

Ingersoll Pipe Band Newsletter

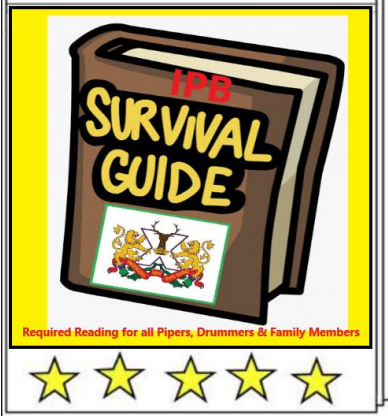


**Celebrating 116 Years
Of Service and History**



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Book Review



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The IPB Survival Guide arrived just in time for the “parade” season! It is a must read if you (piper, drummer, supporter, family member, friend) want to make it from the first long parades of the season in May to the final ones in December. It is particularly insightful for those IPB members who perform with additional pipe bands over the course of the year.

The demands of coordinating personal work, family and hobby schedules with piping and drumming gigs is exhausting let alone actually showing up for the events and participating.

Somehow band members always get through the weeks when it initially seems impossible to do so. So much is owed to teamwork, cooperation, good health, and a huge dose of luck. Our recipe for success calls for :

- Passion – half a cup
- Discipline – one cup
- Hardwork – one cup
- Adaptability – one quarter of a cup
- Teamwork – two cups
- Vision & Leadership – two cups of each
- Trust – half a cup

In our 116th year, we have our winning recipe in place. Once it is prepared, baked and served, the IPB knows that it will receive the results that the band hoped for and our supportive community looked forward to!

Your Editor – *Veronica Jackson*

Woodstock Navy Club Sunday May 3, 2026

The Battle of the Atlantic

Parade and Commemoration Ceremony

Sunday May 3rd, 2026

11 a.m. (Navy Club parking lot)

Canada and its Naval community will commemorate
the Battle of the Atlantic,
a critical and long-lasting campaign of
World War II

Join us in our memorial service

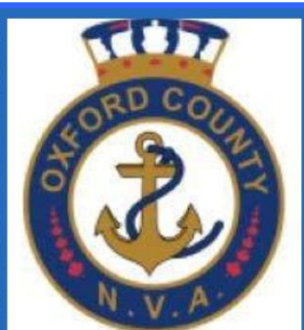
The Battle of the Atlantic was Canada's longest military engagement of the Second World War, lasting from September 1939 to May 1945. This battle was bravely fought by the men and women of the Canadian Merchant Navy, the Royal Canadian Navy, and the Royal Canadian Air Force.



We must never forget their sacrifice!



The IPB was honoured to be invited to provide music for the Oxford County Naval Veterans Association at its annual Battle of the Atlantic Parade and Commemoration Ceremony on the first Sunday in May. The association is a members-only service club that honours Veterans of the Royal Canadian Navy.



Oxford Local History Day Saturday May 9th



IPB Members had a great time visiting and socializing at the Ingersoll Branch of the Oxford County Library's History Day event. Thanks for the invitation from Melanie Law, Digital Literacy and Local History Technician who organized the event.

Thank you to our IPB members Ian McGregor, Nancy Matthews, Angus Thomson, Tammi Minogue, Doug Turvey and Veronica Jackson for being the IPB's reps at the event.

Monday May 18th

Victoria Day Parade Woodstock



"Victoria Day Monday began with the 78th annual Victoria Day Parade, a beloved Woodstock tradition that once again brought the community together. Crowds lined Dundas Street early in the morning to secure viewing spots as marching bands, local organizations, decorated floats, entertainers and specialty vehicles made their way from the Woodstock Fairgrounds to the parade's finish at Henry and Finkle Street. Volunteers collected non-perishable food donations along the route, helping support local families and reinforcing the community-minded spirit of the event." – Ron Yuzark , Grant Haven (Woodstock Ingersoll Echo) Photojournalist and Correspondent

The IPB's tradition the last few years is to meet pre parade just west of Southside Park on Finkle Street (the end of the parade), and then have our excellent supporters car shuttle us to Dundas St E and McKenzie Ave.(the beginning of the parade). This works out well for all our participants as it allows us to end the parade close to where our cars were parked and leave Woodstock to get to parade number two in Thamesford on time.



Larry, one of our dedicated drivers, flanked by drummers Tammi on the left and Lisa on the right



Waiting for the parade to begin – L to R - Freya, Joanne, Jane, and Wendy



Charlie and Mary Ellen



Don, Neil and Cheryl



Nancy, Tammi and Ron



Heidi and Steve



Drum Major Aly and Pipe Major Doug C



Jim H and Harold



Angus, Lana and Lois



Lois and Doug T



Heading Out On Parade



A beautiful morning for a stroll down Dundas Street in Woodstock! The parade "walk" is approximately 3 km long. But the spectators are plentiful and receptive so it's very much appreciated by bands and groups that are walking. Thanks again, Woodstock for your hospitality!



<https://www.flickr.com/photos/tomw1942/albums/72177720333750382/>

Thank you, Rick Rose and Tom Wilson for posting these photos so we could share them!

Additional parade photos are courtesy of Ron Yuzark.



Heading along Wellington Street towards Southside Park - 27 on parade for the IPB – and then it was off to Thamesford to meet up with some additional members!

Calithumpian Parade – Monday May 18th afternoon



Once we were in place on the grounds of the Thamesford District Recreational Centre, we met up with some members who were unable to participate in the morning's parade, but were eager to join us on our afternoon stroll! We welcomed aboard both pipers and drummers and supporters – Laurie and Carol Marson, John MacKay, Andrew and Lana Coghill, Catherine and Adam Stark, Don Gale, and Gord Hopper. As we acquired additional troops, we lost some from Woodstock who had other holiday commitments. So our total number in Thamesford was still - 27! Must be our lucky number?





Top Right – Carole, Laurie & Andrew; Top Left – Adam & Kevin Bottom Left – Jim & John; Bottom Right – Catherine



Start of the parade outside of the Community Centre

"Ian McGregor's First Official Parade"



The 2026 Calithumpian parade was Piper Ian's first official parade with the IPB. Ian has been studying the pipes with us since 2022 when he started as a beginner under the tutelage of Jack Habkirk and PM Doug Collins. It's a long piping road for most of us to memorize tunes, and transfer our piping skills from a practice chanter to an actual set of bagpipes. Congratulations, Ian on committing to the process and the very intense journey. Pictured above, Ian with two of his "learner" buddies – Jim and John; with his very supportive wife, Annette; and of course with Pipe Major Doug Collins; and, finally relaxing after the historic occasion!

Another "historic" Calithumpian tradition for the band, post parade, was gathering at Dave and Pat Kincaid's home in Thamesford. Every year The Kincaids opened their patio up for IPB members, Shriners and classic car enthusiasts who were also in the Calithumpian parade. We got to enjoy some long awaited and needed refreshments. It became a little oasis at the end of a usually very hot and long march through the village.

Sadly for us, but happily for Pat and Dave, they will be moving to London to be closer to family and friends, and enjoy a new abode with a bigger garage. The IPB suggested that when Dave passes over the keys to his Thamesford home to the new owners that he warn them to be prepared for strangers to drop by on Victoria Day Monday in 2027!



Woodstock – Commemoration Ceremony – May 21st

The IPB was contacted a few months ago by Scott Gillies, a well-known Oxford County historian, researcher, speaker and columnist with the **Woodstock Ingersoll Echo** newspaper, to see if we might be able to send a mini band to attend a very special commemorative service for an unforgettable hero of the past who as a youth lived in Woodstock.

He is referred to as “Woodstock, Ontario’s most intriguing citizen, and is also the subject of the Woodstock Coin Club’s most recent medal. Dated 2023, the medal honours Joseph Whiteside Boyle. *“Pierre Berton said that if Joe Boyle had been American, there would be movies and books and all kinds of legends about him,” Angus Sutherland writes in the 2024 January-February issue of the Ontario Numismatic Association’s (ONA) newsletter – The Ontario Numismatist. “Because he was a Canadian, few knew of him outside of Woodstock, Ontario, and the Yukon.”*

On the occasion of Heroes Day, the Consulate General of Romania in Toronto paid tribute to Colonel Joe Boyle, during the commemoration ceremony held at the Presbyterian Cemetery in Woodstock, Ontario. The information below was from the afternoon’s program.

Joseph Whiteside Boyle 1867-1923

Born in Toronto in the year 1867, Joseph Whiteside Boyle moved with his parents Charles and Martha Bain Boyle to Woodstock where his father became a renowned horse breeder. As a young man, Joe went to New York City, only to be lured away to a life of adventure on the high seas for the next three years.

Upon his return to dry land, Joe became a boxing promoter. Boyle and his protegee journeyed far and wide vying unsuccessfully for the world championship.

Joe was one of the thousands who caught gold fever in the Yukon Territory. With four huge mechanical dredges, Boyle became the most successful miner in the North – the King of the Klondike.

During the long winter months, he eased everyone’s boredom by constructing a hockey rink and sponsoring the Dawson team in a challenge for the Stanley Cup!

When WW1 was declared, Joe formed a detachment of machine gunners and paid for their transport to the Western Front. Too old for active service, Boyle nevertheless made his way to England and became an honorary colonel in the Canadian Army.

Always a take-charge sort of man, Boyle ended up in Russia helping resolve the challenges with their railway system. For this he received the first of three different Russian military medals.

During the same period, he became a close confidant to the King and Queen of Romania and rescued their crown jewels, their nation’s currency, and saved millions of their people from starvation, becoming the Saviour of Romania.

J.W. Boyle died in England in 1923, where Queen Marie of Romania installed on his grave an ancient Romanian stone cross, as well as a ledger stone on which was engraved “man with the heart of a Viking and the simple faith of a child”.

In 1983 his remains were brought back to Woodstock thanks to the efforts of the Royal Canadian Regiment and the Oxford Historical Society.

Commemoration of Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Whiteside Boyle



Presented by the Oxford Historical Society and
the Consulate General of Romania in Toronto

May 21, 2026

For a complete biography of Joe “Klondike” Boyle go to the Oxford County Archives site -

<https://archives.oxfordcounty.ca/exhibits/joe-boyle/>



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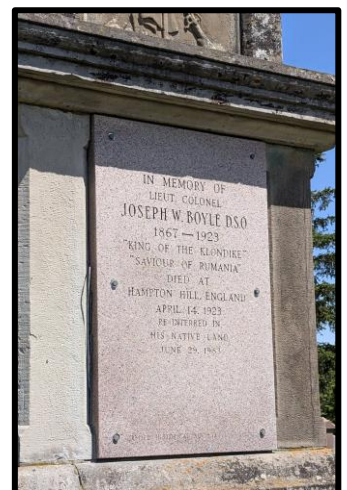
It was a moment of profound significance, through which we evoked the memory of a great friend of Romania, who remained in history through his courage, loyalty and support offered to our country during the difficult years of the First World War. Joe Boyle occupies a special place in the memory of Romanians and through his deep friendship with Queen Mary, one of the most brightest and admired figures of our history.

In this anniversary year, which marks the 100th anniversary of Queen Mary's visit to Canada, Joe Boyle's commemoration has gained a completely special resonance, bringing to attention one of the most exciting pages of the relations between Romania and Canada.

The replay at Woodstock of this beautiful commemorative tradition was not only an act of memory, but also one of gratitude towards a man who tied his name to the destiny of Romania at a crucial moment in his history.

The commemoration ceremony was followed by the presentation of the exhibition dedicated to the visit of Queen Mary to Canada.

We thank [Biserica Ortodoxa Romana Sfintii Stefan cel Mare si Nectarie - Oshawa](#) - Woodstock City Hall, [Mayor Jerry Acchione](#) [Noi Romanii TV](#) [Ingersoll Pipe Band](#) Father Petre Busuioc - [Oxford Historical Society 1897](#) and Rev. Angus Sutherland, [Casa Romana Sweets](#) as well as the local authorities, all the guests and attendees, who contributed to the success of a soulful event dedicated to the memory, history and Romanian-Canadian friendship.



Hickson – 4H – Community Club “Relay My Way” June 12th

Shonna Ward and her Community 4-H Club have been raising funds for the Canadian Cancer Society for 20 years. To date, Shonna and her club members, ranging in age from 9-22, have raised almost \$222,000 raising over \$21,000 this year alone!

When Relay for Life events stopped happening, and then began happening only every other year in select locations, Shonna found she could create her own event, called Relay My Way. Her first event was last year at the ball diamond in Hickson. Shonna asked me to provide a piper, and I asked a few band members to help me out. Our mini-band paraded around the ball diamond for the Luminary Lap.

This year we were asked to perform again, and we did, on Friday, June 12th. The Luminary Lap took place at dusk. The luminaries were placed around the ball diamond, each one either in memory of someone who lost their life to cancer, or in honour of someone who has or had cancer. The luminaries were lit as we passed them, so that by the time we had circled the diamond, almost 200 luminaries were glowing in the twilight. After completing our lap, the mini-band performed a few tunes for the crowd. It was a very moving event, and our music was greatly appreciated by Shonna and her club, as well as the 2 family teams taking part. – Submitted by *Lois Turvey*



IPB participants who came out to support the “Relay My Way” included Drummers – Drum Sergeant Lisa Mc Pherson, Harold Matthews, Andrew Coghill, Doug Turvey; Pipers – Pipe Sergeant Charlie Thomson, Lois Turvey, Jane Mutterer, Lana Coghill and Nancy Matthews

Plattsville 175th Anniversary Parade – June 20th



Bonnie Heather



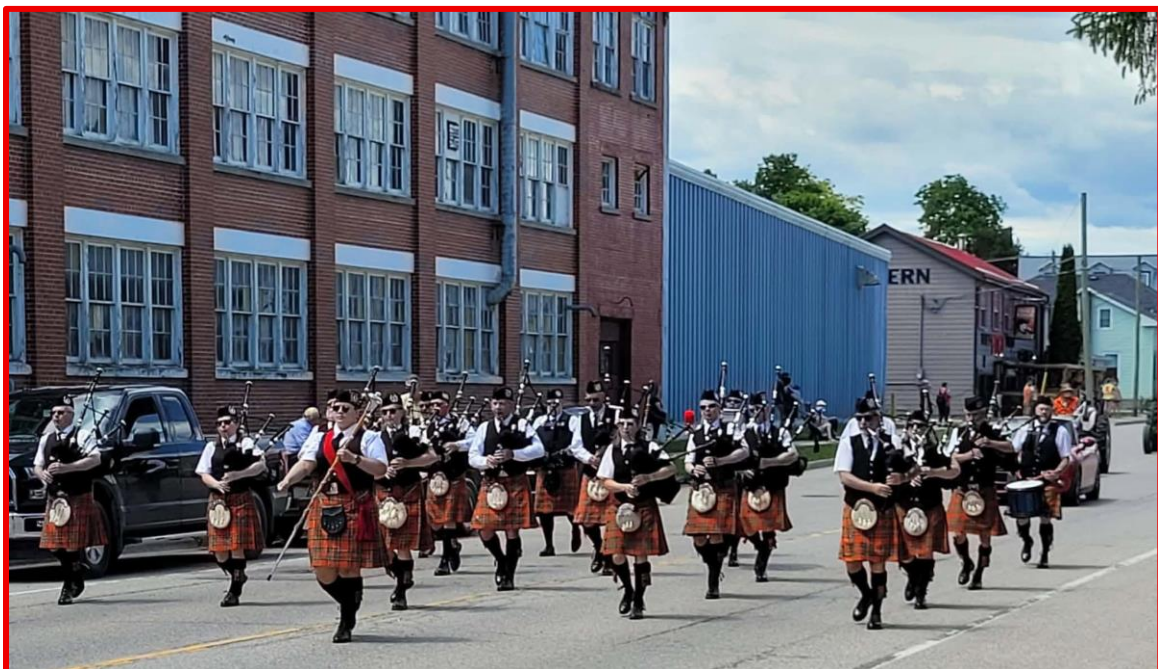
Lee

As part of the very eventful year of activities celebrating this local village's 175th Anniversary in 2026, the celebration committee asked the Ingersoll Pipe Band if we would be available to participate in the community's parade. Of course we said "YES" because parades are what IPBers like to do best!

It was a beautiful sunny day with lots of spectators along the route through this quaint locale. The schedule of events for the day was very impressive indeed. As the organizers wrote on their Facebook page,

"The day is packed with activities for all ages, including a firefighter breakfast, parade, vendor market, heritage displays, car and tractor show, touch-a-truck, kids' games, live entertainment, face painting, a petting zoo, family dance and roller skating, and a spectacular drone show to cap off the evening. Whether you're a lifelong resident, a former neighbour, or visiting for the day, there's something for everyone to enjoy. "

According to our members who participated they did indeed enjoy the refreshments after the parade in the nearby restaurants and park!





Top - Official Band Photo (thanks to Jane M for sharing)
L to R – Lana and Don; Eric and Ian; Jim, Jane and Joanne



**Well done, Plattsville and
 congrats on your Anniversary!**

Celebrating its 175th anniversary this year, Plattsville, Ontario, is a historic village within the Township of Blandford-Blenheim. The Village was established around 1851 by Samuel Platt, who built its first mill, and served as the first Postmaster, and held the office of Justice of Peace for many years.

Located along Smith's Creek, by 1862 the village had a population of 500 and included such successful businesses as Warnock, Farrand & Co. (woolen factory), N. Fried & Co. (cabinet, chair, and pail factory), and A. McArthur & Co. (foundry).

The village of Plattsville, has a population of approximately 1,994 residents based on municipal and county estimates.

Cedarview Retirement Living Visit – in Woodstock – June 25th

For the past few years, the pipe band has looked forward to performing for the residents at one of Woodstock's loveliest retirement complexes. This year was no different except we had a small change of performance location. Due to the extreme heat and possibility of thunderstorms moving through the area, we performed in the main dining area of Cedarview.



Some of our audience members at Cedarview



Top Row –far right - PM Doug visiting with a former band member, Gary Moore who played the pipes from 1961-1970. To Gary's left is his father, Ken Moore. These two gents are also Drummer Tammi Minogue's uncle and cousin. Second Row – far right - our supporter, Larry Stafford, trying out a comfy chair in the dining area!



Innerkip June 27th Canada Day Weekend



It's always great to celebrate Canada Day and our pride in our country on more than just one day of the year. So it's a lot of fun each year to accept an invitation from the Innerkip Lions to celebrate on the Saturday prior to July 1st.



One of our outstanding piping learners, Jim Hunt, who enthusiastically jumps into parade mode and carries our IPB banner to identify our band!

Our drummers, Tammi, Harold, Kevin and Andrew posing with our banner carriers, Larry and Jim



Acting pipe major in Innerkip – Pipe Sergeant Charlie



Post parade – Ron and Neil

Official Innerkip Photo Prior to Marching Off (a few bodies missing from the photo – a common problem!)



Top Row – Lto R – Winston, Andrew C; Lois, Bonnie-Heather, Lee; Ian, Christina

Bottom Row – Angus, Nancy, Ron; Harold, Andrew, Winston, Tammi, Kevin

More Pre Parade Pics!



Harold far right, thinks it's "raining cellphones" – they are just falling from the sky!
 Middle Top – Drummers Winston and Kevin on the left; Lana and Tammi on the right
 Bottom – The Mutterer Trio – Jane, Mary Ellen and Joanne



Finally – "on parade" and ready to celebrate with the fine folks of Innerkip!

JULY 1st CANADA DAY in EMBRO



Another Incredible Canada Day at the 2026 Embro Highland Games!

The [2026 Embro Highland Games](#) took place on July 1st, as Canada celebrated its 159th birthday. Hosted by the [Zorra Caledonian Society](#) at the Embro Community Centre, the Games brought together competitors and spectators for another fantastic day of Highland tradition.



Despite an extreme heat wave that saw temperatures soar past +40°C amid high humidity, everyone still enjoyed a full day of piping and drumming competitions, heavyweight events, highland dancing, live music, plenty of vendors, and delicious food. This year's Games also saw a noticeable increase in solo entries, with more than 13 judging tables set up throughout the venue to keep the competitions running smoothly.

(Articles from the Pipe Band Society of Ontario; photographer - Nathan Nguyen)

This year's band competition featured 14 bands, who had some amazing performances, and once again, we were able to offer a juvenile band contest, with two bands competing. Seeing these up-and-coming musicians out on the field is always exciting and a great reminder that the future of piping and drumming is in good hands!



1st Place Winners

- Grade 2 - [Guelph Pipe Band](#)
- Grade 3 - [Hamilton Police Pipe Band](#)
- Grade 4 - [Durham Regional Police Pipes & Drums](#)
- Grade 5 - [Peel Regional Police Pipe Band](#)
- Juvenile - [Hamilton Police Pipe Band](#)

Band Judges

- Piping: Michael Wm Grey, Glenna MacKay-Johnstone
- Drumming: Joe Kiah
- Ensemble: Bob Worrall



After the band competition wrapped up, everyone headed onto the field for the traditional closing massed bands. Still, in true Southern Ontario fashion, the weather changed in an instant, with torrential rain and strong winds bringing the day to a soggy finish! Even with the unexpected downpour, it was a great reminder that, rain or shine, the piping and drumming community always comes together to help support one another.

Events like this don't happen without an incredible group of people working behind the scenes. A huge round of applause to the Embro Highland Games committee for putting together another fantastic day, and to our amazing PPBSO administration team, dedicated volunteers, and judges for everything they did to keep the competition running seamlessly. Your time, effort, and enthusiasm are what make days like this so amazing!



Ingersoll Pipe Band on the field for the first Massed Band Performance (photo by Ron Yuzark)

Additional Photos Taken by Nathan Nguyen

These photos were taken by Nathan as the IPB was warming up in the circle prior to our performance at the pavilion at 11:30 am.



Left to Right: Nancy Matthews Ian McGregor Steve Shepherd Don Gale



Left to Right: Veronica Jackson Catherine Stark Angus Thomson Mary Ellen Mutterer



Additional Photos Taken by Nathan Nguyen

These photos were also taken by Nathan – some of IPB members, and, some of “associates” who choose to play with us whenever they are available!



Left to Right: Lois Turvey Joanne Mutterer PM Scott Shaw (LPP&D) Graham Carroll (LFFPB)



Left to Right: Gord Hooper (LFFPB) Lana Coghill P Sgt Charlie Thomson D Sgt Lisa Mc Pherson



Additional Photos Taken by Nathan Nguyen



Flags on Pipes for Canada Day; Christina Breen (IPB member who also marshals for the PPBSO) ; and John MacKay and Ian McGregor crossing the field



IPB drummers (Lisa and Aly) preparing to compete with the London Fire Fighters Pipe Band later in the afternoon

Hanging Out With the IPB at the Games in Embro









Top Left – Steve with Bruce Fummey from Scottish history tours from YouTube; band performing under the pavillion; Piper Julie from the London Police Pipes and Drums at her first highland games

Middle Row – Members of IPB performed in the auditorium at the request of the Taiwanese presenters (Taiwanese culture features prominently at the Embro Highland Games to celebrate Canada Day and honour the historic ties between Zorra Township and Taiwan through live musical and dance performances, heritage showcases, and community exhibits

Bottom Row – Storm clouds brewing as we gathered for the final massed band and awards presentations



Left to Right – The Paddy Stones, Tug of War Team, Graham and Lois



It was a good thing that we took our group photo prior to the last massed band as the storm broke just as we were leaving the field and we all scattered!



Scenes from the storm hitting the pipe bands areas – Left – The London Fire Fighters Tent; Right – a member of the Peel Regional Police Pipe Bands takes cover



*"A great celebration is fuel for the soul,
keeping us warm long after the day ends."*

Now we look forward to the Embro Games – July 1st 2027!



Woodingford Lodge – Woodstock – July 9th



After the thunderstorms of July 1st, unsettled hot and humid weather took over Southern Ontario. Our event at Woodingford was set for just after the residents dinner hour and of course Mother Nature had to dampen us several times with outbursts of showers. Thankfully, the band and the residents were able to take shelter under the portico at the front entrance of the long term care facility. Indeed the weather did not dampen our members' enthusiasm nor the happiness of the residents to gather and hear some of their favourite tunes!

About Woodingford Woodstock:

Some Facts: There are 160 licensed beds and 518 people on the waiting list

Waiting list numbers are calculated by the Ministry of Long-Term Care based on data provided by Ontario Health. Last updated: May 31, 2026

Woodingford Lodge is an Oxford County owned and operated, not-for-profit, long-term care facility that provides a person-centered, resident-first model of care. It is accredited.



Woodingford Lodge – Ingersoll July 23rd



We were originally scheduled to play at Woodingford Lodge Ingersoll on July 16th but again climate difficulties (extreme heat and very poor air quality) forced us to change our plans. In conversation with Jen, the recreational director, we opted for a visit a week later. Much better weather for everyone.

At this Oxford County location, as updated in May 2026, there are **34 licensed beds with 346 people on the waiting list.** Residents are very fortunate to have found such a caring home.

Fundraising! Our First Corn Hole Tournament

INGERSOLL PIPE BAND FUNDRAISER

A corn-hole tournament will be held Sat, July 11 starting at 1pm at the Ingersoll Pipe Band Hall. This competition is for all corn hole players of various skills (beginners or advanced players). Teams are asked to register by July 6 – cost \$25 for a team of two. There will be cash prizes for the winners plus there will be other prizes awarded. Spectators are welcome. Barbecues will be set up to purchase food from 4pm on and there will be a cash bar for refreshments. The Lost Beach Ice Cream Emporium truck will be on site and as part of the day's entertainment, and there will also be roving pipers & drummers providing some excellent summer Celtic vibes! This event will run from 1-8pm at 108 Wonham St S, Ingersoll. Contact by phone or text to register 519-878-4494.

Our Promotional Material for Our Tournament!

Ingersoll Pipe Band presents

**Saturday
July 11th 2026**

Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser

Cash Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Entry fee \$25 per team of 2

**Check in at 1:00 pm
Bags fly at 1:30 pm**

Registration by July 6th – call or text – 519-878-4494 for details and a registration form. Spectators welcome!

Cash Bar, Draws, Live Music (pipes & drums)

BBQ – from 4 pm on Burgers, Hot Dogs

Ice Cream Truck on site

**Fun for All! Come out and
support our East Coast Tour 2027**



Lost Beach Ice Cream Emporium

IPB Hall located at 108 Wonham St. S Ingersoll

So with absolutely **no experience** in running a corn hole tournament, we decided that we would run one! Nothing ventured, nothing gained! BUT - The organizers did know one thing and research on Ai backed us up!

"Cornhole has grown from a casual Midwestern backyard pastime into a massive professional sport and cultural phenomenon across North America and beyond. Its universal appeal, low barrier to entry, and high social media and television visibility have turned a simple beanbag toss into a mainstream competitive industry."

Why Cornhole is Popular

- **Easy to Play:** Simple rules mean anyone of any age or athletic skill can join in.
- **Low Cost:** Equipment is inexpensive and portable, perfect for parks, yards, and tailgates.
- **Social Atmosphere:** It pairs easily with social events, craft breweries, and family gatherings.

Corn Hole Tournament (continued)

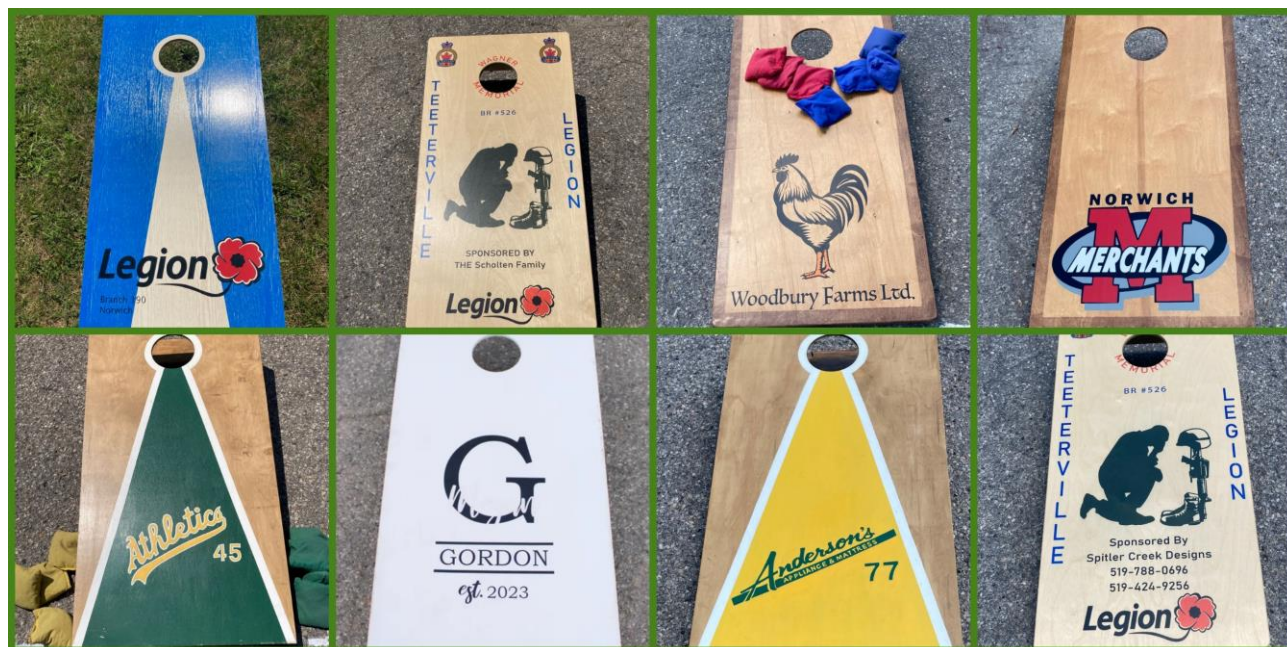
Who would have known that - There are **25 registered recreational leagues** operating across Ontario under the Ontario Cornhole Association / Cornhole Canada network, supporting hundreds of active players in the province? Our friends at the local Royal Canadian Legions affirmed that cornhole was a popular game and the branches in Norwich and Teeterville readily agreed to lend us boards and scoring mechanisms to enable us to run this fundraiser! The support that we got from them was amazing! Thank you in particular to President, Dennis Tyrell, at Branch 190 in Norwich for getting us jump started and introducing us to recreation/sports director Erica Vera at Branch 526 Teeterville who also provided materials to us.

At the end of the registration period, we had 24 teams signed up and ready to toss the bags! Exciting times ahead organizing and executing this tournament and a barbecue as well!



Several of our registered teams ! We had 24 teams in total who signed up for our very first corn hole tournament.

Photos from Our Tournament and Barbecue



Some of the many corn hole boards loaned to the IPB



Photos of the action taken by our visiting “retired” photographer – Bruce Donald – who managed to capture the energy and enthusiasm of the players and scorekeepers



Members, spectators participants and volunteers – all make for a great mix!



Huge Shout Outs

To: Ingersoll's local Service Clubs for use of their pop up tents – the Kiwanis Club and the Lions Club
To : Lost Beach Ice Cream Emporium and Olivia for being on site to provide all the yummy ice cream treats
To: Ingersoll 50+ Activity Centre/Ingersoll Services for Seniors – for the loan of the BBQs
To: Steve Shepherd for coordinating the barbecue layout and providing the meat, the propane, the bbq tent, and rounding up three fellow Masons to assist with the grilling
To: Our IPB Canteen Manager – Tammi for putting together a very tasty selection of beverages
To: Our Cornole Tournament Round Robin Coordinators – Wendy, Nancy, Andrew
To: PM Doug and his mini band members for providing some tunes for our spectators and competitors
To: All IPB Members and Learners who contributed to working shifts inside and outside and for jumping in to assist whenever or wherever they were needed on tournament day! Many jobs were done ahead of time and after the event was over (picking up equipment and then returning it; grocery shopping; getting permits; posting flyers; getting our T shirts ready for sale) again thank you one and all for your input and patience! It was once again an amazing group effort by our huge IPB community/family!





Top - Competitors who posed at the end of the tourney!
 Middle - L to R - Second Place - Team Rader (Nadine & Rob)
 First Place - Team Bags n Holes (Brian & John)
 Third Place - Team Cornstars (Dan & Steve)
 Bottom - Brian & John and Dan & Steve returning their cash winning prize money back to the tournament coordinator, Veronica. Thanks, Guys - we appreciate your generosity for our East Coast fundraiser!

Presentations by President Wendy

Overall for our first try at this - hat an excellent cornhole tournament! We received numerous compliments and comments about our first endeavour venturing into "Corn Hole" territory. The organizers and volunteers had such a great time making acquaintances with all the members on the 24 teams that had registered for the event. If points had been awarded for FUN and ENTHUSIASM all the teams would have been awarded first place. As it was, we did determine 1st, 2nd and 3rd place based on points achieved through skillful play over the round robin tournament. A huge thankyou to all the teams who registered and competed.

As well a huge thank you goes out to the following sponsors who provided prizes for our door prize table –

Kath and Craig Rathburn - Owners of **Ingersoll Rails House of Brews**

Daniel Destine – owner of **PB Fries**

Kurtis Zrini - Commercial Account Executive Branch Manager – **McFarlan Rowlands**

Embroid – Garagefest – July 18th



The show had to go on! The IPB opened the Garagefest 17 Show in Embroid on a very wet Saturday. The rain delayed our performance by about 40 minutes and then it moved eastward and we were able to play. Thanks to the Embroid Dog Park Committee (Diane Normand) that invited us to play, and to Brent Harvey at Embroid Tire who welcomed us back for our second appearance at his amazing community fundraiser!



That's a Wrap (Almost !)



Some photos from recent Highland Games across Southern Ontario where several of our members compete as members of other bands; or, compete as soloists; or, volunteer time to assist games' organizers and participating bands.

Other members take part in a plethora of events to entertain in local community events, honour fallen police officers, or raise funds for charities.

And still others go out to support fundraisers for other bands!

It's a piping & drumming fraternity!



Photos above from the London Fire Fighters Pipe Band "Jigs & Reels" Fundraiser



The Royal Scots O' Mocha pipe band at a fundraiser in Erieau



Catherine and Steve
Yes they really did play their pipes on paddleboards!



London Police Pipes and Drums – in London and in Toronto for commemorations

Thanks to everyone for all your photo contributions and other material for this second newsletter of the year. It is much appreciated by your editor. Keep them rolling in for newsletter #3 of 2026!

Our next issue will contain additional information about our upcoming fundraisers at the IPB Band Hall.

Saturday October 17th – our Trivia Night

Saturday November 7th – our Annual Ceilidh

Watch for more details to arrive by email; and, look for postings on our Facebook Page and our IPB Website