



Royal Canadian Legion Branch 61

Newsletter – September 2025

President's Report

Hello all. Clint, Peggy and I attended the Convention with in Winnipeg on June 15th.

Thank you to the Town of Winnipeg Beach for a substantial donation. We appreciate their support as well as the support of our members and our community.

We are still waiting on news regarding our grant for the roof. I will keep you posted!

A joint Honours and Awards night is planned for November 22nd. The food has been ordered from Chicken Chef in Gimli. Tickets are only \$15 and available at the Legion or by payment by E-transfer and held at the door.

The Pick Up Christmas Dinner and Lunch with Santa are in the planning stages. We are also planning a Wonderful Winter Weekend Social.

Our Secretary, Teresa has retired and we are in need of a new secretary. All that is required is someone to take minutes, send and notices and reports approved by the President. This is a volunteer position. If you are interested, please let Cde. Lorraine Andrushuk know.

Please check out the posters at the end of the newsletter for upcoming events.

If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know. Anytime you can donate is appreciated.

Cde Lorraine Andrushuk

Executive 2025

President: *Cde Lorraine Andrushuk*

Past President: *Cde Clinton Kennedy*

1st Vice-President: *Cde Velma Darroux*

2nd Vice-President: *Cde Doug Jarvis*

Treasurer: *Cde Helen Frovich*

Secretary: *Vacant*

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Cde Lorraine Andrushuk

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Memberships: *Cde Cindy Stewart*

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Bar / Nevada Chair: *Cde Olga Mackay*

Maintenance Chair: *Cde Alain Beaugard*

Poppy Chair: *Cde Don Sul & Cde Lori Sul*

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Sports Chairs: *Cde Olga McKay (Darts),*

Cde Cindy Stewart (Floor Curling),

Cde Len Kisiloski (Cribbage)

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Rentals Chair: *Office*

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Centennial Cookbook Chair: *Cde. Stephen Troubridge*

Branch Chaplain: *Cde Beth McLean*

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Ways and Means

We are having a very busy 2025. From Pancake Breakfasts, Craft Sales, Boardwalk Days Lunch, Fall Supper, Lunch with Santa, Spring & Fall teas, Christmas Dinner, memorials and a few catered events. We have the Remembrance Day Service on November 11th and Honours and Awards Presentation and Dinner on November 22nd.

We have had a few Bees coming up to prepare for our Fall events. If you are able to lend a hand for any or all of them, please let us know. The following is a list of the upcoming bees. We hope everyone will try to help out. Don't worry if you don't have any experience, we will train you!

- September 12 – Peeling potatoes, cooking turkeys and other Fall Supper preparations.
- September 13 – Fall Supper servers and clean up after the event.

We held our final Catch the Joker night and gave away the pot of \$2210. Congratulations to Kris Haight who took home the prize!

We held two Memorial services for Legion members, Cde Albert Self and Life member, Cde. Doug Wilson.

We still have a very busy fall ahead. There are posters at the end of the newsletter with details on the events. Here is a list of upcoming events

- ~~September 13 – Fall Supper – SOLD OUT~~ 1 seating at 4:00 and prepaid take outs for pick up after 6:00. Thank you to everyone for supporting this event!
- September 20 – Fall Craft Sale 10:00 – 3:00
- October 18 – Ladies Auxiliary – Italian Night 5:30 doors open 6:00 Dinner
- November 15 – Christmas Tea and Bake Sale 12:30 – 3:30
- November 22 – Honours and Awards Volunteer Celebration & Dinner 4:00 Awards 5:30 Dinner
- December 13 – Pick Up Christmas Dinner 4:00 – 6:00

Thank you to all of our volunteers. It is always greatly appreciated. We need all of you and we truly appreciate our wonderful Ladies Auxiliary, Lions Club, Firefighters, Seniors Club and community volunteers, and of course our hardworking Legion Members. Many thanks!

Ways and Means Chair, Lorraine Andrushuk

Legion Scholarship Recipient, Abby Frost

We wish you
luck in your
future
endeavors!



Sick and Visiting Chair's Report:

There has been no visits recently which is good news! Flowers were delivered to a member and a fruit basket to another member.

A donation was made to the Poppy Fund in memor of Doug Wilson.

If anyone knows of a Branch 61 Legion member who is sick please inform the Legion so we can arrange for a visit.

Cde Bev Self

**We have a new email address
effective immediately!**
rclbr61@gmail.com

Sports Chair's Reports

Floor Curling

The Fall session of floor curling begins on October 7th. Come out for some fun.

Jim and I look forward to the fall session.

Cde Cindy Stewart – Floor Curling



Darts

We have had great support from our Thursday night Fun Dart League.

We will be hosting our wind-up Potluck on September 18th.

Fun Darts will restart again on October 16th. Tournaments will be held on the following dates:

2025 – September 27, October 4 (Branch Playoff), November 8

2026 – January 10 and May 17

Cde Olga Mackay – Darts



Newsletter & Public Relations Report

Thank you everyone for your picture and submissions to the newsletter!

I appreciate the time and details that you include in your reports.

If there is anything else you would like to see included, please let me know and I'll try my best to include it.

We run a weekly ad in The Express Weekly Newspaper with upcoming events at the Legion. This ad will usually appear on page 5 and occasionally on page 7.

We also have our website

(<https://www.winnipegbeachlegion.ca/>) that has upcoming events, current and past newsletters, the executive list and other important information. Please check it out!

Stay safe until we meet again!

Cde. Velma Darroux



Cde Albert Self
Cde Doug Wilson

Community Connection

The Winnipeg Beach Food Connection will be open Tuesdays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Thursdays from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. for those who require a little help to get by in hard times.

It is located at 23 Stitt Street in Winnipeg Beach; the entrance is located on the north side of the old Access Credit Union.

We will be servicing the town of Winnipeg Beach and surrounding areas as far as Petersfield to the South, Sandy Hook to the North, and Komarno to the West.

We welcome all donations, big or small, nonperishables and monetary donations to the Winnipeg Beach Food Connection.

There is a box available at the Legion to accept donations for the Food Connection.

We are just a group of People Helping People.

Ladies Auxiliary Report

The Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary held a joint Spring Tea and Bake Sale on May 13th. We made fancy sandwiches and dainties to serve, and the tea/coffee was served in china cups! It was a great success! There was a Silent Auction that we donated to.

We also had quite a few Celebrations of Life for Ladies Auxiliary members. We lost five members this past year. We had one initiation of a new member in May.

We are hosting a Sports Day in September for all the Ladies Auxiliaries in District 6.

Our 2nd annual Italian Night will be October 18th featuring a pasta dinner, garlic bread, Caesar salad and dessert for only \$20. The entertainment is a Comedy Hypnosis act by Brian and Rhonda!

Heather and I attended the Convention in Winnipeg on June 13-15. They had a service at Brookside Cemetery then everyone went to the Birchwood Inn. Unfortunately, the restaurant was closed, and people had to go elsewhere if they wanted to eat. The Legion members attended their own Convention in Winnipeg on the same weekend.

We did not hold a meeting in July. In August we initiated another new member and then reviewed our plans for the Sports Day and the Italian Night.

We had Funeral where the Legion and Ladies Auxiliary made the lunch of sandwiches, cheese, and pickles.

Since our August meeting we have signed up another new member.

Nadia Hanesiak, Ladies Auxiliary President



RCL BR 61 EVENTS for the remainder of 2025 (dates subject to change)

Fall Supper	Sat, 13 September
Fall Craft Sale	Sat, 20 September
Ladies Auxiliary Event (TBA)	Sat, 11 October
Remembrance Day School (by invitation only)	Mon, 10 November
Remembrance Day Legion	Tue, 11 November
Christmas Tea & Bake Sale (Legion & LA)	Sat, 15 November
Honours & Awards	Sat, 22 November
General Meeting	Tue, 25 November
Lunch With Santa (Wpg Beach School)	8 & 9 December
Christmas Dinner Pick Up	Sat, 13 December

Donations received from February 2025 to July 2025

We would like to thank the following people, businesses and organizations for their donations to our legion. We apologize if we have missed any donors. Please let us know if we have not acknowledged your donation to Branch 61 and we will include it in our next newsletter. Please support the businesses that support us. The list is in no specific order.

<p><u>Businesses:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shears of Glory Wpg Beach • Ye Olde Hobbies & Collectibles Wpg Beach • Eddie's Gravel Wpg Beach • Johnee's Restaurant Wpg Beach • Hwy 9 Roadhouse Wpg Beach • General Store Wpg Beach • Deals for Dollars Gimli • Lakeview Inn Resort Gimli • Rona Gimli • Tergesen's Gimli • Chicken Chef Gimli • Access Credit Union Gimli • Pharmasave Gimli • Canadian Tire Selkirk • Boston Pizza Selkirk • Carlos Cucina • Home Hardware Wpg Bch • Pizza Plate • Ruby's Paradise 	<p><u>Businesses:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autopia Winnipeg • Whytefold Emporium • Interlake Garden Center <p><u>Organizations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wpg Beach Legion Br. 61 • Ladies Auxiliary Br. 61 • Town of Winnipeg Beach • Town of Winnipeg Beach Fire Department • Lakeside Lions • Lakeside Seniors <p><u>Individuals:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beth Berg • Bev Gabarevic • Tom Borsa • Lucille McGillivray • Lorraine Andrushuk • Russ Andrushuk • Peter Andrushuk • Robert Andrushuk • Velma Darroux • Bob Abar • Graham Watson 	<p><u>Individuals:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim & Cindy Stewart • Olga Mackay • Judy Catton • Beverley Self • Helen & Gord Frovich • Cindy & Jim Stewart • Olga MacIntyre • Mary Hildebrandt • Laurie Russin • Evelyn Rogoski • Virginia (Sandie) Williams • Doug & Connie Jonasson • Paulette Bessette • Leah McIsaac • Angie Skoryk • Coralea Courtland • Doris Jackson • Beth McLean • Teresa Beauregard • Vera Ginter
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Royal Canadian Legion Black Center Poppy Pins Now Available

\$2.00 Each (Does not include a poppy)
Please see the branch office to purchase.

Donation Presentation from the Town of Winnipeg Beach!



Deputy Mayor, Barry Hoel and Councillors Doug Jarvis and Larry Kisiloski presented a cheque for \$8575 to President Lorraine Andrushuk to help with the roof replacement at the Legion. Thank you very much!

Fashion Show Models, April 2025



Catch the Joker

Congratulations to the Catch the Joker Winner, Kris Haight who took home the \$2210 prize!



50/50 Winner



Our own Heather Eyford was the luck winner of the 50/50 draw at the Winnipeg Beach bandstand on August 16th.

B & R Comedy Hypnosis, July 18



Winnipeg Beach Legion

20 Hamilton Street, Winnipeg Beach

Craft Sale



Saturday, September 20, 2025

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



*Ukrainian Food, Baking,
Vegetables, Honey, Various
Crafts, Canteen and more!*



For information or tables call: 204-389-2660 and leave message.

All events are cash only!

Winnipeg Beach Legion Br. 61

Ladies Auxiliary

Italian Night



Cash
Bar

50/50
Draw

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Doors open at 5:30 Dinner at 6:00

Pasta, Caesar Salad, Garlic Toast, Dessert, Tea, Coffee, Iced Tea

\$20 for Adults

\$12 for Children under 12 / under 3 free

For tickets or information please call:

Nadia @ 204-293-3250

Legion @ 204-389-2660

Entertainment by:

Brian & Rhonda

Comedy Hypnosis

All events are cash only

Tickets are non-refundable

Winnipeg Beach Legion &
Ladies Auxiliary
**Christmas Tea and
Bake Sale**

featuring fancy sandwiches and dainties!

**Monetary
Donation at
the door!**



**Silent
Auction**

Saturday, November 15, 2025
12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
20 Hamilton Avenue, Winnipeg Beach

For Information call:

Lorraine @ 204-894-3701

Legion @ 204-389-2660 or rclbr61@gmail.com

All Events are cash only



Winnipeg Beach Legion Branch 61
& Ladies Auxiliary

Honours & Awards Volunteer Celebration & Dinner

Cash Bar &
50/50 Draw



Delicious
Fried Chicken
Dinner

Saturday, November 22, 2025

4:00 – Awards Presentation

5:30 – Dinner

Tickets are only \$15

Tickets held at the door with prepayment via e-transfer to
rclbr61@gmail.com

(Please put your name and event in the subject/message area)

***Please come out and celebrate our veterans,
members, and community for their service.***

For tickets and information call:

Lorraine @ 204-894-3701 / Legion (204-389-2660)

All events are cash only.

Tickets are non-refundable



Only \$25
per dinner!

Pre-ordered
Pick up/ Take

Homemade
Baking!

Home Christmas Dinner

Please support our Christmas Dinner Initiative by purchasing dinner tickets. This helps to offset the costs of the 175+ meals that we *deliver free of charge* to our veterans, all residents of the Lodge and Isfeld Manor and shut-ins in and around our community.

Your **pre-order & paid pick-up turkey dinner** comes with all the trimmings and some Christmas baking (donated by the Legion and L.A. members)!

Dinner includes: Roast Turkey, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetables, cabbage rolls, meatballs, coleslaw, bun, condiments and homemade Christmas baking!

Pick up Day: Saturday, December 13th, 2025

from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

at the Winnipeg Beach Legion
20 Hamilton Avenue

All tickets must be paid in
advance by e-transfer!
rclbr61@gmail.com

For tickets call or email:

Legion @ rclbr61@gmail.com or 204-389-2660

Lorraine @ 1-204-894-3701

Velma @ 204-642-2840



Winnipeg Beach Legion Br. 61

20 Hamilton Ave.



We are continuing to have your favourite Ukrainian foods for sale:

Perogies (sold in bags of 5 dozen)

- ***potato & cheddar*** – \$35.00
- ***potato, bacon & cheddar*** – \$40.00
- ***Sauerkraut*** – \$40.00

Cabbage rolls: \$10.00/dozen

Perishky: \$8.00/dozen

Assorted Fruit Pies: Large \$12.00 ea. Small \$7.00 ea.

- *Apple*
- *Cherry*
- *Strawberry Rhubarb*
- *Blueberry*
- *Saskatoon*
- *Raisin (lg. \$14.00 ea.)*

Carrot Cake: \$12.00

Squares: \$8.00/dozen

To order call:

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