

“Ascend the Pit” Bouldering Competition a Success!



On Saturday, February 25, Central Plains RecPlex hosted climbers in from across the region for the “Ascend the Pit” Bouldering Competition. Over 50 climbing enthusiasts, ranging from beginner to expert signed up for the competition. The event featured climbers in three categories, youth, recreational and open, each tackling the same tough bouldering routes.

Bouldering is a style of climbing without a harness, and takes short, often horizontal routes. Points are assigned to each climber based on the difficulty of the route and the number of attempts required to complete it. The participant’s highest scoring routes were counted for a total score.

The top three scores in each category received a plaque, as well as prizes such as chalk bags, towels, climbing accessories, and passes to the Central Plains RecPlex.

The enthusiastic turnout indicated a high level of interest for climbing in the region. More pictures and the final scores are available on Central Plains RecPlex Facebook page.



“Southport Slappers” Return to Western Canadian Pond Hockey Championship



Southport was proud to sponsor the Western Canadian Pond Hockey Championship on the weekend of February 17-19. Our employees and their family members represented Southport by playing on the “Southport Slappers” team. They managed to win all four games they played in, and had a fun time at the tournament. It was great to see the community out at the tournament!

2016 Economic Impact Study

In February, Southport released an economic impact study that measured the spending, employment and economic output of Southport.

The report highlighted the direct, indirect and induced impact that Southport has on the local economy. Southport and Southport related business directly contribute 570 jobs, (540 full-time equivalents) \$33 million in income, \$67 million in gross domestic product (GDP) and \$111-million in economic output on an annual basis.

The report also studied the impact of military related services at Southport, which contributes 350 of 570 jobs, \$22 million in income, \$48 million of GDP, and \$70 million in economic output.

The report was undertaken to update the previous economic impact study of 2012, as changes such as the opening of Central Plains RecPlex and the addition of Portage Day Care Centre and Sawmill Tea + Coffee Co. have increased the output of Southport.

Sponsoring the Viterra Championship

Southport and Central Plains RecPlex were proud to be a diamond sponsor of the Viterra Men's Provincial Curling Championship on February 8-12. Our staff were in attendance at the draws on Friday and Saturday of the event, and watched some excellent curling! We also had a draw for a 1-month membership to the Central Plains RecPlex and gave away promotional items.



Upcoming Events

Home and Business Expo April 21-22

Portage la Prairie's Home and Business Expo will be held at Stride Place on Friday April 21 and Saturday April 22. Look for the booth featuring Southport and Central Plains RecPlex!

Congratulations to 3CFFTS Graduates!

Congratulations to all of the graduates of 3 Canadian Forces Flying Training School who earned their wings in February. Graduations took place on February 3 and 24. A great accomplishment and proud day for these new pilots!

Southport Sponsors Community Events

Southport continues to sponsor community events. In the past month Southport sponsored:

- Viterra Men's Provincial Curling Championship
- Western Canadian Pond Hockey Championship
- Ascend the Pit Bouldering Competition

Southport Attends Portage Chamber AGM

On February 22, Southport attended the Portage Chamber AGM. Best of luck to new Board Chair Preston Meier and the rest of the board in 2017.

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