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President Report



We are starting the 3rd month of the new year and things are looking great.

We had an expensive repair at the end of last year, but all is well, the work is done and paid for. Now it is time to continuing our hard work which is to help

veterans.

We have meat draws every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday still very well attended.

Entertainment on Fridays with live bands and variety of social events on Saturdays. There is bingo on most Sundays.

Out Unit has a lot to offer. Bring your friends and family and enjoy a night out.

We welcome new and returning members.

Come join us and have some fun.

Johanna Emerick
President

Meat Draw



Good day Comrades.

Well we are off to a great start for 2026.

Our ticket sales & profit margins for January 2026 were up between 35 % to 45 %

over last January & our costs were up around 12%.

We had an increase in ticket sales of just over 4000 tickets for the meat draw, for the month this year over last year.

50 / 50 sales were also up 2275 sold in 2025 to 3028 in 2026.

Our profit for January went from \$5206.09 (2025) to \$8814.81 (2026).

Again a huge thank you to our volunteers, we couldn't do this without you.

I am seeing that as our membership is growing, so is our volunteer list.

I am very proud of what we are doing.

Yours in Service
Ray Moore
Meat Draw Executive

House & Grounds



In the past month I repaired several lights, and cleaned up a stinky mess that was deposited on the outside of the back door. Our pressure washer needed to be replaced because it had frozen and broke the pressure pump. Although I had little to do with the sewer line project, it was completed recently and the flooring was repaired.

Bob Nalleweg
House and Grounds

Special Events



Hello Comrades.

New Years Eve and New Years Day went very well, and everyone seemed to be having a great time.

There is not much to report since the last meeting, Valentine's dance went well and fun was had by all. Bingo on Sundays is going well.

Food cost has gone up a lot so we have not had

as much money for the food bank. as I would like, but every penny helps. We are suggesting a donation of \$10 per person to make up for cost.

I want to take this time to thank everyone who takes part in any events, and to all the volunteers who help make these events possible. We have a great group of people in this club.

I hope you all have a great summer.

Debbie Moore,
Special Events

Canteen Report

Happy to say Dion's surgery went well and his recovery is going well. Looking forward to his return.

We had a break down of our secondary ice machine. Turned out to be unrepairable. Jordon found a replacement at an awesome price and has double capacity. Thank your Jordan.

Our bar staff has stepped up with Dion's absence and everything is running smoothly. Kudos to all our staff.

Dave Gibbons
Canteen Chair

Sports Report

Good morning!

Loads of interest and tons of action on the Sports and Games Front.

Superbowl was a very big success thanks to the volunteers: Randy, Shane, Al Cooper, Cathie S. and Chantelle. Very busy and fun day, Congratulations to Ron Phillips winning the Football Toss, Max Mellis the big screen TV and Sandra Fullbrook on the 50/50!

Monthly pool tournaments have been going well and continue to be very well attended. For planning purposes they will now be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

The games room has become very busy and we will be putting up a notice board soon to keep members advised of back room bookings to avoid conflict. Some notices will also be posted

to remind members to feed the donation box: that is how we maintain the equipment in the games room. Expecting to get the smaller pool tables restored before the end of this month. A huge shout out to members Dwight Carson and Brian Shepherd for donating \$500.00 each to this fund.

Upcoming events include a crib tournament on March 28th to qualify players for Provincials in Kamloops in May, hopefully a fun bowling day later in April and mini golf when the weather is fine.

Ardmore golf course has been booked for our annual golf day on June 6th. More to follow on these events.

Gaye Phillips
Sports Chair

Membership Report



I'm very please to announce the numbers of membership total at a whopping 1030 and counting.

Thanks to you, our members and, I know one of our bar staff Jordan is manning the door on Sundays and signing new members. Thank you Jordan, much appreciated. Thank you to all the bar staff as well

as they are taking memberships and filling our receipts at the same time as they are staffing the bar. Busy, busy, busy.

Thank you everyone for renewing your membership for 2026 and, a big hearty 302 welcome to our new members.

Don Fisher
Membership Chair

Awards

Membership chair Don Fisher presents Bob Nalleweg with his 25 year Associate pin and Gord Hartshorne with 10 years at the February 1st, 2026 general meeting.

ANAVET's pins are awarded at a general meeting to those members in good standing starting at five years and in increments of five years thereafter.



Initiations



Don Fisher Membership Chair presented Steven Stott, Cathy McCullough, Terry McCullough, Mike Brady, Gary Weiss, Julie McDonough, Jackie MacDonald, Beth McNutt, Connie Neufeld, Janet Rooke, Kathy Russell, Carol Stretch, Jason Thorne and Kathy Adam with their Association pins as they are initiated at the General Meeting February 1st, 2026.

Once initiated at ANAVETS Sidney Unit 302 at the general meeting, members receive their Association pin and, have a voice and a vote at general and special meetings.

Entertainment Report



What a year we have had, we had great bands, some not so good, but all in all Friday Nights were a hit.

Line Dancing was introduced this year and it has brought life to the club on the second Saturday of the month. New members have joined the club and have enjoyed not only the Line Dancing but all other social events we sponsor.

Music Bingo and Karaoke are gaining momentum, and we have discovered some very talented members. Thanks to Randy Evans for hosting these lively evenings. Open Mic night is also very popular with more and more people attending.

Our special evenings (New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, St. Patrick Day Dancers, Robbie Burns night, Patsy Cline, Seaside Festival) have been very successful and a welcome addition for our enjoyment. The best attended special

night was our Movember Event. We went to capacity very quickly, and had approximately 50 people waiting in line to get in. We raised over \$2000.00 for Prostrate Cancer and thanks to the members, Dave, Ray and Jim for letting us shave their heads for this very worthwhile event.

I would like to point out the number of man hours our volunteers volunteer for. Just for Meat Draw - 7 volunteers, 3 hours each per night, 3 nights a week, 52 weeks of the year is a staggering 3,276 hours. This does not include our special events that they also volunteer for. Our volunteers are the backbone to this club and I would like to thank each and every one of them for all the hours they give to the club.

Well onto 2026...hope we have as good of a year as last year.

Respectfully Submitted
Terry Parent
Entertainment Chair

Finance Report



Comrades,
February 28th. General account balance was \$132,135.28. Gaming was \$43,276.29 and our G.I.Cs, \$114,065.97. With Dion being off, I was unable to get a

daily sales report for February.

With just a few weeks to go, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and welcome to Spring.

Sally Nalleweg
Finance

“The comfort zone is a psychological state in which one feels familiar, safe, at ease, and secure. If you always do what is easy and choose the path of least resistance, you never step outside your comfort zone. Great things don't come from comfort zones.” - Roy T. Bennett