

Jet Fuel Now On Sale in Debert



CoRDA's Tony Richards and Stu Fairchild of the Debert Flight Centre fill up their first jet fuel customer at the Debert Airport on Tuesday, July 6th. The inaugural customer was the NS Department of Natural Resources, but CoRDA will also market the fuel to corporate jets and other clients around the Atlantic Region who'll be using the Debert Air Industrial Park. (Submitted Photo)



Joan Stiles and Marie McElhinney were busy making strawberry shortcakes at the Upper Londonderry Pastoral Charge Strawberry Supper on July 3rd. (Harrington Photo)

Ethel and Daniel McInnes pick up their ham and salad plates before heading for the strawberry shortcake. The Upper Londonderry Pastoral Charge held their annual Strawberry Supper at the Debert Fire Hall on July 3rd. (Harrington Photo)

Doug Peppard Memorial a Great Success

By Bruce Hillier

The Debert golf course hosted the 3 annual Doug Peppard memorial golf tournament on the 17th of July. It was a great success with \$2,600 being raised on behalf of the restoration project for the ball diamond in Great Village. It was a 4 person scramble format with Doug Brewster's family carding the best score. There was a putting competition which was won by Michelle Lynds and Sterns Blackmore. Bruce Cox and Carol Barkhouse won the closest to the pin contest. Longest drives went to Rhoda Dash and Dave Wright. Over eighty golfers enjoyed a great afternoon of golf.

A 2 person scramble was held on the 3rd of July with Terrence Terry and Steve Masters coming out victorious. They shot a clean round of 6 under to edge Matt MacKay and Dave Wright. Peter Atkinson and Dan Mackay came in 3rd with a round of 3 under.

The course is still in great shape with scores improving as the season progresses. There are scramble tournaments played throughout the week. Seniors on Tuesday mornings, ladies on Wednesday nights, men's on Thursday nights and couple on Fridays. This is a good way to meet new people and have fun in a friendly tournament atmosphere.

Note: Doug Peppard was extremely well liked and respectable member of the community. He was an avid sportsman having played third base in the local ball

leagues. He had a strong glove and a reliable bat. He loved golf and could often be seen playing with his buddies Gerry Dykens, Layne Hayward, and Ronnie Eastcott. Doug was a strong Bingo Bongo Bango player who used his short game to frequently save you the problem of spending your loonies at the 19th hole.

Doug died in 2008 and that summer his golfing buddies decided to hold a

memorial tournament around the time of his birthday. Also on the organizing committee is Doug's friend and employer Dan MacKay and the club's golf pro, Steve Masters. Doug's family are also a big help in the fundraiser and organized the putting contest. The tournament is a huge success each year because of these volunteers.

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Nature Notes

By Fran Spalding • 647-2837

"My sister, Anne Richard, has just confirmed that yes, I do have bluebirds. They are nesting in my garden, just next to the compost pile, in a new house we put up this year. So, Ma and Pa, and some little ones. I'm thrilled! Linda (Giddens)".

Some of you will recall last autumn a push was started to see that nest boxes were ready for bluebirds this spring

and a good many were in fact put out. Linda's message is the only account of success at a new site, along with a few reports that tree swallows were using the new boxes. But don't despair, there's always next year.

This report has two more sightings of especial interest: A regular visitor to this area, Peter Tasker, stopped at the Glooscap Bazaar when my wife happened to be on duty there, and mentioned, perhaps after seeing the many bird photos on display, that he'd photographed a lone razor-billed auk on a trip round Pinnacle Island in Dennis Morris's boat. By mid-July it had been there about a month, "cuddling up to the seagulls", to quote Dennis.

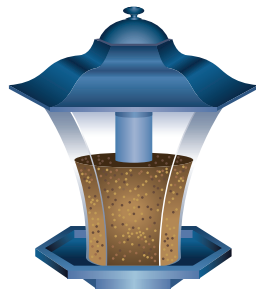
This relative of the murres and



Wayne Linkletter photographed this "Frigatebird" when visiting his weir off Carr's Brook on July 17th.



It takes many hands to put on community suppers. This kitchen crew were very busy getting ready for the Upper Londonderry Pastoral Charge Strawberry Supper on July 3rd. (Harrington Photo)



dovekies nests in Nova Scotia, especially on Bird Island, Cape Breton, but this is the first record for the Five Islands-Economy area. Of course earlier visits may well have gone unreported, though I'm getting more news of such things all the time for Nature Notes. I've saved the most amazing sighting for last.

When Wayne and Vicki Linkletter visited their weir off Carr's Brook on July 17th a large dark bird, its wings about seven feet long, its tail feathers long and streaming, was circling the trap and its inaccessible supply of fish. It didn't appear frightened but flew a few feet over their heads and even perched precariously on a weir stake. Its chest was white, its small feet red.

Wayne flipped a five inch shad out of the trap and stood back while the bird, after several attempts, got it in its long hooked bill and, with effort, swallowed it down. It finally flew away westward, out the bay. Keen birders will know, what Wayne easily discovered when he checked his bird book at home, that they'd seen a female magnificent frigatebird.

A few of this tropical species have reached Nova Scotia before, usually seen soaring high and far away. They normally skim the water's surface for food, or force gulls to disgorge what they've caught; this one must have been very hungry to do what Wayne described.

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