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if you have knowledge of a member that is experiencing health issues at any time...

Next Guest Speaker

Tuesday July 11



Sgt. Tom Hickey

"Hub Policing"

Meeting Highlights

Opening:

Bob asked the members to stand for the singing of O Canada. He surveyed the members about their attendance at Kelsey's for lunch. The president then called upon Ron Wallace to introduce the guest speaker, Rick Harding.

Guest Speaker: Rick Harding

Rick Harding has been a Lindsay resident since 1964. He was raised in Minden for his first 18 years. During these early years in Minden, Rick developed a keen interest in survival skills, which has enabled him to travel the world with confidence. He is an instructor of first aid, scuba diving, motorcycle riding, and an amateur explorer. He is also a keen student of history, and today he will be giving a presentation on the role of Canada in the battle of Vimy Ridge.



The battle of Vimy Ridge took place on Monday April 9 at 5:30 am. The Western Front was 311 miles long, stretching from the North Sea to the Swiss border. The land in between was a very flat French lowland, perfect for trench warfare. There was one anomaly in the landscape – a former undersea escarpment, 9 miles long, 1 mile wide and 510 feet high. From the top of Vimy Ridge, an observer could see 36 miles in any direction, making the ridge the most strategic piece of real estate in World War 1. Behind Vimy Ridge on the German side was an immense coal field, that was used by Germany to fuel the German war machine. After the British and French armies suffered massive casualties trying to take Vimy Ridge, it was decided to send in the Canadian troops. The Canadian troops built tunnels under the German defenses on Vimy Ridge and packed them full of explosives. At exactly 5:30 am, 15,000 Canadians stood up and walked the "Vimy Glide" (100 feet/sec) toward the German defenses. About 200 yards ahead of the Canadians, 983 artillery pieces laid a "creeping barrage" to destroy the German troops in the trenches. In 3 minutes, the shelling stopped because the German front line was obliterated.



Ted Abbot (L) congratulates the 9 - hole champs: Hugh Burton, Jerry Ford, Tom Johnson and Ron Chartrand



Bert Blackwood (L) thanked Rick Harding (R) for his presentation.



Bob Doran (second from right) congratulates the 18 - hole champs: Ron Baldwin, Bob Barkwell and Clarke Tummon



Bruce Cameron (R) congratulates Wayne Brumwell (L) for winning the "Closest to the Pin" in the 18 - hole game.



Wayne Brumwell (R) congratulates Don Rutherford (L) for winning the "Closest to the Pin" in the 9 - hole game.

Announcements:

Ron Morgan gave an update on the health of Max Radiff, and informed the members that Max will likely be attending the August meeting.

President Bob Doran gave a brief report from the Management Committee. He discussed the possibility of a club website in the future, that club plaques would be purchased for the previous recipients of the Founder's Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award, that a nomination committee was being established to select next year's executive, and that a possible club excursion to Muskoka was being investigated for September.

Any corrections, comments or additions regarding this newsletter can be forwarded to the attention of the editor at: denniseaton@xplornet.com

