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Winter 2025

Executive Meeting: Sun., Jan. 26th 1pm, Feb. 16th 11 a.m., March 16th at 1:00 pm

General Meeting: Sun., Feb. 16th 11a.m, March 16th, at 2:00 p.m.

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting : Tuesday, March 11th and April 8th at 7 p.m.

Lion's Meeting: Thurs. January 9th, February 6th, March 6th (Public Speaking)?

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

Monthly Friday Lunch: Friday, January 10th, Feb. 7th, March 7th, and April 4th

Euchre: Saturday, January 4th, February 8th, and March 1st at 7 p.m.

Mclsaac Mini Golf: Sat. January 25th 12 noon

Ramara Chamber of Commerce/Legion Dance: MT Pockets \$25.00 Feb. 1st

Family Winter Carnival: Sunday, Feb. 16th 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Kids Dance at 4

Hunter's Ball: Saturday, Feb. 22nd 8 p.m. Tickets at the door.



Pictured to the left is Janet Banfield, Santa, Cristine Stotz of the CN Police, Heather Shier, and four of our Branch's newest members, of the Centurian Riders. Thanks for the generous donation of \$200 for the Legion and for their help with the draw.

The Brechin & District Lion's Club, the Legion, the Centurian Riders and student volunteers helped to raise over \$1446 for our local "Families in Need".

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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone!

We have had a great year at our branch with a very busy productive year.

I would like to thank Irene Turnbull who has overseen all of the renovations, the contractors and the plans for renovations on our building. This is a very extensive job and she is here almost daily to make sure everything is going according to plans. We would be lost without her knowledge on building codes, architecture plans, and in general building regulations. Thank you so much!

Deepest sympathy to Marilyn Clough and her family on the loss of her husband, Bill. He will be missed but remembered. We held a Maple Leaf Service at the Legion that was well attended. The family is planning a musical Celebration of Life later in May so that everyone can attend and celebrate his life.

Please Save the Date for the following events:

**McIsaac Mini Golf Tournament– Saturday, January 25th noon start
Chamber of Commerce/Legion Dance– Saturday, Feb. 1st 8 p.m. \$25.00
music-MT Pockets. Tickets available soon.**

Dart Tournament– Fundraiser– Saturday, Feb. 15th 9:00 a.m.

Family Day Winter Carnival– Sunday Feb. 16th noon–6 p.m.

Hunter's Ball– Saturday, Feb. 22nd 8 p.m. DJ– Large and in Charge

Curling Bonspiel– Saturday March 1st in Beaverton see flyer for information



Santa's Elves: Geri Crawshaw, Martha Jimenez, and Liz Reid. Thank you ladies.

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Ladies' Auxiliary Report: Jane Ste Marie

Thankyou all for your hard work and donations over the past year.

The Ladies Auxiliary had a lovely Christmas Lunch and party on Sunday, December 15th. Thank you Allison Read for the amazing catered lunch.

We have started to set up a page dedicated to the Ladies Auxiliary and the upcoming events to volunteer for on the Legion Website. Thank you Sam Martino for all of your work on the website. More information will follow once set up.

Welcome to Danielle Doucette our newest Ladies Auxiliary Member.

Congratulations to our ladies dart players. They place 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th at the Zone Dart Singles and Doubles. They went on to Trenton for the District Darts.

The L.A. Cribbage was in Lindsay on January 4th and we had two teams attending, both qualified for the District and Beryl Wilson, Stephanie Dyck, Susan Prendergast, and Gail Scruton placed 1st. Congratulations.

The Dart Teams will be in Beaverton on February 1st and we will have 2 or 3 teams attending. Good Luck Ladies.

Ladies Lunch

The next lunch will be on Friday, January 10th from 11:30—1:00 p.m. The choice is Lasagne with Caesar Salad and Garlic Bread or Egg Salad Sandwich with Cream of Mushroom Soup and Caesar Salad and Cake for dessert.

The lunch in February will be a Mardi Gras theme with Bananas Foster for dessert.

Seniors– Jane Ste. Marie

The guest speaker in January after the lunch will be Christine Stotz from the CN Police.



Pictured to the left is Gloria Humphry Zone F4 L.A. Sports Officer, Gail Scruton, Stephanie Dyck, Susan Prendergast and Beryl Wilson. 1st place at the Zone F4 Cribbage Tournament in Lindsay. Good luck at the District.

Youth Education: Doug Gowanlock

All five elementary Schools participated (one way or another). We had 240 entrants in three divisions. Our winners have been sent on to the Zone Competition. Prize money, pins and certificates have been delivered to the schools. We have received many thank-you messages from various educators who understand how our competition adds to the understanding and appreciation of the sacrifices made by our Canadian forces.

Primary Colour Poster

1st Willow E. Brechin Public School, 2nd Alyssa S. Foley Catholic School, 3rd Arzee M. Brechin Public School. (67 entrants)

Junior Colour Poster

1st Jace B. Brechin Public School, 2nd Olivia G. Rama Central School, 3rd Emma-Lee H. Foley Catholic School (46 entrants)

Intermediate Colour Poster

1st Raia C., 2nd Logan M., 3rd Blake L. all from Brechin Public School. (35 entrants)

Junior Black & White Posters

1st Sienna M. Foley Catholic School, Thomas-James M. Foley Catholic School, A. Genno Brechin Public School (26 entrants)

Intermediate Black & White Poster

1st Logan M., 2nd Avery L., 3rd Sheamus C. all of Brechin Public School (22 entrants)

Junior Poem

1st place Kennedy S. Brechin Public School (1 entrant)

Junior Essay

1st Karson B., 2nd Emily B. of Brechin Public School (2 entrants)

Junior Poem

1st Jace B., 2nd Thomas S. both of Brechin Public School (2 entrants)

Intermediate Essay

1st Mayzee B., 2nd Isaac S., 3rd Calder M. All of Brechin Public School (21 entrants)

Intermediate Poem

1st Everett B., 2nd Blake L., Isaac S. all of Brechin Public School (18 entrants)



Bill Smith introducing his grand-child to Santa. The looks says it all.

Thanks to Gary Hetherington for all the great pictures. He said, "This picture made it all worth it"



Brechin Mara Legion Br. 488

Indoor Golf Tournament

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

Prizes and Draws

Date: January 25th, 2025

Registration: 11:00 a.m.

Tee Off: 12 noon

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

***Join us for a fun filled day while supporting the Brechin Legion
Tickets at the door of the legion on the day of tournament.***



***Volunteers at the
Santa Breakfast
assisting the
children with
Christmas crafts***

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 President's	2	3	4 Meat Roll Euchre 7:00 pm
5 Jam Session	6 Weight Lifting	7 VON	8	9 Lion's Dinner	10 L.A. Lunch Darts	11 Meat Roll Zone Euchre Br239
12 EODA Darts 	13 Weight Lifting	14 VON	15	16	17 Darts	18 Meat Roll Celebration of life 11-2 p.m.
19	20 weight lifting Centurian Meeting	21 VON Good Food Box	22	23	24 Darts	25 Meat Roll Mclsaac Mini Golf
26 Executive Meeting	27	28 VON	29	30	31 Darts	

February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Meat Roll Ch. of Com. Dance
2 EODA Darts 	3	4 VON	5	6 Lions Dinner 	7 Darts	8 Meat Roll Euchre 7pm
9 Jam Session 	10	11 VON	12	13	14 Darts 	15 Meat Roll Dart Tourn.
16 General Meeting Family Winter Carnival	17 Centurian Meeting	18 VON Good Food Box	19 Library Program 7-9	20	21 Darts 	22 Meat Roll Hunter's Ball
23	24	25 VON	26	27	28 Darts	

March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Curling Bon- spiel Meat roll
2 EODA Darts 	3	4 VON	5	6 Lions Dinner/ Public Speaking 	7 Darts	8 Meat Roll Euchre 7:00
9 Zone F4 Con. Jam	10	11 VON L. Aux. Meeting	12	13	14 Darts 	15 Meat Roll
16 Exec./Gen. Meeting	17 Centurian Meeting	18 VON Good Food Box	19	20	21 Darts 	22 Meat Roll
23 30	24 31	25	26 Library Program 7-9 pm	27	28 Darts	29 Meat Roll

Charitable Foundation: Gary Hetherington

The Charitable Foundation has approved a grant of \$6,500 to the Ramara Fire Department to purchase a new Garmin 12" GPS with integral digital sounder. We will have a formal presentation of the cheque later in the new year.

Monthly Jam Sessions

The monthly Jam will continue in the new year with January's being on January 5th. The Jam's in February and March are to be on the second week of the month. We have dart Tournaments scheduled for the 1st Sunday in February and March.

Building Chair: Ed Ste. Marie

We are well underway to renovate the downstairs. The Annex is built, has siding, doors and windows, insulation and the elevator lift is installed and inspected.

The foundation has been reinforced, and waterproofed, the front of the building has been filled in, with the Cenotaph and flag pole back in place. Thanks to Sanderson Monument for looking after the moving and cleaning of the Cenotaph at no charge. Thanks to Kevin McCarthy for donating the stone, and Beverly Turf Farm for donating the sod for the front. Thank you also to Kevin for clearing the snow for the parking lot again this year. His help has saved the Legion a lot of money.

The new back stairs are being installed, the old duct work has been removed, the Floor tiles are removed, the floor has been grinded down level and the downstairs is being prepared for insulation, framing, drywall, mould prevention, plumbing, and electrical. Work will start again in the New Year. Gar waxed the upstairs floor while the Legion was closed over Christmas. Thanks to everyone for their hard work....we are starting to see signs that there is an end in sight.



Brechin & District Lion's Club with the student volunteers, flipping pancakes for the Santa Breakfast.



Brechin Mara Legion Curling Bonspiel

Saturday, March 1st, 2025

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 Heather Shier 705-309-0948

heathershier@live.com

Registration by February 24th please

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

Sign up sheet at the Legion.

\$60.00 per person for Curling and meals.

Update on Jane Lee

Greeting comrades, At the request of Jane Lee, I am writing to you to update you on her health condition.

Jane has been diagnosed with terminal brain cancer. Her medical care has been transferred to the Cancer Centre at RVH in Barrie. In the coming weeks, she will be meeting with her team to come up with a plan for her treatment and care. The Cancer Centre at RVH in Barrie is phenomenal and she couldn't be working with a better team of doctors, nurses and staff!

An in the true spirit of Jane and her amazing strength, she told me she is determined to live life to the fullest, enjoying the time with her family and especially her grand-babies with much joy, love and laughter. Jane's positivity her strength her absolute love for life and her tremendous devotion to her family is truly inspiring!

We all know that Jane and her family have a tough road ahead, so let's take a page from Jane's book and stay positive, enjoy your time with your family with much joy, love and laughter!

Please keep her and her family in your prayers and any friends or family who are struggling at this time.

"Families in Need"

Thank you to everyone in the community that supported the local "Families in Need" The Brechin & District Lion's Club donated \$3509.50 from the Smile Cookie Campaign at Tim Horton's. They also donated \$500 matched by the Brechin Legion an additional \$500 that was used for supplies for the Santa Breakfast at the Legion and raised \$1445.00 for "Families in Need". Lakeside Country Realty collected toys and donations from the community, the Ramara Fire Department held a Boot Drive to collect donations and Foodland donated food items. Thank you to Sue Potalivo, Jane Lee, and their volunteer "Elves" that helped to sort and pack up all the wonderful donations. We were able to assist 20 families in our community. Great job everyone!

Honours & Awards Ceremony– Janet Banfield

Congratulations to Helen Shier on receiving her Life Membership for the Branch at our Honours & Awards Ceremony in November. Also, Congratulations to Catherine Stewart for Ladies Auxiliary Legionnaire of the Year, and Sam Martino for the Branch Legionnaire of the year. Much deserved. Many of our members received their years of service pins and/or past officers medals. Congratulations everyone!

New Year's Eve Dance

On Tuesday, December 31st the Legion held a New Year's Eve Dance with a near to capacity attendance. Music by the Bogey's. Everyone had a great time, and with the \$25.00 entry fee we covered the cost of the band, the food, hats and noise makers, decorations and still made over \$1000 on the dance plus the bar proceeds. A great way to start the New Year off.

Membership

The Brechin Legion membership is growing every month. We now have a membership of 212 paid up members for 2025.

If you have not paid for the 2025 year yet, you have until January 31st to be a member in good standing. Only those members paid up and in good standing are eligible to play in the Legion sports. You can drop by the Legion, mail a cheque or pay online with a credit card.

We would like to welcome the following members to our branch over the past few months; Shelly Gough, Dave Flood, Wei Hwa, Danial Bonnet, Walter Kuderski, David Howells, Lauren Naczynski, Matthew Metherell, David Bone and Emily Smith. Also welcome to recent transfers, Doug Rowles, Bob Crawford, and Deb Gunn-Crawford.

Fundraiser Dart Tournament

Saturday, February 15th. Registration 9:00 a.m. start 9:30 a.m. \$60.00 per mixed team. 50% payout and 50% to Jason Roker to fund raise for his CDC tour this year. Contact Jason to pre-register or register at the legion at 9:00 a.m.



EODA Darts

Brechin Legion is hosting the EODA shoots for District 4 again this year. Our last three shoots are January 12th, February 2nd and March 2nd. Anyone available to volunteer in the kitchen for these shoots please call Marylou O'Connell.

Zone F4 Sports

Zone F4 Euchre is on Saturday, January 11th, in Bobcaygeon

Zone F4 Shuffleboard is Saturday January 25th and 26th Bobcaygeon/ Lindsay

Zone F4 Washer Toss is Saturday, May 24th in Lindsay

Zone F4 Golf is Saturday, June 21st in Brechin

Zone F4 Horseshoes to be determined.

If you plan on playing any of these events you must sign up 3 weeks before the date of the event. Sign up is on the wall just outside the kitchen. Posters for the remaining events will be up as they are confirmed.

Zone F4 Convention is on Sunday, March 9th (Fenelon Falls Legion) not confirmed yet.. All members especially executive are invited to attend.

Presidents and Vice Presidents Meeting is at 10:00 a.m.

Zone F4 Council is at 11:00 a.m. Lunch at 12:00 noon

Convention—open to all members- 1:00 p.m.

Winter Carnival

We are planning a Family Winter Carnival for Sunday, Feb. 16th at 1:00 p.m. We will have outdoor events (weather permitting) and indoor activities and a hotdog lunch. Family Dance from 4—6 p.m. No charge to get in and we welcome all ages. More information at the branch, closer to the event date.

Executive and General Meeting at 11:00 a.m. before the Winter Carnival begins.

"Volunteers are not paid...not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless!"