

Brechin Mara Br. 488 Royal Canadian Legion

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Winter/ Spring 2024

Executive Meeting: Sun., Feb. 11th, March 17th, April 28th, May 26th at 1:00 pm

General Meeting: Sun., Feb. 11th, March 27th, April 28th, May 26th at 2:30 p.m.

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting: Tuesday, March 12th, April 9th, and May 14th at 7 p.m.

Lion's Dinner Meetings: Thurs. Feb. 1st, March 7th, April 11th, May 2nd at 7 p.m.

Meat Rolls: Every Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

Monthly Friday Lunch: Friday Feb. 2nd, March 1st, April 5th, May 3rd 11:30-1:00

Mclsaac Indoor Mini Golf: Saturday, February 3rd, 12 noon.

Hunter's Ball: Saturday, February 17th, 8 p.m.

Curling Bonspiel: Saturday, March 9th, 12 noon.

Breakfast with Easter Bunny: Sunday March 17th 10:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.



Pictured here are some of our volunteers dressed in their Christmas attire.

President's Report: Len Shier 705-309-7793

If you have been around the branch recently, you will notice that the foundation has been repaired at the front of the building, new stairs have been put at the entrance and the side storage building has been removed. The entrance stairway will have new handrails sometime next month. I would like to thank the building committee for all their work in removing everything from the storage building and from the clubroom.

In the coming weeks we plan to have the foundation poured for the Annex and an elevator lift put in. The Annex will then be framed in and once the elevator is in, we will begin working on the basement renovations.

At our executive meeting last week A Notice of Motion was made to change our next General Meeting to February 11th at 2:30 p.m. (changed due to Family Day Weekend). At that meeting, we will be voting of changes to our Branch Regulations, Club Room Rules and voting on the Architect's plans for the downstairs renovations. We hope to have many of our members in attendance as these decisions will be important for the coming years at our branch.

I would like to welcome our newest members to our branch, Bob and Fatima Porter, George Lake, Joan Clarke, Susan Scott and John Kell. We hope you enjoy being members at our branch.

We have a lot of events coming up over the coming months. Anyone able to assist by volunteering a few hours on some of the events would be greatly appreciated. The more volunteers, the less work for everyone. There is a volunteer board at the legion that you can sign up for what ever you are available to help with, or you can call Jane Lee at 705-484-1565. Any help is appreciated.

Our Legion has been very active in helping the many families in our area in need of some assistance. A portion of the money raised from our Meat Rolls every Saturday, as well as our food collection is all used to help out some of these families. The proceeds from the Easter Bunny Breakfast on March 17th will also be used to help out these families.

Donations are always welcome, so bring in non-perishable items, gift cards or monetary donations when you visit the branch.

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Ladies Auxiliary Report: Jane Ste. Marie

We welcome our newest members, Aleida Brandvold, Agnes Martin, Kristen Shier and Lauren Naczynski.

The Ladies Auxiliary hosts a monthly luncheon and speakers series (usually the first Friday of the month) These lunches help us to provide comradeship, relevant local information and a hearty lunch. All food is prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary for the low cost of \$12 (members) or \$15.00 (non-members).

The guest speaker for February is Charlotte Knecht from Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit speaking about Food Insecurity in Ramara.

In March, we have Doris Middleton speaking about Paso por Paso, a local charity assisting Guatemalan students.

In April we hope to have a guest speaker to talk about Taxes and Credits available to seniors.

Many thanks to Heather Shier, Marilyn Wilson, Ken Peaker, Jane Lee, Marylou and Randy O'Connell, Ethel Forrester, Sara Musson, Jane Thompson, Joan Dunbar, Geri Crawshaw, Catherine Stewart, and Rosemary Catterall for all their work in our kitchen for lunches, dart tournaments, Funeral lunches and many other events.

Our 75th Anniversary Cook Books are now available for sale at the bar. \$20.00 each

Seniors: Jane Ste. Marie

The VON SMART exercise classes are running Tuesdays from 9:30—10:30 a.m.

The next Euchre dates are Saturday, February 10th, March 2nd, April 13th, and May 4th at 7pm Cost is \$10.00 and includes a light lunch.

Good Food Box: Jane Lee

Did you know, that for \$20.00 you can order vegetables and fruit for the month through the "Good Food Box Program". By ordering every month you help to make it affordable for everyone and eat delicious produce!

The program is based on the co-op model that helps every participant. The produce is seasonal, so the veggies and fruit change. It is usually a great mix!

Orders can be processed via e-transfer and pick up is at the Brechin Legion on the third Tuesday of every month. Visit www.ogfb.ca for more information.

The Good Food Box is delivered to the Legion on the third Tuesday, of the Month. (February 20th, and March 19th, April 16th and May 21st from 12 noon– 2 p.m.) To place an order, register on-line at www.ogfb.ca .

Membership: Jane Lee

The cost of membership is now \$65 for the current year to renew. A new membership is \$75.00. You can drop in on Friday Night or Saturdays to pay in person, or mail a cheque to the Legion and we will process the membership. You can also pay online with a credit card.

January 31st is the deadline to renew, for those wishing to play in Legion Sports.

District and Zone Sports Events: Helen Shier

District F Darts will take place February 27th and we have a team playing in Singles, Doubles and Teams. Good Luck.

Zone F4 Washer Toss, Horseshoes, and Golf will take place next spring or summer. The dates to be determined. Once finalized, the sign up sheets will be posted at the Legion for sign up.

.....watch for more information.

Mclsaac Annual Mini-Golf Tournament

The Annual Indoor Mini-Golf is planned for Saturday, February 3rd. Posters and more information will be posted in the new year. Keep the date open....you won't want to miss it.

Websited Co-ordinator :Sam Martino

Our Branch website (www.brechinlegion.ca) was launched this past October and has seen a fair amount of traffic.

In 2023 alone, 700 users made over 1360 visits!. The Scuttlebutt, Sports Schedule and the Ladies Auxiliary membership were a few of the items that were viewed the most.

The Calendar of Events has all the branch related activities. Please visit the website often, our goal is to keep it updated as much as possible.

Bursary Program: Beth Spence

The Bursary Program is once again open.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants for this award are required to make an application to OSAP (or its equivalent in other provinces). In addition, applicants must be one of the following to qualify for this bursary:

- o Ex-service personnel or currently serving members of The Canadian Forces (Regular, Reserve, and Merchant Navy) or their spouse, child, or grandchild.
- o Commonwealth war veterans or their spouse, child, and grandchild.
- o An Ordinary and Life member of The Royal Canadian Legion or their spouse, child, or grandchild.
- o An Associate member of The Royal Canadian Legion or their child.
- o A member of the Ladies' Auxiliary or a child or grandchild of an LA member.
- o Stepchildren and step grandchildren may also be considered where applicable.

Students must have their applications in by the last Friday of March.

Applicants are available at the branch or on-line. The applications must be signed by the branch membership chair or President, and stamped by the Registrar at the College or University once they are registered for their 2nd semester. They can receive up to \$1,250.00 each year.

For more information contact the Legion.

Notice of Motion

Motion to change our February Executive Meeting to Sunday, February 11th, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. and the General Meeting to Sunday, February 11th, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. (changed due to Family Day Weekend)

At this meeting we will be voting on

- 1) Changes to the Branch Regulations**
- 2) Club Room Rules**
- 3) Architects Plans for renovations to the Club Room.**

“Motion by Heather Shier and Seconded by Ed Ste. Marie. All in Favour. Carried”

Heather Shier

Edmond Ste. Marie

dated: January, 21st, 2024

at the Brechin Mara Br. 488 Executive Meeting dated, Sunday, January 21st, 2024

Are you a Veteran in financial need?

The Soldiers; Aid Commission is there for you.

Veterans and their family members in Ontario can apply for up to \$2,000.00 a year for:

- basic needs
- assistance to secure and maintain housing
- housing related items
- health related items and services
- specialized equipment
- employment related supports
- **Find out more at Ontario.ca/SoldiersAid or call 416-327-4674**



Brechin Mara Branch 488

Indoor Golf Tournament

All proceeds and funds raised support the Brechin Legion Building Improvements Fund.

Prizes and Draws

Date: February 3rd, 2024

Registration at 11:00 a.m.

Tee Off at noon

Cost: \$20.00 (includes lunch and 18 holes of golf)

Brechin and District Hunters Assoc.

Hunters Ball

Saturday, Feb. 17th, 2024

Doors open 8 p.m..

Entry Fee \$15.00 at the door

Spot Dances, Awards, Prize Table



All requests

DJ Large & In Charge

Door Prizes and Prize Table Donations please contact Vern 705-323-2277

Prizes at 10:30 p.m. Late Munchies at 11:00 p.m.



Brechin Legion & Brechin Lion's Club

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Sunday, December 3rd

10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Cost: Donation for "Families in Need"

Pancake Breakfast, Visit with Easter Bunny,

Cup Cake Decorating, and

Easter Crafts

Two Sitzings at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.



Brechin Mara Legion Curling Bonspiel

Saturday, March 9th, 2024

12:00 p.m. Lunch at Beaverton Curling Rink

Followed by "Fun" Curling Tournament

(no skill required) and

Lasagne dinner at the Brechin Legion.

Prizes and Raffles and a lot of fun!!!

\$60.00 per person

Contact Jane Lee 705-484-1565 or Heather Shier 705-309-0948 or

heathershier@live.com

Registration by February 24th please

Only Lunch (\$12.00) and/or Dinner (\$25.00) (no curling)

Those wishing to have a short lesson on how to curl can come at 11:00 a.m.

Ross Dunning will show you some basic skills. Please sign up when you sign up for the Tournament. Sign up sheet at the Legion.

Youth Education: Doug Gowanlock

On Tuesday, March 5th our branch, in conjunction with the Brechin and District Lion's Club will be hosting our annual public speaking contest. All five area schools have been invited to send competitors for grades 1-8. Speeches begin at 7:00 p.m. Winners in each division will advance to the Zone competition to be held in Omeme on March 26th.

Youth Education Chairman, Doug Gowanlock



Kitchen, Décor, Homewares, Toys & More

Saturday, May 18th, 2024

at the Brechin Legion 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

A free swap is an event where people donate gently used or new items they no longer need or you can swap for something you can use. This reduces the amount of waste going to landfill and helps us de-clutter our homes. There are different ways to participate in the free swap.

Swap it! Donate items for others to choose from and select new-to-you items dropped off by others.

Decluttering? Feel free to donate items without taking home anything new. Nothing to donate? No problem! Everyone is welcome to take items home for free.

Swap Rules: Donated items must be clean and in good working condition.

Exempt items: Food, Footwear, clothing, medicine, large furniture, personal care products, broken/damaged/dirty items.

Accepted Items: housewares, small electronics, accessories, books, games and art + more.

Building Chair: Ed Ste. Marie

Many thanks to Steve Banfield, Steve Mclsaac, Barry Lee and Vern Winchester for helping to prepare us for the next phase of construction. The annex has been torn down and we will soon be rebuilding a new club entrance. While programs and events continue during construction at this point, we may have to close for a bit during the installation of the elevator. We'll keep everyone apprised on the progress!

Friday, Monthly Ladies Auxiliary Lunch and Guest Speaker

February 2nd, 2024- Lunch Menu

Mardi Gras— 1) Creole Shrimp and Sausage Skewers with rice or 2) Chicken and Sausage Jambalaya (mild) or 3) Chicken Caesar Wrap with Bananas Foster for dessert.

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Guest Speaker at 1:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Charlotte Knecht from Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit speaking on Food Security in Ramara.

The cost is \$12.00 for Legion L.A. or Branch Members and \$15.00 for non-members

Takeout is also available.

Preorder available for takeouts heathershier@live.com day before or call the legion 705-484-5393 between 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Guest Speakers at 1:00 p.m.

March 1st : 1) Irish Stew with Soda Bread or 2) potato Leek Soup with Corn beef Sandwich or egg salad sandwich and Irish Cream Bread Pudding for dessert

Speaker: Doris Middleton speaking on Paso por Pasa a local charity supporting Students from Guatemala

April 5th: Spring Salad with Soup 1) Turkey vegetable or 2) Split Pea and Ham and Either Toasted Western or Chicken Salad Sandwich with dessert

May 3rd: Lasagne with Caesar Salad and Garlic Bread or Broccoli Cheddar with Toasted BLT and dessert.

Veteran Service Officer: Helen Shier 705-484-5355

Attention Ex-Service Men, & Women, and Dependents

Anyone wishing information, advice, or assistance regarding War Disability Pension, Treatment for entitled Veterans, Application for Benevolent Funds, Appeal against adverse original applications for War Veterans & Widows Allowance.

There is no charge for this service and you do not have to be a Legion Member to arrange an appointment.

To book an apt. please call Helen Shier at 705-484-5355

All visits, and applications are strictly confidential.

Coming Events:

Executive Meeting: Sunday, **February 11th**, March 17th, April 28th, May 26th at 1 p.m.

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Euchre Night: Saturday February 10th, March 2nd, April 13th, May 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Eastern Ontario Darts: Sunday, Feb. 4th, and March 3rd.

Ladies Auxiliary Zone F4 Dart Teams: Saturday, Feb. 3rd in Lindsay

Good Food Box: Order by 7th of month. Pick up at Legion, Tuesday Feb 20th, March 19th, April 16th and May 21st

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Legion Curling Bonspiel: Saturday, March 9th 12 noon at Beaverton Curling Club

Branch Public Speaking Contest: Tuesday, March 5th at 7:00 p.m.

District F Council Meeting: Saturday, February 24th

Zone F4 Convention: Sunday, March 10th at 1:00 p.m.

District Convention: Saturday, April 20th and Sunday April 21st

Ladies Auxiliary Provincial Convention: Sunday, May 26th—Tuesday May 28th in Newmarket

Share your Wares: Saturday, May 18th at the Brechin Legion 11:00—3:00 p.m.

Craft Sale: Saturday and Sunday March 23rd & 24th, and May 4th & 5th

Lagoon City Community Association: Fundraiser- Friday, May 10th (no darts)

As you can see our calendar is quite full for the coming months. We will be renovating our Club Room and Banquet Hall through the coming months, as well. Please be patient, it is a work in process. We will have a beautiful facility when completed.