

# Five Islands Rink to be Used Year-Round



A good solid base was prepared before the cement slab was poured at the Five Islands Rink. Ball hockey is already being held on the newly renovated site. The Five Islands Athletic Association is holding several fund raisers to raise money for installation of the boards. (facebook photo)

By Linda Harrington

Five Islands may be a small community but this hasn't stopped volunteers from tackling a very large project.

With seed money of \$1600, received from the Along the Shore Community Health Board's Wellness Grant, the Five Islands Athletic Association (FIAA) was kick started into action last year.

The outdoor community rink was flooded last winter and used regularly throughout the season, with a successful Winter Carnival held in February.

With one winter behind them, there was a great deal of interest in making improvements to the rink, so the Athletic Association applied for funding through grants. They were successful in their applications and received a \$29,000 grant from Dept. of Health and Wellness Recreational Facility Development and a \$40,000 grant from Municipality of Colchester Community Parks Funding. This was enough money to proceed with plans to prepare a base and lay down a concrete slab.

Sarah Yorke, a member of FIAA, says there was only a dirt pad at the original rink and they had to lay down plastic and sawdust before it could be flooded. The rink could only be used during the winter months in its present condition.

"The new rink will be used year round for all kinds of activities," says Sarah. "The space will be free to use by everyone. Hopefully this will encourage more people to be physically active."

Volunteers pitched in to help prepare the site, beginning with tearing down the old boards in mid-July and even helping with tying rebar in August.

The concrete slab was poured on Sept. 7th and within a few days it was already in use for ball hockey.

District 10 Councillor Tom Taggart says County Council was truly impressed by a presentation by Sarah Yorke last month. "Council has made the decision to donate \$10,000 to the Five Islands Athletic Association in support of the

rink," says Taggart. "The decision has to be formally ratified at the next meeting but I am confident the money is coming."

"Recreation is very important and if we are going to keep families in the rural communities we must support them," continued Councillor Taggart. "I would like to congratulate the committee and the community for all the work they have done and continue to do."

The expenses incurred with installing the cement slab went over budget and this \$10,000 will be a big help to the Association.

"Everyone is excited to get

the boards on now," laughs Sarah. "We hope to have this done before winter and the Association has some more fund raising events coming up to help raise the necessary money."

There have already been many creative fund raising ideas in and around the Five Islands area. Grannie's Restaurant was selling little fish for \$1, with all proceeds for the Five Islands Athletic Association. A bottle drive was held in August and a yard sale was held on Sept. 22nd.

Looking ahead there is a ATV Rally on Sept. 29th. A Dance, with Andy Leblanc



The Five Islands Rink was ready for cement by the first week of September with the new slab poured on Sept. 7th. (facebook photo)



The Five Islands Rink was well used last winter. The mud floor has been replaced with a brand new cement slab, suitable for off season ball hockey along with ice hockey in winter months. (Harrington Photo)

playing, is planned for Oct. 6th at the Five Islands Fire Hall.

A "Run For the Rink" will be held on November 3rd at 8:00AM. This 50KM run will start at Glenholme's Maritime Auto Salvage and continue to the Five Islands Rink.

Paula Rochon, secretary with the Five Islands Athletic Association would like to offer a big thank you to all the rink supporters and says, "The Five Islands Athletic Association is now raising money to purchase rink boards, so the rink can be used this upcoming winter. If you would like to make a donation we have set up a PayPal account or donations can be mailed to Five Islands Athletic Association at 1070 Hwy. #2 Five Islands, NS B0M 1K0." She says the Association will mail a receipt for any donation received.

Sarah Yorke adds they are also accepting donations of skates and other sports equipment for use at the rink, hoping to have extra gear on hand so everyone can use the facilities. "No one should be left behind," she says.

**A facebook site, Five Islands Rink, has many photos and current information.**

## Bass River Fire Brigade News

By Peter Christensen

Well finally, the heat has turned down some degrees, and the rains have stopped for a while, now it is time to think of the fall season.

First, the wood is stored and dry, the flues and pipes are cleaned out, the stove or furnace has been checked to be sure of its readiness.

Soon the mercury will dip and the fires will be lit. Let's check all our electrical appliances as well, heaters and stuff like that should have their wires and cords checked over for safety. An unsafe cord can and will cause a fire.

And after the chores are all done, then it will be time for the Annual Firemen's Auction at the fire hall. This will be on Oct 6th. It will begin at 12 noon and end at 5 pm. There will be a canteen on site, as well as antiques, collectables, baked goods, preserves, garden vegetables, and hopefully some real nice pies. Yummm.

Right after the auction, we get ready for the Annual Trail Ride on Oct 14. A glorious slow ride on the original buggy trail from the top of

Castlereigh Mt to Bass River. All you need is your own horse and a camera. The day will begin at 10 am with registration, then the horses or buggies or wagons will begin the trek up to Castlereigh. The cost will be \$25.00 per horse and rider, and will include a great meal at the top of the mountain, then it is back down the trail again. The day should last approx 4 hours. For more info please call Peter @ 647-2546 .

The last happenings at the hall in the month of October will be the Halloween Dance on Oct 27. Prizes for the top 3 best costumes.

On a personal note, before I close, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of you out there for the cards and calls on the passing of my oldest brother Joe, my brother, the Father, who passed away suddenly on Aug 14 in Edmonton. A special thanks to the Brigade members who brought meals to the house.

Keep your pipes clean, and we will see you at the hall for the Auction on Oct 6 in Bass River



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