

Debert Winter Carnival TOO MUCH SNOW



Kevin and Cheryl Cooke, of the Blue Team, quickly saw through the log while Eric Branhill keeps score. The Debert Winter Carnival was held on Feb. 24th- 26th at the Royal Canadian Legion in Debert. (Harrington Photo)



Deb Snair(left) is trying hard to pull the saw back smoothly, while her partner from the Black Team, Mike Atwell is pushing. It's not as easy as it looks! The log sawing event at the Debert Winter Carnival was moved indoors this year. (Harrington Photo)



It looks like Rhonda Adams, of the Gold Team, is a bit worried about hitting the nail on the head but at least she tried! (Harrington Photo)



Randy Barnhill, of the Green Team, looks ready to put that nail into place. Green Team was the overall winner at the Debert Winter Carnival for 2011. (Harrington Photo)



Michelle Lynds, of the Blue Team, tries hard to get her magic carpet moving around the pylons during one of the Debert Winter Carnival events. (Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

It is hard to believe there was too much snow for outdoor Winter Carnival activities but this was the case for Debert Winter Carnival 2011.

Four teams, made up of fifty members, filled the Royal Canadian Legion in Debert for three days of fun filled activities on Feb. 24th, 25th and 26th. This year the theme was Rock of Ages, with each team

taking on a decade of memories.

Some new events were added this year, including Red Neck Golf. Tug-of-War had to be cancelled because of too much snow and other events usually held outside, such as Nail Driving and Log Sawing, were moved indoors.

Green Team was the overall winner by a mere 10 points, with Blue Team in sec-

ond place, Black in 3rd and the Gold Team finished in 4th place.

Green Team also cleaned up on most of the special awards. They won the Best Team Mascot, Best Decorated Corner, Best Banner and Best Skit. Gold Team won the award for showing the Most Sportsmanship.

Lots of laughs, and good times had by all!



Very talented! Cory Alexander, of the Green Team poses alongside the Team Banner he designed and painted. His talents brought his team the "Best Banner Award" at the Debert Winter Carnival. (Harrington Photo)



Disco dancing Gary Robar and Carol Eisner pose in front of the Black Team's decorated corner at the Debert Winter Carnival. (Harrington Photo)



Mike Rushton(left), of the Gold Team battles it out with Tracey Smith, of the Blue Team during a game of Red Neck Golf at the Debert Winter Carnival. (Harrington Photo)

Vandals Damage Military Museum Sign

By Linda Harrington

Members of the Debert Military Historical Society have worked hard at raising funds to upgrade the Debert Military Museum, including renovations to the interior, exterior and the installation of a \$600 sign last summer. They are very upset by a recent act of vandalism.

Someone decided to try and destroy the Museum sign, located adjacent to the Plains Rd. "They must have worked very hard to tear it down," says Mike Taylor, Past President of the Debert Military Historical Society. "The screws were broken right off at the bottom and the sign supports were

snapped off the top. The sign itself is all bent and scrapped, where they were twisting it, trying to remove it from the wooden frame."

The RCMP was called in to investigate but little can be done without witnesses to the act of vandalism. "It is hard to believe someone would do this so close to the main road," says Mike Taylor.

The Museum has suffered from acts of vandalism a few years ago, in the form of broken windows and a cellar door but Mike says those acts were young kids, who were eventually caught. "Whoever did this had to be much bigger and they must have used something like a crowbar to

force the sign off the wooden support."

Members of the Debert Military Historical Society are planning a major event for the Museum opening in May and this is has left them with an unexpected expense. "We will

have to look at estimates for repair or possibly replacing the sign. We were just starting to get ahead. It is just sad," Mike adds.

Anyone who may have witnessed the vandals in action is asked to contact the RCMP.



Mike Taylor, Past President of the Debert Military Historical Society points to where vandals broke the supports off the Military Museum sign recently. (Harrington Photo)



Pieces of the Debert Military Museum sign are missing and the sign is bent and scratched after vandals tore it from the wooden support. Mike Taylor is not sure if the sign can be repaired. (Harrington Photo)



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