

A letter from the President

To The Membership

Thank you all for your patience and understanding as we all try to follow the rules and regulations which are deemed as necessary for the handling of the Covid-19 Pandemic which has had the whole World in turmoil since it reared its ugly head in March 2020 and we are all aware of what has happened since then, at the onset of Covid-19 some thought that things like Social Distancing, wearing Facemasks, 6 people only per table etc. weren't necessary, but from where I am looking they definitely are necessary, and now that Vaccines are available it is my opinion that if you keep (until told differently) Social distancing, wear Face Masks, 6 people per table only and get your Vaccinations, then, you are on the right track.

GOOD NEWS

As you are probably aware the Lounge is open again for business and while for the time being the restrictions are still being adhered to, the Light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter, this is stage one.

STAGE TWO

This will begin at the earliest, on June 15th, Leisure Dart's will be allowed, using the two dartboards at the south end of the lounge.

STAGE THREE

This is scheduled to start July 1st this will allow activities like Meat Draws, 50/50 and Bingo, we are currently licensed for Meat Draws only.

Please note that these stages will only take place providing that everyone follows the Covid rules to the letter, if people do not follow them and the number of new cases start to rise again, then we may find ourselves back where we started. We are doing a great job and are following the Covid Safety Plan in a very professional way, and while we cannot know what other businesses are doing, we can only hope that they are all as fed up with this Covid pandemic as we are and are also following the rules, things seem to be working well, fewer cases are being reported each day, which is great news and if we all continue to follow the guide lines laid out by Doctor Bonnie and her team and get our 2nd vaccinations then I

think we can expect more sanctions will be given, more people per table, more customers allowed in the lounge, more Branch activities like league darts, cribbage etc. , we should be given the go ahead to hold General Meetings and start to run the Branch as it should be run and this can be achieved by September hopefully everything will get back to normal ,we should be able to start thinking about having live music and Dinner Dances and the likes, September is only 11 weeks away ,but in order for this to happen we have to carry on following the Covid-19 Safety Plan, and not let it slip backwards, I know we can do it? And I feel that all the other Legions and Restaurants and businesses affected by Covid are just as fed up as we are, roll on September and lets all think positive, follow the arrows stay focused and we can put this Pandemic behind us for good.

On a lighter note you should visit the lounge and check out the brilliant handcrafted table depicting the various curtains of war and conflicts that involved Canadian troops it contains all the dates and flags of the countries and is full of information and all kinds of bright colours, you can see the tremendous amount of work involved in its creation, it was made by Ed & Russell Robertson (our father & son team) great work guys, I hear there may be more in the future.

That's all for now, let's all keep up the good work, there are better times ahead, and they are not far away. T.T.F.N

In Comradeship Arthur McLain President

Just a quick reminder for those of you who have forgotten to pay your 2021 dues now would be a good time to remedy it, please enquire at the lounge Thank you!