



## Clarion November 2024 Clarion



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# President's Report



Comrades

Well one year under my belt. Everything is running smoothly. Our membership is forever increasing.

I have to mention Chantel and Wendy for doing a great job in the office.

I would like to thank the following:

1. All the executives for doing an outstanding job which has made my job so much easier.
2. Dion and the bar staff for doing a great job as usual. We have a new bartender Matt who is learning the ropes pretty fast.

3. All our volunteers (especially Terry) for their help. It makes the executives job a lot easier.
4. Just to mention Randy who puts in a lot of time cleaning and volunteering.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and may this new year be the happiest and best of all years for you.

Don Love  
Unit President

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## Finance Report



Comrades,

Our club is doing very well at this time. For the month of October, Bar sales are close to \$1460.00 per day. Chequing account; \$106,530.95.

Gaming account: \$86,530.95 and our G.I.C.'s are \$105,360.86. As this is the last Clarion of

the year, I would like to say it has been a great year working for the club, working with a great executive. I wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a fantastic 2025.

Respectfully,  
Sally Nalleweg  
2<sup>nd</sup> vice - Finance

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'Be who you are and say what you feel...Because those that matter... don't mind... And those that mind... don't matter.'

Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, "I think I'll squeeze these dangly things here and drink whatever comes out?"

How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement

# Meat Draw Report



Hello Comrades.

As of October 9, 2024 we have started our Wednesday meat draws again.

As of right now our turn outs are small but I am sure it will pick up as the fall & winter seasons goes forward.

Fridays & Saturdays are still doing well & we are showing a profit every week to go towards our charities.

Once again, a very special thanks to all who volunteer to make this work for us.

I see we have signed on a lot of new names to help in all aspects of the meat draw & 50 / 50 draws.

Yours in service  
Ray Moore  
Meat Draw Executive  
Unit 302

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## Special Events Report



Good morning, Comrades,

I am pleased to say our bake sale brought in \$650.00.

Thanks to all the people who donated baking, and to all the people who came to help with the sale.

Halloween was a great success with so many wonderful costumes. Thanks to all who helped decorate for this event.

Bingo food sales have been a great success as well this past year. So far, we have raised al-

most \$2,900. 00 for the Saanich Peninsula food bank. I hope next year will be even better with being able to do the food every bingo day now.

Last but not least is Remembrance Day, which was a huge success. There was standing room only, and we had so many great comments on the food. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who came to help. We have such a wonderful group of volunteers.

Thank you  
Debbie Moore  
Special Events Chair

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## “The Little Boy and the Old Man”

Said the little boy, "Sometimes I drop my spoon."

Said the old man, "I do that too."

The little boy whispered, "I wet my pants."

I do that too," laughed the little old man.

Said the little boy, "I often cry."

The old man nodded, "So do I."

But worst of all," said the boy, "it seems

Grown-ups don't pay attention to me."

And he felt the warmth of a wrinkled old hand.

I know what you mean," said the little old man.”

– Shel Silverstein

# Publicity Report



Our preshow advertising is now up and running at the Star Cinema. I have not had a chance to go and check it out but I will, and I would also love any feedback from anybody who sees it. It's only a 15 second ad so we couldn't include as much as I had hoped, but it's a start and we can change it up whenever we want to.

The pamphlets about the "No Stone Left Alone" program are now on display as you come in the front door.

I know it seems a bit early, but as this is the last Clarion for the year, I'd like to wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and the happiest of New Years.

Holly McKay  
Publicity.



## Sidney Remembers

Photos by Holly McKay



# Membership Report



I am pleased to announce that we are currently standing at 1041 members to end the year 2024.

The Early Bird membership for 2025 is going well however, we are still waiting for the new 2025 membership cards to come from Command. I

was hoping to get them before the end of October but we must wait for Command. Thank you all for renewing your membership and a big 302 welcome to our new members.

Have a Merry Christmas and an exceptionally happy New Year. Cheers!

Don Fisher  
Membership

## Initiations



Don Fisher Membership Chair presented Gail Gotto, Nancy Jacobsen, Sylvia Kuzyk, Donna Donovan and Bill Cole with their Association pins as they are initiated at the General Meeting September 15th, 2024.

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.

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## Sports

Pool Tournament 19 October 2024

We had a 16 player double knock out format was enjoyed by all to the point of I'll be hosting a tournament 1 once a month. This tournament winners 1st place 80\$ Peter Wood, 2nd place 50\$ Marv Knapp and 3rd place 30\$ Bill Stalker .

Next tournament November 16 at 1pm. 10 dollar buy in prize money will be 75.00 for first 50.00 for 2nd and 25.00 for 3rd with 10 dollars for the donation box for upkeep of tables.

Dave Gibbons  
Sports



Miki Gagnon wins the fun shuffleboard tournament held on October 26th.

Ed.

# Halloween 2024



Couples winners:  
Pirates 1st place  
and,  
Braveheart 2nd place



Singles winners:  
Beer Can Girl  
Bride  
Pharoh



Photos: Johanna Emerick  
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# House and Grounds

Good morning, Comrades

The last couple of months have been quite busy for me.

I would like to thank my committee of Sally, Pat B., Al Cooper, Dave G., Don L. and Ray M. for all their help in painting and fixing the old smoking room. The fall cleanup has been completed with a job well done.

New flags are in place on the flag poles.

The carpet was cleaned on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October. A stain from dropping ink from our bingo players could not be fully removed. Please be more careful with your dabbers.

The ladies' toilets have been repaired and back in order. Spring club cleanup was done on 27<sup>th</sup> of October and I was deeply disappointed on the turnout. Only 7 people showed up, 1 member and 6 executive members. We have to be better than that.

Loose stripping on floor was replaced on doorways etc., at no cost by United Floors.

Blind in the back office is on order and will be replaced soon.

Track lighting along with Xmas lighting will also be replaced very soon.

Thank you for all your help.

Don Hinse  
House and Grounds



## Medals

Don't envy a man his medals  
All those ribbons on his chest  
He did not try to get them  
They're not there at his request

They were earned in stinking hell holes  
Where no man would like to go  
Or in cold and wintry places  
Where there's only ice and snow

He did not know he earned them  
Till they were awarded at parade  
And they were bright when he first got them  
But in time the colors fade

He was told he had to wear them  
And to wear them all with pride  
But when the memories come to haunt him  
Those same medals make him hide

Cause those medals will not bring back  
All those guys he left behind  
And he would trade them all forever  
For a little peace of mind

So don't envy a man his medals  
You don't want to take his place  
Thinking back to long gone battles  
And meeting dead friends face to face