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Sudbury Dragon Boat Festival

Saturday, July 16th 2011

Help celebrate 12 years of dragon boat racing in Sudbury!. For more information on this year's event visit

www.sudburydragonboats.org

The Spirit Lives on...SportLink Games Day Returns

By: Kendall Wisniewski

SUDBURY, ON – SportLink is excited and ready to host their fifth annual Games Day event on Wednesday, June 22. This year's edition will bring together more than 500 English speaking elementary school students aged 9-11 for a one-day celebration of sport, while providing an opportunity for Sudbury's youth to be exposed to sport in a recreational atmosphere.

Games Day, which originally began as Canada Games Day, has excelled in past years due to its ability to introduce and feature less mainstream sports, as well as encourage all the students involved to participate and enjoy the true meaning of sport.

"SportLink continues to run Games Day, because of its success in the past," said SportLink's executive director Michael Ladouceur.

"Students continue to embrace less mainstream sports like disc golf and cricket, two sports which have reaped huge benefits from the event. We hope this year's event will be just as successful."

The inaugural event, Canada Games Day, took place in May 2007. The original event was funded and developed by the Canada Games Council, and with the help of SportLink, Sudbury was one of nine Ontario communities selected to host the event. Since then, SportLink has continued to grow the event, allowing it to become a large success within the Sudbury community.

For more information about SportLink and their Games Day event, visit their website at www.sportlink.ca, become a "fan" on facebook at www.facebook.com/sportlinksudbury or follow them on Twitter @SportLink_GSSC.

Did you Know?

SportLink is now on facebook and twitter!

Stay current on all details related to grass root sport locally, provincially and nationally!

"Like" the **SportLink Greater Sudbury Sport Council** page on facebook or follow us on **twitter @SportLink_GSSC**



CANADIAN
SPORT POLICY
RENEWAL



2011 Special Olympics Ontario Floor Hockey Championships

June 9th-11th, 2011 Cambrian College

The Greater Sudbury Police Service is proud to host this year's championships. For more information visit

www.gspcs.ca/en/floorhockey.asp

Canadian Sport Policy Renewal – Have your voice be heard!

Two years in the making, and endorsed by federal, provincial and territorial Ministers responsible for sport, physical activity and recreation, the Canadian Sport Policy reflects the interests and concerns of 14 government jurisdictions, the Canadian sport community, and of the countless other organizations and agencies that influence and benefit from sport in Canada.

The Policy challenges all stakeholders to open sport to every segment of Canadian society. It welcomes and seeks to involve all those who do not currently consider themselves a part of either the sport community or the sport system, but have the potential and the desire to contribute.

Above all, the Policy seeks to improve the sport experience of all Canadians by helping to ensure the harmonious and effective functioning, and transparency of their sport system. The Canadian Sport Policy reflects a new approach to shared leadership and collaboration amongst all stakeholders to achieve the goals of enhanced participation, excellence, capacity and interaction in sport.

Now is your chance to contribute your ideas. The federal-provincial/territorial Ministers responsible for sport have agreed that officials should proceed with developing a successor to the Canadian Sport Policy. Governments are collaborating with sport communities and Canadians from coast to coast to develop a Canadian Sport Policy that makes us proud of our sport system and its achievements both at home and abroad. The vision embraced by the policy will lay the foundation upon which we will focus our efforts over the next ten years to improve sport in Canada.

Thank you for taking a few minutes to complete the following survey by June 27, 2011 (anonymity will be respected). A general comment box is provided at the end of the survey to share your thoughts regarding the next Canadian Sport Policy. Information gathered in this survey will be shared with third parties and government officials for the development of Canada's next sport policy and other relevant sport research. The combined responses will provide a better perspective of the existing opportunities and challenges related to sport so that together we can strengthen sport in Canada.

Canadian Sport Policy

Complete the Survey!

<http://app.fluidsurveys.com/surveys/sirc/csp-renewal-2011/?l=eng>

Take 5 minutes to complete the survey now, and have your voice be heard!



Jeux de la Francophonie: July 19-24, 2011

SEEKING REFEREES, JUDGES AND OFFICIALS!

Contact Laetitia Tchoualack, Associate Director of sports programming at 705-222-2011 ext. 203

or by e-mail at laetitia@jeuxfc.ca for more details.

Everyone welcome on the Lions Club of Sudbury Disc Golf Course – no tee time required!

By Lisa Demmer

The city's only year-round golf course is open for play!

The course is centrally located with 18 challenging holes weaving through parkland and forest, with elevation changes that will test golfers of all abilities. Players get a beautiful view of the city and the course's suitability for players of all ages and experience levels makes it a great place for families to enjoy time and physical activity together.

Caddies and carts aren't required on this golf course though... it's a disc golf course!

Disc golf is similar to traditional golf, but instead of a ball and clubs, players throw flying discs. Each hole begins with a drive from a tee area toward a target – an elevated metal basket called a pole hole. Players progress down the fairway taking each consecutive shot from the spot where their previous throw landed. As the player approaches the pole hole, he or she puts the disc into the metal basket.

Dean Aelick, a local entrepreneur, disc sport enthusiast and president of the Sudbury Disc Golf Club, has been patiently and tirelessly working to promote the sport in Sudbury since he was introduced to it in 2006. An ultimate Frisbee player since 2003, Aelick learned about disc golf at an ultimate Frisbee tournament from a fellow player.

“He had set up a nine-hole portable course and he lent me one of his discs,” says Aelick in a 2008 article in the Northern Life. “I immediately thought, ‘wow, this is a combination of my two favourite sports – ultimate (Frisbee) and golf.’”

He has been working to raise the profile of the sport – and build a course – in Sudbury since then. He began laying the groundwork for a course in the city in 2008. Construction began in 2009 and all 18 holes had been built by early 2011.

Key Dates in Local Sport

June 11th: Sudbury Rowing Club High School Regatta

June 12th: Sudbury Rocks Sudbury Spring Sprint

June 18 - 19: Sudbury Yacht Club Vale Inco Regatta

June 22nd: 5th Annual SportLink Games Day

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Adult Learn-To-Row

Every Tuesday and Thursday from June 7 to June 30

Hosted by the Sudbury Rowing Club. The cost to join is \$100.00. To sign up for the Learn to Row program, please contact france_jodoin@hotmail.com

Everyone welcome on the Lions Club of Sudbury Disc Golf Course



The course is the first of its kind in Sudbury and the first tee is located in Selkirk Park, at the corner of Burton Avenue and Selkirk Street in the Donovan neighbourhood.

The Lions Club of Sudbury provided approximately \$10,000 toward the cost of building the course and Aelick completed most of the manual labour himself. The course is free to play on a recreational basis and residents and visitors of all ages are encouraged to try it out.

There are different discs for different disc golf shots, such as drivers, mid-range discs, and putters, just like golf's assortment of clubs, but players only need one disc to get started. Discs can be purchased during league nights, or at The Practice Tee Driving Range, which Aelick owns.

Summer league games take place on Tuesdays at 6pm. Players meet at the gazebo in Selkirk Park and are randomly divided into teams of two. Beginners are welcome – your first time is even free!

The Sudbury Disc Golf Club operates the course. The club's mission is to introduce, develop, and foster the sport of disc golf in the City of Greater Sudbury through clinics, leagues and tournaments.

For more information, find the Sudbury Disc Golf Club on Facebook, call Aelick at 705-626-6243 or email sudburydiscgolf@gmail.com. ~

Key Dates in Pro Sport

June 16-19th: Golf- US Open

June 20 - July 3: Wimbledon begins (WTA and ATP)

June 22nd: NHL Awards Show

June 23rd: NBA Entry Draft

June 24th: NHL Entry Draft

June 30th: CFL Season Opener



Sudbury & District Health Unit
Service de santé publique de Sudbury et du district

5th Annual SportLink Games Day

June 22nd from 10:00am-2:00pm

A "true sport" event to engage and expose Sudbury's youth to healthy and active living

For more info visit www.sportlink.ca

Sudbury Laurels Vault to Gold!

It was a record setting weekend for athletes from the Sudbury Laurels Gymnastics Club. On Friday evening, team veteran Tatum Hurley, set the tone for the Championships by capturing the Laurels first medal of the weekend with a gold on the vault. Tatum's performance qualified her for Eastern Canadian Championships, May 7th, 8th in Halifax, NS.

The Laurels' athletes continued their medal hunt with another gold medal performance by level 7 athlete, Kayla Folz. "Kayla is a young up and coming gymnast with a great deal of potential. To win a gold this early in her career is fantastic - I am very excited looking forward, her potential is unlimited" said head coach Lisa Kivinen. Other Sudbury Laurels gymnasts, Emilie Laberge, Jennifer Drane and Olivia Marois all returned home with top ten finishes.

To top off the weekend, Andree-Anne Bechard-Cote, hauled in three more medals in the level 5 division. Bechard-Cote won a silver on balance beam, uneven bars as well as the coveted all around. Kivinen said "I am over the moon.

I knew the team looked good heading into the weekend but with 2 golds, 3 silvers and all of the other top 10 finishes, this is a new record for our club!"

Adding to the success of the girls team and not to be outdone, the Sudbury Laurels boys team competed at the Ontario Boys Provincial Championships this weekend in Burlington. James Tremblay wowed the crowd with a silver medal overall and Kari Sakki added to the club's success with a 5th all around finish. Boy's head coach Michelle Seanor said, "The boys have developed new skills that allowed them to compete at higher levels this year. They are so strong, I knew they could do well if they hit their routines - and they did!"

Written by Lisa Kivinen

Did you Know?

The Sudbury Wolves have two alumni playing in the Stanley Cup Finals?

2000-2001 Alumni Chris Kelly is currently playing centre for the Boston Bruins and has 11 points in 20 playoff games*

2006-2007 Alumni Adam McQuaid is playing defence for the Boston Bruins and has 4 assists in 18 playoff games*

Best of luck in the finals!

*at time of publishing



Boston Pizza Fundraising Opportunities

3 ways to earn money for your club!

Visit www.sportlink.ca for more information or contact Andrea Crombez at CrombezA@bostonpizza.com to find out

which opportunity best suits your needs!



Inside SportLink: Through the Eyes of a Co-op Student

By: Mario Parisotto

This month I am writing my second of three blogs. For this blog I want to give you an inside perspective to the various tasks being undertaken by SportLink and more specifically what I am doing.

Here at SportLink I have created a calendar of sporting events that will occur in Greater Sudbury. This calendar allows SportLink to know what events are happening when and where in order to effectively promote and assist.

Another task was to research all the other sport councils in Canada and organized it on a spreadsheet. This meant finding out who else was out there and what sort of role they play in their community.

Lately my largest task has been to help complete a sports facility inventory to gather up information on arenas, pools, soccer fields etc. To date we have compiled information on over 120 facilities, fields, courts and gymnasiums! This spreadsheet is growing by the day!

By completing all these jobs at SportLink, I have learned a lot about the various groups within Sudbury and I have learnt about sports administration in general.

A very useful take-away from my co-op placement will be the knowledge I have gained on the use of Microsoft Excel. I have learned how to use Microsoft Excel for the first time and I now feel I have a good handle on it its complexities. I never knew so much could be done with a spreadsheet, and this is a skill I am for sure going to pull away for my future studies

I have learned about sponsorship packages and the difference between the various price levels (i.e. Gold, Silver). The facility inventory has opened my eyes to the capacity within Sudbury to host not only sport groups but championships and events as well!

Look for my third blog entry next month when I take you through my experiences at my first ever Games Day!

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If you have any ideas for featured stories, guest columnist or relevant ideas feel free to contact SportLink at 705-674-4454 ext 4434

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