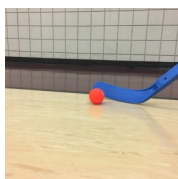


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## Managers Message:

Hello Winakwa family and friends, I just wanted to take a few moments to write to you all and let you know what is happening here at Winakwa C.C. We have come out of a very trying couple of years with what I hope will be better days ahead. This community continued to thrive during the pandemic and I'm pleased to say we want to continue with that momentum. I'm a firm believer that you can really tell how strong your community is when the chips are down and your back is against the wall. Windsor Park made me proud to be a resident with its response to those difficult times. #WindsorParkHasHeart

Programs are ever changing but the community's favorites like Slo pitch, dance and floor hockey remain. Others like soccer had another successful season and will see exciting new growth and development in the spring of 2023! A long standing tradition of baseball here at Winakwa sadly saw a pause this past summer as we are searching for a convenor to continue the program. Please let me know if you have any interest in helping us out with that position. If your weekdays are free and you are looking for a fun way to keep moving and physical, why not give pickleball a try? It's affordable and an absolute blast to play. The community garden continues to be a real star here at the club. All boxes were again spoken for and even more fruit trees have been added for the community. Within the next few years we may be able to start reaping those sweet rewards.

The club itself has gone through a few physical changes over the last couple of years. With upgrades to interior and exterior LED lighting, new LED lights on our two hockey rinks and parking not to mention they now have timers! Woohoo! Don't forget we still have the off leash dog run in rink #1 (closest to the parking lot) during the spring and summer months. Not to be outdone but a couple of small renovations inside the rooms have also given our regular users like dance and Hercules weight lifting ways to better serve their groups. We also have very exciting future plans to create an amazing and much needed outdoor experience for the community that will see all our amenities come together. These are indeed very exciting times here at Winakwa.

Darren Bishop,  
General Manager

## Special Events

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2021/2022 provided the return for many of our much loved community events.

Over the Christmas season we celebrated lunch with Santa, and hosted a gingerbread 'house' contest — thank you to everyone who brought their creations to the club! Outdoor family pictures with Santa by the skating rink were a lot of fun. During this free event, we collected 2 large bins of food for Winnipeg Harvest during this event.



February 26 is National Kindness Day — Free hot chocolate and cookies were had while enjoying a skate on the outdoor rink.

In May we once again hosted the annual community clean up 'Take Pride Windsor Park'. We cleaned up 42 bags of garbage and hosted a free BBQ for all of our volunteers.



We are excited to celebrate all of our amazing volunteers in October at our Volunteer Appreciation Night, and are very much looking forward to organizing these events in the upcoming year.

Thank you,  
Eryn Barthel  
Volunteer Fundraising & Event Coordinator  
Winakwa Community Centre

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The Heart of Our Community

SEPT 2022

## Lunch with Santa



## Santa Pictures

## Harvest Donations



## National Kindness Day

## Take Pride Windsor Park



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## Slo Pitch

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As fall approaches so does the end of another incredible season for the Winakwa Slo Pitch league.

Our ten co-ed teams braved the elements on the ball diamonds all summer long and then celebrated the wins, friendships and comradery at the beer gardens every week!

Unfortunately Mother Nature would not let us finish the Spring Tourney, but in a few more weeks we'll be hosting our Fall Tournament where we'll crown two new championship teams.

Everyone is looking forward to the awards night where we will be giving out the Steve Doyle Award. This newly named award is dedicated to a man who was the epitome of what this league is all about. The award itself is given to someone who exemplifies our league's #1 rule, Fun First!

The Executive team will be going through some changes this offseason. Vice President Danielle Henderson, and Equipment Manager Darren Yeryk will be stepping down. Words cannot express how thankful I am to have worked with them these past few years. They, along with the rest of the Exec team, have made this league so much better. Thank you!

This will also be my last year as President. It has been an absolute pleasure to be a part of this incredible league.

Stepping in will be Jeff Morton as President and Luc Dube as Vice President. Thank you for stepping up gentlemen!

The league has several roster spots available, and we're looking to increase our league to 12 teams so if you are thinking of joining our "fun first" league, please don't hesitate to email us at [winakwaslopitch@gmail.com](mailto:winakwaslopitch@gmail.com) and we'll be happy to answer any questions you might have.

See you in the spring!

Chili Palmer



## Floor Hockey

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Floor hockey is back for fall 2022!

For those of you that are new to our program let me give you a little insight as to what we do. Winakwa floor hockey is based out of the Winakwa C.C. and plays (1) night a week for (1) hour. Our motto is Fitness, Friendship, Fun and we are open to all skill levels. This season we will be playing on Sundays from 1-2 beginning October 2 - December 4/22.

At the beginning of the season kids will be split into teams and play a three week long season. Once that season is complete we jumble up the teams and play a second three week long season. We do this one more time to give us 9 weeks of games played with lots of new teammates and hopefully many new friendships. Week 10 is reserved for a (2) hour long All star night! The first hour is our skills competition events and the second hour is our All Star game vs the parents. Start stretching now parents. Registration cost will be \$90 which includes all fees. All that is required to play is clean indoor non marking shoes and a willingness to have some fun.

On a side note while I have your attention. I would like to begin the search for a new floor hockey convenor. My hope is to have a new person in place as soon as possible. I will still be involved to assist and help but due to personal time constraints it is getting tough to run the group every season. If you or anyone you know would have interest please feel free to reach out either on Facebook or at my email [gmwinakwacc@gmail.com](mailto:gmwinakwacc@gmail.com).

Darren Bishop  
Floor Hockey Convenor



## Dance, Baton, Acro, Hip Hop & Pom Pom

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The 2022 – 2023 season has arrived.

The Baston & Pom Pom athletes will be preparing for the 2022 Santa Clause Parade on Saturday November 19, 2022, at 5:00pm.

A big bouquet to our Baton Coach, Yanatan Orlov for placing 12<sup>th</sup> in the World Baton Championship in Turin, Italy in August 2022.

We are looking forward to another big & successful year of Dance, Baton, Pom Pom, Hip Hop and Acro-Dance.

The recitals in June were very successful and entertaining.

Many thanks to all the volunteers.

Anyone who missed registration, please call the Director, Linda Boyd at 204.256.4800 or [flboyd@shaw.ca](mailto:flboyd@shaw.ca)

Linda Boyd  
Director Winakwa Dance



Yonatan Orlov

## Community Garden

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The Winakwa Community Garden had a good growing season for our 38 rented raised garden boxes measuring 3' x 9'. The free community produce shelf is utilized frequently in helping those in need; this shelf is located in the South East corner of the garden under our main sign. Our garden committee and many volunteers managed the planting of various fruit trees and bushes completing our phased 3-year plan; these are available to all the residents of the Windsor Park community to help with local food sustainability.

Our committee is continuing to look for new members and has many volunteer opportunities to help us in the garden to maintain this amazing project!

We look forward to continue working with both High School's staff, their students, Louis Riel School Division, the Winakwa Community Centre Board, City Councillors, MLA Audrey Gordon, and the community residents on growing this initiative. Thank you all for your hard work, dedication and volunteer hours in the garden.

Stay tuned for updates from the garden on our Facebook Winakwa Community Garden. All inquiries can be sent by email to: [winakwagardens@gmail.com](mailto:winakwagardens@gmail.com)

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