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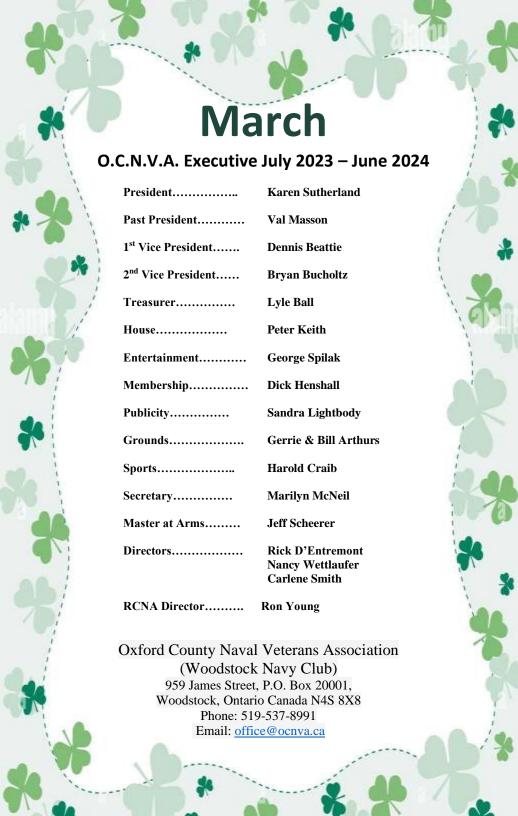








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The club continues to be busy and filled with activities. I want to take a moment here to say "Thank You" to the Executives overseeing their roles with passion and care for the Navy Club. As our membership numbers grow, so do things that need to be taken care of. This means their volunteer roles continue to change and increase in responsibility. Each one of our Executive members is taking this in stride. Other service clubs are struggling and yet we are thriving AND we are the largest in Canada. I know I have said this before and likely sound like a broken record, but this is something to celebrate! We have so many member volunteers. Some who take care of things behind the scenes to help with maintenance and such, as well as those faces you continue to see serving you food from the galley, and so many more. We appreciate each and every one of you.

Speaking of celebrating, St. Patty's Day is always a great time and Easter also falls at the end of March. We are also hosting another daytime General Meeting on Sunday, March 24th. support your club by attending the meals and entertainment provided for YOU.

Slàinte,

Karen Sutherland_

Interesting information about your club!

- ✓ We are the **Oxford County Naval Veterans Association**, better known as "The Navy Club". We serve Woodstock and Oxford County.
- The Oxford County Naval Veterans Association is a member of the Royal Canadian Naval Association (RCNA). We pay \$8.00 per member yearly to the RCNA. There are 17 naval clubs still standing in Canada, we are the largest.
- OCNVA Executive term runs from July 1st to June 31st. Nominations in May and Elections in June.
- OCNVA membership year runs from Feb 1st to Jan 31st. All members whether you have been a member for years or a member for months....must pay your membership dues and attend a General meeting by January 31st, or be suspended from the club for a year. Any person under suspension from the Navy Club privileges, may not enter the premises, or be signed in as a guest.
- All Executives are volunteers who are not paid for their time or hard work. There are a total of 17 executive positions, see the front of the booklet to see positions and who holds them. Our staff comprises of 2 part-time office administrators, 9 bartenders, and 2 custodial.
- The Navy Club is closed on Dec 25 for Christmas and on Good Friday. For the rest of the statutory holidays, we are open but with shorter hours. Always check the gangway or Port and Starboard for times.



This meeting is dedicated to.....

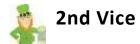
HMCS Fraser



On the 25th of June 1940, HMCS Fraser was given orders to proceed to Bordeaux, France to help in the rescue of an estimated four thousand refugees trapped in the area by the German military forces. Accompanying the Fraser was a Canadian destroyer and a British cruiser. In rough seas and poor visibility, the captain of HMCS Fraser decided that the three ships should move closer together and ordered a turn to port to bring his ship behind the English cruiser. In doing so the two ships collided, and the bow of the heavier English cruiser sliced into the side of the Fraser with such force that the lighter vessel was cut into three pieces and sank immediately.

45 crew members were killed

We must never forget their sacrifice



Bryan Bucholtz

Friday Lunches

12noon \$13.00

March 1 Shepherd's Pie

March 8 Spaghetti and Meatballs

March 15 Irish Beef Stew March 22 Cabbage Rolls

March 29 Good Friday - Closed

April 5 Roast Turkey
April 12 Pork Schnitzel
April 19 Krispy Chicken
April 26 Roast Beef

May 3 Ham & Scalloped Potatoes

May 10 Lasagna

All Lunches are subject to change or cancellation! Check the Gangway for notices.

With the increasing cost of take-out containers, please bring your own container for your leftovers or pay a minimum \$2.00 donation for a takeout container from the galley.



Friday Night Dinners

5-7 pm \$13.00

Friday, March 1 Wings or Smashed Burger & fries Friday, March 8 Wings or Spaghetti, and meatballs

Friday, March 15 Wings or Beef Pot Pies Friday, March 22 Wings or Cabbage Rolls Friday, March 29 No Dinner -Closed

'IRISH TOAST.

MAY YOU LIVE AS LONG AS YOU WANT AND NEVER WANT AS LONG AS YOU LIVE







Saturday Lunches

Volunteers needed to prepare a Saturday lunch!

We have over 850 members and only need a few to pick a Saturday and prepare a lunch.

Something simple as soup/sandwich, hamburgers/fries or something more......you choose.

It's a great way to have fun with friends and support your club!



Sign-up your group

The sign-up sheet is in the gangway.



Membership

membership@ocnva.ca

As has happened in previous years, we expected our membership numbers to drop slightly at the end of January. For the start of the 2024 membership year, our current numbers have dropped by 96 members, that have decided for whatever reason, not to renew their membership for this year. Our current membership now stands at 845 members and the breakdown of the numbers in each category is shown below.

I want to thank our 2 office administrators for their timely assistance as we work on maintaining an accurate membership count throughout the year. This count is even more important at this time of year as the Club must pay an assessment for membership in the RCNA and this is based on our January membership numbers. This is the downside of having the largest Navy Club in Canada as with 800 plus members, the Club will have to pay out a sizeable assessment this year.

The list of members that according to our records have not renewed their 2024 membership is posted in the gangway. I ask that you please check the list and if you know of any members who wanted to maintain their membership but were unable to come in and pay their dues, please contact the office at office@ocnva.ca or membership@ocnva.ca
The membership applications have not slowed down at all, and I already have 23 new member applications received in February. I am finding that the newer members are bringing in more and more applications and we try to ensure that applications for family and close friends are handled on a timely basis.

February 2024 Membership by Category:

Navy – 26 Associate – 27 Affiliate – 367 Social – 398 H/L/P – 27

I look forward to seeing all the members in 2024.

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Dick Henshall



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Sandra Lightbody

Meeting Dates

Executive Meeting

Sunday, March 17th, 10 am

Daytime General Meeting

Sunday, March 24th 12:30 pm

Breakfast

Served between 10am – 11:30am

General Meeting Brunch Pre-Buy Meal Ticket \$13.00 per person

Brunch Meal tickets can be purchased BEFORE the General Meeting. Starting the week before the meeting, tickets will go on sale.



- Scrambled eggs
 - Home fries
- Sausage & bacon
 - Baked beans
 - Toast
- Coffee and Juice
- Mimosas & Caesars will be available to purchase from the bar!





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Peter Keith

Oxford County Naval Veterans Association

Bartenders

Daytime...... Dan Wilkins

Evenings and Weekends (Alphabetical)

Tracy Ditchfield Jamie Dixon Gary Docherty Mark English Heather Ewen

Heather Ewen Steve Gilbert

Sean Jackson Shelley Norton







Easter Weekend Hours



Thursday, March 28^{th} (Fish Fry) 11 am -12 am

Friday, March 29th -Good Friday CLOSED

Saturday, March 30th 11 am -12 am

Sunday, March 31st – Easter Sunday CLOSED

Monday, April 1st 11 am – 9 pm



May you never forget what is worth remembering nor ever remember what is best forgotten



Directors

The directors would like to recognize Peter Keith, House Chairperson. Peter has been a great asset to the club for many years. Peter has worn numerous hats at the Navy Club....he has served on the executive in different positions, he was a bartender for years, he helps in the galley, and always helps with repairs and maintenance. His dedication to the club is unbeatable, and not unnoticed, thanks Pete for all you do!



Reminders

- ✓ Only members can join our house leagues. Shuffleboard, Cards, Snooker, and Cornhole.
- ✓ A limited number of signed-in guests are permitted to join members in tournaments but only members can sign the sign-up sheets.

Nancy Wettlaufer Carlene Smith Rick D'Entremont



Grounds

Spring is just around the corner, but we probably will get more cold weather. Please don't attempt to walk on the pond, it is not safe. Pond is closed for fishing for the winter.

Once again smokers are using the grass area for an ashtray! Put your cigarette butts in the container provided!

Gerrie & Bill Arthurs



Secretary

Marilyn McNeil



Master at Arms

Jeff Sheerer



RCNA Director

Ron Young



★ Sign- up Sheets **

Sign-up sheets for any event, tournament, or league are posted by the universal washroom.

When you sign up, all names MUST be legible –(printed) and must contain FIRST and LAST name, and an M (for member). Any sign-up_- non-legible or only part name will be removed from the sheet.



Keep the Club Informed!!!!

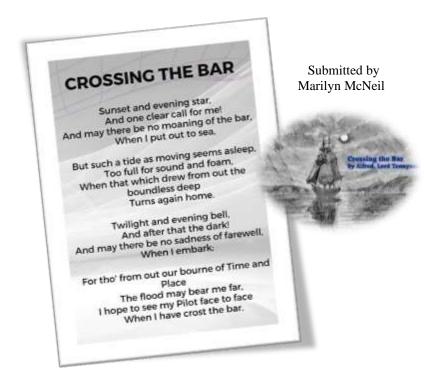
When you know of a Veteran, club member, or immediate family, who has "Crossed the Bar" or is in the hospital Please let us know by contacting the club's office at 519-537-8991 or Email – office@ocnva.ca

Dennis Beattie

Sympathy donations were made in the name of:

Member

Non-Member



"May your glass be ever full. May the roof over your head be always strong. And may you be in heaven half an hour before the devil knows you're dead."

Treasurer

The January financial statements have been posted in the gangway for everyone to review. Our accountants are still working on our year-end statements, and they should be completed near the end of March if all goes as planned.

We have replaced the bar's pop dispenser, which should make things easier for the bartenders and save us money on buying canned pop and wasting part cans that are not used up for mixed drinks.

There continues to be a lot of action at the Club with various functions that have been planned for your enjoyment. Please be sure to come out and support these various planned events. There are so many options such as the great arrangement of meals that are available Thursday, Friday, and most Saturdays as well as the Fish Fry the day before Good Friday, music that has been arranged by our Entertainment guru George Spilak, Cornhole Tournament arranged by Harold Craib in charge of Sports, Italian Night put on by the Sports Committee and General Meeting Breakfast and the list goes on and on. These functions help us continue to be a successful Club so be sure to come out to support them.

Theresa and I would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy St. Patrick's Day and enjoy some special time with your families and friends at Easter, Happy Easter.

Lyle Ball

Sports

Thanks to Gerrrie and Bill Arthurs for hosting a very successful Bonspiel in February, it was a fun day for everyone involved. Great job by Gerrie

 $Arthurs, \ Cathie \ Mac Aloney, \ and \ Margret \ / Jim \ Walker \ for \ making \ the \ chili \ for \ lunch \ and \ for \ serving \ it.$

Gerrie and Bill are hosting a day of Tournaments on Sunday, April 7th. a sign-up sheet is in the gangway for Shuffleboard, Euchre, and Darts.

A Cornhole (bean bag toss) tournament is scheduled for Saturday, March 9th, it filled up fast. If there is enough interest in Cornhole Toss, we will set up a league for the fall.

Harold Craib



Winners of the OCNVA Curling Bonspiel



"A" Team Skip- Randy Hawes, Al Cocker, Mary McIsaac, John Farley

"B" Team: Skip-John Calic, Chris Innes, Linda Derston, Dan Hamm

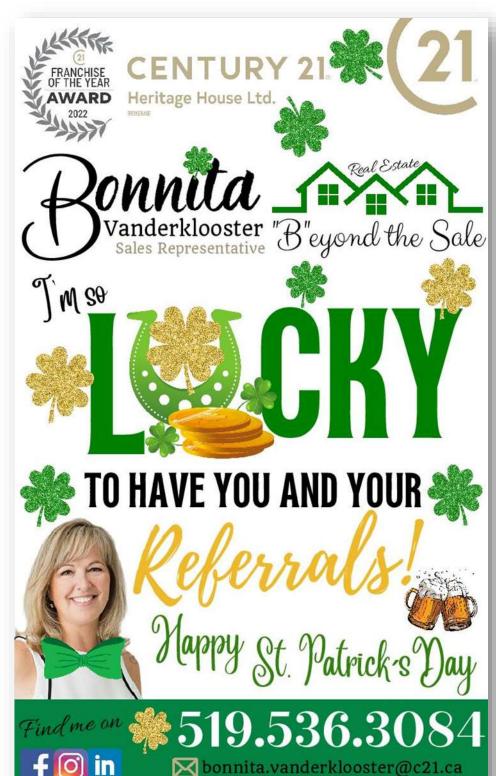
Thanks to the Colour Party for marching in our teams for both draws.

Thanks to our Volunteers:

Score Keeper - Dan Downing Starting rock throw - Mike Smith 50/50 draw- Julie Porter and Nancy Kroft



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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£xecutive Meeting 10am	18	19	First day of Spring	21	Lunch 12noon Dinner 5-7 pm	Horse Races 1:15 pm start Italian Night Dinner The Kards
Daytime General Meeting 12:30pm Breakfast 10am- 11:30am	25	26	27	Fish & Chips Dinner Eric Hattenbuhler band	GOOD FRIDAY CLOSED	30 Last Horse Races 1:15 pm start



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George Spilak



Friday, March 1st
Mike Stoneman

Piano Man

8 - 11 pm

Friday, March 8th

Vooodooo Kingz

8-11pm

Live entertainment following dinner.

Saturday, March 16 Vineyard 8-11 pm

St. Patrick's Day Party

St Patrick's Day hats are permitted at the dance.

Saturday, March 23 The Kards 8 – 11 pm

Following the Italian Night Dinner (ticketed event 6-8 pm)

Thursday, March 28 Eric Hatzenbuhler band 8 – 11 pm

Following the Fish & Chip Dinner, (ticketed event - dinner being served between 5:30 pm and 7 pm)



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Saturday April 20th , 2024 8pm -11pm

Tickets \$20 Available from the bar Starting March 4th



Elton John in Sir Elton's Greatest Tribute Show.

The show consists of a solo, multiple costumes, music just like original recordings, and a voice just like Elton John!

AND THE RESULTS ARE IN.....





Winner
The Endorphins
Peter Keith, Ben Fuschino, Eric Vail,
Bryan Bucholtz, Rob Osmond, Paul Robinson



People's Choice Award
The Galley Girls
Vonda Bullock, Muriel McMahon, Karen Eckart,
Tammy Hewson



Best Presentation, Best Table Display The Chili Pogs Mark and Denise Gowdy



Judges Suzanne & John Langlois (Jim's Lunch Princeton) Martin Caldwell

OCNVA Sport Committee

Saturday, March 23 is Italian Night, tickets are at the bar, get your tickets and reserve your table. The table reservation sign-up sheet is posted in the gangway. Elimination draw tickets will soon be on sale at the bar with the draw being held on Saturday, May 11.

Upcoming events include our Perch Fish Fry Dinner on April 27 and the annual Kids Fishing Derby on Sunday, May 12. Watch for notices in the gangway or Port and Starboard for these events.

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter.

Rob Osmond



Colour Party

The Colour Party would like to thank the members and their guests for their support of the horse races, great results, as we have raised \$1497.00 in just four weeks. Thanks to all of our volunteers who come to the club every Saturday and help with the races. The Colour Party will be taking part in the opening service for the Curling Bonspiel on February 17th at the Woodstock Curling Club. On the first Sunday in May, we look forward to marching in "the Battle of the Atlantic" Parade and Commemoration Ceremony. Hopefully, we get a good turnout from our members in support of those who gave up so much for us all.

We welcome another new member, Trevor McLellan. The Colour Party is still looking for new members to join. If anyone is interested, please feel free to talk to any of the Colour Party members

We wish everyone a happy St Patrick's Day and a Happy Easter.

Mary Couch
Bob Brown
HORSE RACES 2024

Private Bookings of the Club

Members ONLY

O.C.N.V.A. members must fill out a "Special Occasion Request for Use of Facilities" form describing the event. The forms are available from the office or a bartender on duty.

You must pay a set donation for the use of the club, payable at the time of booking.

If it is approved, as an O.C.N.V.A. Member, you <u>MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE</u> for the duration (start time to finish) and assume responsibility for all guests.

- No outside Caterers allowed.
- Food order from the galley a 50% \$ deposit is required at the time of booking.
- Entertainment: You are financially responsible for any entertainment you wish to hire
- Any person under suspension from Club privileges MAY NOT enter the premises or be signed in as a guest for special occasions.
 - Decorations are permitted ABSOLUTELY NO CONFETTI, RICE OR POPCORN OR SPARKLED DECORATIONS THAT MAY RESULT IN EXTRA CLEANING, OF ANY KIND.
 - Failure to remove <u>ALL</u> of your decorations will result in a \$100.00 clean up fee.

No political, social causes or advertisement signage is permitted on the grounds or in the OCNVA.

<u>Custodial Wages</u>; Galley, Club rooms, and utilized areas MUST be cleaned properly after your event plus <u>ALL</u> tables & chairs are to be returned to their original locations. Failure to do so will result in a \$100.00 custodial charge.

SUNDAY RENTALS.... if the rental is on a Sunday, a bartender is <u>mandatory</u> to be present for the entire event. The bartender rate will be \$20.00 per hour and invoiced to the member, <u>do not</u> pay the bartender cash.

REMINDER: we are a private club, and as such all members are permitted into the club during a private function. Except Sundays



The Pond

The land of the O.C.N.V.A. is private property and is solely and primarily for the use of members who are in good standing.

Our pond is spring-fed and stocked by Gehring's Trout Farm, Otterville

By-Laws for the Pond Page 23 of your O.C.N.V.A By-Law book.

No unauthorized person is allowed to use the pond.

Members can fish anytime unless otherwise stated – open/closed signs will be posted in the gangway and/or in front of the pond.

When the club rooms are closed, non-members must accompany a club member when fishing. Members are permitted to bring 2 non-members.

Baiting of the pond is strictly prohibited.

The Navy Club encourages you to take your catch home. Catch and release is causing too many dead fish in the pond. No more than 2 fish per person, per 24 hours. It is illegal to take or attempt to take more than the limit. It's your club.....your pond....do not abuse it or let anyone else. Good fishing



Thank

Sudoku Puzzle #1

LEVEL: Easy

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Answers on page 24

Chuckle of the Month

become accustomed to school. Their biggest hurdle was that the teacher insisted on NO baby talk!
"You need to use 'Big People' words," she was always reminding them. "John what did you do over the weekend?" "I went to visit my Nana." "No, you went to visit your GRANDMOTHER. Use 'Big People' words!" She then asked Mitchell what he had done. "I took a ride on a choo-choo." "No, you took a ride on a TRAIN. You must remember to use 'Big People' words," she said. She then asked little Alex what he had done. "I read a book," he replied. "That's WONDERFUL!" the teacher said. "What book did you read?" Alex thought very hard about it, then puffed out his chest with great pride and said. "Winnie the SHIT

A group of four-year-olds were trying very hard to





Bacon-Cheddar Pinwheels

1 can (235 g) refrigerated PillsburyTM Original Crescents (8 count)

2 tbsp (25 mL) ranch dressing

1/4 cup (50 mL) cooked real bacon pieces or 4 slices bacon, crisply cooked, crumbled.

1/2 cup (125 mL) finely shredded Cheddar cheese

1/4 cup (50 mL) chopped green onion



Unroll the dough; separate into 2 long rectangles. Press each into a 12x4-inch rectangle, firmly pressing perforations to seal.

Spread ranch dressing over each rectangle to the edges. Sprinkle each with bacon,

Cheddar cheese, and onions.

Starting with one short side, roll up each rectangle; press the edge to seal. With a serrated knife, cut each roll into 8 slices; place the cut side down on the ungreased baking sheet.

Bake 12 to 17 minutes or until edges are deep golden brown. Immediately remove from baking sheet. Serve warm.





3-Ingredient Bacon-Guacamole Crescent Cups



1 can (235 g) refrigerated Pillsbury™ Original Crescents (8 count) 1 cup guacamole 4 crisply cooked bacon strips

Heat oven to 375°F. Spray 24 mini muffin cups with cooking spray.

Unroll the dough on the work surface. Press into a 12x9-inch rectangle. If using crescent roll dough, firmly press perforations to seal. With a pizza cutter or sharp knife, cut into 6 rows by 4 rows to make 24 squares.

Gently press squares into muffin cups (dough will not completely cover the inside of the



cup; do not press too much). Bake for 6 to 8 minutes or until the edges are golden brown. Cool in pans 10 minutes. Remove from pans. Cool completely, about 10 minutes. Spoon 1 teaspoon guacamole into each cup. Cut each bacon strip into 6 pieces. Place 1 bacon piece on each guacamole-filled cup.

Below is a list of the executive with email addresses if you need to get a hold of any of these executives.

Executive email addresses

President Karen Sutherland <u>president@ocnva.ca</u>

-Any issues or inquiries about the club.

Secretary Marilyn McNeil <u>secretary@ocnva.ca</u>

-correspondence

Publicity Sandra Lightbody <u>publicity@ocnva.ca</u>

-publicity, email addresses

Entertainment George Spilak <u>entertainment@ocnva.ca</u>

- -entertainment bookings and correspondence

Membership Dick Henhsall <u>membership@ocnva.ca</u>

-Membership-related issues

House Peter Keith house@ocnva.ca

Treasurer Lyle Ball treasurer@ocnva.ca

Answer

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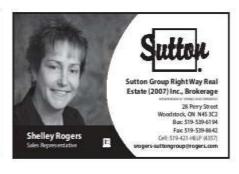














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