

RECC Partners with Canadian Tire

"Let's Play" is an internal Jumpstart funding program launched at the RECC this Winter season in conjunction with the Winter recreational programming. This program helps financially disadvantaged children get involved in organized sport and recreational opportunities by covering registration costs. The goal of this program is to help those children that would not otherwise be able to participate in a RECC physical activity program without the assistance of the Canadian Tire Jumpstart program.

Being active through recreation is a key ingredient to healthy development in children and youth, and this program aims to provide accessibility to those whose families are struggling financially, creating equal recreation opportunities for all children and youth. The program (for children and youth aged 4 - 16) will fund the full registration costs of RECC recreation programs.

Parents can apply for fund-



ing to cover the cost of 1 program/season per child, up to 4 times a year. This gives children and youth the opportunity to remain active throughout the year and encourages them to try different activities. Parents can apply for funding for multiple children.

"Partnering with the RECC for their own internal JumpStart program wasn't a difficult decision," recalls Bart Hinze, Truro Canadian Tire Dealer. "The RECC offers some very unique recreation opportunities for children and youth, and we want to make sure those activities are accessible to all children in Colchester. That's the goal of Jumpstart- to make sure all children have opportunities

to be active."

The applicable RECC programs, which began the first week of January, include: Red Cross Swim Lessons, Wall Nuts (rock climbing course), and Fitness Studio programs such as Bully Proofing for kids, Dance Fit Kids, Youth Self Defense, Zumba Kids, and Children's Yoga. Registration for all these programs is now open.

The "Let's Play" program is now also open for registration for the RECC Winter recreation programming. The complete list of recreation programs and the Jump Start application brochures can be found at the RECC front desk or online at ratheastlinkcommunitycentre.ca/letsplay

MacCaull Villa Notes

By Hazel Hill

Russell McCallum and his group played for us on December 15th, which was enjoyed by all. Lunch ended the evening with the promise of them coming back again soon.

The tree was beautifully decorated again this year. Thanks to all who helped with the decorating. It was certainly a community effort!

Our Christmas party was held on December 20th, and was really nice, too. We exchanged gifts, had another beautiful lunch, and a social time.

George Cook and friends were here December 4th. We were entertained well during the month of December. We wish to thank those who gave so much to us all year; Faith Baptist church, Santa's helpers, and the musicians.

Bernice Kaulback had Christmas dinner again this year with her family at the Double C. Shirley Ryan had Christmas dinner with her daughter Tammy and her husband, Danny Garnham. Jodi Robinson had dinner

with his mother, Brenda. Stella Power went to her daughter's in Economy for Christmas dinner. Helen Patriquin went with her family in Folly Mountain. Sharon Roode was with her family in Bible Hill and spent a few days there.

Bernice Kaulback and Stella Power are celebrating birthdays in this month of January.

Barb Kennedy visited with me a while ago, as she was spending Christmas day with relatives at Shortt's Lake. Carrie McCully also paid me a visit recently, as did Gertie Miller.

Province Puts Brakes on COMFIT Program

By Maurice Rees

On January 15th an announcement by the Department of Energy included a 1.5 MW biomass project at the Agriculture Campus of Dalhousie University in Bible Hill. It was one of the seven new Community Feed-In Tariff (COMFIT) projects announced to produce local renewable electricity.

In the same press release Government also announced its plans to pause and evaluate the COMFIT program to ensure it continues to be community-based, innovative and contributes to the province's future energy

needs. Applications received before January 15th will continue to be processed and decisions will be made in the coming months.

Over 90 COMFIT projects have been approved since the program was launched several years ago. New applications will not be processed pending the program review and the release of the electricity plan next fall. The COMFIT program was designed to help the province reach its renewable electricity targets of 25 per cent renewable electricity by 2015 and 40 per cent by 2020.

Debert Legion Notes

By Danny Martell

The Friday Night Suppers are doing pretty good right now, thanks to a lot of hard working dedicated people on Thursday morning and again on Friday morning/evening. It couldn't be done without their dedication and work. To all those people who have dropped off vegetables and such, thank you very much. To Danny MacEachern who dropped off a dory load of potatoes, thank you, Dan. To all the wonderful people who support our Suppers, thank you very much. Your support is greatly appreciated. The menu for the next few weeks has roast pork for Friday, Jan. 23rd, roast beef for Friday, Jan. 30th, haddock for Friday, Feb. 6th, chicken for the 18th, roast pork for the 20th and roast beef for the 27th.

Suppers are served from 4:30PM to 6:30PM, Adults = \$10 and Children under 12 = \$5 a meal. Take Out meals are available, call 902-662-2454.

A special thank you is passed along to Leona Harvey for the big basket of goodies she donated to the Branch for Remembrance Day. To Debbie Cock and the "Double C" Restaurant, a special thank you is sent your way for providing a full course "Christmas Dinner" to a lot of wonderful people, some of whom might have eaten along on Christmas Day.

To all who save the pull tabs and drops them off, thank you.

The new slate of Officers and Executive for 2015 here at Branch 106 shows Bobby Pash in as President, Skip Dawson is 1st Vice President, Charlie Moore takes on duties of 2nd Vice President, Eugene Adshade will be the Treasurer, Debbie Moore will be the acting Secretary until March, Earl Harvey is Sgt-At-Arms. Gordon Slack, Dave Stewart, Dave MacPhee, Bruce Hillier, Rob Collins, Jeff Totten, Harold Barclay and Paul Eastcott make up the rest of the Executive.

To the incoming Officers and Executive for 2015, thank you for volunteering to serve your Legion.

To the outgoing executive for 2014, thank you very much for serving the Branch.

Congratulations are passed along to Charlie Moore who was voted in as Legionnaire of the Year for 2014, by his peers, an excellent choice.

The Branch held a Ham and Turkey Bingo on Thursday, the 18th of December and although the crowd was small a profit was turned and a good time was had by all. A thank you is passed along to Bobby Pash and Bruce Hillier who did the work on this along with some help from Bonnie and Mike. Thank you Bonnie and Mike.

The Friday Night Dart League is still doubling in and going along in pretty good shape.

The standings and individual stats as of 22nd January shows the Team of Skip Dawson, Debbie Buchanan and Mike Giles in first place with 67 points, one point back and tied for second place are the teams of Bill Hawker, Deanna Martell and Dave MacPhee along with Dawn Hatt, Marilyn Dykens and Bobbie Pash, they have 66 points.

High Start(M) -Skip Dawson 160, Deanna Martell (W) 116;

High Finish (M) Bill Hawker 126, Dawn Hatt (W) 95; High Score-Hughie White, Craig Fraser, Ron Eastcott, Carl Fraser, Skip Dawson, Dawn Hatt and Debbie Buchanan all with 140. Most Starts (M) Craig Fraser, Norman Eastcott 69, (W) Dawn Hatt 51. Most Finishes (M) Skip Dawson 44, (W) Dawn Hatt 39. Most Tinkles (M) Larry Hatt 121, (W) Diane Rushton 104. Least Tinkle (M) Ron Eastcott 15, (W) Dawn Hatt 53.

In keeping with Darts, there was a Turkey Shoot held on Dec. 13, 2014 and the winners were Susie Rayworth & Carl Fraser, Leanne Wood/ John Paul Wood, Dawn Hatt/Clayton Fink, Debbie Cock and Hugh White.

The winners took home an assortment of turkeys and gift certificates. JP Wood won the 1st 50/50 draw and Diane Rushton won the 2nd 50/50 draw. There was a turkey draw and Skippy Dawson was the winner. There were eleven teams entered in the Shoot and a nice profit was realized.

A very special thank you is passed along to Judy and Charlie Moore who made a huge pot of turkey soup for the Shoot, and donated it the same. Also, to Audrey Gallagher and Skip Dawson who donated the dogs and bund to the Shoot. The Branch donated the rolls, tea and coffee.

Judy, Audrey and Charlie, thank you for running the canteen. (Earl/Skip, thank you).

The standings and individual stats for the Wednesday Night Cribbage, as of 20th of January are as follows: running along in first place with 658 points is Debbie Cock and Ronnie Eastcott, pegging along in second place with 871 points are Irene Blenkhorn and Jo-Ann Bartlett.

There have been eleven 24 hands so far and Jo-Ann Bartlett, Norm Eastcott and Tommie Manley have two each. Most Winning Nights, with three each, are Irene/Jo-Ann, Debbie/Ron and Michelle Devious and Yvon Thout. Tied for Most Hidden Scores, with three each, are Norm Eastcott/Debbie Buchanan, Marilyn Dykens/Lauchie Rector and Earl Harvey/Doug Mattatall. (Thanks Earl).

A little while back I dropped in to see "The Bear" and he

showed me a beautiful fishing plaque he got from the "Debert and District Fishing Charter" and wouldn't you know it, his buddy, Terry will not leave him alone, he wants one. There is a rumor going around that Terry is looking for someone to help him catch big fish and big deer, Gerry was he really skunked??

Happy Birthday wishes for January are passed along to Greg Slack, Dave Stewart, Dave Murphy, Mike Totten, Marion McDorman, Patricia Cooke, John Jessome and Bernice Kaulback.

Happy Anniversary wishes for January are passed along to Virginia (Silver Cross Mother and Cyril Roberts, Phyllis and Harry Wilson.

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