say hey. Also if you see someone new members say hey to them too and make them feel welcome. Have a great summer.

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PAST PRESIDENT REPORT - CHRIS PICKERING

Greetings Comrades:

WOW!! What a year. Roof replacement, new water softener, new programmable digital sign to replace the front lawn pylon sign and new fence and tent storage area next to the patio and new staff contracts.

The Fish Fry is up and running again, and the attendance is good. Thanks to Elvis for rotating times with me. His nights do better than mine because you get a song for dessert. Thanks Dennis!!!

I would like to thank all the Members who gave me their support during my tenure as President and the many years on the Executive. It's a hard enough job at the best of times, but when you have a good supportive Executive, it eases the load. I also would like to thank all the Volunteers who unselfishly gave of their time to help with the Tuesday cooking, running the sports and Club House Leagues that all contribute to the Branch income. My Sincere thanks.

There are still some Members who think it's ok to verbally abuse other Members and guests of the Branch, as well as the staff. If a couple of drinks bring out the worse in you, please do your drinking somewhere else. I know who you are and continuation of this behaviour will result in action being taken against you. The low point of my term on the Executive was this past week when our President allowed me the honour to officiate at the Veterans Memorial service for my friend, Comrade and brother in arms, Robert Kopperson. Bob served as the Branch VSO and 2nd Vice President for a period of time and was an opened and personable man who was also a friend. It was an honour to fulfil Bob's final wishes. Sadly, the lack of Legion Members that turned up to honour Bob was extremely disappointing and a sad reflection of how Veterans who have served their country are treated. To those who attended, my deepest and sincere thanks.

As my term as President came to an end, I attended 3 Annual Review Ceremonies. #94 Warspite Sea Cadets, #80 Spitfire Air Cadets and #1596 Army Cadets where I presented cheques and medal of excellence. It was a happy and memorable experience to see our youth of today dedicated and disciplined and at the same time having fun and making new friends.

It is a well known fact that those who do the most complaining are the ones that do the least to help. Where do you stand? Be a volunteer and help your Branch.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

In Comradeship



TREASURER REPORT - PETER WHITEHALL

Another fiscal year has come and gone. The past twelve months have been difficult financially for us, with the new roof, upgrades in equipment and new television, as well as a new advertising sign that you should see very shortly, but we managed to break even for the period. Two of the last three years have been profitable and this is a great sign for things to come. If we can continue to break even or make a small profit, then we will be able to grow as a Legion. Thanks to the former Executive Committee for all their help and support. I look forward to working with the new Executive. This year our goal will be to increase our sales and membership.

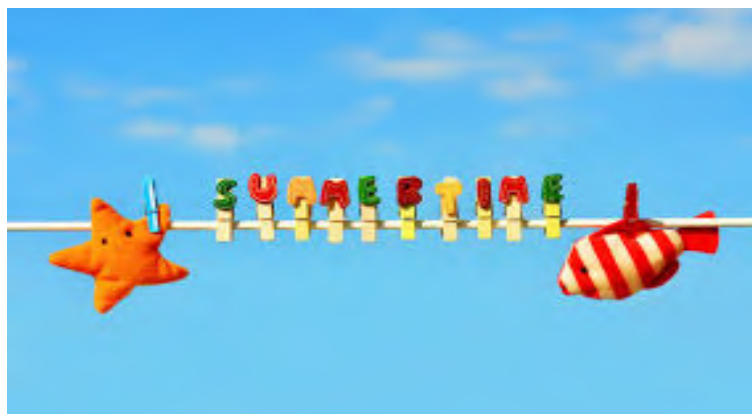
Have a great summer and continue to support your Legion.

2nd VICE - PRESIDENT: LARRY O'BRIEN

I would like to thank my nominator and all those who voted for me. We have a big job as the price list has not been updated for over 2 years. We will have to look at a small price increase at the bar.

I'd like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer.

We hope to be hiring an additional bartender soon.



Enjoy your summer



WAYS & MEANS - DON GINGRICH

As we are short of Executive Members this year, some of us are doing double - duty or more. There is lots to do to run this Branch. Meat Spins are still on Saturday's at 4:00pm, as well as 50/50 certain days during the week. Please support Branch 50 in these endeavors to help keep our Branch viable. Feel free to play pool or shuffleboard when available or music on the juke box. All funds from these help in their own way.

SENIORS - JEAN DAVIDSON

The trip to Flamborough Downs Casino was ok but the visit to the Preston Legion was much better. We were treated well. We hope that the next trip will get more participants and nobody will cancel.

We need more people to join the Seniors Group. If you are over 55, please come and have some fun with us.

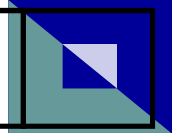
There are no meetings in July or August

Have a nice summer everyone

SPORTS REPORT - DON GINGRICH

As Sports Officer, I know have lots to do. I thank, in advance, all those who help run our cards, pool and other sporting events. The monthly 8-ball is going well as always. June winners were: Lee Seabrook & Ron Drake. Thanks to all who continue to support this event, making it a successful event. Also, thanks to the 4 Golfing teams from the Zone tournament who move on to the next lever. They are: Peter Whitehall and Barry Boehmer, Kim Gowing and John Smola, Dennis McArdle and Larry Curylo, Tom Moffat and Len Jewer. Raymonde Hachey and Ginny Mosser advanced to the next level in Washer Toss. GOOD LUCK TO ALL !

Thanks to Dennis Chambers and Lee Seabrook, who run our weekly pool and keep it going successfully. Not to be forgotten are the darts in winter and to Peter Gardiner for Friday Night Shuffle, even though they will miss some time while the shuffleboards are out being refinished.



ENTERTAINMENT REPORT - DAN LAROCQUE

Congratulations to our new Executives. New starts brings on new changes. The first change is the door coverage. When "Live" entertainment takes place, it will now be \$5.00 for Members and \$7.00 for Non-Members, starting June 1, 2019.

Ted Lavoie will DJ once in July and Norm Mason will DJ once in August. Any new ideas, please bring forward to Corey or me for the new term.

Line Dancing was cancelled due to few sign ups. Acrylic Painting class will run once on a Sunday at 1:30. Keep your eyes on the board for a date.

New times are scheduled for 2019 entertainment, some small groups will start playing at 3:00 or 4:00 or 5:00pm, before or after the meat draw. This is due to Members request to have things start earlier in the day so you can go home and call it a night.

POPPY REPORT - DON GINGRICH

Welcome Comrades:

Although there is not much to report on Poppies, we still have meetings every 2 months. Last one was May 26th and it was election time for the Executives of the Poppy Fund. These people deal with the incoming and outgoing funds:

New Executive for 2019-2021 are:

Stan Howie	Branch 412	Chair
Bob Berg	Branch 530	Vice Chair
Mary Ann Jantzi	Branch 530	Secretary
Jim Fraser	Branch 50	Treasurer
Jim Conrad	Branch 530	P.R.O.
Bryan Melchin	Branch 412	Liaison Officer

Our next meeting is August 19 at 7:30pm at the Wing 404 Club.

**HALL RENTAL FORMS
AND INFORMATION
ARE AVAILABLE ON THE
BRANCH 50 WEBSITE**

www.rclbr50.ca

**Taking an active role to
remember our Veterans is a
great way to say
"THANK YOU".**



DUGOUT EDITOR REPORT - ALF ASH

I would like to welcome the new Branch Executives on board. I hope that the Members are well served and they do a good job in serving the Members of Branch 50. Also, welcome to a new face on the Executive, as the President, Pam Barrager has been around for many years serving in many positions but mainly as Membership Chair.

Branch 50 Membership allows you as a Member to participate in many functions at the Branch, from card games, shuffleboard, pool, darts, dinner, karaoke, etc. So please, be a big part of this Legion Branch and enjoy your time at the Branch. Bring your friends to the special events that we put on a regular basis.

YOUTH EDUCATION REPORT - CAROL GABRIEL

I would like to thank all who voted me in for another term. I hope I am doing you proud. I don't have too much to say for this Dugout report. Poster and Literary Contest is coming in the fall and the Public Speaking will be in the New Year.

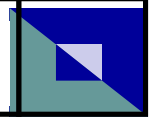
Have a safe and happy Summer to you all.

If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to me or anyone on the Executive, we will try to deal with them as best as we can.

Poppy House News Regarding Wheelchairs, Walkers, Mobility Appliances etc.

Due to liability issues, sadly, the Poppy House is no longer taking on the responsibility of either accepting, or loaning out, mobility appliances, such as walkers, canes, wheelchairs, scooters, etc.

Any Veteran, or surviving spouse of a Veteran, in need of such items is asked to contact the Service officer at their nearest Legion Branch to apply for DVA assistance. You need not be a Legion Member to talk to a Branch Service Officer. If the DVA turns you down, please fill out a Poppy Fund Assistance application, available from our website under REPORTS, or from the Poppy House at 316 Marsland Dr. in Waterloo. Please phone first for a mutually convenient appointment to Cathy at (519) 885-1001.



BRANCH 50 EXECUTIVE

President	Pam Barrager
Past President	Chris Pickering
1st Vice President/Security	Jean-Pierre Arnold
2nd Vice President	Larry O'Brien
Treasurer	Peter Whitehall
Executive Secretary	Pat Ryan
Sergeant At Arms	Ed Gorniak
Membership	Pam Barrager
Poppy Campaign	Don Gingrich
Youth Education	Carol Gabriel
Track and Field	
Sports	Don Gingrich
Ways and Means	Don Gingrich
Sick & Visiting	
Honors & Awards	Pam Barrager
Entertainment	Dan Larocque
Veterans Services	Jean-Pierre Arnold

OTTAWA, ON. 13 June 2019 - The Royal Canadian Legion is left shocked and dismayed at the delay of a vote on a motion for a plan to end Veteran homelessness in Canada. The delay was the result of procedure, with time running out before the motion could be discussed to the degree some parliamentarians thought was needed.

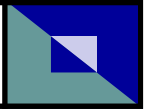
“How much discussion do we actually need to figure out that this country has to come up with a plan to end Veteran homelessness?” asks Thomas D. Irvine, CD, Dominion Command President. “This is an unacceptable outcome related to a motion that had all-party support. We need less talk and more action. I fear political posturing is coming at the expense of our Veterans’ needs, which are literally being put on the back burner”

The Legion recently participated in a public show of support for the motion put forward by Member of Parliament Neil Ellis. The motion called for a plan to end Veteran homelessness by 2025. the Legion itself has been pushing for a strategy to end Veteran homelessness for years. It is one of the organization’s top advocacy issues as outline in an open letter to all Members of Parliament in April.

The development of any comprehensive national Veterans’ homelessness strategy or plan would need to be coordinated with all levels of government and service providers and would need to outline immediate concrete actions.

“Through our Leave the Street Behind program, and the provisions of other supports the Legion is doing what it can to help combat this problem” says Dave Gordon, the Legion’s Homeless Veterans Representative. “But we, and other not-for-profit organizations across this county are being left to unfairly deal with an overwhelming problem. This is inexcusable. One Homeless Veteran - or citizen - is one too may.”

“Our government needs to step up with some sort of interim measure to help our homeless Veterans while our parliament decided when they’ll have time to bring this motion back to the floor” adds Irvine. For more information on how the Legion supports Veterans, visit: Le-



WATERLOO REGION RECORD

Keep an eye on The Record's weekly entertainment guide, and the Branch website for schedule

Reminder - Recycle Information - You Can Help

We collect Pop Cans, Pop Tabs, Eye Glasses, Canadian Tire Money, and toiletries for Veterans at Sunnyside Nursing Home and Parkwood Hospital . Please remove the tabs from the pop cans before depositing them in the recycle bin and bring in the tabs in a separate container. The pop cans will be donated to the Waterloo Shriners Aluminum Can Recycling Program, and the tabs will be sent to the Elora Legion for their Wheel Chair Program. 2250 Wheelchairs have been purchased through this program so far.

**General Meetings
are the fourth Sunday of
each month
except July, August and
December
and begin promptly
at 2 p.m.
Come out and take an
active rôle in your branch.**

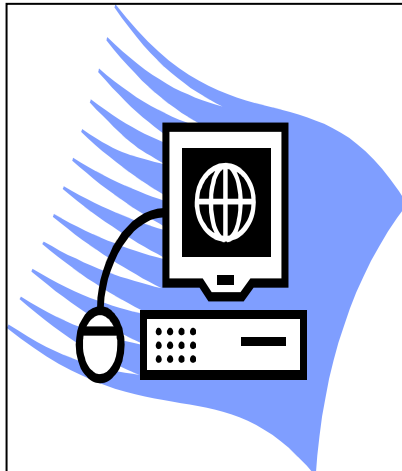
LEGION MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to serve veterans
which includes serving Military and
RCMP members and their families,
to Promote Remembrance,
And to serve our
Communities and Country.

About the Legion

Established in 1926, the Legion is Canada's largest Veterans support and community service organization. We are a non-profit organization with a national reach across Canada as well as branches in the United States, Europe and Mexico. With close to 260,000 Members, many of whom volunteer an extraordinary amount of time to their branches, our strength is in our numbers.

The Legion's Service Bureau Officers can assist and represent CF members Veterans, RCMP members and their families regarding disability claims or related issues with Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) and the Veterans Review and Appeal Board (VRAB). In communities across Canada, it is the Legion that perpetuates Remembrance through the Poppy campaign and Remembrance Day ceremonies, With more than 1,450 branches, The Legion supports programs for seniors, Veterans housing, Long Term Care, youth leadership, education, sports, Cadets, Guides and Scouts. We will Remember Them.



PLEASE SEND MY DUGOUT VIA E-MAIL

Name: (Please Print) _____

Membership # : _____

Please E-Mail to

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Office: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon - Fri

Club: 12:00 - 8:00 Mon - Sat

1:00 - 7:00 Sundays

Branch 50 VOLUNTEERS

Chaplain

Canon Christopher Pratt

Dugout / Website

Alf Ash

House & Building

John MacDougall

Kitchen

Peter Whitehall/Don Gingrich/

Irene Blanchard/Vera Pollock/ Shirley McGuire/Norma Ash/

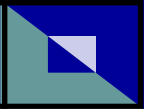
Dianne Jurchuk/Corey McFaddin



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Jul 1	Jul 2	Jul 3	Jul 4	Jul 5	Jul 6
	🗓️ 1pm - 7pm - Canada Day 🗓️ 1pm - Bid Euchre	🗓️ 1pm - Shuffleboard 🗓️ 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	🗓️ 1pm - Bid Euchre 🗓️ 7pm - REC Pool League	🗓️ 1pm - Euchre 🗓️ 7pm - Pool	🗓️ 1pm - Solo 🗓️ 7pm - "Friday Night Shuffle"	🗓️ 12pm - Cribbage Tournament 🗓️ 4pm - Meat Spin 🗓️ 6pm - "Fabulous 50"
Jul 7	Jul 8	Jul 9	Jul 10	Jul 11	Jul 12	Jul 13
🗓️ 1pm - Euchre/Bid Euchre	🗓️ 1pm - Bid Euchre 🗓️ 6:30pm - Pool	🗓️ 1pm - Shuffleboard 🗓️ 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	🗓️ 1pm - Bid Euchre 🗓️ 7pm - REC Pool League	🗓️ 1pm - Euchre 🗓️ 7pm - Pool	🗓️ 1pm - Solo 🗓️ 7pm - "Friday Night Shuffle"	🗓️ 9:30am - Executive Meeting 🗓️ 4pm - Meat Spin
Jul 14	Jul 15	Jul 16	Jul 17	Jul 18	Jul 19	Jul 20
🗓️ 1pm - Branch Closed - Veterans Picnic	🗓️ 1pm - Bid Euchre 🗓️ 6:30pm - Pool	🗓️ 1pm - Shuffleboard 🗓️ 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	🗓️ 1pm - Bid Euchre 🗓️ 7pm - REC Pool League	🗓️ 1pm - Euchre 🗓️ 7pm - Pool	🗓️ 1pm - Solo 🗓️ 7pm - "Friday Night Shuffle"	🗓️ 10am - Pool Tournament 🗓️ 3pm - Ted Lavoie 🗓️ 4pm - Meat Spin
Jul 21	Jul 22	Jul 23	Jul 24	Jul 25	Jul 26	Jul 27
🗓️ 1pm - Euchre/Bid Euchre 🗓️ 4pm - 7pm - Hosting a Pageant for Children with Disabilities.	🗓️ 1pm - Bid Euchre 🗓️ 6:30pm - Pool	🗓️ 1pm - Shuffleboard 🗓️ 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	🗓️ 1pm - Bid Euchre 🗓️ 7pm - REC Pool League	🗓️ 1pm - Euchre 🗓️ 6:30pm - Police Dinner 🗓️ 7pm - Pool	🗓️ 1pm - Solo 🗓️ 7pm - "Friday Night Shuffle"	🗓️ 4pm - Meat Spin
Jul 28	Jul 29	Jul 30	Jul 31			
🗓️ 1pm - Euchre/Bid Euchre	🗓️ 1pm - Bid Euchre 🗓️ 6:30pm - Pool	🗓️ 1pm - Shuffleboard 🗓️ 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	🗓️ 1pm - Bid Euchre 🗓️ 7pm - REC Pool League			



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Aug 1	Aug 2	Aug 3
				♣ 1pm - Euchre ♣ 7pm - Pool	♣ 1pm - Solo ♣ 7pm - "Friday Night Shuffle"	♣ 12pm - Cribbage Tournament ♣ 4pm - Meat Spin
Aug 4	Aug 5	Aug 6	Aug 7	Aug 8	Aug 9	Aug 10
♣ 1pm - Euchre/Bid Euchre	♣ 1pm - 7pm - Civic Holiday ♣ 1pm - Bid Euchre ♣ 6:30pm - Pool	♣ 1pm - Shuffleboard ♣ 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	♣ 1pm - Bid Euchre ♣ 7pm - REC Pool League	♣ 1pm - Euchre ♣ 7pm - Pool	♣ 1pm - Solo ♣ 7pm - "Friday Night Shuffle"	♣ 9:30am - Executive Meeting ♣ 4pm - Meat Spin
Aug 11	Aug 12	Aug 13	Aug 14	Aug 15	Aug 16	Aug 17
♣ 1pm - 4pm - "Kapshey" ♣ 1pm - Euchre/Bid Euchre	♣ 1pm - Bid Euchre ♣ 6:30pm - Pool	♣ 1pm - Shuffleboard ♣ 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	♣ 1pm - Bid Euchre ♣ 7pm - REC Pool League	♣ 1pm - Euchre ♣ 7pm - Pool	♣ 1pm - Solo ♣ 7pm - "Friday Night Shuffle"	♣ 10am - Pool Tournament ♣ 4pm - Meat Spin ♣ 5pm - Entertainment-DJ-Norm Mason
Aug 18	Aug 19	Aug 20	Aug 21	Aug 22	Aug 23	Aug 24
♣ 1pm - Euchre/Bid Euchre	♣ 1pm - Bid Euchre ♣ 6:30pm - Pool	♣ 1pm - Shuffleboard ♣ 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	♣ 1pm - Bid Euchre ♣ 7pm - REC Pool League	♣ 1pm - Euchre ♣ 7pm - Pool	♣ 1pm - Solo ♣ 7pm - "Friday Night Shuffle"	♣ 4pm - Meat Spin
Aug 25	Aug 26	Aug 27	Aug 28	Aug 29	Aug 30	Aug 31
♣ 12pm - 5pm - "Car Show" ♣ 1pm - Euchre/Bid Euchre	♣ 1pm - Bid Euchre ♣ 6:30pm - Pool	♣ 1pm - Shuffleboard ♣ 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	♣ 7pm - REC Pool League	♣ 1pm - Euchre ♣ 6:30pm - Police Dinner ♣ 7pm - Pool	♣ 1pm - Solo ♣ 7pm - "Friday Night Shuffle"	♣ 4pm - Meat Spin



≤ BRANCH 50 LEGION EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER 2019 ≥						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep 1	Sep 2	Sep 3	Sep 4	Sep 5	Sep 6	Sep 7
1pm - Euchre/Bid Euchre	1pm - 7pm - Labour Day 1pm - Bid Euchre 6:30pm - Pool	1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	1pm - Bid Euchre 7pm - REC Pool League	1pm - Euchre 7pm - Pool	1pm - Solo 8pm - Ladies Darts	12pm - Cribbage Tournament 4pm - Meat Spin
Sep 8	Sep 9	Sep 10	Sep 11	Sep 12	Sep 13	Sep 14
1pm - Euchre/Bid Euchre 2pm - Seniors Meeting	1pm - Bid Euchre 6:30pm - Pool	1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	1pm - Bid Euchre 7pm - "Fun Cribbage League" 7pm - REC Pool League	1pm - Euchre 7pm - Pool	1pm - Solo 8pm - Ladies Darts	9:30am - Executive Meeting 1pm - "Mental Health and Wellness Day" 4pm - Meat Spin
Sep 15	Sep 16	Sep 17	Sep 18	Sep 19	Sep 20	Sep 21
1pm - Euchre/Bid Euchre 3pm - Honours & Awards	1pm - Bid Euchre 6:30pm - Pool	1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	1pm - Bid Euchre 7pm - "Fun Cribbage League" 7pm - REC Pool League	1pm - Euchre 7pm - Pool	1pm - Solo 8pm - Ladies Darts	10am - Pool Tournament 4pm - Meat Spin 7pm - 11pm - Rob & The Rydells
Sep 22	Sep 23	Sep 24	Sep 25	Sep 26	Sep 27	Sep 28
1pm - Euchre/Bid Euchre	1pm - Bid Euchre 6:30pm - Pool	1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	1pm - Bid Euchre 7pm - "Fun Cribbage League" 7pm - REC Pool League	1pm - Euchre 6:30pm - Police Dinner 7pm - Pool	1pm - Solo 8pm - Ladies Darts	4pm - Meat Spin
Sep 29	Sep 30					
1pm - Euchre/Bid Euchre	1pm - Bid Euchre 6:30pm - Pool					