



A male purple finch enjoys a snack of fresh blossoms. (Harrington Photo)

Birding Workshops Coming to Port Greville

A two day workshop for those interested in learning more about the joy of birding and particularly the local

bird population will be held in Port Greville on July 3rd and 4th.

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This event is organized by the Shore Drive Community Development Association with Joan Czapalay as the Instructor.

Day One Topics include: Why birds matter and why they are in decline;

how and why to keep data; and more. Day two will include a Field Trip lasting about two hours.

For the field trip be sure to bring a hat with brim, sunscreen, insect repellent, a snack and water. Also binoculars if you have them, a notebook and a pen. Dress appropriately - wear long

sleeves and long pants.

Friday's event starts at 9:00 am, while Saturday things will start at 8:00 am. Advance registration, by June 22nd, with Sharon Benjamin, 902-348-2105 is required.

All participants are to meet at the Age of Sail patio deck, Port Greville, NS.

Happy Spring from the Bass River Fire Hall

By Peter Christensen

Well it has been a sad time for us at the hall of recent; we have lost two great friends of the hall and of the members of the hall and our community.

Roddy Cox passed from his illness recently. Roddy was a valued supporter of the fire brigade. Any time we were in need of vehicles for accident scenes, he would never hesitate to offer his help and

would show up at the hall parking lot with any type of vehicle we could use. Then after we demolished it, he always would pick it up and take it away.

Once we had one of our most difficult training sessions, where Roddy brought us a vehicle and promptly flipped it on its side into a ditch to simulate an accident. A very realistic training for sure. Thank you, Roddy for all

your support to our community and the brigade.

Another sad day has also given us time to think and remember one of our founding members of the brigade. Artie Dickie has passed in Ontario.

A founding member of the brigade, Artie has and was always a man, who I and every young whipper snapper who joined while he was there looked up to and respected. Not for his wisdom, but for every word he spoke and the quietness of his voice, when he spoke we listened.

As the weeks go by there will be tales spoken of his commitment to the brigade, the hours he spent on the trucks and his dedication to any cause the brigade had to fulfill. A man of few words, he showed the true meaning of MARITIMER OF THE WEEK, an award he richly deserved.

So it is with heavy hearts we say good bye to Artie and

Roddy and remember their service to their fellow fire fighters and their communities. Volunteers which I am proud to say I knew and worked and laughed beside.

And Artie would smile on this next tidbit of news from the hall.

We have purchased a thermal imaging machine. A valued piece of apparatus that gives us a look into the beginning of a fire in a wall or behind an electrical panel, but also a helping hand in motor vehicle accidents, when we are not sure of the numbers of passengers, and if someone is lost, it should help in helping to locate their heat signatures.

A great tool that I'm sure will be of great value.

I believe the hall will be holding a dance to coincide with heritage day this summer because it is this community's anniversary as well

Well with spring here, I will hope everyone has begun to check their flues and get them prepared for this winter.

Debert Legion Notes

By Danny Martell

The Friday Night Suppers are done for another year, and they were a huge success thanks in part to some very hard working people:

To the Thursday morning crew, who peeled and prepared the vegetables and start to prepare the meat/fish and the desert for the Friday meal, thank you very much.

To the people who spend most of their Fridays in the kitchen cooking and preparing the evening supper, thank you very much.

To the people who look after the cash register and serving the meal, thank you.

To the cleanup crew, dish washers, pot and pan scrubbers and dish dryers, thank you.

To all those wonderful (musicians) people, who supplied us with music to dine by, thank you. For a lot of us, it truly was a trip down memory lane.

To those of you who dropped off goodies (ie. potatoes, carrots, turnips, berries, etc.), thank you very much, they were all appreciated and helped in the profit column.

To all our customers who dropped in or ordered out, thank you very much for your support, your patronage is/was greatly appreciated. Without you, we could not have it.

The Debert Mixed Dart League concluded another successful year on Saturday, May 9th with their annual year ending Awards Night Banquet and Dance.

The regular season ended with the team of Dawn Hatt, Bob Pash and Marilyn Dykens finishing in first place, with Bill Hawker and his team of Deanna Martell and Dave MacPhee finishing in second. Rounding out the top three was the team of Craig Fraser, Diane Rushton and Larry Hatt.

High Start (M) Skip Dawson 160 and (W) Deanna Martell 116. High Finish (M) Bill Hawker 126 and (W) Dawn Hatt 95. Most Starts (M) Ron Eastcott and Craig Fraser 113 and (W) Dawn Hatt 85. Most Finishes (M) Skip Dawson and (W) Dawn Hatt, they both had 66. High Score (W) Debbie Cock 162 and (M) Mike Giles 152. Least Tinkles (M) Ron Eastcott and (W) Dawn Hatt 85. Most Tinkles were (W) Audrey Gallagher and Larry Hatt and they wore the crowns for the night. There were no 180's for the regular season or the paly-offs.

The Play-off Winners and 1st Place Champions were Team 3 with 43 points and they were Bill Hawker Deanna Martell and Dave MacPhee. Dave didn't get to play as his back is killing him. 2nd place was Team 5, consisting of Skip Dawson, Debbie Buchanan and Mike Giles, and they had 39 points.

3rd place consolation winners were team 6 with 35 points and they were Owen Totten, Audrey Gallagher and Norman Eastcott.

The order of the Day (Banquet) was BBQ steak and pork chops with Norm Eastcott and Bobby Pash manning the BBQ and they did a fantastic job.

To Marcia Eastcott, who supplied the goodies for the marinating sauce, thank you, it was scrumptious.

To Debbie Rushton, Laurie Sully and Connie Gratto, your salads were simply super, thank you very much.

To Diane Rushton who looks after the kitchen counter, doling out the steak, chops, etc., thank you.

The last job of the night was the clean-up, and boy did the clean-up crew do a grand job. Thank you, a job well done.

There were two raffles held and Marilyn Dykens won the first one (money) and Danny Martell won the second one (lobsters) and they were not the best. They had been cooked and layed around too long.

To end it all, Skipper was presented with a version of the Stanley Cup (beer cans), and he drank from it, I guess Skip, that is all you will win this year. (There will be no Stanley).

Skipper, thank you very much for all your help this past year, it was appreciated. You did a great job.

The Wednesday Night Crib is still pegging along and with one more night left in the schedule (May 20th). I will wait until next month's edition for a complete run down of the standings and stats.

A final note on the crib news, we, the League, would like to pass along congratulations to Terry Sack and Ron "Easy" Eastcott, who were a part of Team Nova Scotia that travelled to the Quispamsis Legion in New Brunswick and helped to win the Maritime Legion Championship for Nova Scotia. Next year's Play-Offs will be held at a Branch here in Nova Scotia. Congratulations Terry and Ron for your fine showing.

After the fine showing that Gerry Dykens and his partner had at the home stretch of the Wednesday Night Crib League, there is a rumor going around that Gerry is going to try and teach Terry Ryan how to play the game this summer. Gerry was overheard telling a friend the summers are just not long enough for that to happen.

Is Danny MacEachern really letting his hair grow out?

On Thursday, May 14th the crew from the Thursday morning/Friday Evening Supper met at the "Double C" restaurant for a sit down supper (all went Dutch), to say a final farewell for another year. There were twenty people in attendance.

What money that was left over from Dart League was donated to the Branch.

On Saturday, May 30th, there will be a Double Band Dance here at the Branch, with the bands "Middle Ground" and "Haystack" supplying the music. The hours are 9PM to 1:00AM. Come on out and scuff a bit of paint off the floor.

Happy Birthday wishes for May are passed along to Mae MacDougall, Ralph Campbell, Alfred Matthews, Shelly Tanner, Virginia (Silver Cross Mother) Roberts, Kenny Smith(Sr), Shirley Lewis, Mike Glen and Phyllis McCully.

Happy Anniversary wishes for May are passed along to Phyllis and Gordon McCully, Annette "Jo" and Steve Williams, Gloria and Ralph Campbell and Mandy Slack and Chris Alexander.

Please don't forget to thank a Veteran, it is because of their sacrifices that we are able to enjoy our freedom and our country. Please say a prayer for our troops who are serving in foreign countries and their families.

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