



COUGAR DOME CHATTER –6th EDITION

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Hello CHATTER Readers, I'm sure none of you have to guess what the leading story of this edition will be. As I sit here typing we celebrate three days of re-inflation. As most of you are aware last Tuesday in anticipation of the pending storm and after many discussions with the Farley Group we made the decision to deflate the Dome. Although a scary thought, a definite must and a decision we do not regret .

The deflation itself was quite straight forward, we had to clear out, wrap up and start the deliberate deflation process, all of which took less than one hour. From there we merely had to sit and wait the storm out and with those winds and all that snow I can assure you we all sat comfortable knowing we had done the right thing. When the skies finally cleared and the wind was calm we arrived on site to mounds of snow sitting twelve feet high and covering all edges of the Dome surface .

I am not going to lie, it was a bit overwhelming at first but It could have been worse, that said we rallied the troops and began digging our Dome out. It took many laborious hours and many hands, but by 10-30 Friday morning (28th) we were given the green light to start inflating, and by 4pm our doors were once again open (It's amazing technology isn't it????).

This is due in very large part to the amazing volunteers we had on site to assist. Although I can't name them all individually, I would like to acknowledge a few key volunteers. On behalf of the CSAE I wish to thank the following people . Truro Tennis club volunteers, in particular MiriamKaiser, Shelley & George Flemming, Larry Burt and Sid MacIsaac , Mr Davidson's class, our dedicated Cougar Dome staff , Jeff McCavour and crew, Steven Archibald and my own hometown boy Terry Rushton. In hopes that winter is behind us we are back to business as usual, well, as usual as business can be when we are still only three months old.

Speaking of business we have lots in store for the weeks and months ahead. On the Golf front our open range sessions continue with more to be added as the season draws near. Heather Cameron and Stuart Cox are on the scene offering private lessons, group clinics and classes, which are filling up fast , so don't miss out.

As far as Tennis goes, lessons continue with Tennis Nova Scotia's Marijke Nel and due to popular demand we've added new lessons with our own onsite pro Tim Adham. Of particular interest for those who may not be overly keen on tennis but who looking to get fit, you need to try Cardio Blast. Its high energy, high intensity and you may have to use a racquet and a ball, but there is no skill required. Having done a trial session all by my lonesome, I can attest to the fact that after a class of two your gonna be fit.

For those who may want to give tennis a try before hitting the courts in the outdoor season, we will be introducing a variety of short ,four week sessions, for all ages and ability levels , starting in Mid April. Visit www.cougardome.ca for full details.

You can also expect to see a number of special events including another round of Hoops for Cash, a little ultimate Frisbee action and some recreational soccer among other things. Its going to be a busy spring but we are excited about what lies ahead.

Finally although possibly a bit early, noting the success of our “all sorts of sports plus” March break camp, I am pleased to announce that we will soon be opening up registration for the first ever Cougar Dome Summer Camps, please stay tuned for more information.

Okay, as my cougar dome responsibilities wind down for the day its time for me to sign off as I must go and pick up my son in time for his tennis lesson. (yes, we all addicted!)). Until the next time.....