

2006 RECREATION COMMITTEE

Volunteers give so much of their time to make the community a better place.

“To the world I am one, and to one, I am the world.”

Sunapee Recreation enjoyed a very successful year in 2006. We accomplished such goals as creating a proper parking lot at Veteran’s field, renovated Dewey beach house and various other improvements to the beach area. Thanks to local residents we also received 12 boats to assist with our 2007 plans to teach boating lessons at Georges Mills’s beach. Thanks to LaValley building supply for donating a storage shed to be used a Dewey baseball field to keep our equipment organized.

Recreation in Sunapee continues to grow and provide expanding programs because of the supportive community and wonderful volunteers. Special thanks to all town departments, Sunapee gardeners, and Sunapee elementary and high school for their continued efforts to assisting the Recreation dept in providing a quality of life within Sunapee heads and shoulders above the rest.

Future projects and goals for 2007 include developing a young sailor’s program utilizing the sunfish sail boats that were donated in 2006. A trail network will be developed in Dewey woods to promote biking, hiking and other winter activities. We also hope to have continued efforts to expand our program offerings such as revitalizing the rock bass fishing derby in August and sponsoring a Turkey trot road race around the lake in November, additional special trips and events, all the while maintaining our current level of programs.

WINTER ACTIVITIES:

K-2nd grade Basketball: 32 youngsters learned the basics of basketball every Saturday morning from 9:30-11am at Sunapee high school. Emphasis focused on participation, skills and fun. Coaches include Kevin Rickard, Mike Robinson, Rick Chappell and Paul Manson.



Basketball Referee Clinic: Sunapee recreation has a wonderful bunch of basketball referees. This quality and professionalism is greatly due to the training of Steve Whitehead. Referees for the 2006 season include Caitlyn Hockenberry, Vinny Tagliatela, Jarod Circosta, Sara Ranney, Courtney Whitehead, and Steve Whitehead.

3rd-6th grade Basketball: The Quad Valley basketball league is made up boys and girls teams grades 3rd-6th. This league includes Kearsarge area, Andover and Sunapee.

Many thanks go out to the following coaches ¾ grade girls: Rusty & Kathy Fowler, ¾ grade boys: Paul Skarin, 5/6 grade girls team #1 Ed and Holly Tenney, team #2 Tim Putschler 5/6 grade Boys team #1 Dick Modersohn team # 2 Rusty Fowler, team #3 Dan Banks and Paul Skarin.

Open Gym: We offered youth drop-in basketball for grades 3-12 on Saturday evenings at the Sherburne gym. This program runs during the winter from December to the end of February from 6pm to 9pm. Participants shoot baskets or take part in more organized pickup games. Many thanks to Paul Skarin, Dan Banks, Katie Gioldassis, and Brian Emery for assisting with supervising open gym.

Ice Skating Rink: The ice skating rink is located at Ben Mere Park in Sunapee Harbor. Many thanks go to Greg Kelley for doing a wonderful job maintaining the ice.

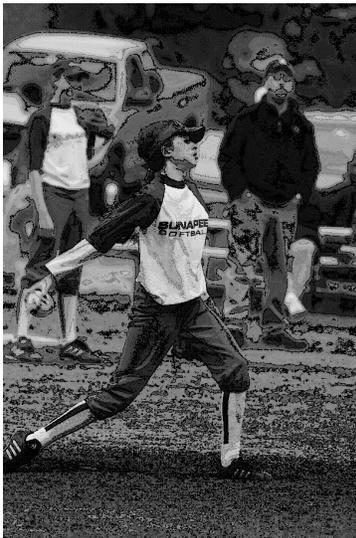
SPRING ACTIVITIES:

T-Ball: Introductory baseball program for boys and girls ages 5/6. Special thanks to coaches Patricia Halpin, Mike Robinson, Jennifer Duda, Rich Durcharme, Jim Parsons, Kevin and Elaine Rickard, Billy Austin, Mike Austin, Laura & Randy Henault, and many others for spending their sat mornings teaching Americas' favorite pastime to our future big leaguers

Youth Girls Softball: Girls participate in an Under 10 and Under 12 softball league made up of teams from Newport, Grantham, and Sunapee. The U10 team was coached by Joan Fowler, and Kim Denney and the U12 team was coached by Cory Hutchinson and Kim Denney. Both teams played very well and enjoyed the season. Special thanks for Steve Anglin and Jeff Trow for umpiring most of the softball and baseball games.

Softball Clinic: In a continued effort to increase the level of knowledge among our area female softball players, Tony Milewski spent a long weekend teaching all aspects of the game. More than 100 girls from a 50 radius attended the clinic.

Cal Ripkin Baseball: Seventy-three 7-12 year old boys turned out for the Kearsarge Valley baseball program this year. Sunapee hosted two rookie league teams coached by Tina Naimie and Mike Robinson. Two minor league teams were coached by Paul Skarin and Mike Coughlin. Two Major league teams coached by Rusty Fowler, Mike Meunier , Jim Parsons, Paul Manson, Chris Naimie and Rob Simpson.



SUMMER ACTIVITIES:

Drop-in Tennis: Thank you to John Augustine, Dexter's Inn, for allowing Sunapee residents to use his Tennis facilities as an evening drop-in program during the summer months.

Dewey Beach/Georges Mill's Beach: Going to the beach is such a wonderful part of summers in Sunapee. We are very fortunate to have two beautiful beach facilities. Hours of operation are 9am until 8pm seven days a week at Dewey and 11-3 at Georges Mills. Beach managers were Mary Lyman, Darcie Gauthier and Sarah Krajic. Special programs offered at the beach included swim lessons, snorkeling, kayaking, volleyball, Arts and crafts, and Sand castle building or just soaking up the sun. Many thanks to Mary Lyman for cooking up Burgers and hot dog!

Swim/Snorkeling lessons: Darcie Gauthier, Brian Switzer and Kirsten Wolf all shared the duties of providing swimming instruction 73 young swimmers. It is my goal as recreation director that swimmers of all ages get a quality learning experience from the Dewey beach swim staff. Thank- you to all the lifeguards and beach staff for

their dedication and continual training. Thank-you to the Sunapee fire Dept for their assistance with mock training.

4th of July celebration: Sunapee recreation enjoys greatly the celebration of our all American holiday. Highlighted events included sack races, pie eating contest and water balloon toss. All events include the whole family and lots of smiles.

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British Challenger Soccer camp: This week long camp Soccer camp is designed for participant's enjoyment, and to enhance skills at virtually all ages and skills levels. 35 future soccer stars ages 3-12 attended the camp. Thanks to Brian Garland and Sharon Thelic for opening their home to host two British Soccer staff for the week.

Tennis lessons: Lessons were held at Dexter's Inn by longtime tennis instructor Bruce Cronin. This program included 6 lessons over a three week period. Tennis is wonderful summer activity that is fun for all ages.

Movie Night: This new family outdoor movie was a fun way to enjoy a hot summer night. The feature film was the children's thriller "Goonies". Sunapee Lions food wagon was available to serve hot dogs, burgers and popcorn. Over 100 movie goers spread out their blankets on the high school baseball field and enjoyed the show.

FALL ACTIVITIES:

K-2nd grade Soccer: This Saturday morning program attracted over 42 players that came to Veteran's field to learn the basics of Soccer. Instruction and fun was offered by Brian Emery, Miles Cooney, Mike Rowell, Craig Heino

3rd- 6th grade Soccer: Sunapee participates in the Merrimack Valley Soccer League. This year's program supported over 100 players in grades 3-6. . 3/4 grade girl's coaches: Alan Abendroth and Tina Naimie. 3/4 grade boys coaches Brian Emery and Brian Vincent, 5/6 grade girls coaches Rusty Fowler and Ray Brewer, 5/6 grade boys coach Mike Emmonds. Thank-you Jon Reed, Ray Cline, Alan Abendroth jr, Vinny Tagliatelia, and Courtney Whitehead for refereeing soccer games and helping make the program a success.

Drop in youth Volleyball: Open to boys and girls grades 3rd-7th for the months of October-November at the Sherburne gym. Wendy Britton, Holly Tenney, and members of the Varsity volleyball team volunteered to teach the fundamentals of the game.

YEAR -ROUND PROGRAMS:

Adult Drop-in Volleyball: Adult volleyball is played every Friday night from 7-9pm at the high school. Thank you, Aaron Warkentien and Jessica Holmes, for volunteering your time to organize such a fun activity.

Adult Drop-in Basketball: Adult basketball for men and women runs Sunday from 7-9pm at the high school. Thanks to Ken Ricketts for organizing this program.

Drop in Floor hockey: A very well organized program that runs Sunday mornings from 8-10am at either Sherburne gym or the High School. This program is organized by Jeff Trow.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

SPTO Fall foliage events: The recreation committee brought our traditional support to the annual fall foliage festival for children of all ages at the elementary school.

Christmas tree lighting: Our annual special event at the Methodist Church. Lighting of the Christmas tree and Santa and Mrs. Claus provided by Sunapee Fire Dept. Caroling of seasonal songs lead by Time Travelers, and snacks and cocoa provided by the Methodist church and Seniors. Thank you to all that donated canned food and cleaning supplies to the food pantry.

Spring Egg Hunt: A fun spring event organized by the recreation committee. Over 100 egg hunters raced over Veterans field to search for 1000 little treasures.

Special Trips: Sunapee recreation featured two trips to see the Boston Red Sox and one for the Boston Celtics. These trips provide a comfortable coach bus and plenty of family memories.

Special Recreation Fund:

Sunapee Recreation fund is where all monies are put that are taken in from registration of programs, special trips, clinics, Dewey beach store, and other money generating endeavors. This money in return is used to purchase tickets and buses for future special events, uniform tops and hats that players keep after the season, and additional inventory for sale at the beach. This fund is also used to follow through with projects that were unanticipated the previous budget year. This type of revolving account ensures that recreation opportunities will exist along with the normal operating budget.

Recreation Advisory Committee:

Brian Garland	Patricia Halpin	Chuck Weinstein
Melissa Eastman	Paul Skarin	Janet Cain
Christine Williams		

Thank-you so much for supporting recreation and all its benefits! A special thanks to Paul Howe for the pictures contributed throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted, - *Scott Blewett* – Recreation Director

SUNAPEE SENIORS

The Sunapee Seniors Meetings are held at 1pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at the Sunapee Community United Methodist Church. At this time, there are 80 members and we always hope to interest more people.

Our programs are varied, interesting, informative and entertaining. This past year we listened to “Memories of the Old Man of the Mountain” and heard Carlton Bradford and friends singing “Happy Days are Here Again”. There were two bus trips, supported by the recreation committee, one to the Boston Flower show, the other for a cruise on the Mt Washington MV. We had a pot-luck luncheon, a catered Valentine luncheon and a picnic at Dexter’s Inn. Our season closed with a festive Christmas party held in town at the “Inn at Sunapee