



RAPPORT

From the Editor

Well spring has finally sprung. And if you ask me not a moment too soon. Don't get me wrong, I mean this winter wasn't that bad. Sure we got our share of snow and cold weather, so I try to make it a point to stay somewhat active during the long months. For instance, I play 'pick-up' hockey with a great group of guys every Friday night, and this year I coached my oldest son in hockey plus I helped out with the youngest on his team and I took great pleasure watching my wife put to good use the snow float I got her for Christmas. For me, spring would have to be my favourite season (*to be totally honest—summer is my favourite*) but spring to me is like that moment before the waitress comes on over to your

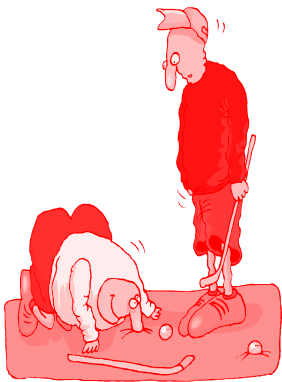
table with your Pizza Hut pizza and before you even take that first bite. In short, the best before the best. My point (albeit it being a long winded one), is spring is a time of new beginning. What once was dead and buried, is now slowly coming back to life. And I just don't mean about the plants, scrubs, and trees that laid pinned under the 15 feet of snow we received this winter, but the renewal or rebirth of spirit and hope. Spring is the time of year when new ideas are formed and the way we look at things or the way we handle things become...well greener.

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3rd Annual RBC Royal Bank Golf Tournament Fore NOFCC



"I don't care what you put in that hole Herb. I'm still going to break par."

It's that time again for all you gophers....I mean 'Golfers' to polish up those clubs and hit the links. The RBC Royal Bank is holding their 3rd Annual Golf Tournament with all proceeds in support of the NOFCC. This 4 Person Best Ball (Scramble) will be held at Cedar Green Golf Club on Friday June 23, 2006 starting at 11:00am. The cost is \$90.00 a person or \$360.00 for a team of four. Golf carts will be provided followed by a fabulous dinner and great prizes. Last year's RBC Golf Tournament raised over \$6,000.00 for the

NOFCC and they are looking to have yet another great year. For further information or to register, please contact:

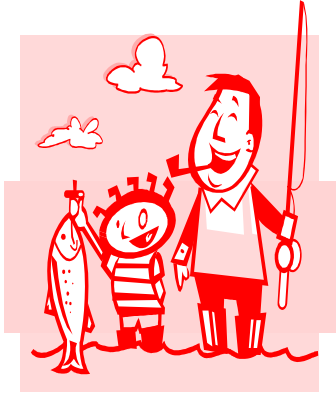
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On behalf of the NOFCC Members, the children and their parents...THANK YOU! You Gals & Guys are "ACES" in our Hearts.



**“Can I tell Mom we won the \$5,000.00 prize Dad?”
“You do son, and you will be swimming with the fishes.”**

With summer fast approaching, so is the ‘Fishing 4 Children’s Charities’ Annual Pike Tournament on Whitewater Lake in Azilda—Saturday, July 15th, 2006. The Pike Tournament is a one-day event and the entry fee is \$200.00 for a team of two. The tournament start time is 7:30am and ends at 3:30pm. This one-day event is truly a fun filled day. Last year’s tournament witnessed the catch and release of over 380 pike—so there are a lot of fish to go around. There are prizes for a Mystery Fish and a \$20.00

(per boat) voluntary Big Fish prize. Area businesses have donated numerous gift certificates and prizes. Mr. Craig McDermott, owner of the Sudbury and Chelmsford Pizza Huts has agreed to supply pizza for this event with all proceeds of sold pizza slices going to the NOFCC.

For more information on the Pike Tournament, contact please:

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Letter of Support

Dear NOFCC,

On behalf of my family, I’d like to say “Thank You” for all that you’ve done for us during our time of need, and for all you continue to do for our follow ups. Without your help I don’t know if we would have been able to maintain our family with half of us living in Toronto. The help you offered ensured the David could talk to his father and brother every day, and see them every weekend. The comfort of that still brings tears to my eyes. Knowing that you continue this work with other families in the North fills my heart with hope.

Upon our return to Sudbury after David’s surgeries and radiation at the end of January...everyone wanted to see him and be with him...in order to make it easier for everyone, we got together at Bridges by Brother T’s and I made it known that no gifts would be accepted on my son’s behalf...he had received too many during his

hospital stay and over Christmas.

Our family decided that we could accept donations for NOFCC...during our short breakfast our family came up with \$100.00. Although it’s not much...I know the phone calls will be invaluable to some child out there.

Thank You so much for all you do.

The Clement Family

Editor’s Response:

Dear Clement Family, it is us who should be thanking you.

Safe Fun in the Sun

Although people with fair skin are more susceptible to sun damage, darker-skinned people can also be affected. No matter what your skin type, wear a water-resistant sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of at least 30, if you’ll be outside for more than 20 minutes, even on a cloudy day.

Sunscreen should be applied to dry skin 20-30 minutes before going outdoors. Re-apply every 2 hours, after towel-drying, swimming or sweating. And don’t be a cheapskate. Apply sunscreen generously and don’t hang on to the same bottle for years. You should replace the bottle every three years.

Other Safety Tips:

- Limit your exposure to the sun during the day. The sun’s rays are strongest between 10:00am and 4:00pm.
- Cover up. Wear long-sleeved shirts, pants and a wide-brimmed hat that protects the face, neck, and ears
- Wear sunglasses. Use shades that block UV rays. Large-framed wraparound sunglasses protect your eyes from all angles.
- Check your skin regularly. If you notice any changes in birthmarks, moles or blemishes, see your physician.

Have A Safe and Fun Summer!!!!

Kids Korner

I Love You Mommy

Violets are red
And you are too
When you get sunburn.

Thank you for letting me have
A swimming party
Thank you for helping me
Thank you for just being you.

In the morning
When I wake up
I feel happy
When I go to sleep at night
You always give me a kiss
And you always
Share my love.

I love you mommy
Thank you.

by Amanda (age 8) - 2003



I Hate Needles

I hate needles
I hate needles
Take that you smelly needle.

Get hanged
With all your blue medicine
I hate you needles.

I can tell you a lot about needles
Because I am an expert
But I don't want to tell you
Anything about needles
They hurt.

by Alex (age 6) - 2003

The Smile Garden

I really like my garden,
It has rocks and sand and smiles.

My mom helped me paint it,
I really like my golden stone
Because it has my name on it
And it shines like the sun!

The sand is very sparkly,
It helps me smile for a while
And I wish it would come alive,
Because I would play in it all day
And all night,
For all my life.

by Reniessa (age 9) - 2003

From the Editor *cont'd*

Of course this is not to say that spring is the only time of the year when we reflect on everything that has happened to us, our loved ones, people we know, or world events. But for some of us, spring may be a good time to start anew, to rethink our life's priorities and what is truly important to us. Remember, material things can always be bought, replaced or sold. So while you are out there tending to your yard work or if you are like me, taking great pleasure watching my wife put to good use the lawnmower I got her for our anniversary, try not to look over the fence and com-

pare yourselves with what your neighbours have and own. When it comes right down to it, it does not matter what materials you end up purchasing because someone else out there will always have something nicer, bigger, or better than what you have.

To simply sum up my ramblings, take a second to look at the poems I printed in Kids Korner and read what these children perceive to bring them happiness, pleasure, and even concern. With it, spring brings new life and if we let it.....a new attitude.

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What Do We Do.....

The Northern Ontario Families of Children with Cancer (NOFCC) is an independent registered charity that was established in 1998 by a group of parents of children with cancer. Being parents themselves, they recognize the particular difficulties involved in caring for a child with cancer and the geographic challenges of living in the north.

The NOFCC serves all families who have been touched by childhood cancer— families with a child on active treatment, those off treatment or receiving follow up care, and bereaved families.

Our area expands north to Timmins and Kapuskasing, south to Parry Sound, east to North Bay and west to Sault Ste. Marie, and all areas in between.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SUPPORT

Thanking you for your recent and continuous support....

(In April, the Valley East Lion's Club donated \$1,000.00 to the NOFCC. On hand to present the cheque to NOFCC's President Micheline Ferguson was: Roger Lariviere, President; Doug Christink, President-Elect (and current First VP) and his wife Val Christink.

(The NOFCC recently received a donation of \$400.00 from Club Richelieu.

(Congratulations to the Kinsmen Club of Sudbury for their upcoming 24th annual Home Sweepstakes.

(In November 2005, The Sauvé Memorial Basketball Tournament at the YMCA was held by the family and friends of Ryan Sauvé. The participants raised an outstanding \$730.89, which was donated to the NOFCC. Christian Robertson, a friend and organizer would like to make this tournament an annual event.

(March of 2006, saw the Northern Pikes, with special guest "Survivorman's" Les Stroud, and High Deafinition as opening act put on a concert in support of the NOFCC. Local promoter Bob Bale who set up this awesome event raised over \$3,800.00.

(The Fundraising Staff of Raymond Assurance held a penny sale and raised \$1,100.00. This is the second year the staff at Raymond Assurance has generously supported the NOFCC.

Noteworthy Support:

Chevalier de Colomb conseil 9922 Espanola Lions Club Lisa Gutjahr The Clement Family

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Special thank you to the Friends & Family of: Norma Armstrong & Mary Ellen Maskevich—for your donations.