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for more information on points of interest and local events
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Truro Minor Football Association Celebrates 50 YEARS OF MINOR FOOTBALL

Our children need activities that will teach them about life, sportsmanship and leadership. They are in need of mentors who will listen, guide and encourage them to reach their full potential. Truro Minor



Football exists for these purposes and many more.

In 1962 a group of men from the Truro Barrister's Society began the task of assembling an organized football program for the children of Colchester County. Robert McClelland and Donald (Lick) MacDonald approached the Rotary Club and the Canadian Rugby Union (now Football Canada) for financial contributions to begin the fledgling program. In August of 1962 "Half-Pint" football was introduced to the region.

Interest was high right from the start, and so many boys got involved that the program began with four teams. The Teams were named after the CFL's early teams (Blue Bombers, Lions, Roughriders and Ti-cats) and played against each other. In just a few years the league grew to 8 teams and involved the surrounding communities of Bible Hill, Salmon River, Brookfield, and North River. The teams competed each year for the coveted Rotary Cup.

In 1968 Bantam Football was introduced to give the

children a chance to continue to play football until they were ready for High School.

Interest waned in the late 70's and the Minor Football Association had to pare back to one Pee-Wee Team and one Bantam Team. The Blue Bombers and the Freightliners are still active today.

Eight years ago (2003), Truro Minor Football led the province's interest in the Mite Football Program as a stepping stone to building grass roots football across the province. That year Truro fielded three teams and three years later (2006) introduced Atom Football as well. Today TMFA has as many as five teams across four divisions

participating in the Nova Scotia Minor Football League.

2012 will be the 50th anniversary of Minor Football in Truro and we couldn't be more proud. Truro is leading the province again in Certification of all coaches, technology and facilities. The longevity of the program is attributed to great volunteer leadership and community support.

In Recognition of the 50th Anniversary of TMFA, the organization has put together a committee called "Touchdown 50", who are responsible for the yearlong celebration. In September, Truro will host a celebration party at the TAAC

Grounds on Alumni night including Family BBQs, Activities, and home games across all divisions. The committee will also begin to reveal "Team 50" an all-star recognition of former players who are making a difference in our community.

We hope you will make plans to join us as we celebrate 50 years of instilling character, sportsmanship and leadership in the lives of the young people of our region.

To follow the events associated with Touchdown 50, to register for the 2012 season or for more information on the programs offered by Truro Minor Football visit our website <http://www.trurominorfootball.com>

Central Nova Scotia Civic Centre Project Addresses Concerns

By Heather Fraser

As the Central Nova Scotia Civic Centre's Project Team moves forward towards opening day, it continues to be an exciting time for the team and for the community. But as the enthusiasm for the new building grows, so do some concerns. Our community is going through a period of change, with the opening of both the new hospital and the new health and wellness centre approaching quickly. As we know, sometimes with change - come questions. Especially from those who will use these facilities not only for recreational but also for health purposes.

It was recently announced that when the Centre's aquatic centre opens, the Nova Scotia Community College Centennial Pool will close its doors. In the initial planning stages for the Civic Centre, much time and effort was directed to research in determining the community's needs and in particular, if a new pool was warranted. It was concluded that it was more feasible to incorporate an aquatic centre in the Civic Centre than to make the necessary improvements to the existing pool.

Concerns have been expressed from existing members of the NSCC Sport and Wellness Centre and Centennial Pool in regards to the cost of memberships and programming in the new Centre. The Civic Centre team is currently working with officials from the Nova Scotia Community College to ensure a smooth transition between the two facilities. General Manager, Jim Lambert has met with the college and is confident that a transfer of memberships with a prorated value is a definite possibility. "Officials are eager to ensure its patrons are a priority" says Lambert. "Logistics will be worked out over the coming months and will be shared with the community" adds Lambert. With the new centre just around the corner, many existing organizations have communicated their interest in partnerships and have met with the Civic Centre's team

to discuss these possibilities.

Construction on Abenaki Road continues to create excitement in the community as each week great strides take place on the site. Structural Steel is now complete and mechanical, electrical and plumbing are well underway. The cement structure for the competitive pool is complete and they are now working on the formation of the leisure pool. The Arena will soon be ready for the installation of the dasher boards and the refrigeration system, while painting of the steel in the arena is almost complete with workers working three - eight hour shifts to improve efficiencies.

Another very important part of the Central Nova Scotia Civic Centre Project is the Ignite the Spirit Campaign. The campaign team continues to strive to meet its final goal of \$5 million dollars. As part of the effort to raise funds, a charity golf tournament will be held at the Truro Golf Club. Each year applications are received by the Club from local not-for-profit organizations applying for the opportunity to host a "charity" event. The tournament is expected to attract over 100 golfers, who will enjoy 18 holes of fun and competition. "The Ignite the Spirit team is always looking for creative ways for the community to participate in our ongoing fundraising activities" says Jon Stanfield, Chair of the Campaign. "A golf tournament is an enjoyable and active way to help support a great cause. We look forward to providing our guests with a fun filled golf day, and we are thankful the Truro Golf Club provided our campaign with this opportunity" adds Stanfield. Please continue to visit the campaign's website www.ignitethespirit.ca for further event details.

The Central Nova Scotia Civic Centre Project Team is committed to the community to make the best decisions possible for the operations of the facility and for all those who will benefit from programming and services offered. I believe the day the Centre opens for business all those coming in the doors will be pleased with what they see and experience.

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TMFA "Team 50" are Back Row: Rod Norrie (Former Coach 1968), Glenn Erskine (TMFA Public Relations), Scott Annand (Former Coach) Front Row: Steve Fulton (Past President of TMFA) and Chris Reyno (President) Missing from Picture is Mary Shannon (Secretary)



Progress continues in the Aquatic Centre with the formation of the therapeutic leisure pool.



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