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Photos of a mural painted by Doug (Scotty) Scott for the Aviation Museum. Size is approximately 24 by 16 feet,

From the President

Our Guest Speaker for the April General Meeting will be Mr. Glen Craine of Veterans Affairs who will give a presentation on the new Veterans Charter and be available for a question and answer period.

Since our last issue, the return of the membership dues has increased a great deal, but, there are still some 70 members to be heard from. If we do not receive their dues by the end of April, they will be stricken from the books and they will no longer receive C and A.

But, I am confident that this little reminder will bring about a good result.

Again this year we are attempting to get a group together to attend the Tattoo so that we may receive the reduced entry rate and have the choice of good seating. I have 12 names to this date and we require at least 25 to get the group rate. If you are inclined to join the group, please give me a call at 446 8001 or Email gaylordk@yahoo.com. Names should be submitted by the end of this month (or shortly thereafter considering the delivery of this C and A).

Our elections for officers of the Association will be held during the April General Meeting. I have received the names of 3 members who are willing to come onto the Board and I welcome anyone who would care to contribute to the management of the Association affairs. As I have said, it is not a taxing, time consuming job and you will certainly aid in the continuance of the Association’s being.

For the petition for the proposed Volunteer Medal go to the search engine for veterans petition GGVSM.

Quote of the Month: “A secret is only worth keeping, if it’s worth telling.”
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Halifax, NS, B3H 2E1

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John Kehoe - 3235

4th Floor West
Jack McMahan - 4427
Thomas Gilford - 4422
Annie Cormier - 4423

4th Floor West
Bernard Churchill - 4231
Ernest Finter - 4128

5th Floor East
Charlie Hall - 5421
John Duncan - 5435
Mike Salkin - 5522

5th Floor West
Bennett Barrett - 5126
John Lipton - 5130

6th Floor West
Frank Hansen - 6127
Gordon Tomlinson - 6124
Reginald Pitts - 6120

6th Floor East
Ernie Thompson - 6427
Thomas Tonks - 6429

Ocean View Manor, 1909 Caldwell Road
Eastern Passage NS  B3G 1M4
Fernand (Pedro) Guinard  (902) 406 6056

Soldiers Memorial Hospital, Middleton NS  B0S 1P0
Harold Jackson  Rm. 263
Curtis McKinnon  Rm. 262

Fishermen’s Memorial, Lunenburg NS  B0J 2C0
Clayton Reinhardt  John James Kinley
Leo Ouellette  George Robert

Oakwood Terrace
10 Mount Hope Ave. Dartmouth NS  B2Y 4K1
Joseph Hecimovich - Home Phone - (902) 434 5558

High Crest Nursing Home
11 Sproule St. Springhill NS  B0M 1X0
Victor Vincent Ward - (902) 597 2797

Sunnybrook Veteran’s Hospital, K2C10
2075 Bayview Ave. Toronto ON  M4N 3M5
James (Tug) Wilson - (416) 488 8550

Maplestone Enhanced Care, 245 Main Ave. Halifax
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**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

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**MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS**  
Total Membership – 741

**NEW MEMBER**  
Earl Corn CPO1, 0 312 9 Lwr Sackville NS

**RE-ENGAGED MEMBERS**  
Claude Michaud P1BN, 0 156 7 St Hubert QC  
Beverly Leal, Widow, CA-038 Dartmouth NS

Membership dues are $25 per year

**LAST POST**

THE FOLLOWING SHIPMATES CROSSED THE BAR RECENTLY

*It's been a very good month.*

For though from out our bourn of time and place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crossed the bar.  
Alfred, Lord Tennyson

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East 1-902-423-8561   Central 1-888-557-8777  
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**RCNA PEREGRINE BRANCH**  
2623 Agricola St., Halifax, 454-4385  
Open to Veterans & Members  
Bar hours 1300 to 1900 or later

**CANADIAN NAVAL AIR GROUP**  
Shearwater C&POs Mess 1st Sunday each month

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**SUBMARINERS’ ASSOCIATION OF CANADA**  
For information contact:  
**East** (Halifax)–Buster Brown at 902 477-9148  
http://www.sacoeast.com  
Last Wednesday of every month in Halifax Dockyard in the MOG-5 Messes

**Central** (Ottawa)– Bob Wallace, 819 994-4931  
http://www.saoc-central.com

**West** (Victoria) — Jim Scott, 250 370-2359  
http://members.shaw.ca/saocwest

**Naval Weapons Association (Ottawa Chapter)**  
Meet: Third Wednesday of the Month HMCS Carleton  
Chief’s & PO’s/ WO’s & Sgt’s Mess Dows Lake  
President: Ron Robertson  
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**NB Naval Association**  
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In September 1939, the RCN decided to order new ships to replace the old destroyers previously transferred from the Royal Navy (RN). The RCN preferred the Tribals with their heavy gun armament because they wanted to take the war to the enemy instead of relying on purely defensive vessels. Originally all of the Tribals were to be built in Canada but this was not practical at the time since Canada did not have an extensive ship building industry. The British Admiralty agreed that the UK should build the first ones and they also acted as agents, arranging for the Canadian Government to buy the Tribals by a system of direct instalments while Britain paid cash for the corvettes being built in Canadian yards for the RN.

The first two ships were laid down as IROQUOIS and ATHABASKAN but IROQUOIS was delayed by bombing while on the stocks. ATHABASKAN was therefore renamed IROQUOIS and launched as the lead ship while the original IROQUOIS was launched as ATHABASKAN. After her commissioning on 3rd February 1943 at Newcastle-on-Tyne, she was assigned to the British Home Fleet but ATHABASKAN was plagued with mishaps during her very short service life.

The ship left on 29th March 1943 to patrol the Iceland-Faeroes Passage for blockade runners. Weather induced stress caused hull damage This took five weeks to repair at South Shields, U.K. In June 1943, ATHABASKAN took part in Operation Gearbox III, the relief of the garrison at Spitsbergen. On June 18, she collided with the boom defence vessel BARGATE at Scapa Flow, resulting in a month of repairs at Devonport. In July and August of 1943, she was based in Plymouth, carrying out anti-submarine patrols in the Bay of Biscay and on August 27 was hit by a glider bomb off the Spanish coast. She managed to reach Devonport where she remained under repair until November 10.

JW55A to Russia but in February 1944, rejoined Plymouth command and was assigned to the newly formed 10th Destroyer Flotilla. On 26th April, she assisted in the destruction of the German torpedo boat T 29 in the Channel off Ushant and three days later on 29th April, was sunk by a torpedo from T24, an Elbing class destroyer, north of the Ile de Bas. Her Captain, John Stubbs and 128 men were lost, 83 taken prisoner and 44 rescued by HAIDA.

"On all the oceans where whitecaps flow,
There are no crosses, row on row;
But those who sleep beneath the sea,
sleep in peace...your country is free".
The account which follows was originally transcribed from a wartime diary written by Stuart Kettles who served in the first ATHABASKAN.

Friday 28th April

1900 hours - Slipped from alongside tanker and proceeded to sea accompanied by sister ship H.M.C.S. HAIDA on a mine-laying operation off the French coast.

Saturday 29th April

0300 hours - Received wireless message from Commander-in-Chief, Plymouth to proceed in a south-westerly direction in support of minelaying operations at fastest possible speed. Revved up to thirty-five knots.

0330 hours - Received second order from Commander-in-Chief, Plymouth. "Intercept and attack single enemy destroyer".

0345 hours - Sighted three enemy Destroyers. Closed in and prepared for action.

0400 hours - Enemy destroyers open fire, but salvoes fall short astern of us. We return fire with six 4.7" and one 4" guns and manoeuver for position. First salvoe is long; second salvoe is short. Range for third salvoe "dead on" but before it could be fired, received direct hit aft attributed to shore battery and a twenty-one inch torpedo fired from undetected E-Boats. "X" and "Y" guns were blown overboard; the four barrel Pom-Pom was completely demolished; "A" gun was blown loose from its mounting. All communications from the Bridge to the guns was severed; Diesel oil fire breaks out at the tubes enveloping entire after canopy and stern. Flames forty to fifty feet high. Pom-Pom ammunition explodes in all directions. Both propeller shafts were smashed and H.M.C.S. ATHABASKAN stopped dead. In spite of "A" gun having been knocked off its mounting, she continued to engage the enemy while "B" gun lighted up the target with Star-shell. H.M.C.S. HAIDA laid a smoke screen to enable us to try and escape.

0420 hours - Orders from the bridge passed by word of mouth, "Stand by to abandon ship".

Magazine supply grows and remainder of personnel not killed by first torpedo and shore battery shell explosion, secure Action Stations and proceed to abandon ship stations. Attempts are made to secure tow-lines to H.M.C.S. HAIDA.

0425 hours - Received second torpedo hit at the break of the fore-castle on the Port side from Destroyer. No. 1 Boiler Room exploded. Fire breaks out anew, this time enveloping entire Starboard side. Ship takes a very bad list to Port and crew takes to the water and whatever Carley Floats and floatanets (1) remain.

0435 hours - The end of a short but thrilling career in the service of His Majesty’s Royal CANADIAN Navy, H.M.C.S. ATHABASKAN’s bow was the last to slide beneath those cold, oil-covered waters of the English Channel, approximately three and one half miles off BREST, FRANCE.

Transcription Notes:

(1) As transcribed, the word appears to be "floatanets". Perhaps it was intended to mean "scramble nets".

Action listed at 0425 hours is officially noted as 0427 hours.

Golf Club Sign

Here is an actual sign posted at a golf club in Scotland UK:
1. Back straight, knees bent, feet shoulder width apart.
2. Form a loose grip.
3. Keep your head down!
4. Avoid a quick back swing.
5. Stay out of the water.
6. Try not to hit anyone.
7. If you are taking too long, let others go ahead of you.
8. Don't stand directly in front of others.
9. Quiet please…while others are preparing.
10. Don't take extra strokes.
Well done...Now, flush the urinal, go outside, and tee off.
Richmond Golf Club England
Temporary Rules 1940

Believe it or not but the stiffer upper lip English didn’t let such distractions as the Battle of Britain hinder their golf rounds, thus these temporary golf rules.

1. Players are asked to collect Bomb and Shrapnel splinters to save these causing damage to the Mowing Machines.

2. In Competitions, during gunfire or while bombs are falling, players may cover without penalty for ceasing play.

3. The positions of known delayed action bombs are marked by red flags at reasonably, but not guaranteed, safe distance therefrom.

4. Shrapnel and/or bomb splinters on the Fairways, or in Bunkers within a club’s length of a ball, may be moved without penalty, and no penalty shall be incurred if a ball is thereby caused to move accidentally.

5. A ball moved by enemy action may be replaced, or if lost or destroyed a ball may be dropped not nearer the hole without penalty.

6. A ball laying in a crater may be lifted and dropped not nearer the hole, preserving the line to the hole, without penalty.

7. A player whose stroke is affected by the simultaneous explosion of a bomb may play another ball from the same place. Penalty one stroke.

Amendment to the By – Laws

Pursuant to a discussion by the Executive and the Board of Directors, there is a motion to be put forward to amend Article 9.4, b, “Quorum “ to read, “Six (6) Board of Directors members shall constitute a quorum for any Board of Directors meeting.”

Promotions

April 1954

Farmer, William L . . . . . . . P2AW
Faulkner, Ralph B . . . . . . . P2QR
MacVittie, Roy A . . . . . . . LSEM
Presse, Lionel A . . . . . . . P2NS

Days of Yore

April 29, 1944
HMCS Athabaskan . torpedoed . 128 lost

April 16, 1945
HMCS Esquimalt . torpedoed . 44 lost

April 9, 1917
Canadian troops take Vimy Ridge

April 21, 1918
Canadian Roy Brown shoots down the Red Baron

April 1, 1924
RCAF is formed
Honour Roll of Age  Happy Birthday To All Concerned - April, 2011

Members 90 years and over that age will have an honourary place in the Golden Memories article.

Corrections for March 2011:
Mike Bidnock 89 Dartmouth, NS 20 11
John Henbrey 88 Dartmouth, NS 25 11
Wendell Erb 83 Point Claire, QC 29 11

April 2011:
Donald Baker 79 Windsor, NS 26 11
Louis Bidnost 78 Dartmouth, NS 03 11
Harri Boggs 71 Stratford, PEI 28 11
Roger Boutin 79 Lower Sackville 02 11
Arthur Brown 74 Dartmouth, NS 27 11
George Brownless 75 Dartmouth, NS 29 11
Charles Canon 81 Dartmouth, NS 15 11
Peter Chamberlain 77 Victoria, BC 01 11
Ronald Coles 74 Foxtrot, NL 15 11
David Davies 74 Dartmouth, NS 23 11
John Faulkner 73 Minesville, NS 05 11
James Fowler 73 St. Isidore, ON 15 11

Robert Fox 71 Halifax, NS 08 11
Kevin Cascoigne 63 Stoney Creek, ON 24 11
Charles Hall 82 St. Peters, NS 15 11
Douglas Harding 71 Orleans, ON 10 11
Lillian Henbrey 87 Dartmouth, NS April 1 2011
Michael Henderson 77 06 11
Gordon Jenkins 74 Seabright, NS 25 11
David Kurts 84 Dartmouth, NS 28 11
Rudy Lauzon 75 Halifax, NS 29 11
Ralph LeBlanc 71 Sheet Harbour, NS 08 11
Neil MacAskill 79 Dartmouth, NS 29 11
William MacCrimmon 87 Dartmouth, NS 20 11
John L. MacDonald 65 Halifax, NS 05 11
Ivor MacLeod 75 Halifax 21 11
Graham NcBrude 80 Halifax, NS 01 11
Charles McLeod 64 Westcock, NB 18 11
Chris Minkoff 81 Wilmot, NS 05 11

Douglas Moore 72 Clementsport, NS 13 11
Glen Moxham 69 Toronto, ON 26 11
Ken Parkin 69 Cambridge, ON 18 11
Joseph Paquet 88 Stratford PEI 07 11
L.A. Presse 81 Etobicoke, ON 07 11
Lionel Prokopow 76 Malagash, NS 29 11
Fred Rostek 80 Lower Sackville, NS 29 11
Frank Rostek 71 Lower Sackville, NS 20 11
Joseph Skowronski 87 Halifax, NS 14 11
Joseph Smale 74 Allysford, NS 20 11
Michael Stephenson 76 Eastern Passage, NS 23 11
Douglas Sykes 86 Dartmouth, NS 05 11
Gordon Thomlinson 85 Dartmouth, NS 18 11
William Wales 84 London, ON 16 11
David Watson 81 halifax, NS 11 11
John Wratten 84 Lasalle, QC 02 11
Douglas Wright 73 Dartmouth, NS 02 11

(These figures are taken from application forms when submitted. Discrepancies are to be forwarded to gaylordk@yahoo.com or the Association office 902 4200370)

From the Canadian Association Of Retired People CARP
Questions and Answers

Q: Where can men over the age of 60 find younger, sexy women who are interested in them?
A: In a bookstore under "Fiction"

Q: What can a man do while his wife is going through menopause?
A: Keep busy. If you’re handy with tools, you can finish the basement. When you’re done you’ll have a place to live.

Q: Someone said menopause is mentioned in the bible.. Is that true? Where can it be found?
A: Yes. Matthew 14:92: "And Mary rode Joseph’s ass all the way to Egypt ."

Q: How can you increase the heart rate of your 60-plus year old husband?
A: Tell him you’re pregnant.

Q: How can you avoid that terrible curse of the elderly wrinkles?
A: Take off your glasses.

Q: Seriously! What can I do for these Crow’s feet and all those wrinkles on my face?
A: Go braless. It will usually pull them out.

Q: Why should 60-plus year old people use valet parking?
A: Valets don’t forget where they park your car.

Q: As people age, do they sleep more soundly?
A: Yes, but usually in the afternoon.

Q: Where should 60-plus year olds look for eye glasses?
A: On their foreheads.

Q: What is the most common remark made by 60-plus year olds when they enter antique stores?
A: "Gosh, I remember these!"

SMILE, You’ve still got your sense of humour, RIGHT?
Spring Fling

Friday, April 15th 2011
Centennial Legion #160
Main St. Dartmouth
Cocktails: 1700, Dinner: 1800
Cost: $45.00 for couples, or $25.00 single
Ticket Reservations: Vince Carr, 466-6756
E-mail: vincecarr@ns.sympatico.ca
Or call office: 420-0370

Menu
Garden Salad
Choice of: Roast Beef Or Chicken Keiv
Mashed Potatoes, with Gravy.
Peas and Carrots
Apple Crisp with Whipped Cream
Rolls, Butter, Cranberry Sauce, Tea, coffee
Entree must be final at time of Reservation