

DOMINION COMMAND SPORTS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

23 November 2019

Our Mission is to serve Veterans, which includes serving military and RCMP members and their families, to promote remembrance and to serve our communities and our country.



**DOMINION COMMAND SPORTS COMMITTEE MEETING
23 NOVEMBER 2019, 1300 HRS EST LEGION HOUSE
VICTORY BOARDROOM
MEETING MINUTES**

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**DOMINION COMMAND SPORTS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
23 NOVEMBER 2019**

ATTENDEES:

Brian Weaver	-	Chair
Dave Flannigan	-	Vice Chair
Keith Andrews	-	Member
Serge Thibaudeau	-	Member
Lia Taha Cheng	-	Committee Coordinator
Angela Keeling Colkitt	-	Assistant Committee Coordinator

ABSENT:

Jerry Lava	-	Member
Melvin Crowe	-	Member

ANNEXES:

Annex "A"	-	4 Feb 2019 National Sports Teleconference minutes
Annex "B"	-	2019 DC Cribbage - After Action Report - Sports Rep
Annex "C"	-	2019 Dominion Cribbage - After Action Report - LAC
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Annex "E"	-	2019 Dominion Darts - After Action Report - Sports Rep
Annex "F"	-	2019 Dominion Darts - After Action Report - LAC
Annex "G"	-	2019 Dominion Darts - Participants Survey Responses
Annex "H"	-	2019 DC Eight Ball - After Action Report - Sports Rep
Annex "I"	-	2019 DC Eight Ball - Participants Survey Responses
Annex "J"	-	2020 Legion Nationals Budget
Annex "K"	-	2020 Sports Committee Budget

1. OPENING RITUAL

The meeting commenced at 1300 hours in the Victory Boardroom at Legion House on Saturday, 23 November 2019. The chair conducted the opening ritual.

2. SPORTS COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REMARKS

The chair welcomed the committee members and relayed his appreciation for their commitment to the Legion Sports Program. Comrade Dominion President, Thomas Irvine, joined to observe a portion of the meeting.

3. ADMINISTRATION

The committee contact list was reviewed and its accuracy was confirmed by the committee members.

4. NEW BUSINESS

The chair entertained requests to add new agenda items. The following item was added for discussion:

- a. Membership

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

4 February 2019 National Sports Teleconference Minutes

The 4 February 2019 National Sports Teleconference minutes are attached at Annex "A".

MOTION: It was moved that the 4 February 2019 National Sports Teleconference minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

6. 2019 DOMINION MEMBER SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The results of the three Dominion Member Sports Championships hosted in 2019 were as follows:

- i. **Dominion Cribbage**

Hosted by: Branch #05-480 Westboro, ON, 26-29 April 2019

2019 Champions: Single: Bill Nelligen, Branch #01-024 Cranbrook, BC/YT

Doubles: Anne Dubuc, Dennis Fewer, Branch #10-012 Grand Falls, NL

Team: Jim McCaffery, Ron Sherwood, Ed McFadzen, Kathy Sullivan, Branch #07-004 Fredericton, NB

- ii. **Dominion Darts**

Hosted by: Branch #08-078 Dominion, NS, 3-6 May 2019

2019 Champions: Single: Nick Smith, Branch #08-112 Lawrencetown, NS/NU

Doubles: Bryce Book, Connor Book, Branch #01-052 Kamloops, BC/YT

Team: Coady Burke, Jason Smith, Willie MacIsaac, Sheldon Fudge, Branch #08-156 Macdonald Memorial, NS/NU

- iii. **Dominion 8-Ball**

Hosted by: Branch #07-004 Fredericton, 24-27 May 2019

2019 Champions: Single: Greg Gauthier, Branch #07-010 Miramichi Branch, NB

Doubles: Curtis Beadoin, Richard Urbanik, Branch #04-043 Norwood & St Boniface, MB/NWO

Team: Curtis Beadoin, Richard Urbanik, Richard Martinson, Neil Shore, Branch #04-043 Norwood & St Boniface, MB/NWO

Note: Two Provincial Commands did not participate in the 2019 Dominion Eight Ball Championships. BC/YT did not have a Provincial Championships as they did not have 50% of their zones participating in eight ball. QC did not run a Provincial Eight Ball Championships due to economics.

The following reports from the 2019 Dominion Member Sports Championships were presented and are attached at:

- Annex "B": 2019 Dominion Cribbage - After Action Report - Sports Rep
- Annex "C": 2019 Dominion Cribbage - After Action Report - LAC
- Annex "D": 2019 Dominion Cribbage - Participants Post-Championships Survey Responses
- Annex "E": 2019 Dominion Darts - After Action Report - Sports Rep
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- Annex "G": 2019 Dominion Darts - Participants Post-Championships Survey Responses
- Annex "H": 2019 Dominion Eight Ball - After Action Report - Sports Rep
- Annex "I": 2019 Dominion Eight Ball - Participants Post-Championships Survey Responses

7. 2020 DOMINION MEMBER SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2020 Dominion Member Sport Championships are scheduled to be held as follows:

Cribbage: 24 to 27 April 2020

Host: Branch #10-050 Conception Bay

60 Legion Road

Conception Bay South, NL A1X 6Y7

Sports Committee Representative: Berkley Lawrence

Darts: 1 to 4 May 2020

Host: Branch #05-060 Burlington

828 Legion Road

Burlington, ON L7S 1T5

Sports Committee Representative: Jerry Lava

Eight ball: 29 May to 1 June 2020

Host: Branch #02-104 Innisfail

1-5108 49 Ave

Innisfail, AB T4G 1R1

Sports Committee Representative: Keith Andrews

8. 2021 DOMINION MEMBER SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The call for applications to host the 2021 Dominion Member Sport Championships were sent out 21 February 2019 as an all branch and email to Provincial Commands with a deadline for returns 31 August 2019. Based on the submissions, the following branches were selected to host:

Cribbage: 23 to 26 April 2021

Host: Branch #02-015 Men of Vision
PO Box 183 Stn Main
Cochrane, AB T4C 1A5

Darts: 30 April to 3 May 2021

Host: Branch #01-004 Chilliwack
9350 Mary St
Chilliwack, BC V2P 4H1

Eight Ball: 28 to 31 May 2021

Host: Branch #10-051 Happy Valley-Goose Bay
PO Box 335 Stn B
Hpy-Vly-Goose, NL A0P 1E0

The chair instructed the committee coordinator to inform the selected branches, as well as thank the branches that applied.

ACTION: Committee Coordinator

Note: only 11 branches from six Provincial Commands submitted applications to host as follows:

Provincial Command	Number of Applications
BC/YT	5
AB/NT	2
SK	1
MB/NWO	0
ON	1
QC	0
NB	1
NS/NU	0
PE	0
NL	1
Total	11

9. 2022 DOMINION MEMBER SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dominion policy is to normally hold the Dominion Member Sports Championships in the following timeframes:

- i. Cribbage: Friday 22 April - Monday 25 Apr 2022 (Friday and Monday being arrival and departure days respectively).
- ii. Darts: Friday 29 April - Monday 2 May 2022 (Friday and Monday being arrival and departure days respectively).
- ii. Eight Ball: Friday 27 May – Monday 30 May 2022 (Friday and Monday being arrival and departure days respectively).

MOTION: It was moved that the preceding dates for 2022 be approved for the member sports championships listed.

CARRIED

A call for hosting applications will go out from Dominion Command to all Provincial Commands in early 2020. The deadline for submissions to Dominion Command will be 31 August 2020.

10. DOMINION MEMBER SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following items brought forward to the Dominion Command Sports Committee were discussed:

- a. The committee decided not to run singles and doubles at the same time for the Dominion Cribbage and Darts Championships. Since some Provincial Commands only send four players, players could be playing in both singles and doubles; therefore, those events could not occur simultaneously.
- b. The committee would like to encourage Local Organizing Committees to present a certificate for the Most Sportsmanlike participant at each Dominion Member Sports Championships to be voted by the other competitors at the event.
- c. Proposed Sports Guide Amendment – Sports Guide 302

The intent of this amendment is to ensure that all competitors are treated equally, despite their place of residence in relation to a national airport. The Sports Committee discussed that funding should be provided to cover transportation from a participant's place of residence instead of from the national airport nearest their place of residence.

MOTION: It was moved that section 302b of the Sports Guide be amended to read: "Providing up to \$700 towards transportation and mileage, for four competitors per

member sport event from their place of residence to the national airport nearest the site of the Championship and return. For Provincial Command team members choosing to travel by car to Dominion Member Sport Championships, each member whose vehicle is utilized for this purpose is provided the equivalent of the lowest available fare-saver airfare and mileage up to \$700 (from their place of residence to the national airport nearest the site of the Championship and return) OR the distance in kilometres as calculated by Dominion Command, whichever is less.”

CARRIED

It should be noted that this amendment has the potential to increase the 2020 Sports Committee budget by \$18,000 as each member sport participant travel total cost could increase to a maximum of \$28,000 (\$700 x 4 participants x 10 Provincial Commands).

- d. The committee decided to undergo a comprehensive review of the Sports Guide and member sports rules ensuring that feedback is collected from experts in the field and every Provincial Command prior to proposing any major changes.

11. 2019 LEGION NATIONAL YOUTH TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 43rd Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships took place 7-13 August 2019 in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. The total attendance was 721 athletes, including 314 Legion sponsored athletes, representing all 10 Provincial Commands, and 407 open category athletes. The athletes were supported by 38 Legion sponsored chaperones and 28 Legion sponsored coaches, as well as 120 open category coaches. There were approximately 2,000 spectators, officials and volunteers from all parts of Canada in attendance which included veterans, both retired and serving, covering all branches of service.

The program continued to consist of, for Legion athletes, instructional clinics, practice sessions, social activities and the actual meet. For 2019, a remembrance theme of the 75th anniversary of D-Day was prominent throughout. Legion Provincial Command athletes visited the Fortress of Louisbourg where two lucky athletes were given the opportunity to fire a ground-shaking canon at the top of the fortress.

The President of the Legion, Comrade Thomas D. Irvine, attended the opening ceremonies and was the official guest of honour. In attendance as well was Brian Weaver, Royal Canadian Legion Dominion Vice-President and Sports Committee Chair; Marion Fryday-Cook, Royal Canadian Legion NS/NU President; Jeff Ward, band member of Membertou Mi'kmaw community; Derek Mombourquette, MLA Sydney Whitney Pier - Provincial Minister of Nova Scotia; and Eldon MacDonald, Cape Breton Regional Municipality Councillor. The opening ceremony began with a parade led by Sergeant-at-Arms, Dave Piercy, and his Color Party, followed by the CBU Pipe and Drum Band. Legion teams representing all Provincial Commands followed by a group of open athletes made for a wonderful opening. Immediately following the ceremony, Dominion Command

hosted a reception on-site at Cape Breton University. Further receptions were held at Branch #138 Ashby for the chaperones and at Cape Breton University for the coaches on Saturday and Sunday respectively. The closing banquet was hosted at Cape Breton University in the Canada Games Complex on Monday evening. During the closing banquet, the President's Award, which recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, support and service to the Legion Nationals program, was presented to Helen and John Ladouceur.

From the opening ceremony through to the closing banquet, Canada's contributions to freedom and the sacrifices of our veterans formed the cornerstone of this event. This was projected through the content of speeches, event publications, local and national media outlets and event paraphernalia sporting the 75th anniversary of D-Day logo (i.e. on volunteer t-shirts, event bags, hats, bibs, event booklets, etc.). The program also included formal recognition of veterans who were invited guests to the championships, acted as chaperones, volunteered their services, and formed part of the event medal presenters. Other areas of remembrance were the medals presented which featured silhouettes that paid tribute to a battle waged by sea, land and air, the laying of a wreath by the Dominion President, and the two minutes of silence during the opening ceremonies.

The meet was held from 9-11 August under perfect weather conditions. The facility at Cape Breton University was in excellent condition and enhanced the overall competition. The meet itself was carried out over a full three-day period under the excellent organization of the meet director, Jonathan Doucette, the officials director, Anitra Stevens, and the technical advisor, Serge Thibaudeau. Eight meet records and one national record were broken. The top Legion female athlete, receiving the LeRoy Washburn trophy, was Jaeland Cummings from British Columbia and the top male athlete, receiving the Jack Stenhouse trophy, was Ryan Jacklin from Ontario.

Logistically the caterer provided excellent meals on site with a nutritionally designed menu developed in concert with a nutritional sport expert. The quarters used to house the Legion teams were in great condition at Cape Breton University. Transportation for staff and Legion teams was great.

For 2019, an extensive digital media campaign was conducted which included Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat and Google Ads. The digital media campaign was successful in reaching a large audience and bringing awareness to the Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships. Live coverage of the championships was also posted on social media, including a Facebook Live video broadcast of the field events.

The following shows results from the 2019 digital media efforts:

2019 follower growth across channels:

Facebook following grew +432 followers
Instagram following grew +1,000 followers
Twitter following grew +100 followers

Facebook post results between April & August 30, 2019:

Facebook impressions (amount of times people saw a post enter their screen): 692,051
Facebook engaged users (number of unique Facebook users who engaged with a post): 20,650
Facebook live video watchers (number of unique Facebook users who watched): 20,082
Facebook live video views (number of total views): 24,581

Facebook awareness paid ad results (leading up to event)

493,916 impressions
1,509 landing page views on website
\$0.99 per landing page view

Snapchat ad results:

419,854 impressions
7,122 swipe ups to the website

Google ad results:

18,092 impressions
1,993 clicks (11.02% click through rate) at \$0.99 a click

Additional promotion prior to the event was provided through advertisements at high school track and field championships, radio spots on Cape Breton Stingray radio and billboards throughout the Cape Breton Regional Municipality. Extensive coverage of the event was provided by the Cape Breton Post prior to, during and post event. During the championships, the track events were broadcasted via live streaming on AthleticsCanada.TV. Athletics Canada switched to a subscription based model this year and 2,027 viewers signed up for the paid account.

The Cape Breton community led by the LAC Chair, Thomas Young, of Branch #138, went above and beyond to provide the best possible experience for the athletes, coaches, chaperones and guests. The entire Cape Breton community rallied around the program providing a volunteer base of over 300. CFB Halifax was a strong supporter as well, along with the Cape Breton Highlanders, providing logistical support in the form of setting up modular tents and providing communication radios. In addition to hosting a fantastic meet, Cape Breton University showcased their outstanding hospitality and amazing campus through live music, games, recreational sports, an Amazing Race scavenger hunt and an epic paint battle. The Cape Breton Regional Municipality, the Province of Nova Scotia, Athletics Canada, Athletics Nova Scotia, Seaboard Transport, Professional Institute Public Service Canada and Programmed Insurance Brokers Inc. were additional gold level sponsors, along side 50 other local sponsors, who made the event possible.

The message of Remembrance was summed up by Legion athlete, Mikayla Boucher, during her speech at the closing banquet. "The mission of the Royal Canadian Legion is to support Veterans, promote Remembrance and strengthen communities. We wear our poppies tonight to acknowledge the importance of remembrance," said Boucher. "Countless Canadian lives have been dedicated to serving our nation, and it is crucial that

we always remember and honour the Fallen. We are asking each athlete to show their respect by visiting their local Legion to share their experiences at Legion Nationals and sincerely thank them for this amazing opportunity and their dedication to our country."

12. 2020 LEGION NATIONAL YOUTH TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

a. **Event Dates/Location/Update** – Cape Breton, Nova Scotia will host the 2020 Legion Nationals from 5-11 August 2020. The competition dates are 7-9 August 2020. Based on the success of the 2019 Legion Nationals, there are no major concerns at this time. There is tremendous support locally and provincially (over the two years, \$100,000 from Cape Breton University, \$100,000 from Cape Breton Regional Municipality and \$90,000 from the Province of Nova Scotia) and the Local Organizing Committee has been wonderful to work with to date. A final site visit will occur in the spring – dates to be confirmed.

b. **Schedule** – The first draft of the schedule has been developed as follows:

2020 LEGION NATIONALS SCHEDULE



Thursday August 6	Friday August 7	Saturday August 8	Sunday August 9	Monday August 10
Athlete Clinic & Practice	Competition	Competition	Competition	Local/Cultural Tour
Coaches Technical Meeting	Officials Appreciation Reception	Chaperones Appreciation Reception	Athlete Social	Closing Banquet
Opening Ceremony			Coaches Appreciation Reception	
DC Reception				



c. **Sponsorship** – Programmed Insurance Brokers Inc. will continue its \$20,000 sponsorship for 2020. MBNA will again be solicited for sponsorship funding, as will an assortment of companies including BMO.

d. **Remembrance Theme** – The selected remembrance theme for 2020 is the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. An accompanying theme will be Peacekeepers Day (9 August).



e. **Invitees** – The Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia will be invited to attend as the opening ceremony guest of honour. The invitation for a closing banquet guest of honour is still in the planning stages.

f. **Event Assistant** – Interviews for the event assistant will be conducted during the last week of November 2019 and an Algonquin College School of Sports Business Management student will be selected for a 2020 internship. The selected intern will begin the internship with the Legion during the first full week of January 2020.

g. **Athletics Canada** – As part of the Athletics Canada partnership, they will continue to provide merchandise and webcast support for 2020. In addition, Athletics Canada will provide a technical representative, as well as high performance athlete guest speakers.

h. **Head Chaperones** – It has been noted that there needs to be succession planning for when the current Head Chaperones are no longer in a position to volunteer. As such, consideration needs to be given to qualified replacements and those replacements must be exposed to the duties assigned to these positions during the next Legion Nationals.

13. **2021 & 2022 LEGION NATIONAL TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Dominion policy is to normally hold the Legion National Youth Track & Field Championships in the following timeframes which have been approved by the Dominion Command Sports Committee:

- i. 2021: 4-10 August 2021 (competition dates: 6-8 August)
- ii. 2022: 3-9 August 2022 (competition dates: 5-7 August)

The call for applications to host the 2021 & 2022 Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships was sent out 17 April 2019 as an all branch and email to Provincial Commands, as well as distributed to all members of the Canadian Sport Tourism Alliance.

As a result of an enhanced bid process and promotion of the event, multiple high-quality bids from various communities were received. Following a competitive review of the proposals, the Sports Committee selected Sherbrooke, Quebec to host the 2021 & 2022 Legion Nationals.

The chair instructed the committee coordinator to inform the selected host, as well as thank the municipalities that applied.

ACTION: Committee Coordinator

14. **2020 BUDGET REVIEW**

a. **2020 Legion National Track & Field Championships Budget** – The 2020 Legion Nationals Budget was presented and is attached at Annex “J”.

b. **2020 Sports Committee Budget** – The 2020 Sports Committee Budget was presented and is attached at Annex “K”.

15. REGIONAL REPRESENTATION – COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The current committee liaison tasks are assigned by the chair as follows:

NL/LAB and PE – Dave Flannigan

NS/NU and NB – Melvin Crowe

QC and ON – Brian Weaver

MB/NWO and BC/YT – Jerry Lava

SK and AB/NT – Keith Andrews

Committee members are requested to make and maintain contact with their associated provincial sports representatives and provide any feedback to the Dominion Command Sports Committee on Provincial Command concerns for both Legion member sports and track and field.

ACTION: Committee Members

16. NEW BUSINESS

The following new business item was raised:

a. The Sports Committee will attempt to work closer with the Membership Committee as Legion Sports can be used as an acquisition tool to attract new members.

17. NEXT MEETING OF THE DOMINION COMMAND SPORTS COMMITTEE

The next Sports Committee meeting will be scheduled by teleconference in early 2020.

18. CLOSING RITUAL AND ADJOURNMENT

The chair concluded the meeting by thanking the committee members for their insight and valued input. The meeting adjourned 23 November 2019 at 1600 hours EST and the chair conducted the closing ritual.



Brian Weaver
Chair



Lia Taha Cheng
Coordinator

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Dominion Past Presidents

Dominion Sports Committee Members

Provincial Command Executive Directors

Provincial Command Sports Representatives

Dominion Command Committee Coordinators and Assistant Coordinators

National Sports Teleconference

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**NATIONAL SPORTS TELECONFERENCE
4 FEBRUARY 2019, 1900 HRS EST
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**NATIONAL SPORTS TELECONFERENCE
4 FEBRUARY 2019
MEETING MINUTES**

ATTENDEES:

Dominion Sports Committee:

Chair	Brian Weaver
Vice Chair	Dave Flannigan
Member	Jerry Lava
Member	Keith Andrews
Secretary	Lia Taha Cheng

Provincial Sports Representatives:

BC/YT	Dale Johnston
BC/YT	Linda Candelaria
BC/YT	Bryan Lutz
AB/NT	Rosalind LaRose
SK	Roberta Taylor
SK	Carol Pedersen
ON	Nancy Briscoe
ON	John Crook
NB	Gary McDade
NS/NU	Robert Hoeg
NL	Paul Hillier

ABSENT:

Dominion Sports Committee:

Member	LeRoy Washburn
Member	Melvin Crowe
Asst Secretary	Angela Keeling Colkitt

Provincial Sports Representatives:

MB/NWO	Bob Penner
MB/NWO	John Edwards
QC	Norman Shelton
PE	Theresa Gallant
NL	Mary Burt

1. OPENING RITUAL

The meeting commenced at 1900 hours EST via teleconference on Monday, 4 February 2019. The Sports Committee Chair conducted the opening ritual.

2. SPORTS COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REMARKS

The chair welcomed the committee members and the Provincial Command sports representatives and relayed his appreciation for their commitment to the Legion Sports Program.

3. NEW BUSINESS

The chair entertained requests to add new agenda items. The following items were added for discussion:

- Legion Nationals Head Chaperones succession plan

4. 2019 DOMINION MEMBER SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2019 Dominion Member Sports Championships are scheduled to be held as follows:

Cribbage: 26 to 29 April 2019

Host: Branch #05-480 Westboro

391 Richmond Road

Ottawa, ON K2A 0E7

Sports Committee Representative: Keith Andrews

Darts: 3 to 6 May 2019

Host: Branch #08-078 Dominion

78 Neville Street

Dominion, NS B1G 1P6

Sports Committee Representative: Melvin Crowe

Eight ball: 24 – 27 May 2019

Host: Branch #07-004 Fredericton

PO Box 132 Station A

Fredericton, NB E3B 4Y2

Sports Committee Representative: Dave Flannigan

Information packages will be distributed to the Provincial Command executive directors and Provincial Command sports representatives in February 2019.

As per the information memo, Dominion Command will provide up to \$700 towards airfares for four competitors per member sport event from the national airport nearest their place of residence to the national airport nearest the site of the Championship and return. For Provincial Command team members choosing to travel by car to Dominion Member Sport Championships, each member whose vehicle is utilized for this purpose is provided the equivalent of the lowest available fare-saver airfare up to \$700 (from the national airport nearest their place of residence to the national airport nearest the site of the Championship and return) OR the distance in kilometres as calculated by Dominion Command, whichever is less. All flight bookings will be made through Dominion Command.

Provincial Commands must verify the provincial winners before any travel arrangements are made. Team lists should be sent to the Sports Committee Secretary as soon as possible.

As requested by Dominion Command, each Provincial Command provided the dates of their provincial qualifier tournaments (cribbage, darts and eight ball) in order to assist the Local Arrangements Committees (LACs) with their planning.

2019 LEGION MEMBER SPORTS			
PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP DATES			
Provincial Command	Cribbage April 26-29, 2019	Darts May 3-6, 2019	Eight Ball May 24-27, 2019
British Columbia/Yukon	March 22-24, 2019	March 29-31, 2019	n/a
Alberta/Northwest Territories	February 1-2, 2019	February 8-9, 2019	March 15-16, 2019
Saskatchewan	March 15-17, 2019	March 8-10, 2019	March 22-24, 2019
Manitoba/Northwest Ontario	March 8-10, 2019	April 12-14, 2019	April 26-28, 2019
Ontario	March 9, 2019	March 16, 2019	March 23, 2019
Quebec	October 20, 2018	March 9, 2019	n/a
New Brunswick	March 2, 2019	February 23, 2019	March 16, 2019
Nova Scotia/Nunavut	March 2, 2019	March 9-10, 2019	March 16-17, 2019
Prince Edward Island	March 2, 2019	March 9, 2019	February 23, 2019
Newfoundland/Labrador	March 22-23, 2019	March 22-23, 2019	March 2, 2019

As per DEC direction, it is mandatory that all Legion sponsored competitors attend the awards banquet held at the completion of every Legion Members Sport competition. In addition, all competitors attending a national tournament must adhere to a mandatory dress code to include, as a minimum, collared shirts, slacks and closed shoes.

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Eight ball: 29 May to 1 June 2020

Host: Branch #02-104 Innisfail
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Instruction packages will be distributed to applicable host branches following the completion of the 2019 Dominion Member Sports Championships.

It is important to note that only 13 branches from five Provincial Commands submitted applications to host as per below.

Provincial Command	Number of Applications
BC/YT	0
AB/NT	6
SK	0
MB/NOW	1
ON	3
QC	0
NB	2
NS/NU	0
PE	0
NL	1
Total	13

Provincial Commands will increase their communications surrounding hosting Dominion Member Sports Championships and will continue to develop strategies to enhance member engagement.

6. 2021 DOMINION MEMBER SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following dates for the 2021 Dominion Member Sport Championships are in accordance with article 306 of the Sports Guide:

- i. Cribbage: Friday 23 April - Monday 26 Apr 2021 (Friday and Monday being arrival and departure days respectively).
- ii. Darts: Friday 30 April - Monday 3 May 2021 (Friday and Monday being arrival and departure days respectively).
- ii. Eight Ball: Friday 28 May – Monday 31 May 2021 (Friday and Monday being arrival and departure days respectively).

Submissions are to be made by individual branches and must be submitted through their respective Provincial Command by 31 July 2019. Provincial Commands are asked to prioritize the applications they receive before submitting them to the Dominion Command Sports Committee for consideration by 31 August 2019.

7. DOMINION EIGHT BALL PARTICIPATION

In 2018, there were three Provincial Commands that did not participate in the Dominion Eight Ball Championships. BC/YT did not have a Provincial Championships as they did not have 50% of their zones participating in eight ball. MB/NWO cancelled their Provincial Championships as they did not have a host for the event. QC only had 11 teams interested; therefore, decided not to run a Provincial Eight Ball Championships.

These three Provincial Commands are requested to develop new strategies to increase branch engagement and minimize restrictions and barriers to participation.

8. DOMINION MEMBER SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS ELIGIBILITY

The following items brought forward to the Dominion Command Sports Committee were discussed:

a. Member in Good Standing

Dominion Member Sports Championships are open to members as defined in the General By-Laws of The Royal Canadian Legion. To be eligible, members must be in good standing and should have their membership card for the year in which the championship is being held in their possession at the site of the championship. Member in good standing means a member who is not under suspension or is not in arrears in payment of dues.

It was discussed that a member becomes a member in good standing as soon as they pay their dues; therefore, it does not have to be before 31 January. January 31 is only applicable when a member transfers from another branch.

b. Member Initiation

The Membership Application states: "Congratulations you are now an initiated member of the Royal Canadian Legion subject to Branch policy. Further welcoming ceremony processes are at the discretion of your local Branch."

The will of the Membership Committee was to allow branches to maintain their autonomy and continue with the traditional swearing in ceremony if they so wished. That said, to expedite the process of new members joining the Legion, the traditional swearing in ceremony is now optional and not required by the Branch.

Committee Members discussed the need for consistency between branches as some branches require individuals to be accepted by the branch before they can become a member which can take a considerable amount of time.

c. Volunteer Hours

In response to a question from Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command, branches may opt to institute a required minimum number of volunteer hours in order to qualify for funding to participate at the National level. In addition, for general play at the branch level, the branch itself can dictate who is eligible and/or under what requirements are needed to participate. However, it should be noted that any member in good standing is eligible to participate in a branch sports activity that is a qualifier for a Dominion Sports championship. Therefore, if a branch is hosting a qualifier to progress to the Dominion level for Darts, Cribbage or Eight Ball, any member in good standing would be entitled to participate with no branch

imposed restrictions.

The committee concluded that these three eligibility concerns require input from the Membership Committee, C&L Committee and DEC as there are multiple aspects to consider and discuss.

Action: Committee Chair

9. 2019 LEGION NATIONAL YOUTH TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

a. Event Dates/Location/Update

Cape Breton, Nova Scotia will host the 2019 Legion Nationals from 7-13 August 2019. The competition dates are 9-11 August.

A preliminary site visit was conducted 3-6 November 2018 and there are no major concerns at this time. There is tremendous support locally and provincially (over the two years, \$100,000 from Cape Breton University, \$100,000 from Cape Breton Regional Municipality and \$90,000 from the Province of Nova Scotia) and the Local Arrangements Committee has been wonderful to work with to date. A follow up site visit will occur in the spring – dates to be confirmed.

b. Schedule

The overall schedule has been confirmed and the competition schedule is currently being developed.

**2019 LEGION NATIONALS
SCHEDULE**



Thursday August 8	Friday August 9	Saturday August 10	Sunday August 11	Monday August 12
Athlete Clinic	Competition	Competition	Competition	Local/Cultural Tour
Athlete Practice	Opening Ceremony	Chaperones and Officials Appreciation Receptions	Athlete Social	Closing Banquet
Coaches Technical Meeting	Dominion Command Reception		Coaches Appreciation Reception	
				

c. Athletics Canada

The partnership between The Royal Canadian Legion and Athletics Canada has been re-established, with Athletics Canada providing merchandise and webcast support. In addition, Athletics Canada will provide a technical representative, as well as high performance athlete guest speakers.

d. Travel

Flight group bookings have been made for ON, MB/NOW, SK, AB/NT and BC/YT through WestJet, Air Canada and Porter Airlines. The remaining Provincial teams will be travelling by bus.

e. Remembrance Theme

The selected remembrance theme for 2019 is the 75th anniversary of D-Day. An accompanying theme will be Peacekeepers Day (9 August). The remembrance theme event logo is below.



10. 2020 LEGION NATIONAL YOUTH TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cape Breton, Nova Scotia will host the 2020 Legion Nationals from 5-11 August 2020. The competition dates are 7-9 August 2020.

11. 2021 & 2022 LEGION NATIONAL TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dominion policy is to normally hold the Legion National Youth Track & Field Championships in the following timeframes which have been approved by the Dominion Command Sports Committee:

- i. 2021: 4-10 August 2021 (competition dates: 6-8 August)

- ii. 2022: 3-9 August 2022 (competition dates: 5-7 August)

A call for hosting applications will go out from Dominion Command to all Provincial Commands and interested municipalities. The document is currently being developed in conjunction with Athletics Canada and will be shared with the Dominion Command Sports Committee prior to general distribution.

12. LEGION NATIONALS GENERAL

The following items brought forward to the Dominion Command Sports Committee were discussed:

a. Best Practices

In order to share best practices and enhance the overall athlete experience, a Dropbox folder was set-up for Provincial Commands to share items such as selection criteria, welcome emails to the athletes, memos to the chaperones and coaches, roles and responsibilities, templates, etc.

Dominion Command requested that each Provincial Command share their Legion Team Selection Criteria through Dropbox.

Action: Provincial Commands

b. Proposed Sports Guide Amendment – Sports Guide 707

The intent of this amendment is to ensure that the Legion Nationals coaching criteria are consistent with the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) standards and Athletics Canada requirements.

As per section 707 of the current Sports Guide, the criteria for coaches are as follows:

b. Each Provincial Command must name one coach as the Head Coach and that person should be fully certified at Level 3. All remaining team coaches should require a Level 2 certification. There may be exceptions to this rule; and

c. Each provincial athletic association is permitted to designate no more than two additional coaches of Level 1 or 2 to accompany their team for certification purposes.

In the last 10 years, the NCCP has transitioned away from delivering Level 1, 2, and 3 programming. The Levels-NCCP system has been replaced by coach training opportunities that are grouped into three main streams: Competition, Instruction, and Community Sport.

Specific to track and field, Level 3 has been replaced with Performance Coach, Level 2 has been replaced with Club Coach, and Level 1 has been replaced with Sport Coach. Upon consultation with the Athletics Canada Coaching Advisory Council, replacing each

level with their respective new designation would not be appropriate for the age group and long-term athlete development (LTAD) stage of Legion Nationals athletes. The Athletics Canada website states: "The Performance Coach certification is for coaches who are coaching year round, 40 or more weeks a year and 5-10 sessions a week. The athletes they are responsible for are competing at the national level in the junior or senior categories. The training for this course is event group focused. The main focus of this course is annual planning and periodization." Note the reference to "junior and senior" categories, not youth, as for Legion Nationals athletes.

Since Athletics Canada's Performance Coach certification is required for coaches who are working with U20 or older athletes, the following recommendations are brought forward for DEC consideration and approval:

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that section 707b of the Sports Guide be amended to read: "Each Provincial Command must name one coach as the Head Coach and that *person has to be a fully certified National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) club coach. All other team coaches require NCCP club coach trained certification.* There may be exceptions to this rule."

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that section 707c of the Sports Guide be amended to read: "Each provincial athletic association is permitted to designate no more than two additional *NCCP club or sport trained coaches* to accompany their team *for professional development purposes.*"

c. Track & Field Championships Provincial Chairs Meeting

As a result of the success of the 2018 Track & Field Championships Provincial Chairs Meeting, another meeting will be held during the 2019 Legion Nationals. The meeting is not mandatory and a conference call line will be open for those who are not already at the Championships. The intent of the meeting is to provide chairs with the opportunity to share knowledge, discuss best practices and onboard new provincial chairs as required. The proposed date is Monday, 12 August 2019 – to be confirmed.

13. REGIONAL REPRESENTATION – COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The current committee liaison tasks are assigned as follows:

NL/LAB and PE – Dave Flannigan

NS/NU and NB – Melvin Crowe

QC and ON – Brian Weaver

MB/NWO and BC/YT – Jerry Lava

SK and AB/NT – Keith Andrews

Sports Committee members will make and maintain contact with their associated provincial sports representatives and provide any feedback to the Dominion Command Sports Committee on Provincial Command concerns for both Legion member sports and track and field.

14. NEW BUSINESS

The following new business items were raised:

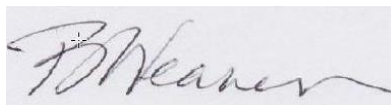
a. Legion Nationals Head Chaperones succession plan

It was discussed that there needs to be succession planning when the current Head Chaperones are no longer in a position to volunteer. As such, consideration needs to be given to qualified replacements and those replacements must be exposed to the duties assigned to these positions.

15. CLOSING RITUAL AND ADJOURNMENT

The chair concluded the meeting by thanking the committee members and the Provincial Command sports representatives for their insight and valued input. The chair conducted the closing ritual and the meeting adjourned 4 February 2019 at 2000 hours EST.

The contents of Committee minutes are subject to the approval of Dominion Executive Council or Dominion Convention as appropriate.



Brian Weaver
Chair



Lia Taha Cheng
Secretary

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Provincial Command Executive Directors
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**DOMINION REPRESENTATIVE
2019 DOMINION CRIBBAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS
POST-CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT**

The 2019 Dominion Cribbage Championships were held from 26-29 April in Ottawa, ON by branch #480.

GENERAL

Dominion Representative's Name: _____

Number of Competitors: _____

Did all Provincial Commands participate? Yes No

If no, please list Provincial Commands that did not participant:

TRANSPORTATION

1. Please provide any comments from the Committee about the transportation:

2. Please provide any comments from the participants about the transportation:

ACCOMMODATIONS

3. Did the selected host hotels/motels meet the standard expected? Yes No

If no, please provide feedback:

ORGANIZATION

4. Please provide any comments from the Committee about how the tournament was organized:





5. Please provide any comments from the participants about how the tournament was organized:

6. Was the LAC prepared to conduct the event? Yes No
If no, please provide feedback:

7. Did all Teams attend the final banquet? Yes No
If no, please list Provincial Command teams that were absent:

8. Was an event booklet provided? Yes No

9. Please list what you felt were the best three things about this tournament:

10. Please list what you felt were the main three things requiring improvement:

GENERAL COMMENTS

11. Please provide any general comments:



2019 DOMINION CRIBBAGE AFTER ACTION REPORT

Compiled by Doug Cody with input from committee chairs.

Accommodations

- Had 2 choices for hotels that were close to the Legion Branch
- Utilized MEETING ENCORE to determine best choice and to make contract. This company does not cost us. Payment to company comes from the hotel. We were very satisfied with Meeting Encore's service. They work nation-wide.
- One team (PEI) stayed at hotel in Gatineau due to insufficient space at the event hotel. They were provided with name of ("sister") hotel.
- Note: At future event if an overbooking occurs I suggest that the team / person contact the Legion Branch to see if there are any close alternatives.
- We had a greeter at the hotel on the main day of arrivals (Friday) only.
- We provided a local map of places of interest within walking distance of the hotel (banks, liquor outlet, drug store, etc.)
- District sports person only stayed at hotel for one night due to disturbances from a youth sports team that was also at the hotel. Hotel only charged for the one night.

Sport

- Branch had some cribbage boards. Remainder borrowed from Zone.
- Cards purchased from Costco in bulk pack.
- Extra pegs were required and were purchased online.
- Admin paperwork looked after by Zone / District event convenors.
- Event convenor provided computer and projector to display info during competition and to email results.
- Event convenor provided floor play for tables for competition.
- Registration table manned by event convenor on Friday evening.
- Referee from Zone.

Entertainment

- Entertainment provided Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights for this event.
- Westboro Legion normally charges for its Saturday entertainment (\$2.00 for Legion members and L.A. members from any Branch and \$5.00 for all others). For this event entertainment was free for all for all three nights.
- Note: Low turnout on Sunday evening due to early flights out on Monday. We would not recommend having Sunday evening entertainment.

Transportation

- Acquired 3 courtesy vans from local company at no charge Friday through Monday.
- Branch paid for insurance and gas for the courtesy vehicles.
- When vehicles were picked up copy of those driver's licenses were provided. Those drivers who did not pick up the vehicles had their licenses photocopied and provided to company.
- Some personal vehicles were utilized to cover high volume times.
- No insurance required for personal vehicles as drivers were volunteers and received no financial compensation.
- Transport from airport provided only on main day of arrival. Competitors that arrived on other days were responsible for their own means to get to the hotel.
- Signs were made for vehicles to indicate that they were for the Legion event.
- We did not have gas cards. All vehicles were refueled by one person who was reimbursed later.
- Branch does not have its own parking. In addition to places we utilize outside of regular business hours we had permission to park at a local funeral home when it was not in use for a service.
- Transport Chair scheduled drivers Friday through Monday – airport and local.
- Driver's cell phone numbers provided to Transport Chair and Airport Greeter.
- Schedule of arrivals and departures and contact info provided by Dominion Command and given to Transport Chair, Airport Greeter and Hotel Greeter.
- On Friday vehicles parked at "cell phone" parking which was close to airport pickup point and available for immediate pickups.
- Drivers were at Branch and hotel Friday, Saturday and Sunday to move people as required. Also undertook trips to War Museum, downtown and shopping as time permitted.
- On Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights last ride from Branch to hotel was scheduled for 11:30 p.m. After that time people were required to arrange their own rides.
- We provided one group a ride to the airport on Tuesday as a courtesy because we had a vehicle and driver available. It was appreciated.

Bar

- Asked for and received donation of wine from distributor.
- Competition held in downstairs hall. Bar opened downstairs on Saturday and Sunday at 11:00 for those who were interested.
- Upstairs bar normally opens at 12:00. Opened at 11:00 on Saturday and Sunday to be consistent.
- Draft machine brought in for downstairs use.

Food

- Food looked after by Branch's kitchen manager (a Scouter).
- Kitchen staffed by members of Scout Group (Service Alliance, ages 17 – 25) which is sponsored by Westboro Legion.
- Grocery stores solicited for donations. Limited response.
- Some food items donated by a member who has a business.
- As per Dominion Command all lunches and snacks during play were free for competitors.
- Branch provided breakfasts, lunches, snacks, Friday icebreaker and Saturday supper free to all volunteers.
- All competitors and volunteers paid for Sunday supper.
- A number of guests did not pay for Sunday awards dinner – Ottawa city councilor, Zone G-5 Commander, Legion Magazine correspondent. Dominion Sports Committee Secretary insisted on paying for her meal so as to support Branch.
- Branch made numbered meal tickets for each meal to assist tracking of sales – eg. Saturday Breakfast, Sunday breakfast. Tickets sold at merchandise table.
- Table cloths used for awards dinner.
- Meal served by cadet corps which is sponsored by Westboro Legion.
- Surplus unopened fresh food, eg. carrots, were donated to local food bank.
- Surplus unopened sealed food, eg. sliced meat, were sold. Money to crib funds.

Opening

- Standard meeting opening.
- Flags were in place for ceremony. Provided by Dominion Command.
- Stands were provided by Branch and Scout Group.
- Provincial Command Chairman attended opening.

Public Relations

- Branch photographer took photos throughout event.
- Group photo of competitors taken in front of Branch.
- Connected with Legion Magazine writer ahead of event. She attended throughout. Took pictures and conducted interviews for article.
- Contacted local print and television media ahead of time to advertise event. No one came but it was believed that we did not fit news schedules.

Souvenir Bag

- Bags provided by local company.
- Items in bag from Branch (booklet, ribbon, key chain, chocolate), City of Ottawa (pin), Ottawa Tourism (brochure, map), Province of Ontario (pin, MPP pen), War Museum (brochure), Molson's (bag, shirt).
- Note: Lunch meal tickets should be placed in bags so competitors don't purchase them.

Booklet

- Most info from outside Branch provided in good time.
- Good communication with Dominion for required changes.

Awards Event

- Dominion brought in awards, 29 pins, crests and pins ahead of time.
- Singles prize presented by Ottawa City Councilor.
- Doubles prize presented by last years' winners.
- Team prize presented by Zone G-5 Commander.
- Host prize presented by Dominion Sports Secretary.
- 3 gifts presented to host branch from teams (NB, PEI, Sask).
- Positive comments from provincial teams.
- MPP had participation certificates for all participants.

Fundraising

- Budget made.
- Dominion asked to provide grants and did.
- Courtesy vehicles donated by local company.
- Raffles (pre)
 - a. Ottawa Senators tickets and jersey donated.
 - b. Raffle held at local work establishment.
 - c. Monthly raffle (Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr) at Branch. Some prizes donated.
- Raffle (during)
 - a. "Chinese" raffle
- Financial donations from Westboro Ladies Auxiliary, Scout Group, food stores.
- Item donations from CAA, local business, members
- Nevada sales (all proceeds to Branch Lottery Account)
- Intended to do a number of 50/50 draws before and during. We found that the pre – event 50 / 50 s were already committed and our financial situation indicated that they were not required during the event. This put less pressure on the competitors to have to spend money to support the event.
- Branch sold meal tickets.
- Branch also had merchandise table (hats, pins, etc.) with funds going directly to Branch General Account.

Relations With Dominion Command

- Good communications.
- Good relations.

Keys to our success were getting organized early, having a good (realistic) budget and having people work together.

2019 Dominion Cribbage

Participant Post- Championships Survey

RESULTS

Our Mission is to serve Veterans, which includes serving military and RCMP members and their families, to promote remembrance and to serve our communities and our country.



1.0 Overview

The 2019 Dominion Cribbage Championships took place April 26-29, 2019, in Ottawa, Ontario, at branch #05-480. The singles event first place winner was Bill Nelligen from branch #01-024 Cranbrook. The doubles first place winners were Dennis Fewer and Anne Dubuc from branch #10-012 Grand Falls. The team event was won by Jim McCaffery, Ron Sherwood, Ed McFadzen and Kathy Sullivan of branch #07-004 Fredericton.

Following the event, provincial teams were asked to fill out a questionnaire describing the competition, the accommodations and food, and their overall experience. Below is a summary of the questionnaire responses.

2.0 Submitted Questionnaires

	# of Forms
AB/NWT	1
BC/YT	2
MB/NWO	1
NB	2
NL/LAB	-
NS/NU	1
ON	1
PEI	2
QC	-
SK	1
TOTAL:	11

8 out of 10 provinces submitted the survey, providing 11 responses.

3.0 Questionnaire Results

Question	Yes	No	Additional Comments
Prior to the event, did you receive the information you required from Dominion Command?	100%(11)	0%(0)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excellent Communication
Prior to the event, did the flight booking process (if applicable) meet the standard expected?	90% (9)	10% (1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excellent! Good communication, excellent service.

Prior to the event, did you receive the information you required from the local organizing committee?	100% (11)	0% (0)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well co-ordinated
Did the transportation provided by the local organizing committee meet the standard expected?	100% (11)	0% (0)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excellent Over and above expectations, they were great First class, the volunteers were exceptional Very good The transportation committee did a wonderful job transporting us from the Legion to our hotel and vice versa
Did the selected host hotel meet the standard expected?	100% (11)	0% (0)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The host hotel was a bit over priced for the quality. Too far from the Legion Not enough rooms were blocked Booking at hotel were filled, was not told about hotel next door, found our hotel in Gatineau Great room, excellent restaurant Couldn't ask for better Yes, they were wonderful to me and the guys as well. Especially the front desk staff. Even the guys down in the restaurant were very prompt in serving us. Over all it was a wonderful 4 days.
Did the Organization of the tournament meet the standard expected?	100% (11)	0% (0)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well organized Very welcoming and gracious Yes everything went very well and for the crowd that we had it was great. Yes all the workers did a great job.
Did the meals provide by the local organizing committee meet the standard expected?	81.8% (9)	18.2% (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We did not partake in all the meals as we have dietary restrictions. Most participants went elsewhere for meals as well. The meals were a bit disappointing. However, we liked that they supported local groups (scouts, etc.). We didn't notice coffee, snacks, fruit, muffins, cheese available as we have at other events. Perfect Well done Yes the meals that were provided were great. The Banquet was lovely but we were all happy just to stay at the Legion and go to the restaurant in the hotel after we went back to our rooms.

Did the final banquet meet the standard expected?	90.9% (10)	9.1% (1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short and sweet • Great use of cadets, impressive • The banquet was lovely, and delicious
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3.1 What did you enjoy most about the event?

- Comradeship
- As always, the people, friendly
- Great organization
- An event we'll remember forever
- Meeting new people and enjoying the friendship
- The fellowship between various Comrades
- Host Legion was very well prepared and accommodating
- It was an amazing first time ever

3.2 Overall Experience

How would you rate your personal experience?

Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
90.9% (10)	9.1% (1)	-	-

4.0 Additional Comments and Suggestions

- Going to the War Museum was something I'll never forget
- Can't imagine anyone improving on your tournament
- Everything was great, no problems, great job
- It was a great exciting tournament! Thank you for the experience.
- First time at this event. I was very impressed how well things ran
- All in all was good



**DOMINION REPRESENTATIVE
2019 DOMINION DARTS CHAMPIONSHIPS
POST-CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT**

The 2019 Dominion Darts Championships were held from 3-6 May in Dominion, NS by branch #08-078.

GENERAL

Dominion Representative's Name: MEH CROWE

Number of Competitors: 50 COMRADES COMPETED

Did all Provincial Commands participate? Yes No

If no, please list Provincial Commands that did not participant:

TRANSPORTATION

1. Please provide any comments from the Committee about the transportation:

I DID NOT RECIEVE ANY COMMENTS OTHER THEN, THAT
COMPETITORS WERE PICKED UP WHEN SCHEDULED.

2. Please provide any comments from the participants about the transportation:

THE ONLY COMMENTS THAT WERE PASSED ON TO ME
WAS THAT TRANSPORTATION WAS COMFORTABLE AND ON TIME.

ACCOMMODATIONS

3. Did the selected host hotels/motels meet the standard expected? Yes No

If no, please provide feedback:

ORGANIZATION

4. Please provide any comments from the Committee about how the tournament was organized:

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE WERE THAT THIS WAS
ONE OF THE BEST ORGANIZED TOURNAMENTS THEY HAVE ATTENDED





5. Please provide any comments from the participants about how the tournament was organized:

COMMENTS PROVIDED: WELL ORGANIZED, FRIENDLY VOLUNTEERS
GREAT VENUE, FOOD & BAR PRICES WERE GREAT.

6. Was the LAC prepared to conduct the event? Yes No
If no, please provide feedback:

7. Did all Teams attend the final banquet? Yes No
If no, please list Provincial Command teams that were absent:

8. Was an event booklet provided? Yes No

9. Please list what you felt were the best three things about this tournament:

VERY WELL ORGANIZED & WELL RUN, THE BRANCH 78
VOLUNTEERS WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY TO PROVIDE A FRIENDLY
ATMOSPHERE, THE POSITIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PARTICIPANTS

10. Please list what you felt were the main three things requiring improvement:

- ① REINFORCE THE DRESS CODE FOR PARTICIPANTS!
- ② MAKE SURE THAT PARTICIPANTS ARRIVE ON TIME FOR THE BANQUET.
- ③ THE DRESS CODE FOR THE CLOSING BANQUET SHOULD BE SOMETHING THAT IS ADDRESSED FOR FUTURE TOURNAMENTS.

GENERAL COMMENTS

11. Please provide any general comments:

THE OVERALL TOURNAMENT WAS VERY WELL ORGANIZED
AND RUN PROPERLY. THE PARTICIPANTS WERE MADE
TO FEEL AT HOME BY THE FRIENDLY VOLUNTEERS OF
BRANCH 78 DOMINION, THIS WAS APPARENT BY THE
MANY POSITIVE COMMENTS FROM THE VARIOUS COMPETITORS
REPRESENTING THE TEAMS ATTENDING THE CLOSING BANQUET.



After Action Report 2019 Dominion Dart Championships

Dates: Dart Championships May 3 -6

Participants: There were 50 dart shooters plus some guests.

Accommodation: Most of the players and guest's stay at Travel Lodge in Sydney NS.4

Dominion Command Accommodation: None needed.

Economic Impact: Approximately \$ 40,000.00

Transportation: All Dart shooters and guests were picked up at the airport and taken to the hotel, This was done by shuttle buses and bus. They were met at the airport by members in uniform and people dressed in period costumes from Fortress Louisbourg.

Meal Plans: The kitchen staff had a great meal plan that feature a hot and cold breakfast, A hot lunch whatever they want for free and a hot supper.

Grants: We received \$ 2,400.00 from Dominion Command plus \$ 5,000.00 from CBRM

Information Package: A copy was sent to Command and Command distributed to the players

Daily Schedule of Events: A few players arrived Thursday but most of the players arrived Friday May 3th. I held registration Friday evening at the Hotel. We gave each participant a bag with booklets, A Dart Bell with Dominion 2019 on it and other goodies. They were provided with live entertainment Friday night and that was very well received.

Opening ceremonies were held at Saturday at 9am. We had a bag piper from the Cape Breton Highlanders to lead the way. Dignitaries follow behind him that all the teams carrying their flags. Went very well. Saturday evening Hired a band for the Participants at the legion none of the players showed up. THE tournament Schedule for Saturday and Sunday all started on time.

Sunday the Tournament continue with the 4person team event. Ran very smoothly. Sunday evening at 6 pm closing Banquet commence with Dignitaries including local politicians and Dominion Command Rep Mel Crowe, and Myself and Cape Breton Zone 2 Commander George Della Valla who MC the event. All awards were handed out and a great roast beef dinner was provided.

Monday all players and guest were Bus to the airport for their departure home.

Souvenir Booklet: A detailed souvenir booklet was done up for the players and anyone who came into the legion to watch the tournament. It had messages from Dominion Command President, Myself and local politicians. It listed all the players and where they are from and provinces and territories they represent.

Name Tags: There were no name tags provided.

Championship Pictures: Pictures were taken of all teams and winners. They were sent to Dominion Command.

Trophies: Dominion Provided all trophies and plaques. They were shipped back to Command when the tournament was finished.

After Action Report: I was pleased that it went very well. The players said it was one of the best run tournament they been to. I ended up running the schedule and score keeping and overall running that part of the tournament. Only thing I like to change is that all players wear the same shirts that represent their province. Some teams never had them. I was very pleased that the singles and doubles were televised on Seaside cable and stream right across Canada. The players thought that this was amazing.

Submitted by Paul Prince President of Br 78 Legion Dominion

2019 Dominion Darts

Participant Post- Championships Survey

RESULTS

Our Mission is to serve Veterans, which includes serving military and RCMP members and their families, to promote remembrance and to serve our communities and our country.



1.0 Overview

The 2019 Dominion Darts Championships took place May 3-6, 2019, in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, at branch #08-078. The singles event first place winner was Nick Smith from branch #08-112 Lawrencetown. The doubles first place winners were Bryce Book and Connor Book from branch #01-052 Kamloops. The team event was won by Coady Burke, Jason Smith, Willie MacIsaac and Sheldon Fudge of branch #08-156 Macdonald Memorial.

Following the event, provincial teams were asked to fill out a questionnaire describing the competition, the accommodations and food, and their overall experience. Below is a summary of the questionnaire responses.

2.0 Submitted Questionnaires

	# of Forms
AB/NWT	1
BC/YT	2
MB/NWO	1
NB	1
NL/LAB	2
NS/NU	-
ON	1
PEI	-
QC	1
SK	-
TOTAL:	9

7 out of 10 provinces submitted the survey, providing 9 responses.

3.0 Questionnaire Results

Question	Yes	No	Additional Comments
Prior to the event, did you receive the information you required from Dominion Command?	100%(9)	0%(0)	
Prior to the event, did the flight booking process (if applicable) meet the standard expected?	100%(9)	0%(0)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> However unexpected baggage expense

Prior to the event, did you receive the information you required from the local organizing committee?	66.7% (6)	33.3% (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No information from the host, only Dominion Command
Did the transportation provided by the local organizing committee meet the standard expected?	100% (9)	0% (0)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very good service
Did the selected host hotel meet the standard expected?	100% (9)	0% (0)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beautiful
Did the Organization of the tournament meet the standard expected?	100% (9)	0% (0)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lovely people
Did the meals provide by the local organizing committee meet the standard expected?	100% (9)	0% (0)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes they were great
Did the final banquet meet the standard expected?	87.5% (7)	12.5% (1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The lady that was singing that evening was a added bonus

3.1 What did you enjoy most about the event?

- Location
- The class and overall stiff competition of all players. No disrespect to anyone by anyone
- I enjoyed meeting the other members. It is a great competition but that always is secondary to the friendship I have made
- The hospitality of the branch towards the players
- Playing darts
- Meeting old and new dart friends
- The people

3.2 Overall Experience

How would you rate your personal experience?

Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
33.3% (3)	55.6% (5)	11.1% (1)	-

4.0 Additional Comments and Suggestions

- Always a fun time
- As I don't always attend I noticed that the Dress code was not adhered to, including one of my own players and he has since be spoken to. The hospitality from the host branch members was truly phenomenal and I have never in any event I have attended, be it Legion or other organizations seen as many Volunteers as we did that weekend. Great Job!
- Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario need to have their provincials earlier I the year so we are able to book flights and vacation time off work.
- The transportation in BC in 2015 was a bit more personal. They would provide a ride anywhere at anytime, for food or even took my wife to a shopping center when she wished. I would like to also note that some competitors were wearing jeans and not the proper dress pants. We ensure each person is in the proper attire right from the district level in our province of Newfoundland. I am a believer that once you leave your branch to move on to Districts and then Provincials, proper dress pants and collared shirts should be worn. Definitely at the National Level. (I believe it is actually stated in the rules) This should be more enforced at the provincial level and made adhered to by the Provincial Directors. Now that has no effect on the darts or the competition in general. The darts were great, the venue was great, and the hosts were second to none.
- Just one thing we won the nationals in 2015 in Cloverdale B.C and never received any prizes but when we were at other nationals we watched other teams get prizes for winning (I'm not complaining I loved every minute of it but just curious) and that was for the four man team

“Dominion Pool” Report 2019

First of all I would to thank our Dominion Sport Chair, Brian Weaver, for the opportunity to be the Dominion Representative for the 2019 National Pool, in Fredericton, NB. Previously, being the very first Dominion Sports Chair to host the inaugural National Pool in 2012, it was special to return again as the Dominion Rep and witness the changes that have taken place since we started this

Member Sport. A lot of work has been done to make this event more attractive to Members and to help the host Branches organize the event.

After a very long day of travel, I finally arrived in Fredericton and was picked up by Comrade Gary McDade, Co-Chair of the event and was dropped off at my hotel at 2:10 am.

Thursday: Was picked up at the hotel by Gary McDade at 9:30am for a 10am meeting with the LAC Committee. It was very evident that they had everything in order and worked very hard to get the Branch ready, as they only just moved into this new venue one week before. It was a great show of Members working together, with a common goal in mind, “Get er done”. The meeting went well with all questions being answered and a final plan put in place. I was given a full tour of the facility and was pleased with the venue.

Friday: Met with the LAC and set up the tables for registration and the scorekeeper. Registration started at 5pm, with practice and “meet and greet” ongoing through the evening. Was great to see the Comradeship between the returning competitors and meeting some new players. In some cases, these friendship last for a lifetime. There were a lot of questions being asked, so I called a Captains meeting for 8:30, to help iron out some concerns. There was a lot of debate on the “All Fouls” Rule, compared to the “ Cueball Foul Only rule”. We decide to play as it is in the Legion Rules with calling All Fouls for this

tournament and I would bring back to the Dominion Sports Committee for review and decision for the future. A few other queries were brought forth for discussion and we agreed upon our format of play for this tournament. This saved a lot of time in the morning. Everyone stayed around at the Branch until about 11:30 and then headed back to their respective hotels.

Saturday: Never got started until late in the morning as some teams turned up a little late.

We lined up outdoors and conducted the Parade and Wreath Laying and then came inside to conduct the opening Ceremonies.

Immediately after, we had the scheduled Captains meeting and the Scorekeeper laid out just how the scoring and schedule would be done and "All" agreed that's the way to go. Play started at 9:30am. The Singles Play commenced and as the day played on, it was more evident that they were getting more and more relaxed with every game. Was a very long day with play not ending until 11:30 pm.

Sunday: As there were no apparent issues, the Co Chairs and myself didn't bother with a Captains meeting, so we started play right away at 9am. Everything was going great until late afternoon someone noticed that the scoring was not being done the same as last year. As it became an issue, we stopped play and I called a Captains meeting right away. After a long debate, it was realized that there was a mistake made in understanding how it was to be scored, but, as it was too advanced into the tournament now, the Co Chairs and myself decided that we would proceed with the way they had planned from the start, as it would be fair to all participants. Note: We have to make the scoring chart more clear for the Scorekeepers and Lac's in the future. As play went on, I felt there should be a Most Sportsmanlike Player for this tournament, and they all agreed, so I gave everyone a piece of paper and they wrote down their choice. We finished the Doubles Playoff and then started playing the Singles playoffs. All play was over around 4pm and everyone went back to their hotels to get ready for the banquet.

Banquet: The catered meal was delicious. No complaints. I thanked everyone for putting off such a perfect event, especially after just moving into the Venue. The whole LAC did an awesome job.

After the meal, we commented with the presentation of Awards.

First Place Team:

Manitoba NWT, St Boniface Branch # 43

Curtis Beaudoin

Richard Urbanik

Neil Shore

Richard Martinson

Second Place Team:

New Brunswick, Miramichi Branch # 10

Shawn Stewart

Greg Gauthier

Jerry Carroll

Danny Carroll

First Place Doubles:

Manitoba NWT, St Boniface Branch # 43

Curtis Beaudoin

Richard Urbanik

Second Place Doubles:

Newfoundland Labrador, Branch # 47, Labrador City

Carl Pike

Bob Hall

First Place Singles:

New Brunswick, Miramichi, Branch # 10

Greg Gauthier

**Second Place Singles:
Newfoundland Labrador, Branch # 47, Labrador City
Carl Pike**

All in all, this tournament turned out perfect and I seen a lot of very pleased Legionnaires, that might not even be Members if it were not for our Membership Sports Programs. We need to promote our Membership Sports as a Membership recruitment program.

**In Comradeship,
Dave Flannigan**

2019 Dominion Eight Ball

Participant Post- Championships Survey

RESULTS

Our Mission is to serve Veterans, which includes serving military and RCMP members and their families, to promote remembrance and to serve our communities and our country.



1.0 Overview

The 2019 Dominion Eight Ball Championships took place May 24-27, 2019, in Fredericton, New Brunswick, at branch #07-004. The singles event first place winner was Greg Gauthier from branch #07-010 Miramichi. The doubles first place winners were Curtis Beaudoin and Richard Urbanik from branch #04-043 Norwood & St Boniface. The team event was won by Curtis Beadoin, Richard Martinson, Richard Urbanik and Neil Shore of branch #04-043 Norwood & St Boniface.

Following the event, provincial teams were asked to fill out a questionnaire describing the competition, the accommodations and food, and their overall experience. Below is a summary of the questionnaire responses.

2.0 Submitted Questionnaires

	# of Forms
AB/NWT	1
MB/NWO	3
NB	-
NL/LAB	3
NS/NU	1
ON	1
PEI	1
SK	-
Unknown	1
TOTAL:	11

6 out of 8 provinces submitted the survey, providing 11 responses.

3.0 Questionnaire Results

Question	Yes	No	Additional Comments
Prior to the event, did you receive the information you required from Dominion Command?	100%(11)	0%(0)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding communication Very informative and helpful. Support was available and accessible at all times.
Prior to the event, did the flight booking process (if applicable) meet the standard expected?	100%(11)	0%(0)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worked closely with Lia Dominion Command accommodated differences in our needs as per our location.

Prior to the event, did you receive the information you required from the local organizing committee?	100% (11)	0% (0)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everything we needed
Did the transportation provided by the local organizing committee meet the standard expected?	100% (11)	0% (0)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did not require. However, we saw them in action. Awesome Top-notch hospitality. Gary and LAC from branch 4 were awesome.
Did the selected host hotel meet the standard expected?	100% (11)	0% (0)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excellent And more. Hotel 1st class
Did the Organization of the tournament meet the standard expected?	90,9% (10)	9.1% (1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very organized and knowledgeable B/O table not replaced. 16hr day and 10hr day. Far too long. The host branch experienced a need to move their entire operation due to flooding. It greatly is appreciated the immense efforts taken to reset the venue and provide a quality experience for all.
Did the meals provide by the local organizing committee meet the standard expected?	100% (11)	0% (0)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fantastic food and service Thanks given to the volunteers and staff cannot be over stated.
Did the final banquet meet the standard expected?	100% (11)	0% (0)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unbeatable Very good banquet Great food, great people and the presentations highlighted to a wonderful closing.

3.1 What did you enjoy most about the event?

- Everything
- Meeting new and old friends and great rivalries
- Comradeship
- Meeting comrades from all over Canada.
- Meeting and making new friends and seeing a part of the country I have never seen
- Meeting players from all across country and enjoying local hospitality.
- All Great
- The people, comrades all. Whether players, organizers, volunteers or spectators, everyone gave a bit of themselves to make this a shared event.

3.2 Overall Experience

How would you rate your personal experience?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
	72.7% (8)	18.2% (2)	9.1% (1)	-
Comments	A lot of fun! Lia is a treasure		Only because of the flood	

4.0 Additional Comments and Suggestions

- Love to visit this Branch again and spend time in this lovely city of Fredericton.
- Allow the winning 4 man team to return the following year to defend the championship providing it has 3 of its original members
- 4 tables for tournament so we don't have to wait as long between games
- Sufficient # of tables to reduce the length of days. Tournament can start Friday night with a couple of rounds. Otherwise, all was good. Lots of fun!!!!
- My personal thought and was talked about with a few of the fellow players would be defending team gets auto invite to following year to defend and would add to the turnout at the event I think a win win for Legion sports
- Format was well thought out. 4 tables would be an asset but with great coordination 3 tables worked
- Saturday play seemed much slower than Sunday play. Not sure why. Maybe look at what was done different on Sunday and use that as the way forward for scheduling.
- Under the circumstances this Branch had to work, it can only be an example to other Branches that barriers can be overcome by caring team work and focused drive
- I thought maybe the winners would get a t-shirt or a hat with 8 ball champs on it.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION-DOMINION COMMAND

NATIONAL TRACK & FIELD

							BUDGET VARIANCE	
	2017	2018	Jun	2018	2019	2020	\$	%
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET		
Transportation	180,440	163,673	11,750	186,000	210,000	210,000	0	0.0%
Accommodations, Meals	169,433	179,466	0	175,000	175,000	180,000	5,000	2.9%
Committee - Travel	13,545	5,857	2,426	9,700	13,000	10,000	(3,000)	-23.1%
Committee - Per Diem	17,440	18,987	0	7,000	8,000	18,000	10,000	125.0%
Local Committee	-	1,061	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
Kits / Supplies / Medals	14,094	10,466	13,445	5,000	8,000	8,000	0	0.0%
Buses	11,112	12,285	0	12,000	20,000	18,000	(2,000)	-10.0%
Honoraria	3,000	3,000	1,500	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%
Reception	1,500	1,806	0	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%
Medical	-	0	0	200	200	0	(200)	-100.0%
Athletic Facilities	-	550	0	1,500	1,500	1,000	(500)	-33.3%
Equipment / Mtg Rooms	374	494	0	1,500	1,500	1,000	(500)	-33.3%
Clinicians	595	1,114	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
Officials	869	2,239	7,981	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%
Online Streaming	6,410	10,525	0	0	0	0	0	
Commemorative Expenses	2,829	960	0	0	0	0	0	
Freight & Express	1,467			2,000	2,000	2,500	500	25.0%
Miscellaneous	847	4,117	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
TOTAL EXPENSE	423,955	416,600	37,102	409,400	448,700	458,000	9,300	2.1%
Less Prov Cmd Portion	(110,384)	(114,869)	0	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	0	0.0%
SUB TOTAL	307,162	301,732	37,102	317,400	348,700	358,000	9,300	2.7%
RECOVERIES								
Registration - Non Legion Athletes	(25,308)	(27,700)	0	(25,000)	(25,000)	(25,000)	0	0.0%
Sponsorships	(16,000)	(52,000)	0	(36,000)	(20,000)	(20,000)	0	0.0%
Grant-VAC	(20,000)	0	0	-	-	-		
Other	-	(827)	0	-	(75,000)	(75,000)		
Total Recoveries	(61,308)	(80,527)	0	(61,000)	(120,000)	(120,000)	0	0.0%
NET EXPENSE	245,854	221,205	37,102	256,400	228,700	238,000	9,300	4.1%

THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION DOMINION COMMAND

SPORTS COMMITTEE

	Jun						BUDGET VARIANCE	
	2017	2018	2019	2018	2019	2020	\$	%
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET		
COMMITTEE								
Travel	4,488	3,380	91	3,750	4,800	4,500	(300)	-6.3%
Per Diem	5,701	2,246	0	3,750	5,500	5,000	(500)	-9.1%
T & F - LAC								
Spring Site Visit	-	8,007	6,428	6,000	8,500	5,667	(2,833)	-33.3%
Fall Site Visit	-	5,836	0	-	-	8,500		
Printing, Stationery	3,215	534	142	1,000	1,000	500	(500)	-50.0%
Telephone & Fax	102	166	94	200	200	100	(100)	-50.0%
Postage	688	437	350	300	300	450	150	50.0%
Miscellaneous	-	3,878	418	1,000	2,000	1,000	(1,000)	-50.0%
TOTAL COMMITTEE	14,194	24,484	7,524	16,000	22,300	25,717	3,417	15.3%
DARTS								
Travel								
- Participants	19,288	20,005	26,932	22,000	24,000	20,000	(4,000)	-16.7%
- Committee	1,341	850	0	1,500	1,600	2,200	600	37.5%
Awards & Prizes-participants	1,694	1,299		1,300	1,400	1,400	0	0.0%
Entertainment	-		889	-	-	-		
Advance to Host Branch	800	800	800	800	800	800	0	0.0%
Ground Transportation	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%
TOTAL DARTS	24,623	24,455	30,122	27,100	29,300	25,900	(3,400)	-11.6%
CRIBBAGE								
Travel								
- Participants	16,916	24,331	17,892	26,000	24,000	26,000	2,000	8.3%
- Committee	1,635	1,829	110	1,500	1,600	1,900	300	18.8%
Awards & Prizes-participants	1,074	1,243	889	1,300	1,400	1,400	0	0.0%
Advance to Host Branch	800	800	800	800	800	800	0	0.0%
Entertainment	-			-	-	-		
Ground Transportation	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%
TOTAL CRIBBAGE	21,925	29,703	21,191	31,100	29,300	31,600	2,300	7.8%
EIGHT BALL								
Travel								
- Participants	16,401	15,586	17,286	22,000	22,000	20,000	(2,000)	-9.1%
- Committee	2,006	1,033	3,224	1,500	1,600	2,100	500	31.3%
Awards & Prizes	1,065	1,270	889	1,300	1,400	1,400	0	0.0%
Advance to Host Branch	800	800	800	800	800	800	0	0.0%
Entertainment	-			-	-	-		
Ground Transportation	1,614	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%
TOTAL EIGHT BALL	21,886	20,189	23,699	27,100	27,300	25,800	(1,500)	-5.5%
TOTAL MEMBERS SPORTS	43,811	74,347	44,890	85,300	85,900	83,300	(2,600)	-3.0%
TOTAL T & F	245,854	221,205	221,205	221,205	221,205	221,205	0	0.0%
TOTAL SPORTS & COMMITTEE	328,482	320,036	273,619	322,505	329,405	330,222	817	0.2%