

Debert Golfs For Cancer

2014 Debert Golfs For Cancer- a great time was had by all 14 teams on August 31st at the Debert Golf Club, with close to \$5000 raised. (Harrington Photos)



These fun loving pirates were having a great time in support of a wonderful cause. Left to right- Heather Fisher, Wanda Henwood, Irene Kaiser and Deanna Graham.

By Linda Harrington

The second annual "Debert Golfs For Cancer" was a huge success, thanks to a lot of hard work and organization by Geraldine Gratto and the generosity of local businesses.

"My final tally for the golf tournament is \$4825," says an excited Geraldine. "This is up \$525 from what we raised last year."

Fourteen teams entered the golf tournament held August 31st at the Debert Golf Club

and it was all about having fun in support of great cause.

A new and exciting feature this year was a "Hole in One" prize on the #8 hole. Central Equipment had donated a bright shiny new Kubota lawn tractor but unfortunately there was no hole-in-one winner.

"Debert Golfs For Cancer" began last year because of Geraldine's own battle with breast cancer three years ago. "I'll never forget the wonderful support I received from

family and friends who were always there for me. I decided I wanted to give back to this worthwhile cause and have fun doing it," she says.

Last year Geraldine used funds raised to purchase items for the cancer unit at Colchester East Hants Health Centre. She purchased five iPads for the patient's use, three comfortable chairs for visitors to sit in, newspaper and magazine subscriptions and \$500 in gas cards.

She is excited to be able to carry on the tradition of helping people feel a little better during their cancer treatments. "So far I have renewed all the subscription from last year, I will also be buying more gas cards and I am meeting with Brenda Whittle today to see about purchasing some toques for the Serenity Room. As for the rest of the money I have left, I am not sure. I am looking into doing something for the palliative care unit," says Geraldine.

Kudos to you, Geraldine and all who helped out in any way.

Masstown Community News

By Chris Urquhart

Here we are, into autumn again! The leaves are starting to turn and the geese are once again flying across the sky in flocks. The hummingbirds are gone for the season and we are again seeing more blue jays in our yards. It is time to put out the suet and refill those feeders, again! Seems like I have been filling my feeders more in the last few days because of the cold nights. If you can, leave your bird baths out until they start freezing over at night as our feathered friends still need water to drink. A heated bird bath is a wonderful item to have in your yard, the birds will thank you if you do!

Lots happening now that we are back to our regular fall schedule. With school back our children are busy with many of their activities and so are we adults. Coffee Parties have started up again. These are so much fun! They start at 2pm and if you like to quilt,

come early! There is always a bake table and there is a nice play room for the children. These are held at the Masstown United Church. There will be one on Wednesday October 15th and a Witch's Brew Coffee Party on Wednesday October 29th. For this one come in costume for an extra spooky good time!

Masstown UCW will meet on Thursday October 2nd, 7pm at Gail Hines. This is for all ladies who are interested, we will welcome you!

The DGM Men's Club will meet on Saturday October 4th, 8am at the Double C Restaurant in Lower Debert. All men are welcome to come out to this fun breakfast meeting.

Baked Beans & Brown Take Out will be held on Saturday October 18th. Cost is \$10 for a liter of beans and a loaf of brown bread. Tickets are available from either Irene Gratto 902-662-2863 or Gail Hines

902-662-2194. Money raised will go for Church purposes. Pick up will be from 1-3pm at the Masstown United Church.

The Masstown Community Association will be holding their annual Pumpkin Carving at the Masstown United Church basement on Saturday October 25th from 1-3pm. All children welcome. Pumpkins are provided by Blake's Pumpkin Jungle and we thank them very much for doing this. Children must be accompanied by an adult and should bring carving items with them. Treats will be provided for the children.

Condolences go out this month to: the family of the late Marilyn Mitchell, to Walter Urquhart and family on the death of his mother Margaret Florence Urquhart, and to Philip Baird on the death of his mother Joan Baird.

Enjoy the fall weather, go for a drive to see the leaves and remember, "Don't worry about the world coming to an end today, it's already tomorrow in Australia".

Wentworth C@Psite Summer Program

By Hope Bridgewater

The Wentworth C@Psite (Community Access Program) was fortunate to receive grants to hire two interns, Andrew Henderson and Ben Ferdinand, with Jordan Sprague volunteering his time as supervisor. Andrew and Ben taught classes about Skype, Newspaper, Facebook, E-mail, scanning, photography, and other computer skills open to all ages, particularly adults. Most of those coming for the tutoring were mostly seniors ages 50+. The boys were very pleased with their "Children's Camp" which had separate times scheduled just for their age range. Activities included a reading program, colouring pages, chalk drawings, summer Bingo, Makey Makey, other games, and sports.

The Wentworth C@Psite was brought to Wentworth under the direction of the Wentworth Community Development Council and is housed in the basement of the Wentworth Recreation Centre. There are two large rooms devoted to computers and the internet. During this past summer the C@Psite was open more hours than usual from Monday to Thursday and night time hours on Tuesday for playing Bocce Ball, Fire Safety Night (August 11), and a 3-D Printer and 3-D Scanner demonstration (August 21).

Focusing again on the successful summer programs, both Andrew and Ben wrote their thoughts about their time at the C@Psite during July and August. Ben wrote: "Hi, my name is Ben Ferdinand and I was one of the two summer interns at the Wentworth community C@Psite and library this summer. Throughout the summer, we had a few different programs. Some of them were the Summer

Reading Club, which was for the kids, and the Seniors Program. We had seniors come by, we'd help them, and for them we had Bocce Ball down at the Rec Centre field. We also had random fun nights throughout the summer. Most of the people who came in were seniors except for the Reading Program. The programs went well, especially the Reading Program. We had a total of 15 different kids. The best part about the Reading Program was that some of the kids were really shy at the start and, then, some of them didn't want to leave."

Andrew wrote: "This summer I worked as an intern at the Wentworth C@Psite. On Monday and Wednesdays. Ben and I worked with seniors to help them get used to the computers or brush up on their skills. We had quite a lot of people come in over the summer. Some of them we only saw once or twice, but others were continuous and came for almost every program. The average age group we saw for the seniors were around ages 60-75.

On Tuesdays we had a children's program. During the program we would make crafts, read, play outside with chalk and other equipment, have special presentations and in the end we held a movie night. On average we had around 12 kids per day and a total of 15 different kids showed up overall for the entire summer. The kids loved it and I have gotten responses from parents that the

kids had a good time and were excited for each week.

Overall the summer program was perfect. Ben and I got to meet some amazing people, enhance our social skills, learn how other people learn and we had a fun time doing it. Now with the C@Psite having new computers and the shelves having 900 new books on them, I think it is safe to say that the program has improved. I will be volunteering weekly again starting on the 15th of September."



Greg Blair gives the 8th hole his best swing, hoping to win a lawn tractor as Tena, Kurt and Jamie Gratto look on.



Event organizer Geraldine Gratto (left) added a Trivia event to this year's "Debert Golfs for Cancer". Trying to answer the question are Steve McLean, Bradley Gale, Christina Henley and Brett Hardy.



Chad Bower, from Central Equipment, poses with his wife Susie and son Dax at the 8th hole. Central Equipment donated the Kubota lawn tractor as a "Hole in One" prize. Unfortunately there were no winners this year.



Andrew Henderson and Ben Ferdinand keep busy planning activities happening at the Wentworth C@Psite Summer Program. Andrew and Ben were hired as interns for the Wentworth C@Psite Summer Program. Both will be attending the Pugwash District High School this autumn as Grade 12 students. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

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