



# **Spring Has Sprung! Upgrades are Underway at Southport Golf Club**

In March, Southport announced that the Southport Golf Club will be experiencing some changes. For the upcoming season, Southport will be assuming all operational and managerial duties regarding the course and the clubhouse. To celebrate all the new things happening at the golf club this year, early-bird pricing will remain in effect all season long!

This past season, the Southport Golf Club had some of the greatest course conditions yet. We will be taking measures to uphold this standard for years to come.

Southport has a proven Standard of Excellence in customer service and executing facility overhauls with the reconstruction and re-branding of the Central Plains RecPlex fitness facility, Southport Bowl and the

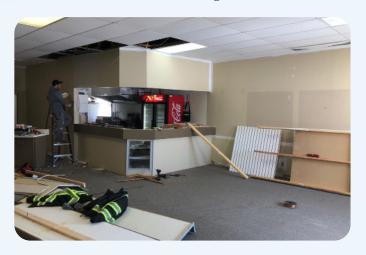


RecPlex food kiosk, Brews + Bites. Southport will continue to maintain these standards of operations with the Southport Golf Club.

Along with maintaining excellent grounds, the clubhouse will be receiving upgrades and an expansion. Renovations to the clubhouse are well underway and include new counter tops in the

front, new flooring throughout the building and fresh paint on the walls. The clubhouse washrooms will also receive upgrades including new finishes and paint. To stay up-to-date on the renovations, follow @centralplainsrecplex and @southportairport on social media, or visit our website.

Southport would like to thank our dedicated members for their support over the years. We hope to see you all soon and are looking forward to a beautiful summer and another fantastic season of golf.







# **Southport Continues to Monitor and Respond to COVID-19**

As the COVID-19 situation evolves, the Southport team is monitoring the local and global environments closely. We have remained vigilant in following the advice of Canada's public health authorities and the guidelines that have been set in place. Our top priority is the health and safety of our customers, employees and community.

The Southport Office and the Central Plains RecPlex remain closed to the public until further notice. As an essential service to the many tenants of Southport, regular day-to-day operations will continue at the Southport Office and all customer inquiries can be made by phone or email.

For more information regarding COVID-19, please visit the Province of Manitoba website for the latest updates: <a href="https://www.manitoba.ca/covid19/">www.manitoba.ca/covid19/</a>. For inquiries regarding Southport and Southport events, please contact our office at 204.428.6030.

### 2020 Manitoba Airshow Grounded Due to COVID-19

In response to the growing concerns surrounding the rapid spread of COVID-19, the organizing committee of the Manitoba Airshow made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 show, scheduled to be held at the Southport Airport on June 20 and 21.

As the host of the 2020 Manitoba Airshow, this was a difficult decision to share. The Manitoba Airshow committee is dedicated to providing the best show possible and given the present global situation, this would not be possible this year.

Although the show was not set to begin for another few months, for the benefit of guests and performers, the committee determined that the decision could not be left pending any longer. The health and safety of Manitoba Airshow guests, performers, volunteers and our community are paramount in the face of this pandemic.

On behalf of the committee, Southport would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the guests, volunteers, performers, suppliers and sponsors for their support and efforts behind this year's show. The Manitoba Airshow committee has begun discussing options to hold this event in the future, once it has been deemed safe and reasonable to do so. Follow @ manitobaairshow on social media or visit their website www.mbairshow.ca for the latest updates.

## **Tenant Feature: Portage Day Care Centre**

The Portage Day Care Centre operates a licensed 28-space childcare facility for children aged 18 months to 5 years old inside the Central Plains Rec-Plex. This location is especially convenient for families living, working or studying at Southport. Portage Day Care Centre operates two other facilities within the Portage la Prairie community and ensures quality childcare is provided. The Southport facility includes amenities such as play and nap areas and a gated outdoor play space.



#### **Southport Attends 25th Annual Manitoba Aviation Symposium**

On March 5 and 6, Southport Director, Business Development, Colby Orchard, attended the 25th Annual Manitoba Aviation Symposium at Canad Inns Destination Centre Polo Park in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The annual event is hosted by the Central AME (Aircraft Maintenance Engineer) Association, also known as CAMEA.

The two days featured information-packed presentations from several keynote speakers in the industry, a trade show, and plenty of networking opportunities.



### **Southport Staff Learn About Business Ethics**

On Friday, March 13, Southport staff headed to the Red River College Stevenson Campus to partake in a Business Ethics course about the nature of ethics in the business world and the fundamentals of ethical theory and decision making.

Through interactive sessions, the staff discussed several different case studies surrounding common ethical concerns in the workplace and learned the best practices to use in each situation.

#### **Southport Welcomes New Facilities Manager**

Southport would like to extend a warm welcome to Ashley Denbow, our new Facilities Manager. Ashley has an extensive background in the electrical trade. Right out of high school, he began working for his uncle at Mel Fisher Electric in Plumas, Manitoba. Ashley then moved to Winnipeg where he completed his 4-year apprenticeship at Red River College, becoming a red seal electrician. While in Winnipeg, Ashley also worked as an apprentice electrician with Kingston Electric Ltd. for a total of 12 years.

Ashley then moved back to his hometown, Plumas, where he purchased his uncle's company and ran it for 10 years as A.Denbow Electric and Heating. He then transitioned into a maintenance electrician role at DND Shilo for one year before moving into the role of Electrical Supervisor for HyLife Foods in Neep-



awa. Ashley worked at HyLife for four years until accepting a new position at DND Shilo as a Construction Maintenance Manager where he worked until transitioning into his new role at Southport. Welcome to the Southport team, Ashley!

#### **Cancelled & Postponed Events**

Southport to Host Unmanned Systems Canada Student UAS Competition May 1 - May 3 - Postponed to 2021

Students from across Canada will come to Southport in 2021 to compete in a drone competition at the Southport Airport.

RCAF Gala to be Hosted at Southport
May 2 - Cancelled

An annual fundraising gala, hosted by the Royal Canadian Air Force and the Rotary Club of Portage, will be held at Southport in 2021.

Manitoba Airshow June 20 - 21 - Cancelled

Southport will be hosting the Manitoba Airshow once again at the Southport Airport at a later date. The two-day event will feature breathtaking aerial acts, static aircraft displays and plenty of other ground-level entertainment that is enjoyable for all ages. Stay tuned for the new date announcement!

#### Connect with us!

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25 Centennaire Drive, Southport, MB R0H 1N1

**Hours of Operation:** 

Monday to Friday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

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#### Spring Cleaning at Central Plains RecPlex

In March, Central Plains RecPlex staff cleaned the facility from top to bottom and disinfected all the machines and equipment so they are ready for use when we are able to safely re-open our doors. Stay active while at home with our Easter Eggs-ercise Challenge! It's a great workout to get fit for Easter, or to get back into fitness after the long weekend. Stay safe and take care!





#### Connect with us!

#### **Our Location:**

75 Centennaire Drive, Southport, MB ROH 1N1

#### **Hours of Operation:**

Monday to Saturday: 5 AM - 10 PM Sunday: 9 AM - 8 PM

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#### Easter Eggs-ercise Challenge!



- 1 50 Jumping Jacks
- 2 25 Squat Jumps
- 3 1 Minute Plank
- 4 25 Crunches
- 5 30 Second Wall Sit
- 15 Mountain Climbers
- 7 15 Burpees
- 8 25 Lunges (alternate sides)
- 25 Bicycle Crunches
- 50 High Knees

### **March Event & Charity Support**



Southport is proud to support a wide variety of community functions that are held every year through our commitment to philanthropy including sponsoring programs, volunteerism, and being visible

and involved in local and provincial events and celebrations.

A wide variety of community organizations benefit from contributions by Southport, whether they be in the form of cash or in-kind donations. Southport also supports the pursuit of education and every year, we award a total of \$11,000 in scholarships to students at local schools.

Every month, we usually feature our community support in this portion of our newsletter. With the current situation surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, several events and initiatives have been postponed or cancelled.

Southport is committed to continuing to support our community in any way possible during this time. We look forward to supporting these events and initiatives in the future. Until then, take care and stay safe.

#### **Events & Initiatives Scheduled in March 2020**

#### **CFPD Advertisement Sponsorship**

In March, the Community Foundation of Portage and District ran an advertisement in the Graphic Leader to highlight a grant given to a local organization. Southport proudly sponsors these monthly advertisements, as the CFPD is one of Southport's key community partners.

### Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids¹ Sake Sponsorship

The annual Big Brothers Big Sisters of Portage Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraising event that was scheduled to take place on March 20 at Southport Bowl, has been postponed. BBBS provides direct service to children by matching volunteers and youths in quality mentoring relationships. Southport is proud to support BBBS and their efforts in supporting youth in our community.

#### **Prairie Cold Curling Sponsorship**

This year, Portage was scheduled to host the 2020 Prairie Gold Curling events from March 11-22, 2020. These events were cancelled due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation. Southport is always pleased to support local events and we are looking forward to seeing these curlers in action next year.

#### **Prairie Lioness Auction Donation**

The annual Prairie Lioness fundraising auction for Central Plains Cancer Services has been postponed. This local event has gained popularity in the last 20 years that it has been hosted. Southport looks forward to supporting this event once again in the future.

