

Hornby Recreation Committee Highlights 2006/07 Presented at HIRRA AGM, March 2007

The Recreation Committee began the year with the hiring of a Recreation Coordinator (Bonita Wexler), to determine the recreation needs and implement more year-round programs for Hornby Island (as well as continuing our history of summer programs). Bonita has had a great start to her first year.

A Recreation Survey of the Island to determine areas of interest was circulated and the information tabulated. Programs were set up by the Coordinator based on these results, these included: Overwhelming request for a fitness/weight/exercise room and swimming. 165 responses, over 50% between the ages of 40 and up.

A Fitness Calendar, outlining all fitness related events and classes currently offered on the Island, was created in conjunction with Hornby Health under Hornby Active Community.

The Summer Program of Activities was very successful with great participation in the following camps.

Sailing (2 programs) – 19 participants
Swimming (different levels) - 25
Soccer - 15
Circus (2 programs) - 29
Pilates -7
Hula Hoopla - 11
Wild Spirit Camp- 8
Day camps at Outdoor Education Centre (3 programs) - 29
Skim Boarding Competition - 15
Sierra Club Presentation - 13

Evaluation forms were sent out to both instructors and participants: results were very positive.

Hornby Recreation took part in the Fall Fair in the 'games and events section' and was well attended.

Special events have been planned for each month until May. Quite a few events planned for the fall were cancelled due to exceptionally bad weather.

In January there was a very successful well attended Snow Day at Mount Washington for skiers and snowboarders (26 folks) and in February there was a Hornby Swim Day at the Aquatic Centre in Courtenay (20 folks). March is the long awaited Poker Bike Ride (that kept being cancelled due to foul weather).

Articles have been written by the recreation coordinator for the 'First Edition' each month to keep the community aware of events and a reminder to keep active.

The Recreation Committee, by funds from Regional District Recreation Tax Dollars, also supported the following organizations:

- Volleyball: \$500; outside area completed with net
- HIAA: \$2,000; to finish the construction of the weight room
- HITA: \$1000; provided classes for the kids and some adult subsidy
- School Gym: \$1,750; Users Subsidy:
- Special event: \$2000
- Recreation Coordinator: \$ 7500 (shared funding with HIRA direct tax grant)

Special thanks to our hard working volunteers; April Lewis, Donna Tule, Joan Brears and Mathona Thomson. Mathona and Joan are stepping down after their years of hard work.

Submitted by Chair, Gord Campbell