



Happy New Year!

a GOOD TIME was had by ALL!!

RM OF HAMIOTA 125TH CELEBRATION 1884-2009

January 10th, 2009 – 125 years plus two days was the Kick-Off event for the R.M.'s 125th Celebration. The hall was decorated in a Pioneer theme for the 120 guests that enjoyed the supper and entertainment. After a delicious supper it was time for the Jeopardy Trivia Game to begin. Three contestants were chosen to start off the game – Randy Lints, our Reeve was an obvious choice, then Ruth McConnell and Sylvan Michaudville. We decided they may need some help so each contestant was allowed to have a partner. Randy chose his Deputy Wayne Angus, Ruth McConnell chose Al Robertson and Peppe chose Larry Houck.

There was much fun had by all listening to the questions in the following categories: Nicknames, Local History, Local Landmarks, Our Manitoba, Council Business, and Our Communities to name a few. After the end of round one, Randy and Wayne were in the lead. So for Double Jeopardy they switched contestants and the partners had to answer the questions. Wayne confided later the only part of Jeopardy he watches on television was the final jeopardy question. It came down to the final question which was: The year of the RM's 201st Anniversary. Peppe even used another help option – phone a friend or in his case a friend who phoned him, thanks Delmar, but it wasn't enough to stop the Reeve and his Deputy from winning.

Prizes were awarded as follows: 1st Prize – Framed picture of the first councilors for the R.M. We decided to award 2nd and 3rd prize based on entertainment value – First place went to "Peppe" with the assistance of Delmar McBain. His prize was a lovely bottle of our finest R.M. Water – located six miles north of town. It has been sitting there for quite some time so it should be well aged. 2nd place went to Ruth McConnell she added a lot of humor to our game. She did a wonderful job at answering the questions just not so good at ringing in. She was awarded a jar of our locally grown malt barley as a beer starter kit. The laughs and the questions created many excited conversations throughout the evening.

It was a fabulous way to KICK OFF the 125th Anniversary Celebration!

Tracy Chappell

The Hamiota & District Christmas Cheer Board (HDCCB) Airdrie Knight, Chair

Christmas is a time for family and friends, for giving and receiving. Many of us have the luxury to take for granted the things that make the season so special. For children, the excitement and anticipation of this unique time of year makes it magical! The HDCCB believes that every child should be able to experience the joys of Christmas. Only with the help of this amazing district are we able to provide the magic of the season. The HDCCB delivered 19 hampers (the most ever) in our area. Referrals were received from the Hamiota Health Centre, the Schools, the Child and Family Services and from the community.

We would like to thank the following businesses and organizations, for their contributions:

Redfern, TJ's, Thrift Shop, Hamiota Chamber of Commerce (\$189.34), Hamiota CO-OP & Credit Union Day, Recycling Group, CUPE #3037, Hamiota and Kenton United Church and many families whose names are too numerous to mention. The HDCCB would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Annual Christmas Lights Competition

The Town of Hamiota and the Chamber of Commerce representatives judged Hamiota's spectacular decorations during the week of December 22nd.

First prize of C\$50 won by Gerry and Roberta Vickery,

Second prize of C\$30 won by George and Heather McGhee,

Third prize of C\$20 won by Bill McDonald.

[Cash prizes are in "Chamber Bucks" (CS)!]

Winners of the 'Shop-at-Home Draw': To encourage shopping locally.....

C\$ 150 won by Pat Sheldon Linda Miller and Moira Soutar each won C\$75



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Hamiota Minor Hockey 2008-2009 Tournament Schedule

Jan 18th Pee Wee Girls / **Jan 25th** Midget Girls /
Feb 1st Pre Novice / **Feb 6,7, & 8th** High School / **Feb 22nd** Atom Girls

Hamiota Happenings

January

1 - 31	Gallery Exhibition: "Every Picture Tells a Story"	Arts Council
1 - 31	Collection: "Antique Cameras"	Arts Council
14	Ballroom Dancing Classes (Start)	Arts Council
15 & 29	Learn to Quilt Workshop	Arts Council
25	Square Dance Jamboree	Community Centre
30	Photography Presentation to Grade 11's	Arts Council

February

1-28	Gallery Exhibition: "In The Company of Ice Bears"	Arts Council
1-28	Collection: "Collectible Greeting Cards & Stamps"	Arts Council
10	Oil Landscape Workshop	Arts Council
28	Soap Stone Sculpture Workshop	Arts Council

Hamiota Minor Ball Nicole Madsen, Secretary

We would like to extend a belated Thank You to all the parents, volunteers, and Parks' staff that helped out in any way during Bantam Provincials held in July. From scorekeeping, gate workers, announcers, concession, umpire scheduling, protest committee, etc, names are too numerous to mention but you all knew who you are. It could have resulted in a disastrous weekend due to very wet conditions, but everyone pulled together and did a remarkable job in pumping water, calling teams, drying out the diamonds, and changing the draw to get us back on track. The teams were very patient during our rain delay and appreciative of all the hard work and preparations that went into making the weekend the success that it was. There was very positive feedback on our excellent facilities and grounds from the visiting teams, so kudos goes out to Hamiota Municipal Park! We have been granted hosting rights for Bantam A Provincials once again from July 10-12/09, so rest assured that the volunteers' excellent abilities will be required to surpass last years' successful championship!

On a different note, you will notice the construction of a new building adjacent to the Main Diamond. This project, a new canteen/storage facility, was initiated in the summer of 2008. To make this venture feasible, donations were solicited, fundraising was undertaken, and along with this grant applications were submitted. Generous donations have been accumulated from the likes of Hamiota Recycling, Town & RM of Hamiota, Hamiota Minor Ball, plus various private donations. Non-monetary contributions have also been offered including donation of volunteer and skilled labor. Manitoba Community Service Council contributed cash, in addition to three Bingos. (We were fortunate enough to have one bingo cancelled but were still entitled to receive the funds.) Manitoba Baseball Association also granted Hamiota Minor Ball one Bingo, as well as the opportunity to sell 50/50 Tickets at a Goldeye's game. Several volunteers are required to fulfill the position requirements for the Bingos and 50/50 Tickets, and without their assistance, this endeavor could not materialize. The following is a list of volunteers that so graciously donated time, meals, fuel, and hotel expense to assist at the fundraising events. Special mention should be made to Bonnie Michaudville, Midwest Recreation, whom has been instrumental in organizing this undertaking. This worthwhile project will be underway once again this spring and volunteers will once again be needed. Please contact Bonnie if you are able to assist in any way.

Please accept our deepest gratitude in making this building project a reality! The users of this new facility will reap the benefits for years to come!

50/50 Ticket Sellers –
Winnipeg Goldeye's
Bruce Coulter Family
Adam Grabowski Family
Kim Miller Family
Ryan Norrie Family

July 20th Bingo
Tom & Sherri Mollard
John & Ruth Williams
Jo-Ann Campbell
Ryan & Janice Norrie

August 25th Bingo
Meredith Knight
Jeff Knight
Melissa Smith
Kailey Mullin
Cal Harrison
Sylvain Michaudville
Nicole Madsen

December 28th Bingo
Kim Miller
Butch Kostaskey
Kevin & Crystal Stebeleski
Nicole Madsen
Neil Mathison
Adam Grabowski
Ryan Waddell



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Manitoba Good Roads Award!

Congratulations to the Town of Hamiota this year's winner of the Manitoba Good Roads Association Genivar Consultants Ltd. Shield. The award is for Urban Beatification in communities with a population of up to 1000 people in District 4.

This award can be attributed to the efforts of Council investing in the infrastructure, the Hamiota Garden Club for their tireless efforts, and the community's commitment to the overall beautification.

Thank You" to everyone for making this award possible.

The award will be presented in Brandon on April 14, 2009 at the Annual Manitoba Good Roads Banquet.

Hamiota Economic Development Corporation (HEDC)

Wishes Hamiota "Happy New Year"

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