

Happy Holidays! And a Very Happy 2nd Birthday!

Hello Chatter Readers! Tanya has asked me to write this edition of the Cougar Chatter and I jumped at the chance! I've been here at the Dome since pretty much the beginning and absolutely love being a part of something so special. It's hard to believe that it will be two years in January since we first opened our doors to the public! So, I know you're asking...what's new at the Dome?!

To start, we are bringing back our ever popular Day Camps for Christmas vacation! The spots are filling up fast, so make sure you call and sign your child up soon! The staff have been planning some very fun activities and it should be our best camp yet. Drop off is between 8:00am and 8:30am, and pick up is between 4:30pm and 5pm. These camps are a blast!

Of course a new session of programming will be beginning in January and we can't wait to see you all here. There are tennis lessons, Tumblebugs, co-ed soccer, golf (driving range and lessons with Heather Cameron!!!), Pickleball, Ultimate Frisbee, and Bocce Ball. PHEW! And don't forget our track is open pretty much every day as well! So there really is something for everyone! Even though the schedule was just released, space is limited and filling up quickly.

January will be a very busy month for us and we can't wait. Besides all the programming listed above, we also have plenty of schools booked to come during the day, children's soccer most nights of the week and a few birthday parties thrown in the mix. CEC sports teams are also keeping us busy after school with turf and tennis court bookings. We are also pleased to host Tennis Nova Scotia Canada Games training camps! This is especially exciting for us here at the Cougar Dome because two of our junior members will be a part of these camps! (Confirm???)

As I mentioned before, we are coming up on our two year anniversary and so much has changed here at the dome. I don't know who will remember this, but when we first opened we worked behind a plastic folding table! We wrote all transactions by hand and had a little cash box. Oh the good ol' days! Ok, I don't miss those days but I think that is a perfect example of just how much we have grown. We have many new programs, new members, and have overall improved with experience.

Just this past year we have implemented a couple new programs. One of them is my baby, Tumblebugs. It is an activity program for children age 2-5 years and has been quite popular. We jump, run, throw and just be silly! The newest addition to the tennis side of our programming has to be our Tennis Academy! We will be hosting a new set of try outs for the Academy January 2nd 10:00am-1:00pm and January 4th 5:00pm-7:00pm. These are free try outs for anyone interested in the academy, no tennis experience necessary!

One final note before I close...a HUGE Congratulations to our President Scott Annand! Scott will be the new Executive Assistant of Football Operations for the Saskatchewan Roughriders! What a fantastic opportunity for our Mr. Annand and we will miss him very much around our community. Thank you Scotty!

As 2015 comes to a close and 2016 greets us, I would like to take a second and thank each and every person who has come through the doors of the Cougar Dome. On behalf of our staff, it has been a pleasure serving each and every one of you the last two years. Here's to many more to come!

Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

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