

SENIOR SCAPE: Let the Bocce Begin!

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After presenting the idea to the Town in the spring of 2012, and having the concept reviewed and discussed for countless hours in many meetings, the fruit of the process is alive and well in Aurora.

The Town of Aurora, in partnership and cooperation with the Aurora Seniors Association can now boast of having two new bocce courts.

The Aurora Seniors Association with the Town of Aurora held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Tuesday, August 13 marking the opening of the new Bocce Ball Courts at the Aurora Seniors' Centre.

Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, Director of Parks and Recreation Al Downey, ASA President Charles Sequeira and Bocce Committee Chairs Frank Leone and me were on hand to cut the ribbon as Town dignitaries, staff and ASA members looked on.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the official opening and successful completion of the first Bocce Courts in Aurora.

This is a successful collaboration between Aurora and the ASA, a community organization whose member's purpose is to bring together Aurorans interested in fellowship, socializing, charitable and seniors lifestyle enhancement focusing on the participation and well-being of residents over 55 years of age.

The ribbon-cutting event was also attended by ASA bocce players, members and volunteers as well as residents of the community of Aurora. The ceremony was highlighted by speeches by the Mayor Dawe and Mr. Downey who made special reference to the great ongoing relationship the Town of Aurora has with the Aurora Seniors Association and its membership.

ASA President Charles Sequeira followed by acknowledging all those who attended with special thanks to the town staff and ASA volunteers who work so hard every day to make initiatives like the Bocce Club possible on a continuing basis.

The ceremony was followed by a reception on the outdoor patio of the Centre with food and refreshments and good conversation for all. The Bocce Committee wish to express a special thanks to those ASA volunteers who made this event a great success. Special acknowledgement goes to the following AASA volunteers:

The flower arrangements were provided by Terri Pressmar who also helped with the reception set-up. The baked goods and sweets were provided by Rene Batchellor, Ilka Tews, Renate Goesll, Susan Abram and Pat Adare. Snacks were provided by Yvonne Lewis and Joyce Bannon. The Cheese tray was provided by Pat Adare, who together with Marie Leone, led the planning, set up and take down for the reception. Cash Bar Service was provided by Bill Moore and Maureen Munsch.

DON'T FORGET PICKLEBALL!

Here are the results for the Aurora Seniors Centre members that played in the Ontario Pickleball Association Tournament on Aug 14 to 16 in Oshawa. Men's double 70+ James Alberga wins gold. Ladies double 70+ Annette Gagne and Joanne Keates win silver. Mixed double 60-64, Denis Carter and Jeannette McGuire win bronze. The competition was very strong, but ASA members succeeded in claiming medals. Congratulations to all who participated.

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My Final Word: Let the Bocce Games Begin!

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