



## President's Message

Well, December has now arrived, and we are blessed to not only live in this wonderful province, but also to have what appears to be a relatively warm start to what otherwise is often a very bleak month. We can all take advantage of the warmer weather by getting outside, even if we now have to wear a mask.

Our "virtual" AGM went without a hitch and I thank you for attending. Also, let me congratulate the winner of the first ever Poker/Walk/Run, our own Charlotte Burhoe. It is events like these that have kept this Club together and I again wish to thank Francis for his outstanding efforts.

Finally, Christmas this year will look different to us all. So, let us all take time to reflect upon the real message of this season, that being one of true and unconditional love. Please reach out, even if it has to be virtually, to family and friends; offer them a kind word and wish them all the best. A personal touch will mean so much to everyone during this pandemic.

George Filliter

### **DATES TO MARK ON THE CALENDAR**

**December 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Christmas Meal at the Hilton (6:00)

**December 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Zoom Sing-a-long (8:00)

**December 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Beat the Blues Zoom Bingo and Takeout (6:30)

## AGM and 250 Years of Regiment

We are quickly understanding that anything can be possible, if we just try! Our AGM is normally in the spring but due to COVID-19, we postponed it for safer times. With those safe times not really here yet, we decided to do an AGM via Zoom.



In the picture above, several members can be seen in the AGM and it all went very well and efficient.



Several members again used Zoom to hear Capt. David Hughes speak on the rich 250 year history of the Royal NB Regiment. We were treated to an hour-long chat and slide show of this interesting part of New Brunswick history.

## Message from the Club Manager

As I look back a year ago, at my December post in Dispatches 2019, it is hard to believe what has happened in the world!

Again, we have lost some amazing people in our lives, and for some of us, our hearts might feel a bit empty, but hopefully we have also gained some friends and new supports in 2020.

With winter at our door and the need to stay away from each other even more, take some time to pretend this is 20 years ago. Take the time to call someone on the phone, send Christmas cards, Zoom, do whatever you can to make someone feel not so alone on these long nights. In doing so, you might also be helping yourself.

With restrictions still in place, I struggle at times to try to plan things that keeps everyone relatively safe. We can't plan much ahead of time, but I try to do month to month. See "Dates to Mark on the Calendar" section and note the dates. More information on all of this will be sent in a separate email.

I would like to take this time to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas/ Happy Holidays, good health and happiness, as we leave this trying year!

Cheers to 2021!

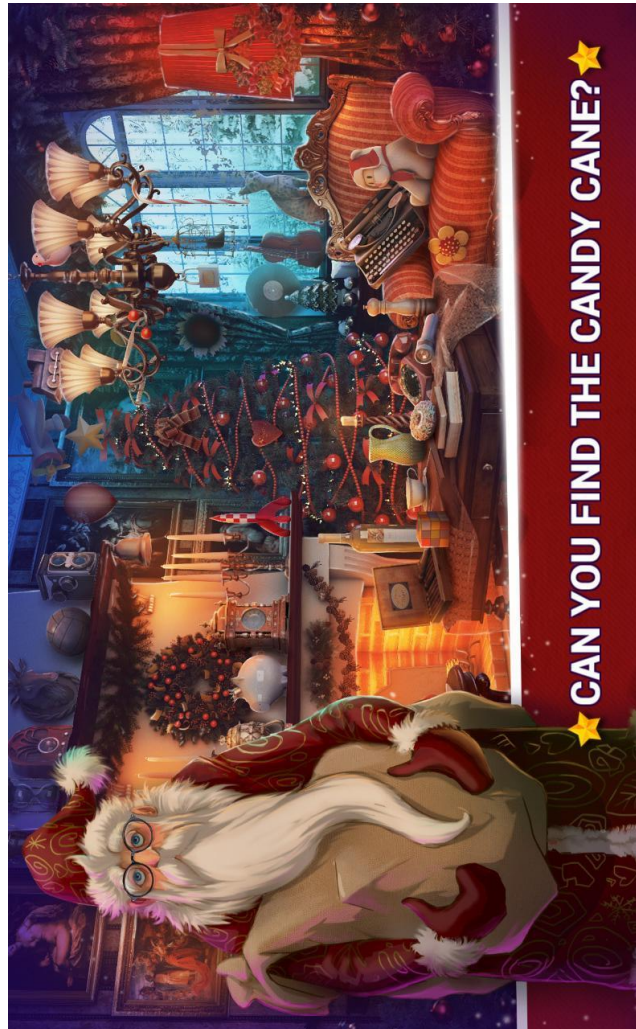
Francis Perry

## Amazing Poker Walk Fredericton



First and foremost, thank you Francis for your creative activity ideas and the descriptions for the Poker Run. What a great way to discover hidden gems of our beautiful City. A total of 11 people participated, and we extend our congratulations to Charlotte and Myrna for making the best hand, a straight flush to the King of diamond. However, a winner had to be found and via a draw, Charlotte was chosen. Francis has many more ideas and maybe another adventure of this kind could be held early in the new year. Francis wondered, when I called in for a hint for number 7, where I had been. I said, I nearly lost my boots in the mud, nearly fell in the water of a bank, walked the Bill Thorpe bridge twice, drove to the Wilsey Rd to see all four bridges, only to find out that the trail bridge over the Nashwaak was the location of number 7.

Clifford Kennedy



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## *DISPATCHES*

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