

Branch 187 surprises Legionnaire of the Year



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Colborne Legion Br. 187 president Patti May (standing left) was presented the Charles Bugg Award for Legionnaire of the Year award at the annual Honours and Awards ceremonies April 15 by committee chair Faye Wile (right) at the instigation of Judith Howe (seated).

They slipped one by the president of the Colborne Legion. Patti May was taken by surprise when they announced the annual Legionnaire of the year Charles Bugg award. She was the winner.

Traditionally, the president of Branch 187 of the Royal Canadian Legion nominates the member who has contributed the most to the fundamental objectives of the Royal Canadian Legion. This year, Judith Howe, with honours and awards chair Faye Wile, went behind the scenes to ensure it was May who was the honouree. It was a surprise, and a resoundingly accurate assessment, as members of Branch 287 of the Royal Canadian Legion applauded the announcement at the annual honours and awards ceremony held at the Colborne Legion Sunday afternoon, April 15.

The award was created in memory of Charles Bugg, charter member of the 1931-founded branch, to recognize outstanding service of a member who had

contributed to the branch in the current legion year.

Past honourees are Harry and Merna Rowe, Garnet Summers, Jimmy Mills, Ira Wile, Marilyn and Ray Babcock, the Rev. Vic Parsons, June Haywood, Don Gauthier, Kim Hickson, Joe Nelson, Ruth Kripp, Marj Barlow, George Chandler, Cathy Holdam, Tracy Loveless, John Fox and Paul Coleman.

The Sunday-afternoon annual event also announced and honoured the Volunteer of the Year award, this year shared by members John Ton and Glen Hess, tireless volunteers and go-to guys who problem solve and contribute to the Colborne Legion. Ton assists with monthly dinners, plus advises and problem-shoots on electrical challenges. Hess is a culinary whiz who also organizes the increasingly popular monthly euchre tournaments the first Sunday of each month.

Long-term service pins were awarded as follows:

Ordinary members: 10 years, Jack Heighton; 15 years, Charlie Hiltz; 30 years, Gil Zwicker; 35 years, Dick Newman.

Associate members: five years, Gerry Howe; 10 years, Melissa Charles, Paul Coleman, Nancy Heighton, Barb Smith; 15 years, Tom Everden, Don Gauthier, Dora Grant, Grace Humfries, Luigi Micieli; 20 years, Margaret Wierzbicki; 30 years, Marye Boyd, Faye Wile; and 35 years, Elaine Lemon.

Affiliate members: five years, Mary Brennan, Azher Hussain, Harry Minnie, Barbara Ann Ramer; 15 years, Doug Barrett, Dale Canfield, Marvin Day, Bruce Ellis, Gail Grosjean, Frank Kober, Bill Lutton, Hugh Moore, John Muir, Terry Pettibone, Lorraine Schutt, Percy Schutt and Neil Smith.

Comrade Scott Young, Ontario provincial service officer, is coming to Colborne Legion Branch 187 during the week of May 23. If you or any one you know needs his assistance with any help for a veteran, please contact Bill Bachellier, veterans service officer, through the branch at 905-355-5479. The veteran does not have to be a Legion member.

Every year, Br. 187 hosts a Sweetheart Dinner to honour and thank our Ladies' Auxiliary members for all their support and hard work year-round. Traditionally, the men serve the ladies. This year, the dinner will be held April 27.

Here's your cue to some fun! The monthly Fun Pool Tournament welcomes players of all calibres who are paired at random with other entrants. There is a fee of \$6 which covers the cost of the lighting and prizes. Lunch is served at a cost of \$4. This month's pool party is Sunday, April 29. Interested players please contact the Legion club room the week preceding the tournament at 905-355-5479 for more information.

There's a bid euchre tournament the first Sunday of every month at Colborne Legion. Sunday, May 6, register (\$5 per player) by noon for an afternoon of play. Great prizes to be won! Light munchies served, too!

Here are some dates in May to remember: Friday, May 4, monthly roast beef dinner 5 to 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, May 13, Mother's Day breakfast (Moms dine for free!); Friday, May 18, mid-month dinner, 5 to 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 26, Apple Blossom Tyne dinner, 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Remember: you are only a stranger once at Colborne Legion Branch 187! — Mandy Martin, public relations and communications