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WDRA

WESTMEATH & DISTRICT
RECREATION ASSOCIATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 3rd WDRA Meeting - 7:00 pm
Apr 5th Soup & Sandwich
LaPasse Parish Hall
11:30-1:00 pm
Apr 7th WDRA Boardwalk Bingo
Pembroke - 7:00 pm
Apr 9th Westmeath/Beachburg
Minor Hockey Banquet
Westmeath Hall, 1:00 pm
Apr 12th RSSC Monthly Meeting
Community Hall
Apr 14th **GOOD FRIDAY**
Apr 15th Easter Egg Hunt
Westmeath Hall
10:30 am - 1:00 pm
Apr 16th **EASTER SUNDAY**
Apr 18th WDRA AGM - 7:30 pm
Apr 19th RSSC Soup & Sandwich
\$8.00 Community Hall
Apr 22nd Beachburg Lion's Club
Buffet Breakfast
Apr 25th Epicure Fundraiser
Westmeath Hall - 7:00 pm
Apr 29th Anniversary Turkey &
Ham Supper, 4 - 6:30 pm
St. Andrew's United
Church, Beachburg
May 13th WDRA Yard Sales

FOR HALL BOOKING
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FOR ICE RENTAL BOOKINGS
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APRIL 2017 NEWSLETTER

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WESTMEATH WINTER CARNIVAL 2017

A huge **THANK YOU** goes out to everyone who came together on the weekend of March 3rd, 4th & 5th to make this years' Winter Carnival another tremendous success.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out over the weekend, and to everyone who contributed with food donations.
Thank you to our sponsors, Wilderness Tours and River Run.

Thank you to all of the following people for their leadership to ensure that we would have a carnival this year:

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School - School Carnival/Friday
Ashley Bertrand & her team - Adult Hockey Tournament
Neil Nicholson & all the coaches - Road Hockey Tournament
Terry Bromley - straw used for Road Hockey Tournament
Rick McDonald, Andrew Bromley & crew - Lumberjack Competition
Anne Bromley, Jen Ethier & the 4H Club - Kids Indoor Activities, Scavenger Hunt and Soup Club Lunch
Marie McMullen - Entertainment & Bar
Pauline Wright - Bingo
Mary Garfat - Outdoor Kids Games & Broomball
Louise Drapeau - Skating
Brenda Grady & all the kitchen volunteers who served well over 1,000 meals!
Young Country who kept the music going on Saturday Night
Mel de Haan and his team of flooders and net movers who supported 23 hours of ice for the Adult Hockey Tournament and Minor Hockey

Button Draw winner from this year's carnival were:
Brian Sullivan - Two 1-Day Rafting Trips donated by Widerness Tours
Beth Ethier - Two 1-Day Rafting Trips donated by Widerness Tours
Ashley Whalen - \$25 Gift Certificate for the Rafter Restaurant, Wilderness Tours

Scavenger Hunt Winners:
Steve Racine, Bradley Thoms, Lauren Thoms & Calysta Couturier
Each received a Gift Certificate for Tubing donated by River Run
Congratulations to all our winners!!

WDRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, April 18th, 7:30pm
Everyone is welcome.
All Board Positions Available:
Updating of WDRA Constitution

WESTMEATH / BEACHBURG MINOR HOCKEY

Our end of season Banquet for Westmeath and Beachburg House League Teams will be held Apr 9th in our WDRA Hall to recognize all our players and volunteers who made the year possible. A Big Thank you to all the parent coaches, trainers, managers, Peter Ethier and his team of refs, Mel and his flooders/net movers, the WDRA for their support. We look forward to the next season!

EASTER EGG HUNT

Westmeath Community Hall

Saturday, April 15th
10:30am – 1:00pm

Crafts, Decorate Eggs &
Cupcakes

Bring your basket for the Easter Egg Hunt

Lunch Included
Hot Dogs, Grill Cheese & a Drink
\$5.00 per person
Everyone Welcome!

Easter Egg Hunt Outside Dress for the Weather
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For information contact Brenda at
587-4518 or wdra@nrtco.net

WDRA BOTTLE DRIVE

The bottle drive will be a Saturday in May, date TBD, but please start to collect your refundable bottles and we will be around to pick them up. All the profits go back into our sports and rec. programs. Contact Neil at 613.587.4725 if you would like to volunteer to help out.

CANADA DAY!

The WDRA is looking for people interested in taking the lead on the Canada Day Committee. We need help or there may not be a Canada Day program this year.

For more information, please contact wdra@nrtco.net or (613) 587-4559, or Brenda Grady @ (613) 587-4518 Thanks!

WDRA Basketball

The WDRA will be running a Steve Nash Basketball Program at the Beachburg Public School on Tues. and Thurs. nights from April 4th to June 15th for groups 6-8, 9-10 and 11-12/13. Cost is \$65 and there spot are limited. Contact Neil at 613.587.4725 for more detail or to sign up.

WDRA Tour de Whitewater CAN150



Kids
Leisure Rides
Road Warriors

Saturday July 08, 2017

• All rides start and end at the Westmeath Arena
• 4H BBQ at Noon
• For more info contact Mike at (613)602-5548

Hold the Date & Tell Your Friends
Stay tuned for more details in the coming month

The WDRA will be hosting pick-up ball hockey this year on six consecutive Friday nights starting May 5th at the Westmeath Arena. There will be two sessions (using last seasons ages) - a novice/atom session from 6-7 pm and a peewee/bantam+ session from 7-8 pm. Cost will be \$25 for 6 sessions or a drop-in fee of \$7. Contact Dan Moore at dmoore@nrtco.net to register. Ontario Ball Hockey Federation rules will be used - stick, hockey gloves and

The WDRA will be hosting pick-up basketball at the Beachburg Public School on Thursday nights from April 6th to June 15th, 7:30-8:30 pm. Grade 7 to age 99 are welcome to come out and enjoy in fun of Basketball. Contact Neil at 613.587.4725 for more detail or to sign up.

It's time to start thinking about Minor Ball. Registration will take place on April 4th from 5:30-7:00 pm at the arena.

- T-Ball, 4 year olds, cost is \$15.00
- Bumblebee, 5-7 year olds, cost is \$35.00
- Mite, 8 & 9 year olds, cost is \$45.00
- Squirt, 10 & 11 year olds, cost is \$45.00
- Peewee, 12 & 13 year olds, cost is \$50.00
- Bantam/Midget, 14, 15 & 16 year olds, cost is \$55.00

Late registration fee of \$10.00 after April 30th. Watch the Westmeath Sports Coordinator FB page for batting and pitching clinic information. We are also looking for umpires (paid for time and training available). Please contact Melissa Dick for more information at (613) 281-3856 or melissadick1978@gmail.com

"WHAT'S HAPPENING"

April 2017 Update of Riverview Seniors Social Club

Submitted by Heather Campbell

The Riverview Seniors Social Club is a non-profit and volunteer driven organization working to enhance the quality of life, community participation and independence of seniors.

Coming Events:

Yoga is ongoing every Wednesday morning, starting at 9 a.m. If you are interested, please contact Danielle Thomas at 613-635-1485.

Soup and Sandwich in the hall at noon every 3rd Wednesday continues monthly. Cost \$8. Non-perishable items can be brought and donated to the Food Bank.

The **Paint Group** (those that just want to come and paint) meets every 3rd Wednesday (after soup and sandwich) at 1:30 p.m. If you want more info, contact Doreen at 587-4834.

Mark **May 28th** on your calendar for the "Queen for a Day" spring tea, 2 to 4p.m. (door and bar open at 1:30 p.m.). Entertainment that guarantees laughter is planned! Tickets are \$15 and are available from Jan McMullen @ 587-4377 or Danielle Thomas @ 613-635-1485.

HWT Project <http://hwtproject.ca/> is proudly sponsored by the Riverview Senior Social Club. The last of the events took place on March 23rd with the learning about wines. All these events were made possible through funding by the federal government's "New Horizons for Seniors Program" grant. All were well-attended and some events have spawned offshoots that you may hear more about. A BIG thank-you goes to the various teachers, facilitators, organizers and helpers!

The Club, as a new fund-raiser, is selling copies of **MY WISHES WORKBOOK** at \$15.00 each. See ad in this newsletter for more detail.

A club bus trip to Tadoussac, Quebec is planned for June 6 to 8, 2017. Present members have the months of March and April to sign up for a spot on the bus. Members, do not hesitate if you are thinking about this trip because the bus is already more than half filled! In May, should there be a spot on the bus, an opportunity opens for non-members. A waiting list for non members is being kept. To reserve, contact trip co-ordinator Irene at ireneoconnor9@gmail.com



Like us on Facebook at Riverview Seniors Social Club.

For more details visit HWTPROJECT.CA/RIVERVIEWEVENTS

MUSKRAT MINOR HOCKEY ANNUAL MEETING

The MMHA Annual Meeting will be held in May at the Westmeath Hall. We will be encouraging hockey parents to come and have a say in the running of their hockey association. The Agenda will be included in the May Newsletter.

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A Fundraiser Project for the Riverview Seniors Social Club

Thanks to our community sponsors for donating over \$1,000, all rink activities over the March Break were free. This included public skates, shinny hockey and broomball. PLEASE take time to thank our sponsors. Community businesses and volunteer community organizations are key elements of any community. They not only strengthen the fabric of our community, they also support the special functions that invest in our youth. Thanks again for all your support.

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