

Sammy says



The puck drops at 8am on March 10th at the Spryfield Lions Rink to mark the 3rd Annual Dave Hart Memorial Hockey Tournament. Dave Hart passed away in April 2015 at the young age of 29. This annual tournament is a chance for his former workmates and teammates to get together to play the game he loved so much, and to share some laughs and memories of a great sportsman and prankster who always had a twinkle in his eye.

The tournament is sponsored by Unifor Local 1, Irving Shipyards, Blunose Seafoods, Sambro Fisheries Ltd, and the lobster fishermen of Sambro Fisheries. Last year's tournament raised over \$5,000 for the Chebucto Minor Hockey Association.

Dave's family was very touched when Unifor Local 1 approached them with the idea of holding the tournament; an idea which was backed by Irving Shipyard President Kevin McCoy. Thanks to Brendan Maguire, Steve Adams, and the Lions Rink

staff for assisting with the ice arrangements.

This year, interest and participation has grown and the roster has expanded to 6 teams. Some Irving employees who don't play hockey come out to volunteer their time to help the day run smoothly. Admission is free, so come on out to check out the games, cheer on your favourite players, and spend some time with friends. There will be a 50/50 draw during the tournament, and a hospitality room with pizza and a cash bar.

Dave's father Donny Hart recently took part in the #LiveWellChallenge, and donated \$500 to the family in Pubnico who tragically lost their children in a house fire, and \$500 to mental health research in Dave's memory. Kudos to all the Sambro men who have taken part in this challenge!

New venue, better market!

It has been a busy winter, behind the scenes for the Spryfield Farmer's Market, as we have been working hard preparing for this season's opening. Unfortunately, last year's location is not an option for us this year, due to maintenance and other repairs that were scheduled for the summer months. Throughout the winter, we went in search of a new building that would suit the needs of the market. Accessibility was our top priority. We knew we needed a place that was easily accessible for all of our patrons, was close to a bus route, and capable of handling the steadily increasing number of patrons we were seeing at last year's markets. We finally found

As of the date of submission of this article, it has raised over \$838,000 for a number of worthy causes, which is so heartwarming in January and February when charities usually feel the pinch as folks try to get caught up on their bills post-Christmas.

I have an update on the Khalaf family, a Syrian refugee family who arrived in 2015. They have been trying to bring their remaining two adult daughters, Nour and Rabeca and their families, to Canada, with the help of a tireless group of community members from Spryfield and around the Sambro Loop. Last month following an interview at the Canadian Embassy in Amman, Jordan, they were approved. After health checks and orientation they will be on their way to Canada, arriving sometime between April and June. You can bet there were tear-

filled joyful celebrations among the family and friends at this long-awaited news.

To assist with the many expenses and preparations needed for their arrival, a fundraising concert will be held on Saturday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. at St. James United Church, 3811 Old Sambro Road in Sambro. Tickets are available on Eventbrite.ca under "A Concert For the Khalafs: Take Two." Admission is \$25 for adults, \$10 for youth ages 13-16 and \$5 for children 12 and under. It sounds like a great evening featuring music by Ian Janes, Thom Swift, Bill Stevenson, Tom Easley, Geoff Arsenault, Jamie Alcorn and Betty Belmore.

Sammy Sambro is SACA's mischievous mascot. You can follow him on Twitter and Facebook.

all of that in one of our local churches.

We are pleased to announce that beginning on May 13th, we will be operating our market out of Emmanuel Anglican Church Hall (322 Herring Cove Road). Along with a new venue, we have new operating hours; 1pm to 5pm. The market will still run every second Sunday, right up until mid October.

One of the things we are most excited about with this new venue is the stage. With so many new performers joining us this year, as well as many of our favourites from last year returning,

we are pleased to offer them a fantastic stage upon which to perform. Ideally, there will be at least three different performers on the stage for each market.

So mark your calendars for May 13th! Bring the family and enjoy fresh farm-grown veggies, specialty foods produced locally, talented local artists selling knitted items, sewn items, pottery, jewelry and more! Arrive with empty bags and leave with full ones! Catch up with your neighbours and tap your feet to some local musicians.

We can hardly wait! Hope to see you there.

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