**Director’s Report for February 7, 2022**

**Programs**

Following a three-week break due to the Holidays and scheduling conflicts with our ski program, our Adult Volleyball is back running on Tuesday evenings with consistent participation. Our Youth Basketball Program has been going well and is scheduled to wrap-up on February 5th. We cancel one Saturday of games due to inclement weather we had that day. Our Senior Moment-um program continues to have seen lower numbers during our two January events. This is likely due to concerns over indoor activities with the current COVID surge as well as concerns over driving during the winter months. Our Senior Walking program started at the beginning of January and has seen moderate, but steady attendance. Our Gunstock Ski and Snowboard program has gone well thus far. We did have to cancel one week due to extreme cold, but will be making up that night. This program is scheduled to conclude on February 1st. Our X-Country Ski Lessons at Bolduc Park has had to cancel two weeks thus far, one due to lack of snow and one due to a snowstorm. As a result, the session has been extended two weeks and is scheduled to wrap up on February 12th. Our Ice Skating Lessons got off to a late start as our instructor was fell ill the week it was scheduled to begin and a snowstorm hit the following week. We ran the lessons a day late following the second cancellation and we’ve extended the program by one week to make up for the first week that was canceled. Our adult snowshoeing kicked off with for the season on January 25th. We’ll hope to continue hikes on Tuesday mornings as conditions allow. The start of our curling program began on January 27th with limited participation. We’re hoping to numbers will pick up as this program continues. Curling is scheduled to run through March 3rd if the ice conditions hold up. The numbers for the programs we’ve run the past month are as follows:

* Adult Volleyball – About 14-15 Participants each week
* Youth Basketball Program – 90 Participants
* Gunstock Ski and Snowboard Program – 70 Participants in the Lessons, another 27 Participants in the non-lesson pass program
* Senior Walking – About 10-12 Participants per week.
* Senior Moment-um Bagels and Bingo – Participants
* Bolduc Park Cross Country Ski Lessons – 8 Participants
* Youth Ice Skating Lessons – 8 Participants
* Weeks Woods Snowshoe Hike – 9 Participants
* Senior Moment-um GMS Dessert and Show – 15 Participants
* Adult Curling - 4 Participants thus far

Planning and registration is underway for a number of additional upcoming winter programs. Sue has a couple more Senior Moment-um programs planned through the month of February. We are looking to hold a Family Full Moon Snowshoe Hike in mid-February. Planning is also underway for our Annual Cardboard Box Sled Derby during February Vacation Week. We still have quite a few tickets left for our Celtics Bus Trip, which we are co-sponsoring with the Moultonborough Recreation Department on March 1st. Here is a list of planned programs through February Vacation week and the dates they will run:

* Gunstock Ski and Snowboard Lessons conclude on February 1st
* Youth Basketball Rec Season Continues through February 5th
* Ice Skating Lessons run through February 7th
* Adult Snowshoe Hikes will run on Tuesdays as trail conditions allow
* Adult Pick-up Volleyball runs every Tuesday evening
* Senior Walking runs every Wednesday morning
* Adult Curling runs every Thursday evening through February March 3rd
* Bolduc Park X-Country Ski Lessons conclude on February 12th
* Senior Moment-um Lunch and Movie on February 14th
* Family Full Moon Snowshoe Hike tentatively scheduled for February 16th
* Senior Moment-um Winter Potluck on February 28th
* Celtics Bus Trip on March 1st
* Cardboard Box Sled Derby on March 3rd

**Facilities**

After a delayed start to the season due to mild temperatures in late December, the Arthur A. Tilton Gilford Ice Rink officially opened for the season on January 7th. We’ve had steady cold temperatures since opening and have been able to maintain good ice conditions.

Coordinating with the Department of Public Works, we were able to open the beach gate for access winter recreational activities on Sunday, January 16th. We have a portable toilet on site and the gate will remain open through the season.

Sincerely,

Herb Greene, Gilford Parks and Recreation Director