

CLIPPER SPORTS

Beausejour Slo-Pitch League playoffs a hit

The Beausejour Slo-Pitch League (BSL) closed out the 2024 season under a scorching Manitoba sun this past weekend.

The No. 1 ranked Tropicanas won their third consecutive womens title as they ran the table, capped by a 24-2 victory over Leftovers in the A-B final.

Tropicanas won the A side event Saturday and had to wait to see who they would play Sunday. Leftovers defeated A5's to win the B side and set up the final series. Drink N Run won the C event.

The Highway Hitmen won their sixth men's BSL championship claiming the A event Saturday and the A-B title Sunday with a 19-7 victory over the Beavers. The Beavers defeated the Gophers in the B final to advance. The Eagles won the C event.

In co-ed competition, Old Dawgs defeated One Hit Wonders 12-2 to claim the league title. One Hit Wonders bested Grip and Rip to win the B event and get to the A-B final. Bats and Beavers won the C event.



Photo by Mark T. Buss

Tropicanas defeated Leftovers 24-2 to win the womens event.

Oakbank baseball players named to provincial teams

By Tony Zerucha

Oakbank baseball players were front and centre when Baseball Manitoba recently announced its 2024 provincial teams.

Hayden Hart made the U15 Provincial Team. He is joined by coach Brendan Harz. They flew to Laval, PQ, for the 2024 15U Boys Ray Carter Cup Championships from Aug. 22-25.

Sadie Church was selected for the 16U

Girls Provincial team. The team trained and competed throughout the summer in conjunction with club teams before heading to the 16U Girls National Championships in Saskatoon on Aug. 22-25.

Gemma Strutynski made the 14U Girls' Development Team, whose manager is Rita Strutynski. The team prepared for the 14U Girls Western Canadian Baseball Championships in Richmond, B.C., from Aug. 18-20.



Photo by Jen Lowry

Zane Hunter (left), Tracey, Wayne and Jarvis Ewasko carded a sizzling 58.

ÉESS alumni golf tourney raises \$5K

By Mark T. Buss

The second annual École Edward Schreyer School Barons Alumni Golf Tournament was another ace.

Held at Rivers Edge Golf Course near Beausejour on Aug. 16, organizers of the event designed to continue raising money for a new score clock announced 54 golfers participated and another \$5,000 was collected.

Shooting a sizzling 58, the foursome of Zane Hunter along with Lac du Bonnet MLA Wayne Ewasko, his wife Tracey and son Jarvis carded the low score of the day.

"Once again we were blown away by the support from the community," said event co-organizer and École Edward Schreyer School (ESS) vice principal Jaymi Witzke. "We had so many businesses reach out wanting to get involved. We really value continuing

to build those relationship."

Last year, organizers called on Beausejour high school alumni and community members to participate and raise funds to replace the neon flip-number score clock in the ESS gymnasium. Used to keep track of every basketball and volleyball game for three decades, the clock's control panel regularly malfunctions, buttons are not responsive and the numbers fall on their own during play.

Witzke said fundraising efforts kicked off with the inaugural tournament last

year, which included 18 holes of golf, dinner, silent auction and cash prizes, raising \$10,000.

Combined with this year's total, the school is in a position to begin purchasing a new clock. They will be getting quotes in the fall.

Witzke said they will continue holding ESS Barons' Alumni Golf Tournaments. The next fundraising target has been identified as a digital reader board outside the school so the community can be kept up to speed on upcoming school events and activities.

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