

Benefit Tourney for Craig Yorke

By Stacie Carroll

Despite the cool temperatures, there was some hot competition on the court of the Economy Recreation Centre (ERC), on Jan. 20th, where 6 teams gathered to serve up their talents in a benefit volleyball tournament for Craig Yorke, of Lynn Road, who has recently been diagnosed with lung cancer.

The action packed, fun filled day, was organized and refereed by Peter Christensen, with the background support of Lex and Garn McLaughlin, as well as a host of Economy Rec Centre volunteers who showed up to serve warm snacks and conjure up the cheer.

Folks of all ages from along the north and south shore of the Minas Basin came out to show their support for Craig. As enthusiastic players, or proud fans sampling chili and sharing stories, or as volunteers setting up the court and cleaning up when the day is through, Economy demonstrated once again, what true community spirit looks like.

Craig and Peter worked together for Cobequid Consulting. During their time as coworkers, Peter developed difficulties keeping up with the crew. Craig had noticed this change in Peter, and never left his side. After medical investigation, Peter was found to have been suffering from a very serious and acute health complication. It was Craig's observation and his consequential care that Peter found tremendously touching. "I wanted to return the favour and try to help him as much as I could with whatever I could, so I organized this tournament; everyone had fun and we raised \$1300!" exclaimed Peter.

After many laughs, big serves, and fierce competition, the "VolleyBrawlers" were the champions of the day! The ERC is planning another benefit vol-



The "Volley Brawlers" were the champions of the day. (Stacie Carroll Photo)

leyball tourney, to raise restoration funds for the Kenomee Trail Society, on Saturday, Feb. 24th, 2024. Those interested in signing up, please call Alexia McLaughlin at (902) 647-2271, as soon as possible, as there are

only a few team spots left. This event will be an opportunity to support a worthy ambition, as well as be part of a lively, inclusive community who continues to rally its members together, as it should be.



Six teams competed in a Benefit Volleyball Tournament for Craig Yorke at the Economy Recreation Centre on January 20th. The one day event raised over \$1,300. The action packed, fun filled day, was organized and refereed by Peter Christensen, with the background support of Lex and Garn McLaughlin, as well as a host of Economy Rec Centre volunteers who showed up to serve warm snacks and conjure up the cheer. (Stacie Carroll Photo)

New Trunked Mobile Radios for Volunteer Organizations

Almost 2,000 more new trunked mobile radios will be provided to volunteer emergency responders by the fall of 2024, improving their ability to communicate as they help Nova Scotians in times of need.

The new equipment will go to more than 300 volunteer fire departments, ground search and rescue teams and other organizations. The radios will be encrypted, which addresses a recommendation from the Mass Casualty Commission Final Report that all emergency response agencies should have access to encrypted radios.

"Our volunteer first responders have a crucial role across the province, keeping Nova Scotians safe during emergencies," said Service Nova Scotia Minister Colton LeBlanc, who is a paramedic and former volunteer firefighter. "The value of their work can't be overstated. They need a robust and reliable two-way radio system to do their job. I'm pleased we can help support the invaluable work they're doing to protect our friends, neighbours and loved ones."

The Province's investment in the new radios is about \$7.5 million.

Warning About Increasing Crypto Fraud

The Nova Scotia Securities Commission, Halifax Regional Police and Halifax District RCMP are warning Nova Scotians to be vigilant when investing in cryptocurrency assets as residents continue to lose substantial amounts of money to crypto-related scams.

The commission previously issued crypto warnings in January and March. Since then, Nova Scotians have lost more than \$750,000 to crypto fraud. These are only reported losses, and since investment fraud is vastly under-reported, the actual losses are likely much higher.

Nova Scotians should be aware of two crypto-related scams that are on the rise, in addition to ongoing "pig butchering," a type of scheme that cost Nova Scotians more than \$1 million in 2022.

When trading in crypto assets, only use crypto-asset trading platforms or dealers registered in Canada; a list of registered platforms is on the commission website at: <https://nssc.novascotia.ca/registered-crypto-asset-trading-platforms>

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