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## 19 Wing celebrates RCAF 75th anniversary

1999 represents not only the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF), but it will also be the 90<sup>th</sup> year of powered flight in Canada commemorating the flight of the Silver Dart in Baddeck, Nova Scotia. Within 19 Wing, we will primarily concentrate on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the RCAF through a variety of means.

The premiere activity will obviously be the 19 Wing Comox Air Show scheduled for 17 July 1999.

The Air Show will, in essence, be an Air Force Day showcasing the operations here at 19 Wing but with the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary theme carried throughout in various displays.

Our present activities include the launch of an Air Force history package on our internal 19 Wing DIN site. A similar site will soon be made available on the external WWW Internet site. Planned additions include an expanded 19 Wing history package and a supplement detailing the various aircraft types currently and previously flown in Comox. Appropriate articles and features are also scheduled to appear throughout the year in the Totem Times newspaper and hopefully within the local community media as well.

Additional planned on-base activities include a Charity Golf Tournament, various Air Force Dinners, including traditional Mess Dinners, a dinner for local Air Force Veterans and an all-ranks "Hangar Party" for early fall.

Parades functions are to be highlighted by selected personnel in RCAF uniforms. The 75<sup>th</sup> logo will be displayed on all Wing aircraft and in other appropriate locations. One T-33 aircraft will be repainted in special 414 Sqn colours along with appropriate 75<sup>th</sup> markings. 19 Wing also intends to pursue the acquisition of a retired T-33 aircraft for the Comox museum. Various smaller additions/improvements to the Comox Heritage Air Park are also planned. Finally, a "mass 75<sup>th</sup>" photograph of wing personnel is also planned.

A suitable Air Force display is under development for display at upcoming community venues. Similarly, a series of Squadron History Book presentations will be made to local community and school libraries. A packaged briefing and subject matter experts on the history of the Air Force will also be made available to the local School Board for talks in schools.

In addition to these local initiatives, various events and items will also be sponsored at the national level. While final details are not yet finalized these potentially include Canada Post stamps, coins and books to commemorate the event, as well as various other national events carrying the theme.

Further details of any of the above activities may be obtained from 19 Wing's 75<sup>th</sup> Coordinator: LCol T.F.J. Liversedge at (250) 339-8202/Local 8202 or FAX (250) 339-8192.

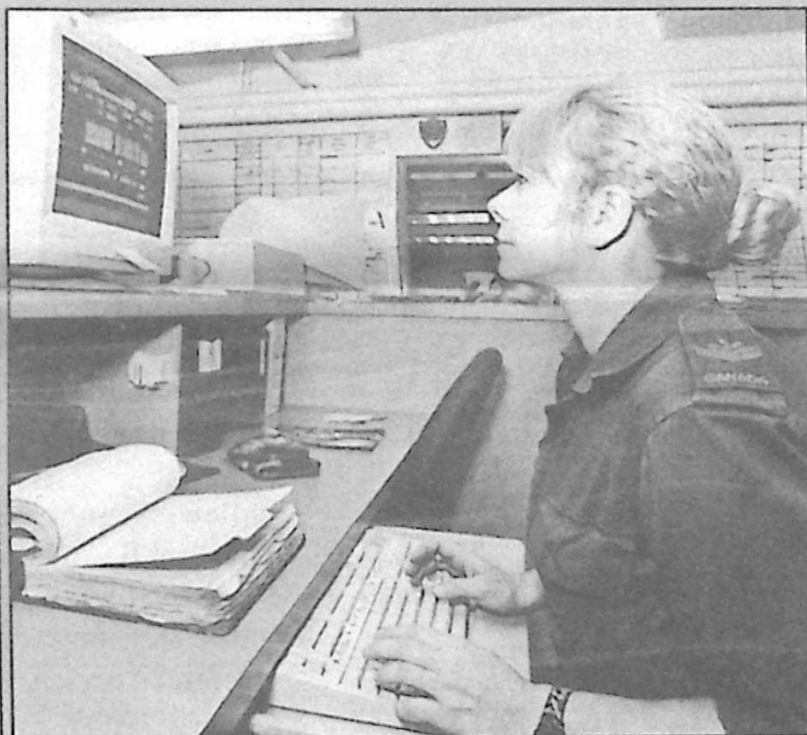
## New pool/gym is a go

Construction is starting on the long-awaited 19 Wing Recreation and Social Centre facility. Contractor Bird Construction, of Vancouver, began building on January 18. The \$9.5 million complex that will house a pool, gymnasium and a social centre is expected to be ready for use by January 2000. The construction project will be officially recognized at a sod-turning ceremony on January 27, when the Chief of the Air Staff, LtGen David Kinsman, visits 19 Wing.

"A great deal of work has been expended by a large group of dedicated people in order to secure this important project," said Wing Commander Col Bill Neumann. "This facility will improve military training, enhance the quality of life of military civilian members and their families and benefit community groups and sports organizations. This is a win-win project for everyone."

## Wing Service Person of the Quarter

### A real team player



MCpl Carole Wishart at work with 442 Sqn Servicing. (Photo by Wimg.)

By Capt J. Tyldesley

442 Sqn is proud to have MCpl Carole Wishart on its team. Carole, who works within the AVSO-1 Servicing Section at 442 Sqn, was selected as the 19 Wing Service Person for the fourth quarter of 1998.

Candidates are selected for the award according to the following criteria: job performance, dedication to the team, military attitude, military conduct and appearance, and community service.

MCpl Wishart is a very competent AVS Junior supervisor in 1 Crew. She is not only competent and reliable at her job, she is conscientious and positive in everything she does. It is apparent to all

squadron members that Carole is a pleasure to be around.

She makes an effort to do more than is required of her. Taking an active part in all 1 Crew breakfast and supper functions and in squadron events, such as Family Day, are routine for Carole. She also organized a crew canteen.

MCpl Wishart concerns herself with her crew's morale, always looking out for others' well being and ensuring that people get along.

When asked about what it is like work with Carole, one squadron member said, "Carole is very reliable and dedicated to her crew and her job." She is very deserving of this award. Way to go, Carole!

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## Winner of Military Police Gift Basket draw

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Mrs. Polly McRae is pictured here receiving the gift basket from Don Somers of Merrill Lynch. Polly's name was drawn at the CANEX staff Christmas party held 19 Dec 98. The cost of the draw ticket was a food item donated to the 19 Wing Military Police Christmas Hamper Drive.

## 19 Wing shutterbugs shine in national photo contest

Two 19 Wing photographers received their due recognition at the last annual DND Photography Contest.

Photographer Ms. Katie Wylie picked up three Honourable Mentions. The first was in the Amateur Colour Portrait category for her shot of "Best Friends," the second came for her picture of "Smiling Water" in the Amateur Colour Sports category; and her interpretation of "Teddy and I" also received a prize in the Black and White Portrait series.

Sgt. Eileen Redding of Wing Imaging took third place in the Professional Colour Portrait division for her work "Sun's Warmth."

(Ed's note: watch for the winning photos in a future issue of Totem Times.)

## New training video tells critical incident stress

By Kim Cameron

This training video is unlike any other in the Canadian Forces. In fact, this video is so riveting, so graphic and moving, that viewers won't be able to turn away.

The video, titled *Witness the Evil*, is designed to be another tool in the CF's arsenal to help prepare military members for the kinds of horror they may see on some deployments.

The video isn't for the faint of heart. In one early scene, the camera zooms into a white object that looks surprisingly like a crinkled plastic jug. When the camera zooms out that white jug turns out to be a Rwandan man's head, after the top third had been hacked off with a machete.

Scenes like this are common for CF personnel stationed in trouble spots the world over — Bosnia, Rwanda and Honduras. But violence doesn't just occur in far away places — military members witnessed similar images during the recovery of Swissair Flight 111 off Peggy's Cove, N.S. early this fall.

The tape uses the Canadian

mission to Rwanda as an example of what critical incident stress (also known as battle fatigue and shell shock) does to normal human beings trying to make sense out of horror.

For Canadian peacekeepers serving in that civil war-torn country from 1994 on, every day brought more horror. Most of the peacekeepers interviewed on the tape said their stress was compounded by the fact that the butchering was still going on when they arrived and they were powerless to stop it.

They describe horrors so dark and disturbing that only those who were there can understand: packs of wild dogs fighting over corpses at night in the streets of Kigali, the stench of rotting human flesh that hung over that city like a shroud, and mass graves.

For Cpl Darrell Daines and Cpl Chris Cassavoy, memories of the slaughtering of children are particularly chilling.

Daines remembers entering a Rwandan school, a place where any child should feel safe, any-

where on this planet.

"They had the children lined up and it looked like they'd played a game with the children," he said. "Like they chopped their heads off and they'd sign their names, like it was a game."

For Cassavoy, there are foods he can't eat because of the memories stirred up.

"Grilled chicken. Can't eat it. Looks like a dead body... Children, I have a hell of a time, a hell of a time looking at little kids, especially newborns, because they were a plaything for the Hutus. They really liked killing kids," he says.

The effects of critical incident stress can include a variety of symptoms — trouble sleeping, hopelessness, anger and changed behaviour towards loved ones — and it can be crippling.

In many cases, the effects don't show up until long after the CF member is safe at home in Canada.

The Canadian peacekeeping force's commander in Rwanda, Lt. Gen. Romeo Dallaire, was one such victim. Dallaire, who is still receiving treatment for the disorder, says he lost his ability to cope two years after coming home and became suicidal.

"Sometimes I wish I'd lost a leg," he said. "You lose a leg, it's obvious and you've got therapy and all kinds of stuff. You lose your marbles... very, very difficult to explain, very difficult to gain the support that you need."

The video was released on November 27 at the same time that the CF announced the opening, by April 1 in Halifax, Edmonton and Valcartier, of regional clinics to treat the disorder.

The clinics come in response to the growing number of personnel struggling to cope with horrific missions around the globe.

It is estimated that 15-20 per cent of those involved in difficult missions are affected by the disorder.

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## Sign up for Snow to Surf

The date for the 17<sup>th</sup> annual running of the Realty World Snow to Surf Race has been set for Sunday April 18. The race will be preceded by the popular and fun-filled Snow to Surf Parade down Courtenay's main street on Saturday April 17.

The event has grown to 1998's huge success where 165 teams of eight members each completed — skiing (downhill and x-country), running, cycling (mountain and road bike), and canoeing, from the top of Mt. Washington Ski Resort to Marina Park in Comox.

The 1998 Snow to Surf Race had a total of 27 military teams competing — some coming from as far as CFB Halifax. The coveted Wing Commander's trophy is presented to the first finishing military team and the Skip Somerville trophy is presented to the top military masters team.

Previous years Snow to Surf races have not been without incident. Some CF teams were disqualified, one for not picking up their

wristband at the start of the race or for not having a recommended type of bicycle for the road bike leg of the relay. Those teams were permitted to finish the race but did not qualify for an official placing. Although this event can be fun, safety is paramount as there have been various wipe-outs on the Alpine and Nordic legs, as well as rolling canoes in the final leg of the race, costing some teams their placing. I am happy to report that all of the military members who have encountered these upsets were not seriously injured, aside from their egos being bruised.

Entry cost for the 18 April race is \$200.00 per team. Participation is limited to 165 teams on a first come, first served basis. Entry forms will be available in February and will be mailed out to previous team captains. New teams can contact OPI for entry forms. MWO Art King, loc 8376, is the 19 Wing OPI who will coordinate all military entries.

## Glacier Greens Mixed Winter Golf

By Barb Carter

Winter Golf has been a total washout with only two Sundays in November, none in December and - Happy New Year 1999 — we missed the first two Sundays in January. However, on 17 January 21 people with extended cabin fever hopped up to play. And play they did. Hey, it wasn't raining, well not at the beginning, but later it came down in buckets. Most went the distance with only a few wimps quitting. The results were:

1<sup>st</sup> LN Lloyd Billings, Ted Sauve, Glen Caslake, Ken Doll and Rose McCleshey — they had a min 59.

2<sup>nd</sup> LG was Ron Carter's team of Jim Trask, Ralph Glass and Russ

Englemeyer — they carded a plus 18. That was a big surprise as Ron's team hardly ever wins. But it was really Ralph Glass who was the hero of the day as he got the KP on 12 and played well all morning. Well done, Ralph. KP on 15 went to Duke Dutrisac.

Considering the conditions, very well done to all.

Hats off to Lori Cameron who on Jan 4, playing with her son Brad and Verle Lafferty, got a Hole in One on #15. Good golfing Lori and enjoy your Portugal trip with Verle.

Not much else as the course has been flooded on a daily basis. Maybe Jan 24 will be good to us. Till next time...

## New relocation benefits

For the past several years, DND and Treasury Board Secretariat (TBS) have been actively seeking ways to streamline the administration of the relocation process and to facilitate the move of CF members. For example, in 1992 the CF introduced the Canadian Forces Relocation Program (CARP) to provide members with assistance/advice on the acquisition of disposal of accommodation when posted from one location to another.

In 1996 TBS introduced the guaranteed home sale program (GHSP), a pilot program that was designed to facilitate quicker and less turbulent moves for employees and members by providing a guaranteed sale price for their home, based on current market value. While the GHSP has been a welcome addition and a positive step in reducing the uncertainty which surrounds the sale of a house, particularly in difficult markets, the program applies to relatively few members of the Defence team and had a significant impact on the cost move budget. In general, housing markets are improving. It is now evident that a more broad based relocation program providing more flexibility to meet member/employee needs is required.

TBS recently announced that the GHSP pilot program will be discontinued at the end of the current contract period. A replacement program, known as the integrated relocation pilot program (IRPP) will be made available to all government departments. In view of the new pilot's very positive impact on quality of life (QOL), Armed Forces Council, on 1 Sep 98, approved CF participation in the IRPP for up to a four year period, commencing 1 Apr 99. This program will replace the GHSP and the current CARP.

The IRPP is an enhanced relocation package, which will be applicable to CF members and available initially to some civilian DND employees being relocated. IRPP provides for the normal reimbursement of the core elements of a move, for example real estate com-

mission, legal fees, move of furniture and effects (F and E), interim lodgings and meal expenses. Under a customized component, the IRPP will provide members and employees the flexibility to select benefits to suit their own particular individual circumstances and family needs. In addition, the IRPP allows members to take advantage of recent income tax changes.

Resolving quality of life issues is a priority for the CF. The introduction of the IRPP represents significant progress in developing relocation benefits that resolve many longstanding irritants and addresses the quality of life issues of CF members and their families. A few examples follow:

- IRPP helps members maintain equity in the family home by providing financial incentives to retain the home at the losing base. Professional property management fees can be reimbursed to facilitate rental of the home. Financial incentives to rent accommodation at the destination base are also available.

- The minimum 10% market decline prerequisite to be eligible for reimbursement of losses on the sale of a home under the home equity assistance plan (HEAP) has been removed. HEAP will now be available to all homeowners.

- The house-hunting trip (HHT) may be extended.

- Children may be included on a HHT.

- Parents who decide to leave children behind while on a HHT may claim full childcare reimbursement as allowable by Revenue Canada.

- Mortgage interest differential on sale of a home may now be claimed under certain conditions.

The IRPP services will be provided by relocation professionals from the private sector. For the CF, this initiative builds upon the partnership with industry initiated with the CARP. The IRPP is a major step along the way in providing "one-stop shopping" for all relocation services. The transportation of F and E and household furniture damage insurance will, for

now, remain the responsibility of Base Traffic. The IRPP will provide much better service as a member will deal with one relocation counsellor instead of having to meet with personnel from various organizations (R&D clerks, Claims clerks, CARP consultants, GHSP file administrators and others). Like the CARP, the IRPP consultants will be available at most, but not all, bases/wings or stations. Locations where the on-site service will be available will be announced in due course. In all other locations, services will be provided through other means, such as telephone consultation.

It is recognised that this program will dramatically change the way relocation benefits are delivered and administered. These changes will have an impact on the nature of some of the duties currently performed by CF personnel and civilian employees employed primarily in the "R&D" area. Since responsibilities will change rather than disappear, it is not expected there will be any immediate impact on employment in this area. The full impact of the change cannot be determined at this time but will remain the subject of review.

A project management office has been established under the auspices of the DGCB with linkages to DGER, to oversee the implementation of the IRPP. The project manager is Lt. Col. J.P. Cyr, who can be reached at 996-0228. Since it is essential that DND and CF members are quickly informed of the impending changes, a briefing team has started to travel to most locations to brief commanders and CF members/employees. Travel started in late Oct 98. The schedule for visits will be finalized by the implementation team in consultation with appropriate commanders.

Informative articles in military publications, press releases, etc. will supplement the briefing tour.

A web page is located at the following address: <http://hrdwan.dnd.ca/dgcb/dcba/irpp>. Further details on the IRPP will be announced as the implementation plan unfolds.



## Electoral Boundaries Commission Public Hearings in Campbell River on January 22, 1999

Following public hearings held in 1998, the British Columbia Electoral Boundaries Commission has presented to the Legislative Assembly its report setting out the Commission's proposed changes to the area, boundaries, names and number of British Columbia's electoral districts.

Any amendments which the Commission wishes to make to its report must be submitted to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly by June 3, 1999.

In order to hear the views of British Columbians about its proposed changes, the Commission is holding a number of additional public hearings.

A public hearing will be held in:

- Campbell River at the Coast Discovery Inn 975 Shoppers Row

Friday, January 22  
9:00 am - 11:00 am

To make a presentation regarding the Commission's report, please contact the Commission.

The Commission also invites written submissions.

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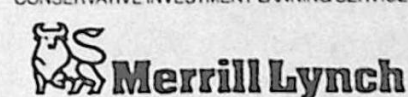
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## Y2K 2U2

All this talk about the end of the world as we know it (TEOTWAWKI) is making me a bit nervous. Why just the other day a fellow came over and ran a check on this new computer of mine, and pronounced it Y2K fail. I was devastated, and now look upon the device in a whole new light. Like a time bomb counting down to destruction. What will happen when the magic hour approaches?

I understand the Communist Chinese have a novel approach to correcting the problem. They have ordered all executives to be airborne in an aircraft at the beginning of the millennium. Sounds like a great motivator - if they don't get things right then they're all killed off in one fell swoop. I predict a run on museum quality aircraft, at least those built before the 70s with every available seat booked up, say around the year 2000.

Myself, I'm not about to be caught up in this Y2K thing. Recently, I received a new credit card in the mail with an expiry date beyond the year 2000. Believing this to be the ultimate test of the banking system, I couldn't wait to try it out. It worked as advertised, even on the B.C. Ferry system. So there you go. What's the problem?

(I'm now using this Y2K compatible card to borrow as much money as possible, so I can stock up on all those essentials around the house. Say...cash, food, ammunition, clear fields of fire, etc. And who knows, they might just lose any record of me having borrowed it.

Joel Clarkston

## 19 Wing knows how to celebrate winter

Winter carnival? What's a winter carnival? Here at 19 Wing we go one better with the annual NO-SNO-FEST. Grab your toque, convince yourself it really is winter, and get ready for another celebration of the good life as the No-Sno blowout hits the Base on Friday February 26. The committee members have been meeting since the first week in January and have some fun and games planned for everyone.

A \$5 No-Sno-Fest button makes you eligible for prizes and gets you into the morning pancake breakfast and the evening dance and casino. Those who just wish to participate in the games don't require a button but, since all proceeds go to support YANA, why not buy a button anyway?

The annual beard growing contest, which has come to be a cherished tradition of the winter carnival festivities, is on again with participants officially registered on

Monday January 18 at the Wing Chief's office. As usual, there will be prizes for all types of beards including: most colourful, worst/mangiest, and fullest/best. If you don't qualify for any of these, there'll be a fourth random draw with all beard growers eligible. The beard judging in the gym will jumpstart the fun in the morning, right after a delicious pancake breakfast in the Combined Mess.

All the wacky sports events - including a sand sculpture contest - will be here again, either in the Wing gym, arena, or outside. The fun culminates on Friday evening with a dance in the Jr. Ranks' Mess and a Casino Night in the WOs' and Sgts' Mess wrapping up the party. The local jazz trio of Dave Krayden and his Rat Pax will perform swing and lounge tunes at the casino to get you into the Vegas spirit.

Come on out and keep the tradition going.

## Weather Summary



December was very wet, however, no records were set. Total rainfall was well above average but snowfall for the month was just below average. Total precipitation for 1998 was 1303.4mm which was well above the annual average of 1186.7mm, but shy of the record 1559.1mm set in 1968.

Highest monthly temperature	10.8°C on 10th
Lowest monthly temperature	-5.9°C on 20th
Total monthly rainfall	210.2mm
Average monthly rainfall	174.0mm
No. of days with 0.2 mm or more rainfall	24
Total monthly snowfall	25.6cm
Heaviest 24 hour snowfall	15.2 cm on 21st
Total hours of bright sunshine	52.8 hrs

(Information provided by Weather Service Centre, CFB Comox.)



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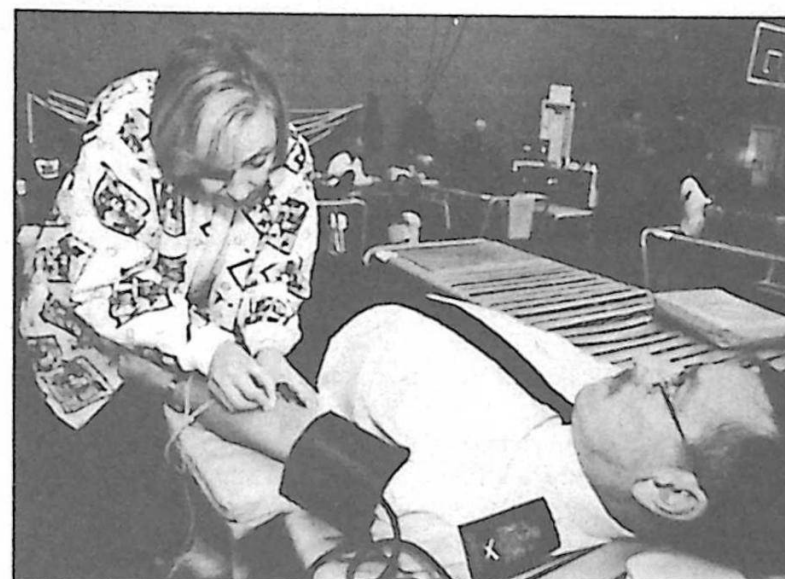
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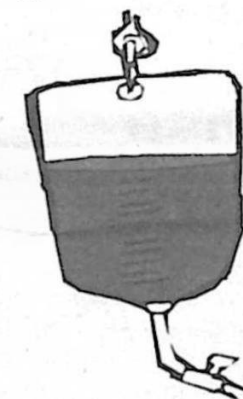
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## Blood donor clinic collected 143 units

By Lt(N) Shelley Combs



CWO Dupuis, WCWO, gives the gift of life. (Photo by Cpl L'Ecuyer, Wlmg.)



For the first time in many years, the Wing Hospital was able to arrange for a Blood Donor Clinic to be held at 19 Wing on Dec 10. And what a success the day was! Canadian Blood Services' expectations for a first time site is for at least 75 units. For a previously used area, they consider 100 units to be a good day. Well we gave them 143 units! That's as much as Campbell River's one day total and just a little less than Courtenay's one day.

Many thanks to all the people that made the clinic such a success - Col Neumann for his sup-

port of this worthwhile event; Bobby, Mike and the staff at the Gym who generously opened up and prepared the gym for the clinic; to Wing Photo for the great pictures; and to WO Thomas, MCpl Harris, LS (a.k.a. Cpl) Holland and Lt Rhonda Crew for all their great work.

Blood donation has been in the news a lot over the last year, but the bottom line is that when you donate a unit of blood, you truly give the gift of life and you give this gift to someone you don't even know.

Anyone over the age of 18 is eligible. You can donate every two months. Aircrew are grounded for 72 hours after donation. Some people will not be eligible for donation for a variety of reasons, but you have to speak directly with the nurses at Canadian Blood Services about your particular circumstances.

Thanks so much to everyone who attended the clinic. Your generosity was outstanding. Stay tuned for the next clinic in March.

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## National Safe Driving Week ....a tremendous success

By Sgt Fortin



From Left: Maj Carroll (MSO), MCpl Walgren (Licensing NCO), Cpl Lawless (Licensing 21/C), Col Neumann (WComd), Sgt Fortin (Safety Supervisor), Maj Giles (A/WLOGO), WO Doucet (A/WTNO). Congratulations from all for a job well done. Keep on driving safely. (Photo by Wlmg.)

Safe Driving Week, held between December 1 and 7 for the last 44 years, has been a proven success nation wide and 1998 was no exception.

19 Wing Comox was motor vehicle accident free for the entire week. Please continue to drive safely.

MSE Safety conducted two Dependents Defensive Driving Courses. Fifteen people attended and completed the course. During the same week, safety checks were done on about 70 vehicles. Proper use of signal lights, wearing of seat belts and overall vehicle safety were observed. Of those checked,

68 people out of 70 were wearing seat belts and that may seem like a good record but just one person not wearing a safety belt is one too many.

During the display at Canex, a short B.C. regulation quiz was handed out to approximately 70 people to remind them about day to day traffic regulations and how fast we forget them. A wrecked car and a dummy were placed at the entrance of Canex to sensitize the population to the consequences of drinking and driving.

140 personnel were issued complimentary tickets for the Safe Driving Week draw held on 7 Decem-

ber. The nine winners, drawn by the Wing Commander, are as follows:

Linda Marten WCE and Cpl Neveaux WEME - Premium Highway Safety Kits; Capt Levesque 442 Sqn and Sgt R. Deakin 407 Sqn - Deluxe Emergency Road Kits; Cpl B. Morningstar 19 AMS - First Aid Kit; Sgt Bertin MP - Booster Cables; Ken Weaver, Retired Mil - 12volt Mini Spotlight; Cpl Lessard WTN and Sue Powers WEME - Small Auto Safety Pack with two Flares.

Congratulations to the winners and also to everyone for being safety conscious.

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## Sir Cedric says...

Again the mighty lance has been dipped into the ink, and has come out scribing. Before Xmas, the Black Knights deployed to McChord AFB. The four jets with four pilots and two EWOs were accompanied by only, count 'em all you U.S. F-16 guys, four ground crew. Only one hop was missed, due to a huge snag that the crews made easy work of to get up and running the next morning. How many did those guys bring to service about six jets? About one zillion or so.... On the last night of the detachment, a few pigs were thrown down (some on the table and some off) and many a beer drunk. Twenty helped Streak get his pig really drunk. Thanks from the bottom of my glass! The ground crew won the prize for the most free meals. Well done. Did you even pay for one? All in all, it was a great deployment in the luminous shade of Mount Rainer.

P.S. If anyone wants to go to Gray AAF, Tip knows the way like the back of his hand.

On the sports front, several brave Knights gave up a few hamstrings, ankles and knees to take home the Commander's Cup Flag Football Championship Pennant. The 414 stellar defence kept the first game against the 407 weenies a tight one.

Unfortunately, the offence was a little slow and the PBE came out ahead 6-0. The second match was against 19 AMS. They must have had a lot of pizza Mondays and Tuesdays and Thurs.... Just kidding. It was a good game but 414 clicked and punished them. It was then off to face 407 PBE again. We felt that they had the false sense of security that we wanted them to have. After the referee brought out the Kleenex, 407 scored. No big deal because Shane Martin reeled on in to make it a tie. Adding one point for the conversion put us ahead. 414 then, on a broken option play, ran the pigskin in to take a 13-6 lead. The PBE kicked a single point late in the game. But it was all over when, strategically, 414 did four running plays to run out the clock and take home the large (2" x 2") pennant. It is rumoured that Hose and Moses are being bought out of the military by the Green Bay Packers for their stellar, and we mean stellar, defence.



414 Black Knights in a deep huddle at a turning point in the Commander's Cup Flag Football Championship. Go Deep!

There is a new face around the squadron. We at 414 would like to welcome Roberto Sanchez who just finished Portage and will be around until about April when he will learn to enjoy the Jaw.

And, just when you thought that promotion was a word of the past such as 5 cent Cokes, the Boss and Chief had a few surprises up their folders.

MCpl Smith is now Sgt Smith and Cpl Heron is now MCpl Heron. The squadron would like to congratulate both of you for your hard work and hope that you enjoy your new rank (and pay!).

The 414 Sqn Christmas party was a huge success. Everyone casually mingled in the O-mess until dinner was served. The masses then moseyed on in to the dance part of the mess where lots of cool "Hey pssst, which ones are the golf passes?" door prizes were given out (but not before a couple of flooring jokes).

The lights dimmed, music ranked and the SCWO was clocked over 50 mph on the dance floor. The squadron would like to thank the two groovy break dancers and all those who wore non-marking soles (Ha, Ha) for a great dance show. Hey Chief, did you note how you picked your own name?!

guess there is a Lt looking for promotion.

The squadron would like to extend a special THANK YOU to the local businesses who supported and provided the 414 with all of the excellent door prizes. All of the following provided the Black Knight Sqn with wonderful gifts: Comox Flowers, The Griffin Pub, Whytes Framing, The Lorne Pub, Signature Wine Cellars & Brewing Co., Glacier Greens, Crown Isle and Simon's Cycles.

Just a few short working days after the great party, the sticky floor was a bash as well. Red Lead had a few quick words for the squadron, then it was pigout time. Everything was delicious, especially the free beer that the two new promotees donated. Thanks guys! A beautiful chest was raffled off which Hose spent a lot of sweat and tears over. And then came the bottle draw.

There was a heck of a lot of booze on that table at the beginning of the afternoon. One hour later there was a heck of a lot of booze under people's arms.

Well, until the lance scribes again, a little humour. What did the fish say when it hit a cement wall? Damn!

Totis Viribus



MCpl Heron is presented his promotion by Lcol Bosse, CO 414.

## Finally, a small business course on Base

By Pat Allan,  
CFCCN Coordinator

The Canadian Forces Community College Network is pleased to offer Seneca College's "Starting a Small Business" course, starting Tuesday February 16.

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The instructor will be Murray Erickson, owner of the Black Fin Pub and an instructor with many years of experience. Murray knows

this topic from every angle and for a range of businesses. He will be able to bring you insights based on real life and knows how to make information relevant and interesting.

The course will be offered Tuesday evenings on Base, running for 10 weeks. All members of the DND community are welcome to join us for this unique opportunity.

The course will cost \$120.00 plus materials (about \$35.00). You can register at the WPSO's office in Building 22, with payment by cheque, Visa or MasterCard. For more information, call the CFCCN co-ordinator, Pat Allan, at 339-8211, local 8889 or 339-2280.

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## Snowbird crash investigation update

The field portion of the flight safety investigation into the fatal crash of a Canadian Forces Snowbird aircraft has been completed and an Aircraft Occurrence Summary has been prepared. The accident occurred 10 Dec 98, 26 kilometres south of 15 Wing Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. Capt Michael VandenBos lost his life in the crash.

"At this stage in the investigation,

it does not appear as though the accident was caused by mechanical problems with the aircraft," says Col Michel Legault, the Director of Flight Safety.

Work at the crash site began December 11 and proceeded quickly. The Aircraft Occurrence Summary, prepared by the Directorate of Flight Safety, contains factual information pertaining to the crash.

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Sgt Smith receives his new rank from Lcol Bosse, CO 414. (Photos by Wlmg.)

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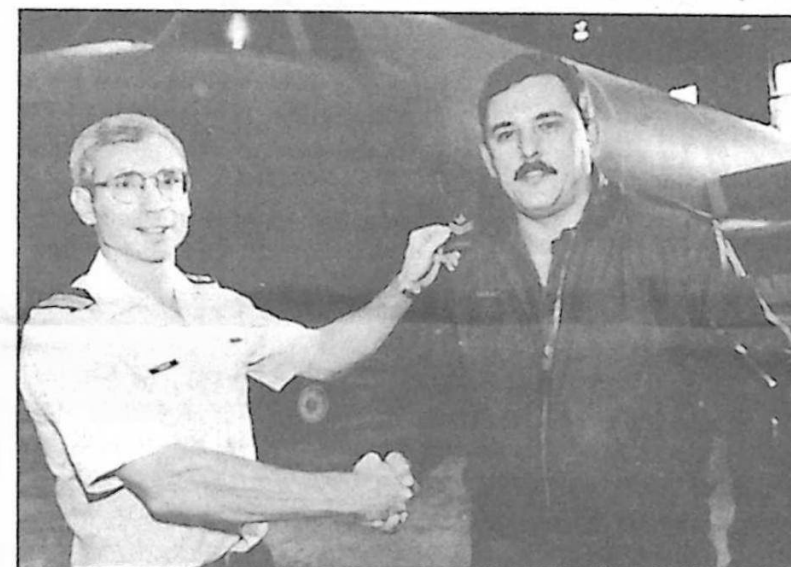
By Lt Chris Orrey

Well, the final year of the millennium is upon us and we're all curious what the next federal budget will mean for 407 Sqn. There are rumours aplenty but only time will tell the extent of changes to our operations. The squadron has been enjoying a period of rest over the holiday season, which is well deserved in the aftermath of the counter narcotics operation.

The last few months have been full of changes for the maintenance flight. MWO Tom Nurse has moved from his upstairs office to the position of Maintenance Superintendent downstairs. So far, he's surviving but it's a lot harder for him to disappear now that his office isn't well hidden from his section. The new ETO, MWO Rick Gaudet, is adjusting rather nicely to some peace and quiet upstairs. However, there are rumours that he will be moved from his private

again, Annette. What the "sticky floor party" lacked in turnout, the squadron Christmas party made up for. There was an excellent crowd on hand for a wonderful dinner which was followed by dancing and a few games of pool and/or futsal for those inclined. The soon-to-be-departing Maj Roberts took the time to show the younger squadron members a lesson or two in humility in the art of foos.

The maintenance flight is eagerly waiting the return of the



MCpl Legault receives his new rank from Maj Schalm, 407 Maintenance Flight Commander. (Photo by Wlmg.)

office and will be sharing an office with his deputy WO Kurt Patrick. WO Patrick declined to make any comments on the issue.

There were two new promotions for the technicians recently. Congratulations to Sgt Nickerson and MCpl Legault. Sgt Nickerson has moved upstairs to ETO where he now fills the job of two. MCpl Stu Anderson is now on 'C' Crew and Sgt Jim Mulikow has joined the quality system as lead auditor. MCpl Legault has moved down to 'B' Crew and the joys of shift work. Replacing MCpl Legault is Cpl Colyer.

There hasn't been a lot of activity during the last month or so with the holiday season but there was a hectic schedule of partying to adhere to. For starters, there were the section parties. This year AMCRO was fortunate enough to have a wonderful time playing poker-pool and eating good food till late in the evening. Thanks

prodigal AMO, Capt Ward Fleet, who has been gone so long on Christmas vacation in the Maritimes, that he's going to be doing in-routine when returns on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

The next few months should prove interesting for the squadron as the quality system is starting its first internal audit. Newly appointed lead auditor, Sgt Mulikow, will be moping around various sections conducting interviews and scrutinizing the sections for non-conformance with the squadron's quality policy. Fortunately, the findings will only help 407 Sqn improve its maintenance operations, an already strong and capable operation.

This year will no doubt be challenging for 407 Sqn, but the best squadron in the Air Force is ready to do the job and we're willing to prove it. Who knows, we might even get to wash our aircraft in the new wash hangar for a change.



442

## Service Person of the Year

By Sgt Les Bieber and  
Capt Jean Tyldesley

And the winner is...MCpl Mike Stacey! Mike was presented with this award at 442's Christmas party on 18 Dec 98.

Since Mike came to us in the summer of '96, he has been instrumental in getting our Labrador "internal health monitoring shop" (which includes vibration analyses and SOAP checks) up and running. Currently employed in Labrador Maintenance, he uses his many years of experience to enhance our team's effectiveness.

MCpl Stacey has many activities towards which he directs his energy for the benefit of others. He has become very involved with the committee to spruce up the Base camping area at Air Force Beach. His carpentry skills have been most notable in the recently constructed playground there.

He has helped local Brownies and Girl Guides. Mike has also donated some of his woodwork to the squadron. We are proud to have Mike as part of the illustrious 442 Sqn family. He displays many of the characteristics of a proud service member and he is a very valuable asset to the Wing and the Comox Valley.

Congratulations to Mike Stacey. You deserve it!

## Crash

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As the formation rolled through approximately 50 degrees of right bank in a level turn at 1200 ft. AGL and 260 KIAS, the underside of the left wing of aircraft #6 came into contact with the upper surface of the right horizontal stabiliser of aircraft #2.

The entire horizontal stabiliser and part of the vertical stabiliser separated from aircraft #2 and the aircraft dropped through the bottom of the formation. The #2 aircraft rolled inverted under extreme negative G, stalled and fell vertically to the ground. The pilot ejected from the aircraft and suffered fatal injuries upon impacting the ground. The aircraft struck the ground in an inverted position and sustained 'A' category damage.

The investigation has not yet determined if the pilot of aircraft #2 ejected within the prescribed ejection envelope. However, it has been determined that the airlock fasteners on the pilot's rigid seat survival kit (RSSK) were not connected when seat/man separation was initiated. The pilot's maritime lanyard was also not connected. Post ejection contact occurred between the pilot, the ejection seat and the unattached RSSK. The significance of the post ejection contact has not been determined.

## Cops Corner

By Sgt Claude Blake

Spring is just around the corner and, with it, we should be thinking about bicycle safety. Our SAMP section is proud to host a yearly Bicycle Rodeo. This year's Rodeo will be held in early May. I'm always impressed by the children's enthusiasm and willingness to learn road safety. I encourage all parents to ensure their children are current on the rules of the road and comfortable when riding their bicycles. The best way to teach the little ones is to lead by example, which brings me to point of this article.

I am fortunate or unfortunate, depending on the weather, to be able to commute to and from work on my bicycle. During my ride I often observe other commuters on their bicycles. For the most part, traffic regulations are adhered to but there are a few riders who insist on taking their life for granted. I've witnessed cyclists failing to stop at posted stop signs, cross intersections on red lights, ride against traffic and ride on sidewalks. Most of these infractions are committed in the early morning hours, when visibility is minimal. Perhaps the worse and most dangerous practice is cyclists who commute before sunrise and fail to wear reflective clothing and fail to equip their bicycles with proper rear reflectors, battery operated rear flashing lights and adequate headlights. As most of you know, Ryan Road, west of Lerwick Road, is a very dark area. Motor vehicles weigh thousands of pounds and we, as cyclists, are no match and will lose every time if involved in a motor vehicle/bicycle accident.

The cost of reflective clothing, lighting equipment and common sense is minimal when compared with the risk of serious injury.

Those of you who need to upgrade your bicycle safety equipment, please do so. Your life is worth it!

## Women and money: taking charge of your own financial future

By Kim Vogel, Comox Valley Rice Financial

The following statistics may motivate some women to begin actively planning their own financial future:

♦ 1 out of 3 women retiring at age 65 does so at or below the poverty level (at age 75, that number climbs to 2 out of 3).

♦ The average age of a Canadian widow is 56.

♦ At some point in their lives, 80-90% of women are responsible for their own finances because of a crisis such as death or divorce.

♦ 75% of women will be widowed or divorced before age 50.

Statistics indicate that women generally live longer than men. Women must face this harsh reality and prepare for it at a time when they can focus, gather information and make informed decisions, rather than at a time of crisis - such as death or divorce.

A few years ago I had two clients - a couple in their early 60s. Clearly the husband made all the investment decisions as the wife rarely participated in our discus-

sions. When he died suddenly at age 64, she tearfully confessed to having no idea how much money they had or even where it was. She had bills to pay and didn't know where to get the money. Unfortunately, she was forced to learn all about financial planning and investing in a time of crisis.

I often relay this story to clients in an effort to encourage equal participation and decision making by both spouses. Financial decisions should be discussed openly and honestly between family members to ensure each person clearly understands their financial goals and how they will be met, as well as how to stay the course in the event one spouse dies suddenly.

Managing money is an acquired skill and it's never too late to start learning. Remember, your financial advisor is there to help. Just like a doctor provides advice on health matters and a mechanic looks after cars, a financial advisor assists and encourages you to stay on track to achieve your financial goals.

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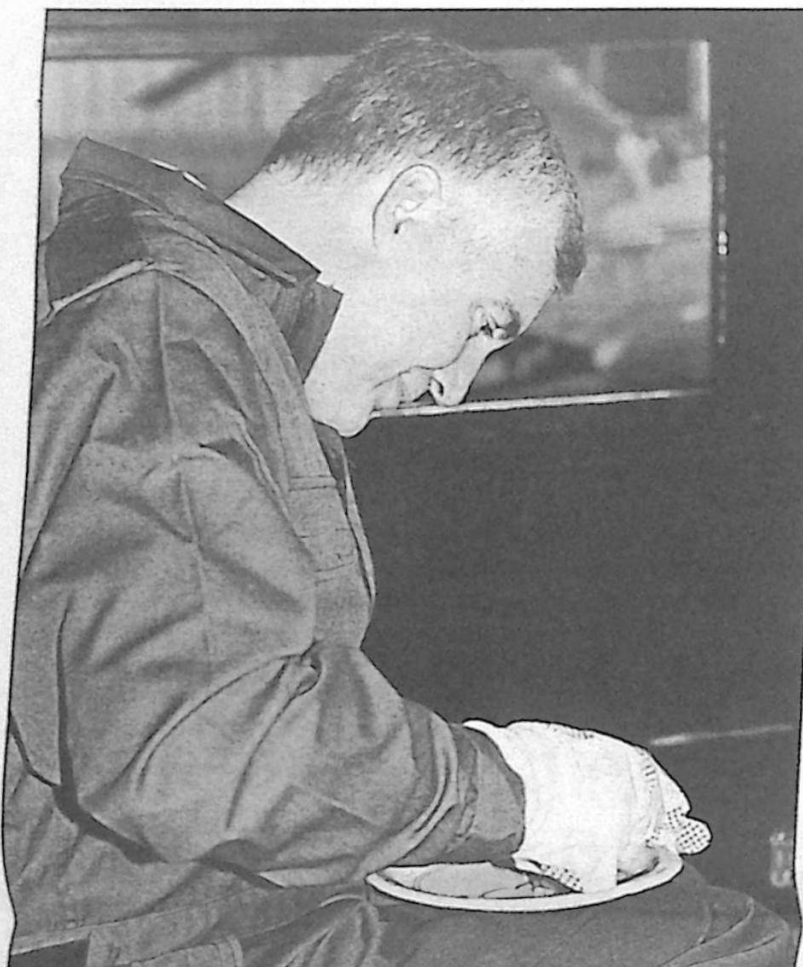




# 1998 Year in Review



September: 19 Wing hosted the National Driver Championship.



October: WComd was held in Charity Jail during United Way campaign.



January: Hercules picks up generators and other emergency equipment for ice storm victims in Quebec.



- 10 Military Police deploy to Montreal to provide assistance during the Ice Storm, which left millions of citizens without electrical power for 2 weeks or more in some cases.

- MIG 21 was delivered to the Comox Air Force Museum to become part of the Heritage Park static displays.

- Gov't announced that the Cormorant Search and Rescue Helicopters delivery will commence in mid-2000.

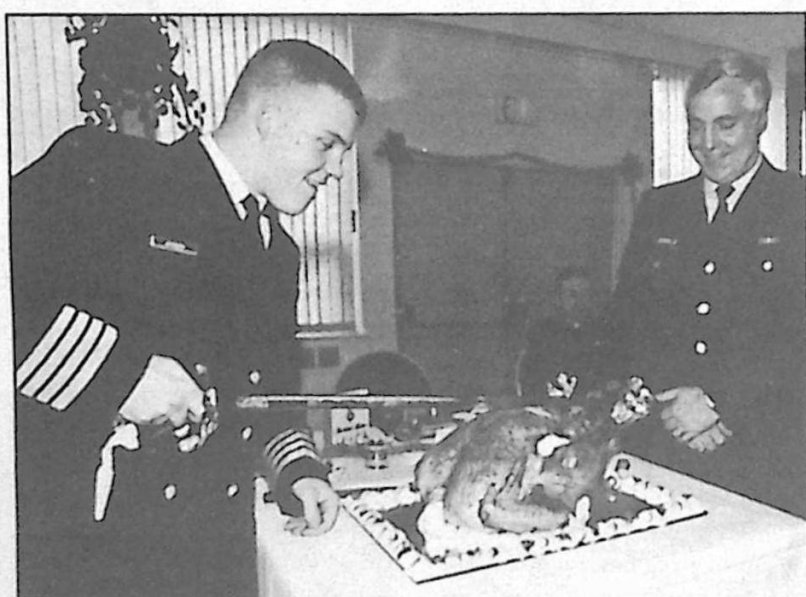


- Successful No Sno Festival  
- The first of many Contingency Capability Training courses takes place.



- New DND communication Policy states: "CF members and DND employees should make every effort to be as open and transparent as possible within the law." And they may "agree to be interviewed by the media" to speak about what they do.

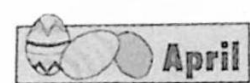
- The crew of a Lab helicopter made an emergency landing in Baynes Sound on 26 March after experiencing an engine failure. The pilot was able to water taxi to a beach in Union Bay. All personnel were safe.



December: "Col" Jackson carves the turkey at the Jr. Ranks' Christmas dinner as "Pte" Neumann looks on.



July: Change of Command parade July 28.



- 27 military teams from across Canada (17 from 19 Wing) participated in the annual Snow to Surf race.

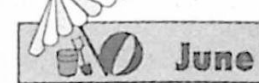
- The 20 Metre Shuttle Run replaced the Step Test as the main physical fitness evaluating tool. Top recorded scores at 9 Wing:

Men: Capt Cook - stage 14 (tied CF record).  
Women: Cpl. Negraeff - stage 11.5.



- Lots of activities take place in support of the North American Occupational Safety and Health Week 18 to 24 May.

- Base engineering staff discovers discrepancies in fuel measurements indicating a slow leak at the base fuel storage area. Studies have since ruled out any environmental impact and repairs are underway.



- A Piasecki helicopter takes its place in the Heritage Park after being recovered and restored to RCAF colours by a team of 19 Wing personnel and civilian volunteers.

- 7 Hgr West Side aircraft ramps completed.

- Restored Hawk one is removed from its pedestal at the front gate for restoration.



- Conquering peaks: Sgt. Warden, SAR tech at 442, conquers both Mt McKinley, North America's highest peak, and the Bowie Seamount, a mountain rising from the ocean floor off the Pacific coast whose peak is 75ft below water.

- 19 Wing Nijmegen March team completes the 4-day x 40-Km trek in the Netherlands despite sore feet, blisters and sore throats.

- 442, 414 and 407 Squadrons participate in the Victoria Airshow 98.



- Construction begins on the new 19 Wing air traffic control tower to be completed by Oct 99.

- 19 Wing athlete of the year: Capt Brendan Cook.

- 19 Wing female athlete of the year: Capt Kim Delisle.

- Volunteer of the year: Cpl. Dan Forget.

- Official of the Year: Capt Dean King.

- Team of the Year: 19 Wing Golf Team.

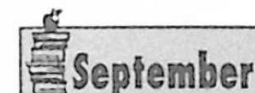


June: Hawk One returns to its pedestal after being restored to its full glory.

## at 19 Wing CFB Comox



May: Dedication of Memorial Cairn at the Heritage Air Park.



- 18th National Driver Championships (21-23 Sep).

- Official opening of 19 Wing's newly built aircraft wash hanger.

- 442 Sqn earns Minarski trophy for the daring rescue of four fishermen from a sinking vessel.



- 24 members of 19 Wing deploy to Bosnia: 16 Airfield engineers, 3 drivers, 1 supply tech and 4 fire fighters will support a helicopter detachment.

- United Way campaign collects \$18,915.51 for 26 well deserving local charities.

- Totem Times holds a successful Open House during National Newspaper Week.



- 407 Sqn provides aerial surveillance in a major RCMP counter drug operation culminating in the seizure of 12 tonnes of hashish at a Fanny Bay dock.

- Air Force Commander puts labs back in service after the fleet was grounded following the Oct 2 crash in which six crew members died.



November: Col Neumann gets an F-18 ride during exercise Amalgam Warrior.



April: Snowbirds visit for their annual spring training at 19 Wing.



- 442 delivers humanitarian aid to hurricane Mitch victims in Mexico.

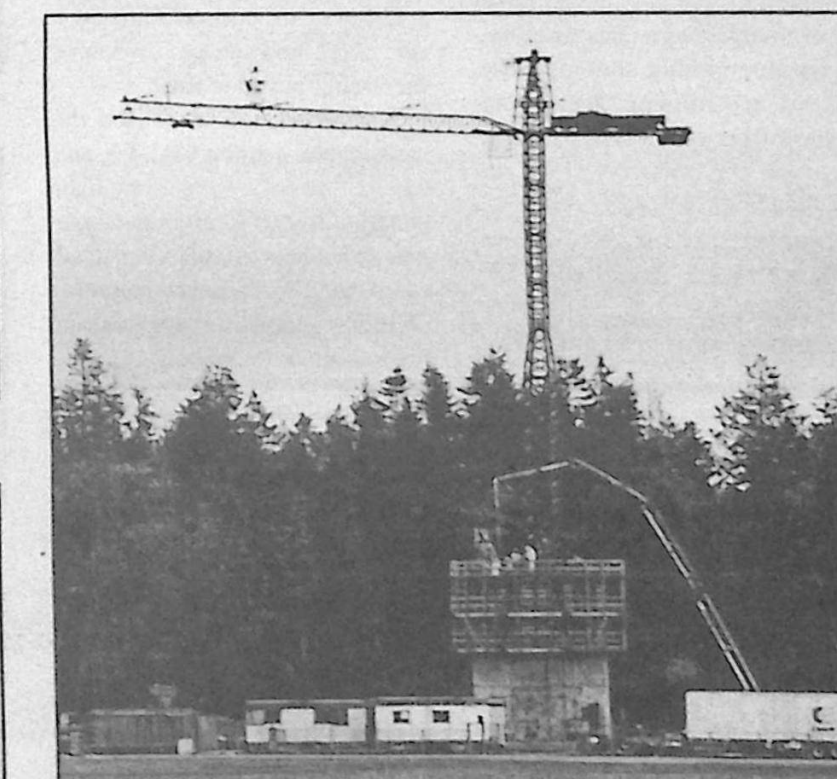
- 19 Wing placed first in the Federal Government category or the 1998 North American Occupational Safety and Health Week competition.



February: Grand opening of the CF School of Search and Rescue.



March: 442 Lab makes an emergency landing near Union Bay.



August: New air traffic control tower starts taking shape.

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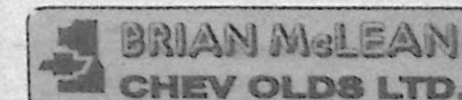
Kim Vogel  
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One thing to remember is that an RRSP is a plan, not an investment. RRSP stands for Registered Retirement Savings Plan. You can determine which types of investments you wish to put in your RRSP plan. These can include GICs, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc. So a mutual fund can be inside of an RRSP where it grows tax sheltered, or outside of an RRSP and therefore just a regular investment. The individual must decide first if they are eligible to make an RRSP contribution by having "earned income". The next decision will be which type of investment is right for them inside of their RRSP plan. Talk to a qualified financial advisor!



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Keith and Holly are both members and directors with the Starlite Western Dancers and can give you the scoop on all the local dances and lessons going on in the Comox Valley and Campbell River area. There are lessons available weekly and dances held every couple of weeks, which will give you lots of opportunity to learn more or just get out, practice and have fun with what you know.

Modern Western Dance is good exercise and a great way to get out, socialize and meet new friends. Western Dance consists of many dance forms such as: the Texas Two Step, Western Waltz, East Coast Swing (Country Jive), Cha-Cha, Polka, West Coast Swing, choreographed Shuffle Dances and Line Dance (for the singles).

This 5-week class gets started on Tuesday, 26 January at 7:30 p.m. and will cover the basic footwork, frame and turns. So, if you have never tried Western Dance before, or are just getting started, these lessons are for you. Keith and Holly will get your feet moving and give you the opportunity to get out on the dance floor.

Limited space so pre-register early with Keith & Holly at 339-0159 or E-mail to: [dancin@mars.ark.com](mailto:dancin@mars.ark.com)

## CANEX News



Winner of Coca-Cola Santa afghan: Angelika Guerin.

Welcome back to work and the real world to all those who were on Christmas leave. Happy New Year and we wish each and every one of you all the good things in life. We also would like to pass on our thanks for your patronage. With your loyalty, you have made us the #1 CANEX for the time period ending 3 Jan 99. Thanks, we really appreciate you all and look forward to serving you over the next year.

As you may have noticed in the last week or so, CANEX is undergoing a major renovation. We are doing some touch-up painting and getting a new floor. For a short period there was a lack of stock on the floor and we were also closed for a very short time.

We are working hard to get everything back in order and we are raring to serve you. As always, we have our ADVANTAGE PRICING to help with the after-Christmas finances. So, for bread, eggs, milk, butter, apple juice, Beceel margarine and that all-important Kraft Dinner, come and see us - we have the lowest prices in town.

For all of you who used the cash machine at the CANEX and those of you who wish they had, congratulations to all the people who received a \$50.00 bill instead of a twenty. We had a good number of lucky people, as you can see from some of the photos.

Angelika Guerin was the winner of the beautiful afghan donated by COKE. Congratulations! Come in and see our nice new look. We are open and ready for some great deals such as: Our January Madness Special, 3 days only - Jan 29, 30 & 31.



Winner of \$50: Fran Unrau.



Winner of \$50: Avril Llewellyn.



Winner of \$50: Cheryl Prior.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Commander's Cup Sports

If the Commander's Cup Sports programme is to succeed, volunteers are necessary. All sports are advertised weeks before the competition dates and requests are put out for volunteers, mainly officials. If volunteers don't come forward to help, sports may have to be cancelled. As it is, two teams had to drop out of the Flag Football for just that reason. Even if you play, you can volunteer also as the schedule will be worked around you. Commander's Cup is working on a zero budget, so please help out. Please call Jake Plante at loc 8783.

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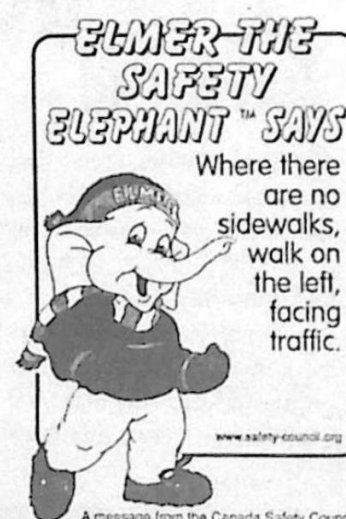
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### Jake's Trivia Corner

1. What position did Babe Ruth play before he moved to the outfield?
2. Who played on two different Super Bowl championship teams in '95 and '96?
3. Who was the first person ever to run the mile in under 4 minutes?

Answers on page 14



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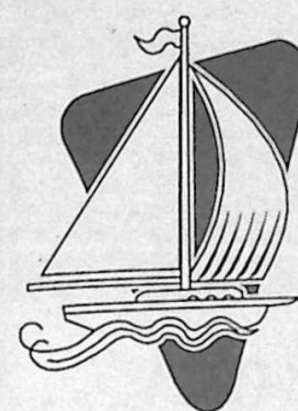
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By Hans Gassner,  
19 Wing Sailing Club

## On the water you see the darndest things

Cruising this coast in a sailing sloop is a great way to get exposed to the spontaneity of life on the water.

For example, there was the time we'd powered down from the Ocotop Islands during a typical sailing day, i.e. no wind whatsover, and were preparing to navigate Uganda Passage, when a naked man rowed his sailboat by us.

His clothes must have disappeared to the same place his engine did, because he didn't have that either. But it was a calm, clear evening, and Quadra isn't that far from Cortez, is it?

It chills down a little when the moon rises, but I'm sure he had something for that eventuality, like rowing gloves. Needless to say, the ladies on board had a field day with the field glasses. Nothing like a spontaneous four-mile row in the buff to splinter up your backside.

Then there was the time we were anchored at Newcastle Island, Nanaimo, during a typical night-anchored, i.e. it was blowing

twenty knots through a field of about one hundred boats. Cheryl and I had dinged over to the Dinghy Dock pub for a drink, leaving the two teens in charge of the ship. In hindsight, I suppose we should have just scuttled her straightaway, to save us the hassle later. We dinged away anyway, reminding them not to play with the rigging. Yeah, right.

One happy-hour scotch later we returned to find Kimberly, the Pink Power Ranger, entangled way, way up in the rigging. She was knotted around halyards I didn't even know I had.

So we asked the obligatory parent question, "What happened?" Translation: "What part of 'Don't play with the rigging' didn't you understand?"

And received the equally obligatory stock teenager response. "Dunno. Wasn't my fault." Translation: "Dunno. Wasn't my fault." (Informative aside: I believe anthropologists just discovered, and solved in about three seconds, an ancient Egyptian hieroglyph of

a teen wearing a Walkman. It means, you guessed it, "Dunno. Wasn't my fault." So, after Barbarians sacked the Great Library at Alexandria, the last image on Pharaoh's sarcophagus would have been the "Dunno-wasn't-my-fault" glyph. Remember, you heard it here first!)

Just about then we realized that our anchor was dragging, acutely raising the spectre of having Kimberly, the Pink Power Ranger, witness a spontaneous performance of that notorious maritime manoeuvre perfected by the Romans: ramming.

That sort of emergency tends to clear your head of scotch and civil speech, but it wasn't more than an hour later before we had the boat back under control, and Kimberly back out of sight.

We love the spontaneity of cruising. It's just that it's so hard to plan for.

(If you are still interested in sailing, visit the Sailing Club homepage at: [www.bc.sympatico.ca/comoxcfsa](http://www.bc.sympatico.ca/comoxcfsa))

## RRSPs - Why bother and how much can I contribute?

By Don Somers



Secondly, it takes advantage of tax-free compounding of investment returns - never underestimate the effect of compounding interest rates. For proof of this, just consider any outstanding loans!

Thirdly, you can increase the control you have over your retirement plans, versus your pension plan (or lack of) controlling your retirement.

Once you know how much money you can contribute to your RRSP, simply look at your asset allocation and decide which portion of money will go to bonds and equities (stocks or mutual funds) or cash.

As I pointed out in the December issue of Totem Times, your "asset allocation" is your guide to your investment strategy.

Call me with specific concerns or questions at 338-2422 or E-mail [don\\_somers@ca.ml.com](mailto:don_somers@ca.ml.com)

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As we put away the Christmas decorations and settle into the January blues (i.e. bills), the financial community is busy gearing up for RRSP season. Why do we gear up? Because most people put off making their RRSP contribution until late January or February. The deadline for 1998 contributions is February 28, 1999.

The reality is that one of the few tax deferral tools left to us is RRSPs. Most people contribute to them and for those that don't - you probably should. It is quite simply in your best interests.

Why?

You get to defer a portion of your 1998 income taxes and thus increase your tax return - use this larger tax return to pay down your mortgage or a downpayment on a car.

### WHAT IS YOUR RRSP CONTRIBUTION ROOM?

Revenue Canada's "Notice of Assessment", which you received after filing your 1997 tax return, indicates your RRSP deduction limit for 1998. (It includes unused deduction room carried forward from previous years.)

SAMPLE			
Year	RRSP Deduction Limit	RRSP Contributions	Unused Deduction Room
1997	\$1,500	\$1,200	\$300
1998	\$1,500	\$1,200	\$300
1999	\$1,500	\$1,200	\$300
2000	\$1,500	\$1,200	\$300
2001	\$1,500	\$1,200	\$300
2002	\$1,500	\$1,200	\$300
2003	\$1,500	\$1,200	\$300
2004	\$1,500	\$1,200	\$300
2005	\$1,500	\$1,200	\$300
2006	\$1,500	\$1,200	\$300
2007	\$1,500	\$1,200	\$300
2008	\$1,500	\$1,200	\$300
2009	\$1,500	\$1,200	\$300
2010	\$1,500	\$1,200	\$300

Your RRSP "deduction limit" for 1998 is generally your RRSP "contribution limit" for 1998, however, you must remember to subtract any actual contributions made toward this limit including "PAC plan" or Group RRSP contributions.

If your Notice of Assessment has been misplaced, phone Revenue Canada's "TIPS" hotline or the "General Enquiries" number of your District Taxation Office. Both numbers are listed in the Government of Canada blue pages of the phone book under "Revenue Canada".

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## Workshops

### Butt Out

This program, provided jointly with 19 Wing and the CMFRC, is designed to help you kick the habit for good!  
**Facilitator:** Mara Pungente  
**Dates:** Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 19, 22, Mar. 1, 15, Apr. 12, May 10.  
**Time:** 6:30-8:30pm  
**Fee:** No fee for military members and their families. \$75.00 for non-military families  
**Registration:** 339-8290  
**Location:** Kinnikinnik Child Care Centre (Across from 19 Wing Comox)

### Stress Management

This workshop will explore the causes of stress in your life and provide you with the opportunity to effectively manage your stress and make it work for you.  
**Facilitator:** Mara Pungente  
**Dates:** Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24.  
**Time:** 6:00-9:00pm  
**Fee:** \$10 per person for military members and their families. \$15 per person for non-military families.  
**Registration:** 339-8290  
**Location:** 120 Kinnikinnik

### Life Skills

The Life Skills Course is a unique program that provides military personnel and their spouses with opportunities for personal growth and development. It is an opportunity to strengthen existing life-style choices needed to deal with the challenges life offers.  
**Facilitators:** Mara Pungente and Coreen Cherry  
**Dates:** Tues. - Fri., Feb. 9, 10, 11, 12  
**Time:** 8:00am-3:30pm (Feb. 12, 8:00am - 12:30pm)  
**Fee:** No fee for military members and their families. \$75 per person for non-military families.  
**Registration:** 339-8290

### Encouraging Positive Self-Esteem in Young Children

This workshop will have participants focusing on the positive aspects of their child's unique personality. Participants will have opportunities to practice encouraging their child to feel good about their efforts and gifts. Attention will also be given to the importance of humour as a parenting skill.  
**Facilitator:** Vi Robertson  
**Dates:** Feb. 9, 16, 23  
**Time:** 6:30-8:30pm  
**Fee:** \$10 per person and \$15 per couple for military members and their families. \$15 per person and \$25 per couple for non-military families.  
**Registration:** 339-8290

### Computer Familiarization Workshop

This workshop will introduce participants to computer usage. It is designed for people who have no computer experience and provides hands-on familiarization with Windows and word process applications. Register early as spaces are limited.  
**Facilitator:** Phil Perfitt  
**Dates:** March TBA  
**Time:** 6:30-9:00pm  
**Registration:** 339-8290  
**Location:** Headquarters Bldg. room #44.

### Tips for Toilet Training Toddlers

Join us for an afternoon discussion to obtain ideas on what signs indicate your child's readiness to start potty learning; how to introduce the

wonders of the potty, and what to do when those inevitable accidents happen.  
**Facilitator:** Alex Greenwood ECE, Supervisor Infant Toddler Program, Kinnikinnik Child Care.  
**Dates:** Sat., March 27  
**Fee:** \$10 per person and \$15 per couple for military families; \$15 per person and \$20 per couple for non-military families.  
**Registration:** 339-8290  
**Location:** 120 Kinnikinnik

### Anger Management

Through discussion and exercises participants will look at their anger and identify the feelings behind their behaviors. Participants will also identify productive and nonproductive ways of expressing anger and practice productive strategies for anger expression.  
**Facilitator:** Mara Pungente  
**Dates:** Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24  
**Time:** 6:00-9:00pm  
**Fee:** \$10 per person for military families; \$15 per person for non-military families.  
**Registration:** Call 339-8290  
**Location:** 120 Kinnikinnik

### Children on the Move

Children of military families experience many unique opportunities and benefits. They are also faced with many unique challenges and struggles. This workshop will explore both sides of the issue and discuss how to ease the transition of moving for both children and parents by strengthening the entire family unit. For more information of this exciting workshop please call the CMFRC at 339-8290

## It's Your Body ...

A ten week program for those who want to be and feel healthier, to loose some weight and feel good about themselves. This program will be facilitated by Shelley Combs (R.N. BScN), who is a dynamic facilitator and registered nurse with a keen interest in nutrition, health and people. In an atmosphere of mutual support participants will work towards a healthier life-style and attitude. some of the highlights of this course are:

- Investigating what a healthy body is and what it looks like. How to decide what is healthy and comfortable for you and then deciding how to get there.
- Learning about whole and natural foods, and how to wean ourselves from unhealthy habits. Learning how to cook those healthy things - easily, quickly and without a fuss; at the same time learning to give yourself a break, and letting go of the guilt associated with "eating the wrong things".
- Learning what healthy exercise is all about and discovering how to intergrade exercise into your everyday life.
- Understanding that maintaining a healthy weight has very little to do with food and exercise but has so very much to do with your feelings, attitudes, beliefs and self-worth.

**Facilitator:** Shelley Combs, R.N. BScN  
**Dates:** Thurs., Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, and Mar. 4, 11  
**Time:** 6:30-8:30pm  
**Fee:** \$15 per person for military families; \$20 per person for non-military families.  
**Registration:** 339-8290  
**Location:** CMFRC Program Building #120 Kinnikinnik

### Mom and Dad's Monday Morning Off Workshop Series

Treat yourself to a morning off at the CMFRC. Starting January 18th the CMFRC will be presenting a series of Monday morning workshops and complimentary child care (limited to military families) for those who want to come out learn a fun craft, meet new people and have some fun. The workshops will run from 9:00 - 10:50am at the CMFRC, and the child care will be available from 8:30 - 11:00am at the Kinnikinnik Child Care Centre. For more information call Brenda at 339-8290.

January 25 - Quilted Albums (\$7 & supplies)  
 February 1 - Reflexology (\$5)  
 February 8 - Creating Sculptured Paper Cards (\$2)  
 February 15 - Hot Valentine Gift (\$5 & supplies)  
 February 22 - Caring for House Plants (No Fee)  
 March 1 - Mendi Art (\$5)



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## Wallace Gardens Community Association

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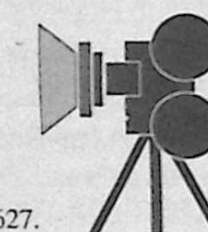
The Wallace Gardens 1998 Christmas programs were very successful, all due to our wonderful volunteers. Without the hard work and dedication of these people, Santa wouldn't have been able to work us into his busy schedule.

May LeBlanc	Karen O'Keefe
Cory Wappler	Lowell O'Keefe
Dean Trenholm	Greg Fleet
Steve Payton-Stewart	Stuart MacWilliams
Sheila Trenholm	Mary MacWilliams
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Paul Taylor	Jane Bekus

Special thanks goes to the wonderful people at Canex, A Buck or Two store, Glacier Gardens Arena and the Fire Hall for making this Christmas for the children a truly successful one.

### Teen Video

Where: Community Centre  
 When: Saturday, 06 February 1999  
 Time: 7:00 - 11:00  
 Cost: "Free"  
 For more info call Mona Baird at 339-4627.



### Valentine's Sock Hop

Where: Community Centre  
 When: Saturday, 13 February 1999  
 Time: 6 - 8 pm  
 Cost: If you wear something "red":  
 "free"/Members  
 \$1.00/Non-members  
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 For more information, please call Pat Taylor at 339-4400

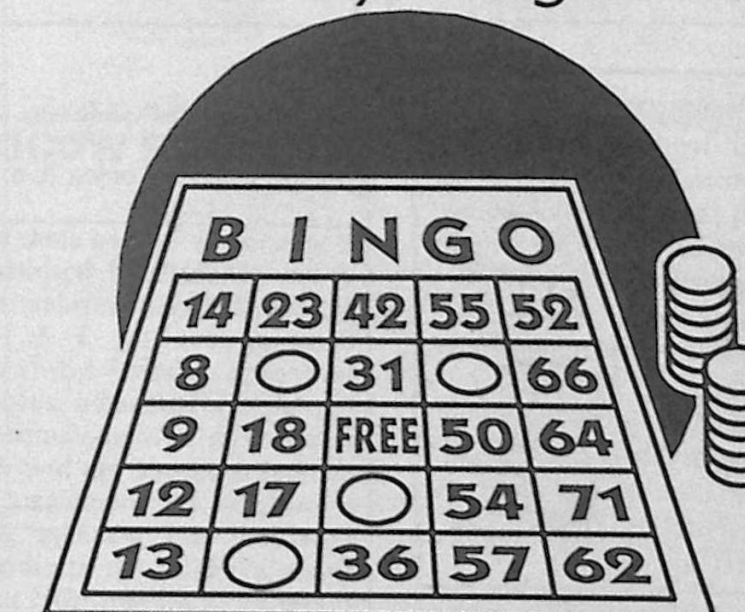


### Notice to All Wallace Gardens members

As of 1 January 1999, all food and beverages consumed in the community centre during Wallace Garden Community Association scheduled activities must be purchased from the canteen. During these times, no other food or beverages will be allowed into the building. The following is a list of activities during which the canteen is in operation:

Teen Video	Family Bingo
Children's Sock Hop	Teen Dance

### Family Bingo



Where: Community Centre  
 When: Sunday, 07 February 1999  
 Time: 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
 Cost: .25¢ per card/member  
 \$1.25 per first card/non-member  
 .25¢ each additional card/non-member  
 For more info call Debbi Robichaud at 339-6317

### Colouring Contest Winners

Congratulations to all those who won the 1998 Christmas colouring contest. They are as follows:

<b>0 - 3 years</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Alex Woznow
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	Joey Hale
<b>4 - 6 years</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Zachary Mancini
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	Audrey Monette
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Troy Kilmury
<b>7 - 9 years</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Etienne Drapeau
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	Zachary Seymour
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Marc Chagnon
<b>10 - 12 years</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Michelle Bekus
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	Kyenne Johnson
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	David Chagnon

Special thanks goes to the Canex Barber Shop who had the difficult job of judging the entries and to our "secret" tie-breaking judge from the Canex.

### MQ Lighting Contest Winners

Anyone out driving around the MQ area during the month of December must have noticed how festive and colourful the houses were this year. The Wallace Gardens Community Association would like to thank all those who participated and congratulate the following winners:

Best Overall	MQ 73	WO & Mrs Schauer
Best Traditional	MQ 32A	Sgt & Mrs Trenholm
Best Creative	MQ 109A	MCpl & Mrs Hunter
Ward #1	MQ 5	Capt & Mrs Hendricks
Ward #2	MQ E7	Cpl & Mrs Kilmury
Ward #3	MQ 42A	LS & Mrs Legroulx
Ward #4	MQ 33	WO & Mrs Doucet
Ward #5	MQ 73A	Sgt & Mrs Helpard
Ward #6	MQ 88A	MCpl & Mrs Taylor
Ward #7	MQ 103C	MCpl & Mrs Maye
Ward #8	MQ 118G	MCpl & Mrs Lamouroux
Ward #9	MQ 112E	Cpl & Mrs Pottie

### Francophone Association Activities for January

Phone 334-8884 for further information on any of the courses offered.

#### MINIFRANCO-FUN (2 mos - 8 yrs. old):

Songs, games, crafts.  
 Thursday, Jan 21, from 3:15-4:30 p.m.  
 Cost: members \$2, non-members \$2.50.

#### BINGO:

Thursday, Jan 21, from 3:15-6:30 p.m. at the Valley Bingo Palace. Everyone welcome.

#### CLUB DICTÉE:

We are practising for the Dictée des Amériques.

Sat, Jan 23, at 10:30 a.m.

#### DICTÉE DES AMÉRIQUES:

Sat, Jan 30 at 10:30 a.m. Cost: Free.

#### FRENCH, SPANISH, ENGLISH CLASSES:

There is still time to register for any of these classes.

#### CHILD CARE EMERGENCY FIRST AID (FRENCH):

We are setting up a Child Care Emergency First Aid Class in French.

This class will be held on a Saturday in February or March, depending on the number of registrations.



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**Newcomers' Club**

For women new to the Comox Valley within the last two years. Join us Monday, February 8 at 7:15 p.m. in our new location - the Florence Filberg Centre, Evergreen Seniors Lounge (main floor), 411 Anderton Avenue, Courtenay to hear all about antiques. For more information please contact Carolyn 890-1082 or Pat 339-7137.

**Jake's Trivia Answers**

1. Pitcher
2. Deion Sanders
3. Roger Bannister of Great Britain, 6 May 1954, 3:59.4

**Reunion**

Riverview Collegiate, Moose Jaw, SK, will be hosting a 40th Anniversary celebration from July 1-4 1999. The Reunion Committee requests that all former students update their addresses with the school. Please indicate the year in which you would have graduated. You can contact the school at (306) 693-1331 or Terry Wallace, Box 613, Moose Jaw, SK, S6H 4P4, phone (306) 693-7259 or E-mail [twallace@sk.sympatico.ca](mailto:twallace@sk.sympatico.ca). A mailout of information has taken place. Another mailout will take place in early December. Most recent information is available at [www.moosejaw.net](http://www.moosejaw.net).

**Selkirk, MB reunion**

In the summer of 1999, Selkirk, Manitoba will be filled with thousands of people of all ages who are coming back to their roots. Anybody who has ever gone to school in Selkirk over the past century is invited back to the town, whether they live down the street from their old school, in the next city, or halfway across the world.

From July 8-11, the '99 Years of Class' reunion will bring old and new friends together with exciting activities such as paddlewheel boat cruises, baseball and golf tournaments, a family picnic, pancake breakfasts, tours of local sites, dances and much more. Organizers have already been planning for more than three years to make this the biggest and best reunion held in Canada or even the world!

Former students are being asked to register in advance for the reunion. For more information, check out our website at: [www.sor.mb.ca/99yofc](http://www.sor.mb.ca/99yofc) or call the hotline at (204) 482-1999.

**UTPNM Reunion**

The UTPNCM Sqn of RMC, Kingston, ON, will be hosting the 25th Anniversary of the UTPNCM program from May 7-9, 1999. This invitation is extended to all graduates of Canadian Military Colleges and civilian universities.

Please contact reunion coordinator ASAP with current address and particulars:

E-mail [utclub@rms.ca](mailto:utclub@rms.ca) or phone (day) Otter Sqn (613) 541-5010 ext 6349; (eve) OCdt Mike Tourond (613) 549-4356.

More info located at Internet site: <http://www.rmc.ca/military/ottersqn/index.htm>

**Reunion****507 Sqn RCAirC**

The 507 Lions Air Cadets Sqn in Kentville Nova Scotia is planning its 50th anniversary reunion for May 1999. To develop a contact list, any past members, officers and associates are urged to contact Sgt. R. McMahon at 902-765-1494 ext. 3840, or fax 902-765-1522 or E-mail [434sqn@glinx.com](mailto:434sqn@glinx.com), attn: Sgt. McMahon.

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L'escadron Ottawa du CMR organise une réunion pour célébrer le 25ème anniversaire du programme des PFUNOs dans les collèges militaires et les universités civiles, du 7 au 9 Mai, 1999. Pour plus d'information, tous devraient envoyer leur adresse par la suite: Phone: (613) 541-6000 ext 6084 or OCdt Tourond (613) 549-4356. CSN: 270-5011 ext 6084. E-mail: [utclub@rms.ca](mailto:utclub@rms.ca) Fax: (613) 353-7394.

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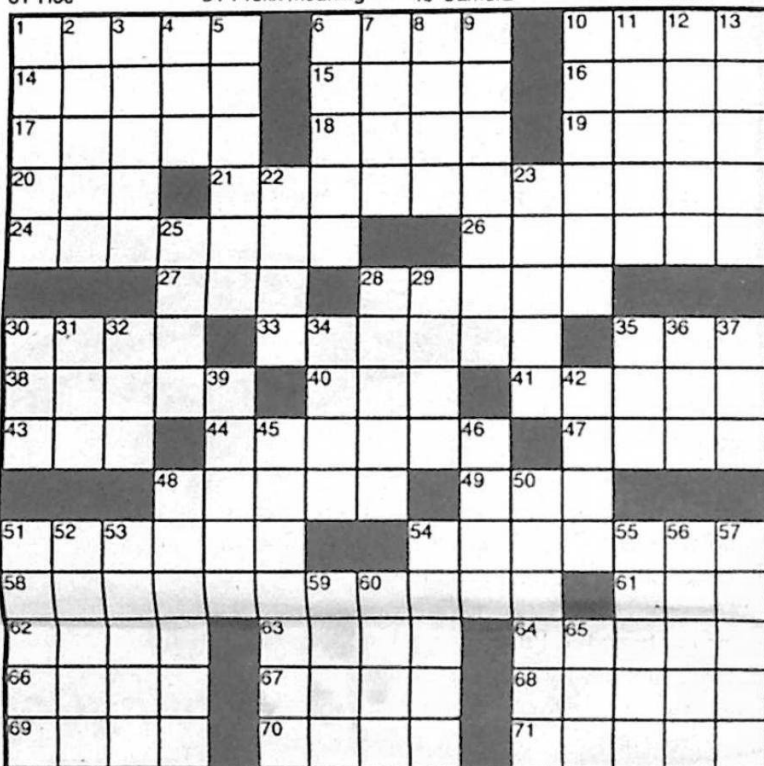
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**Agenda**

Old Business:  
New Business: Entertainment  
Pub Crawl (4th attempt)  
Mixed Function (2nd attempt)  
Airshow 99 hosting  
Items from the floor:  
Let's all make an effort to attend and get VPI back on the road for 1999. See you there...

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**Kinnikinnik children do 'Pinocchio'**

The Kinnikinnik Krusaders, an after-school program for 5-7 year olds, performed 'Pinocchio' for residents of Glacier View Lodge back in November. They acted the story in costume, while staff member Charles narrated the adventures of Pinocchio. The children loved acting the story and added much humour and imagination to their performances; for instance, one 'doctor' decided to examine Pinocchio's ears and announce that "He has live frogs in his ear!"

The Krusaders' rhythm band added colour to the many well-known children's songs that accompanied the action of the play.

Wonderful sets were created from packing boxes by Kinnikinnik volunteer Ruth Allen, who spent hours painting and adding special touches. A cloth screen was painted, stamped and dyed by Martha and children. Pinocchio wore real lederhosen (leather pants), thanks to Claudia, and the children's costumes were created by parents and staff.

This play was adapted by Martha from Collodi's original, with the assistance of staff members Charles and Robyn. Thanks go to Hick's Upholstery and Canex for materials donated, and to many parents and other people for their contributions.

The residents at Glacier View Lodge enjoyed the action, humour and music contained in Pinocchio; a kind man in the audience thanked the children for their lively presentation. Following the play, some children gave away pictures and crafts they had made and visited briefly with the residents. The Krusaders were treated to cookies and juice at the Lodge before they returned to Kinnikinnik.

**Officers' Mess Ladies Club Calendar of events**

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| Feb 17   | Antique and Collectible Night       |
| Mar 17   | Back by popular demand: Craft Night |
| April 21 | Hands-on Gardening Night            |

**WO's and Sgts' Ladies Social Club Calendar of events**

The Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Ladies Social Club cordially invites their members to join the fun in the upcoming year. We have a wide variety of activities planned and hope you come out and participate in the events.

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| February 15 | Reflexology          |
| March 15    | Spring Fashion Show  |
| April 19    | Earthquake Awareness |
| May 17      | Spring Craft         |
| June 21     | Dinner/Sport Night   |

We look forward to seeing you.

For further information, please call  
Carla Calmes 890-0672 or Debbie Yelf 897-0106.

**Dog Morsels**

By Gerry Gerow

**The Australian Cattle Dog**

by Katherine Buetow

(Howell Book House, Macmillan Publishing, New York \$18.95)

This one is another variation on the breed book. It is part of a series of books known as "An Owner's Guide to a Happy Healthy Pet." This is the third of the series to come my way and every bit as good as the other two that I have, on the Rottweiler and Golden Retriever.

Just about anything you would want to know about an Australian Cattle Dog is here, including history, care, training, among other topics. The author is a breed expert with many years of experience breeding cattle dogs. Do not confuse the Australian Cattle Dog with the Australian Shepherd — they are two distinctly different breeds.

This book is an attractively bound hardcover edition with 160 pages and a number of colour pictures to illustrate the text. It is well indexed and contains a list of resource publications and organizations at the back. An excellent gift for any fancier of the Australian Cattle dog. It is a recent publication so, if you can't find it on the shelves, order it or check out Howell's web site at <http://www.mcp.com/mgr/howell>. Often you can order and purchase books cheaper on the web than otherwise.

**The Basset Hound Owner's Survival Guide by Diane Morgan**

(Howell Book House, Macmillan Publishing, New York \$34.95)

This is a breed book, sort of. It is written more in the humorous vein, although there is a lot of good information included. It is full of pictures, many of the humorous kind, and a load of cartoons featuring bassetts by Pam Posey-Tanzy.

Reading Morgan's book, it is obvious that she owns several Bassetts. In actual fact she has four of her own and serves as a foster parent for homeless Bassetts.

Anything you want to know is to be found here. There are answers to hundreds of questions, as well as advice on feeding, caring for, raising and breeding Bassetts.

This book really should be on the coffee table of anyone who is owned by a Basset hound. It is hilarious and at the same time, factual. Really a masterpiece. It's too bad that more breed books are not written in this type of format. This is a 224 page, attractively bound hardcover, which was published in March of last year.

**HOCUS-FOCUS**

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Snowman is added. 2. Tassel is shorter. 3. Ear muffs are removed. 4. Wall is higher. 5. Coal is different. 6. Glasses are reversed.

**FREAKSHOW****Royal Canadian Legion****Branch 17 Courtenay (334-4322)**

Dance: every Friday evening, 8:00 p.m.

22 January.....Country Cousins

29 January.....Norm's Combo

Crib Tournament Sun. 24 Jan - registration 12-12:30 p.m.

General Meeting Tues. 26 Jan - 7:30 p.m.

**Branch 28 Cumberland (336-2361)**

Every Wednesday, Bingo 7:00 p.m.

Hall rental: non-members \$75, members \$50, kitchen use \$25.

**Branch 160 Comox (339-2022)**

22 January Eldorado

23 January Annual Burns Dinner:

\$15.00 per person. Tickets now available.

29 January Easterners

5 February Highway 19

6 February Joint Installation of Officers

Tickets on sale now \$10.00 per person.



# History of the Military Air Services of Canada

## Part 1

Original prepared by Capt D. Nicks  
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Canada has had a proud aviation history. From those austere beginnings on 23 February 1909 on Bras-d'Or Lake with J.A.D. McCurdy piloting Alexander Graham Bell's Silver Dart through to the present-day, Canada has rightfully been proud of her aviation history. But what of her military aviation history? This article will present a brief overall history of Canada's Air Force.

Canada's military interest in aviation was very slow in starting.

The first demonstration put on for the Department of the Militia and Defence (now the Department of National Defence) was at Camp Petawawa in August 1909, when J.A.D. McCurdy demonstrated the Silver Dart and the Baddeck No. 1 (another aircraft from A.G. Bell). However, after wrecking one aircraft and crashing the other during the demonstration, the Department of the Militia and Defence did not show any interest in this new "fad." Over the intervening years, several attempts were made to interest the Canadian government in aviation but, every time an attempt was made, they were frustrated on the grounds of "no funds available."

### Canadian Aviation Corps

On 16 September 1914 (while the original Canadian Expeditionary Force was forming up in Valcartier), Col Sam Hughes, Minister for the Militia and Defence, authorised the creation of the Canadian Aviation Corps (CAC). This corps was to consist of one mechanic and two officers. E.L. Janney of Galt, Ontario, was appointed as the "Provisional Commander of the CAC" with the rank of Captain. The expenditure of an amount not to exceed five thousand dollars for the purchase of a suitable airplane was approved. The aircraft selected was a float-equipped Burgess-Dunne bi-plane from the Burgess-Dunne Company of Massachusetts. Capt Janney flew the aircraft back to Canada. Upon his arrival in Sorel, Quebec, Capt Janney was arrested by Canada Customs and the aircraft was impounded. After Canada Customs received notification from the Department of the Militia and Defence, Capt Janney and the aircraft were released. As it turned out, this was to be the only flight of Canada's first military aircraft.

While Capt Janney was accepting Canada's first military aircraft, the other two members of the CAC were recruited: Lieutenant W.F.N. Sharpe of Prescott, Ontario, and Staff Sergeant H.A. Farr of West Vancouver, British Columbia. Immediately after Capt Janney and the Burgess-Dunne were released from Customs, the aircraft was crated for shipping, and the CAC sailed on the S.S. Athena with the First Canadian Contingent of the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

Collishaw, William "Billy" Bishop, "Wop" May, Roy Brown, William Barker and Alan McLeod to name a few. The exploits of some of these airmen are covered in another article. This early link with British military aviation is where a great many of our customs, traditions and dress codes originated.

### Royal Flying Corps in Canada

The British War Office and the British Admiralty viewed Canada

and Armour Heights, and by the end of June 1917 there were three training squadrons operating.

With America's entry into the war in April 1917, a reciprocal agreement was established between the RFC and the U.S. Army's Signal Corps. This agreement brought Americans to Canada for training, and it allowed the RFC to train in a snow-free environment. Fort Worth Texas was selected as the training centre, and the school of aerial gunnery and the wings

from Camp Borden and Deseronto ceased training in Canada in November 1917 and moved to the Fort Worth area. RFC Station North Toronto remained open in Canada to test the feasibility of training personnel in a Canadian winter. This test was so successful that the training for the winter of 1918-19 was to be in Canada. Meanwhile, the other RFC training units proceeded on their 1600-mile rail trip to Texas.

The winter of 1917-18 was spent in Texas.

In April 1918, the RFC, now the Royal Air Force (by Royal decree 1 April 1918), returned to Canada and re-established their stations. In addition, it was decided to establish several advanced flying training units in Canada. By the time the armistice was signed on 11 November 1918, the RAF establishment in Canada had a total strength 11,928 all ranks. It was staffed by 993 officers and 6,158 other ranks and had 4,333 cadet pilots and 444 other officers under training. In its twenty and one-half months in Canada the RFC/RAF training establishment had recruited 16,663 personnel and had graduated 3,135 pilots, of whom 2,539 went overseas and 356 remained in Canada as instructors, and 137 observers, of whom 85 were sent overseas. At the time of the armistice, it had an additional 240 pilots and 52 observers that were ready for overseas service. Additionally, there were 130 fatal crashes involving RFC/RAF aircraft in Canada during this same period.

only as a potential source of recruits for their respective air services. Initially recruits had to have a valid pilot's licence before the RFC or the RNAS would consider recruiting them. This placed a strain on the small civilian training services available in Canada at that time. These civilian schools were inadequate to handle the increased demand for pilot training. At a cost of \$400 for 500 minutes, these intrepid aviators paid for their own training at this time. As the demand for trained aviators increased, the RFC found that there were insufficient training facilities in Britain and they turned to Canada for assistance.

In 1917 the RFC decided to establish a training organisation in Canada. The original plan called for four training stations with one or more aerodromes at each station and up to five training squadrons per station. After consultation with Canada, the revised plan called for three stations: RFC Station Camp Borden, RFC Station Deseronto, and RFC Station North Toronto. RFC Station Camp Borden was the main training site and was accepted on 2 May 1917. In no time they had all five squadrons and a school for aerial gunnery operating at full capacity. RFC Station Deseronto consisted of aerodromes at Mohawk and Rathburn, and it was operating with five training squadrons by the end of May 1917. RFC Station North Toronto consisted of aerodromes at Long Beach, Leaside,

After landing at Plymouth, England, the aircraft was off-loaded and shipped to Salisbury Plain where it was considered unsuitable for military service. It was placed in storage, where it eventually rotted and was written off. Capt Janney, now without an aircraft, resigned his commission and returned to Canada. Lt Sharpe continued in England with the Royal Flying Corps. He was killed while on a solo flight in a Maurice Farman bi-plane on 4 February 1915.

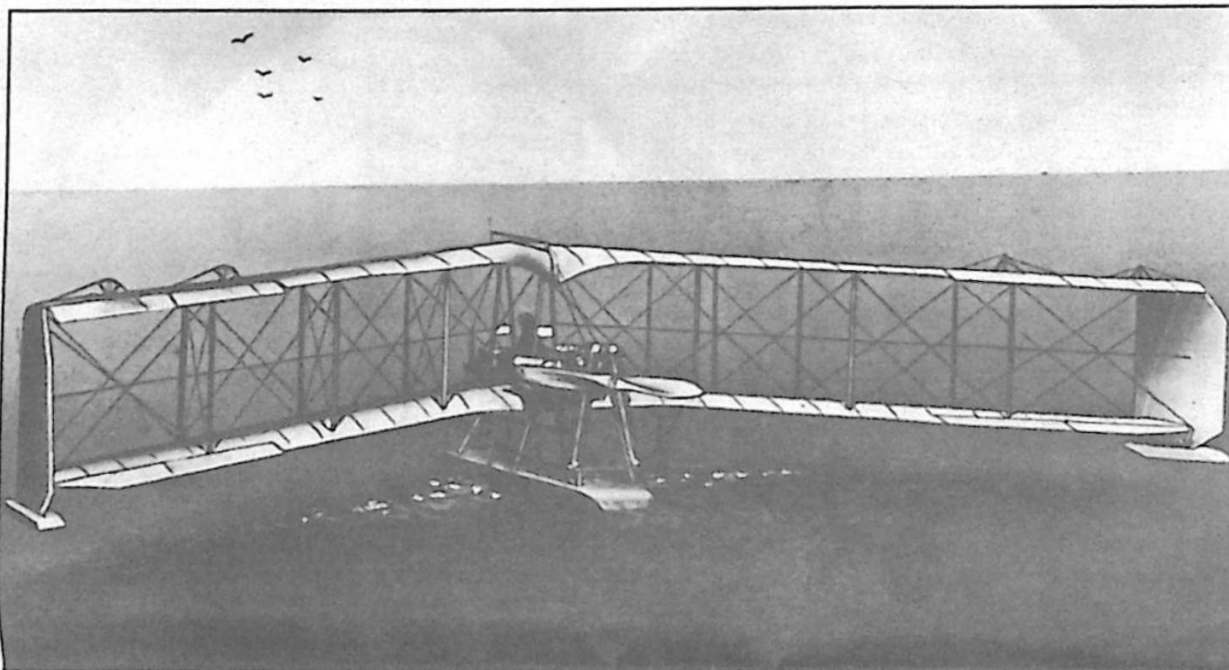
This ended the first attempt at a national air force.

### Royal Canadian Flying Corps

During 1916, there was a renewed interest in aviation within the Department of the Militia and Defence. The War Council and the Canadian Headquarters overseas thought that Canada should have their own air services supporting the war effort. Much effort was placed on realising this dream; however, Ottawa would not support this concept and the second attempt to create a national air force died.

### Canadians in the Royal Flying Corps/Royal Naval Air Service

Because Canada did not have a national air service during World War I, many Canadians served with distinction in the Royal Flying Corps, the Royal Naval Air Service and later the Royal Air Force. Some of the more famous Canadians were Raymond



The Burgess-Dunne of 1914, purchased for \$5,000 to equip the just-formed Canadian Aviation Corps, was Canada's first military aircraft. It accompanied the First Contingent overseas in October 1914. Unfortunately, history records that the aircraft never saw action. Neglected on an English airfield, it soon became a pile of "worthless junk." (DND Photo)



## Heritage Happenings

By Joel Clarkston

The holiday season is now behind us and the museum is gearing up for a new year of heritage and history. The first event to be supported will be Heritage Week which is a display normally held within the first two weeks of February in the Comox Mall. The museum will be putting together a display of artwork and artifacts depicting wartime and coastal aviation to support this well attended event.

On the restoration side of the house, the committee has been very active in building up the 1953 Willys that we received from the old CFB Chilliwack museum. It had been stripped down to its component parts and everything that needed to be replaced or rebuilt was. Now it is in the reconstruction stage and it may be ready in time for some of the summer events.

An offer has also been received from Bill Lamberton of Seattle. He has restored a DeHavilland Vampire jet to flying condition and has, in fact, been flying it at airshows for the last fifteen years. Having decided to move on to other jet aircraft, he has offered it to the Comox Air Force Museum in exchange for a Canadair Tutor aircraft. DDSAL in Ottawa has agreed in principle to the trade administratively and both they and we are looking for a surplus Tutor jet. If anyone hears of one being offered up as surplus, we'd certainly like to hear about it. Mr. Lamberton has offered to fly the Vampire up for our Air Show in July and carry out the trade then, so there is a self imposed deadline that we are working under.

In keeping with the 75th anniversary of the Air Force celebrations, we will be running a series of articles by LCol Leversedge on the heritage page. LCol Leversedge has been very supportive of the museum activities and is an avid aviation historian. His expertise and knowledge is greatly appreciated and I'm sure this will be a significant contribution to the 75th celebrations.

### Fall/Winter Hours for

### Comox Air Force Museum

Located at the entrance to CFB Comox

Open Sat, Sun & holidays

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4:00 p.m.

