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Message from the Chair

WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED OVER THE PAST YEAR

The Dunrobin Community Centre received a major face-lift last year. The interior of the building was painted by a number of high school students in return for their community service hours and the storage areas and kitchen area was cleaned and re-organized.



Darryl Kicul, Chair

Once again the Community Centre has been rented out to more community groups. The Executive has made it a priority to try and increase the traffic in the Centre during the year. We have seen the Centre used for private parties, dog obedience classes, boating courses, community meetings and training sessions. In addition, The Euchre club have been busy on Friday evenings in the Spring, and we have also hosted Beavers and Cubs on a number of occasions. A series of new programs will be in place for the summer and fall at the Centre in partnership with the City of Ottawa.

Last spring proved very busy as softball and soccer registrations took place at the Centre. The baseball season was a big success with local players and umpires playing nightly on both of our diamonds. I would like to thank John Kealey for all his work on the softball program and commend him for obtaining a brand new shed for to store all of the softball equipment. The annual Softball Tournament was held on the weekend of June 22, 2008. This year the DCA sponsored the BBQ for participants and parents, and in addition a yard sale was held to raise funds to support cancer research.

Welcome to the first issue of the Dunrobin Community Association Newsletter. We are pleased to introduce our new website, www.dunrobincommunity.com. Margot Menna is our webmaster and has pulled together our first community website. We are interested in collecting ideas for additional services/programs for the community of Dunrobin. There is a short survey on the site and your feedback would be very much appreciated. On the site you will find links to information about the DCA, such as Sports, Summer Camps, Classes, the City of Ottawa, links to the Dunrobin Executive Committee and much more. For regular updates on what is happening at the Community Centre, please sign up for the Mailing List, on the home page.

Debbie Kealey, who has been the Dunrobin soccer rep for a number of years stepped down at the end of last soccer year. Thanks Debbie for your hard work and dedication to the West Carleton Soccer Association on behalf of the community. Debbie has been replaced by Kelly Robertson. Kelly is holding things together for this year while the DCA searches for a new community rep for soccer for the 2009 season. Kelly reported this year there was a slight increase in the number of participants in the soccer program, and everything is running smoothly with the help of the many coaches, assistant coaches, and equipment manager. The DCA oversees the cutting and lining of 6 fields as well as providing much of the infrastructure and equipment for the micro tournament and the year end tournament at West Carleton High School.

Canada Day has been a long running tradition at the Community Centre. We have a great program this year once again, pulled together by the volunteers of the DCA. See the back page of this newsletter for more details about this years great event. This day would not be possible without the help of many volunteers from our community. So if you have time come on out and help out on July 1!

This is the tenth season for the outdoor hockey league. Close to a hundred young people were registered last winter. Practices took place Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and games were played on Saturdays. The weather this past year was not very cooperative and resulted in many cancelled games and practices. Barry Green was able to reschedule a number of practices and games. Barry Green stepped down at the end of the 2007 year. Thanks Barry for your support over the years! Wayne Carroll will take control of the Outdoor Program for the 2008/09 season.

I would like to personally thank Brian Boyd, Gaetan Morin, Kim Clevely and all of the City Recreation staff that have helped us build a great program at the DCC. In addition I would like to thank all of the members of the DCA Executive and other volunteers who have supported the programming efforts in the community for all of their hard work and perseverance.



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