

RECC Becoming a Regional Icon

By Maurice Rees

Since opening its doors in March 2013, the Rath Eastlink Community Centre was faced with the normal deficiencies that come with a new \$50+Million facility. At first there was a significant amount of negative opinion,

but as problems were solved and it hosted major events becoming successful at doing so, the public was more accepting and usage by the community increased. Within the past couple of years it has made a significant contribution to the local economy by



Debert Legion Notes

By Dan Martell

The Friday Evening Supper here at the Branch are going along pretty good, thanks in part to a lot of good volunteers doing a lot of good work. The suppers start in some of the local fields, where Gerry Dykens, Danny Martell, Donnie Totten, Gerald Cole, Danny MacEachern have harvested turnips and carrots. Donnie Totten has also pitched in with bags of potatoes. Robbie Glen has supplied cranberries and apples. Thank you to all, also to Curtis Millen and Peter Swinkles, thank you.

To all the above, thank you very much for your time and help, it is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to all the Thursday morning peeling crew (approx. 10) and the cook(s), who start the preparations for the Friday evening meal, thank you. For all the servers and cleanup crew, thank you very much. For all the dish washers and pot wallopers, thank you. To those wonderful musicians who supply us with music to eat by, thank you. Finally, to you the people who drop in for a hot supper, thank you very much for your support.

Congratulations are passed along to Dave MacPhee who won the turkey with all the trimmings that the Dart League was selling tickets on. To all who bought tickets, thank you for your support.

The standings in the Wednesday Night Crib League as of the Christmas Break, shows Tom Manley and Bobby Pash pegging along in first place with 621 points, Debbie Buchanan and Norm Eastcott hold down second spot with 673 points and rounding out the top three with 752 points is Debbie Cock and Ron Eastcott.

Bob and Tom have the most Winning Nights with three, while Debbie and Norm lead the way in Hidden Scores with three. There has been 8, 24 hands and Dawn Hatt and Debbie Delany lead the way with 2 each. (Thanks Earl).

The Debert Mixed Dart League held a Turkey Shoot on Saturday, the 3rd of December, with a very poor turn-out. Dawn Hatt and Skip Dawson took home first prizes, while Leeanne Tower and Clayton Fink took home second place goodies.

Deanna Martell had High Score for the gals with a 119. Doug Morris had High Score for the men with a 150. Julie Morris had High Finish with a 56. Men's High Finish went to Albert George with 40. Clayton Fink had the only 180 for the day. Danny Martell won the 50/50 draw and Dave MacPhee took home the

Turkey Draw. All winners took home a turkey or a gift card. (Thanks Earl).

The standings and stats for the Dart league as of 15th Dec 2016 are as follows: Men's Division shows Skip Dawson leading the way with 65 points, Hughie White has 64 and Ron Eastcott has 46.

The Ladies Division has Deanna Martell in first place with 52 points, closely followed by Audrey Gallagher with 50 points and in third place with 43 points is Debbie Cock.

High Start (M) Hughie White 110, (L) Deann Martell 116; High Finish (M) Hughie White 126, (L) Dawn Hatt 91; High Score (M) Ron Eastcott 152, (L) Deanna Martell 171; Most Starts (M) Hughie White 47, (L) Deanna Martell 42; Most Finishes (M) Skip Dawson 38, (L) Deanna Martell 22; Most Tinkles (M) Dave MacPhee 102, (L) Julia Morris 63; Least Tinkles (M) Doug Morris 40, (L) Marilyn Dykens 40. There has not been any 180's as yet. (Thanks Skip).

Congratulations are passed along to Ron Francis from Truro who won the 600W Generator that the Branch was selling tickets on. To all who bought tickets, thank you very much for your support, it is appreciated and to all who sold tickets, thank you very much for your efforts.

To all readers, from the President and members of Branch 106- May the Joy, Peace and Love of the Holiday Season be yours throughout the year, Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year. See you at the Levee.

If any Legion Members are looking for a Legion uniform, why not try Louie's or Frenchie's, you just might find a very good blazer and/or a very good pair of slacks. The Legion catalogue and Sears are rather pricey.

The next Chase the Ace to be held here at the Branch 106 will start up Saturday, January 7th at 2:00PM.

Happy Birthday wishes for December are passed along to Ron Francis, Wendy MacPhee, Don (Padre) MacQueen, Neil Bennett, Owen Gormley, Vernon Shay, Ronnie Eastcott, Anthony Simpson.

Happy Anniversary Wishes are passed along to Leona and Earl Harvey (58). Congratulations Leona and Earl.

Please don't forget to thank a Veteran. It is because of their sacrifices we are able to enjoy our freedom and our country. Please say a prayer for our troops who are serving in foreign countries and will not be home for Christmas and for their families.

attracting thousands of people from outside the area.

It has become an important regional venue for concerts, trade shows, and sporting events, as well as being home to the Truro Junior 'A' Bearcats hockey club. More than 2,400 members utilize its fitness facilities, and many more its indoor ¼ km. walking track.

The Rath Eastlink Community Centre is governed by a 12-person board made up of 8 citizen representatives, 2 from the

Colchester County Council, and 2 from Truro Council. Its operating revenues come from sponsorships, ticket, facility rentals, membership fees, and core grants from Colchester and Truro.

Recent events have attracted thousands of happy spectators including: Sammy Kershaw, Grand Slam of Curling, Canada Day Beach Boys concert, Kenny Rogers, Jann Arden, Globe Trotters, and Nova Scotia Music Week for a second time.

As more promoters and event organize become familiar with the facility, its been an easier sell and staff have been working hard to bring more major events or concerts to Colchester County. Hotels, restaurants and retail stores have noticed a significant increase in business.

Upcoming Events that are in the works are: 2018 Down Syndrome World Swimming Championships, New Year's Eve with Gerry Dee, and a spring 2017 Travis Tritt concert.



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