

By James Hayes

Comrades

The Fall District 'B' Convention, being hosted by Acton Legion is now only two weeks away. All the committee chairs are putting the final touches to the many arrangements that have to be attended to for such a major undertaking. Comrade George DeRabbie is still painting with his gang of volunteers. I know he could find you a brush if you asked him; it's your Branch.

Comrade Tom Grant is trying to track down a couple of missing shoulder flag holders.

Do you happen to have one at home from the last time you carried the colours?

New members' Initiation Night, Friday October 26, in the Ladies' lounge. Why not come down and welcome your new comrades?

Honours & Awards, Sunday Nov. 4 at 2 p.m. This is the time we reward our long service members with their lapel pins, and show our appreciation to those members who have over the years consistently displayed a willingness to get involved in the volunteer work around the Branch. Some work so quietly in the background we tend to overlook their contributions.

With this thought in mind, the Branch Honours & Awards committee have placed at the bar nomination forms for the use of members who wish to recommend a comrade for recognition. Please understand the committee will have the final say on any recommendation.

A volunteer bartenders' Appreciation Night is being planned by comrade Frank Single. For further info give Frank a call.

RAMA bus trip, Saturday Oct.27th. 8:00 Am. Please note there will only be one bus.

### Sign-up at the bar. Sports:

Horseshoes: Keith Andrews is hosting a tournament on Saturday, Oct. 6. Register at Noon-play starts at 1 p.m. The BBQ will be working. Talk to Keith for further details. Indoor Entertainment:

Monday night snooker will

be starting shortly, might be a good idea to start potting a few balls.

The Acton Men's Industrial Cribbage League, starts on October 11. For further info call Dobbie Frizzell at 853-2021.

#### **Coming Events:**

District B Convention, Oct.12-14. Hosted by Branch

New Members' Initiation Night, Friday Oct. 26.

RAMA Bus trip, Saturday, Oct. 27

The Provincial Service Officer will be visiting the Branch on Oct. 29

Honours & Awards, Sunday Nov. 4 at 2 p.m.

Yours in comradeship, Jim Hayes, Branch 197 PRO.

#### Ladies' Auxiliary News

We are hosting ladies zone darts, Saturday Sept. 29 in Acton. Registration time is 8:30 A.M. If you need further information please contact our sports officer, Marg Bromby.

Glad to report May Hoare is home from the hospital.. Bette Footitt is still hospitalized. Wishing everone who is ill a speedy recovery.

Our next general meeting is Thursday, Oct. 4 at 7:30 P.M. Remember dues must be paid by Dec. 31, 2007.

We will have initiation of a new member at our Oct. meeting

Yours in comradeship, L.A. President, Annamarie Lowin.

## Acton Quarry gets Award of Excellence

More than 200 politicians, neighbours, and Dufferin Aggregates staff enjoyed a buffet breakfast, tours of the operation, children's activities and aggregate product, and heavy equipment displays at an open house at Dufferin Aggregates Open House on Saturday, Sept 8.

The Acton Quarry recently received the prestigious Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association's Award of Excellence. The receipt of the award was officially announced and celebrated at the Open House.

The Award is given to an operation in recognition of a producer's outstanding initia-

tives toward site enhancement and industry improvement. The award recognizes the Acton Quarry's ongoing efforts in these areas. To be eligible for this award an aggregate operation is required to have already received other awards, including property enhancement, community relations, and progressive rehabilitation.

Property Enhancement awards are designed to recognize ongoing site improvements and the development of properties over time. Community Relations Awards encourage and recognize aggregate companies' efforts to establish relationships with the communities where they operate while Progressive Rehabilitation Awards recognize ongoing site rehabilitation work.

The Acton Quarry awards have been presented in recognition of improvements in environmental controls, plant appearance, and communicative signage.

Community Relations awards have been presented to the Acton Quarry in recognition of community education, media relations and for being a good neighbour. It has been recognized for donations and sponsorships made to organizations and projects in

the community such as Literacy North Halton, and the Acton Agricultural Society's Dufferin Rural Heritage and Community Centre.

Rehabilitation awards in recognition of continuing partnership with Scouts Canada Scoutrees Program and Conservation Halton's Trees for Watershed Health Program have also been received.

Acton Quarry has received 13 industry advancement and environmental stewardship awards since the operation was acquired by Dufferin Aggregates in 2001.

# Waste site celebrates birthday No. 15

Halton residents are invited to attend a community open house celebrating the Halton Waste Management Site's 15th birthday. The event takes place Saturday, September 29, 2007. Visitors are invited to drop in between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a cake cutting with Regional Chair Gary Carr at 12 p.m.

Activities for visitors to the birthday party include:

A guided bus tour of the Waste Site.

View a new section of the landfill under construction and how soil and groundwater is protected.

Watch the landfill machinery in action and up close.

Take part in a craft made from reusable items.

Enter a contest to name Halton's new Blue Box mascot. Enjoy a cash BBQ provided by the Lions Club of Milton.

To help make the event "waste free," visitors are asked to send an email to hwms15@halton.ca with how many people in their family are planning to attend. This will help us prepare the right amount of food and materials for the activities and minimize the amount of waste.

The Halton Waste Management Site originally opened in 1992 with a life expectancy of 20 years, or the year 2012. Since Halton residents have been leaders in environmental stewardship including recycling, the life of the landfill life was extended to 2023. With the Region-wide implementation of the GreenCart in spring 2008, the life of the landfill life will be extended a further six to eight years.

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## ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ

Saturday, September 29th 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Quarter Chicken Dinner \$9.00 Half Chicken Dinner \$11.00

Dinner includes chicken, dinner roll, cole slaw, potato and dessert. Refreshments will be served.

Take-outs are available.

Churchill Community Church Town Line & Churchill Rd. N., Acton Tickets at the door.