



# Dragon Bytes

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## *Sponsorship News*



**Sobeys**, a silver sponsor of the Dragonboat Festival for the past two years, has agreed to become the presenting sponsor of the Festival for 2004. In addition to being a sponsor since 2002, Sobeys has supported the Festival by encouraging their employees to participate with two teams in both years and providing product support from their subsidiary, Big 8, for all the participants. Sobeys has, once again, demonstrated a true community spirit.

**McDonalds Restaurants** will be sponsoring the Youth Race on the River on Friday August 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, McDonalds!

If your business would like to take the opportunity to be involved as a 2004 sponsor contact Roger Swarbrick at [rogersonconsulting@ns.alianzinc.ca](mailto:rogersonconsulting@ns.alianzinc.ca).

## *A note from the Editor:*

The third annual *Race on the River* will be held on Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.

As you are all aware the Dragon Boat Festival has exceeded our expectations since its beginning only three years ago.

Although we were able to increase the number of participating teams last year, after many discussions at the Board we have concluded that we cannot accommodate an increase in the number of teams this year.

It is likely that we will have our complement of teams very quickly. We hope that those who are not able to enter as paddlers this year will become involved in the *Race* in another way.

Spots in the *Race* will be given on a first paid, first in, basis. You can expect to hear details of how to register by late February. Registration information and the full entry fee of \$600. must be received for confirmation of entry.

As you are aware, I have sent each team captain an email with a few questions about future event planning. Please take a few moments and send me your thoughts.

## *Race on the River 2004* **Executive**

Chair	Roger Swarbrick
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## Letters to the Editor

November 21, 2003

Susan,

Cobequid Region Special Olympics Athletes and Coaches would like to thank everyone on the Dragon Boat Committee for letting us take part in this great event. Summer of 2003 was our 2nd. year, and, as the year before, it was well organized and the event ran well.

The Dragon Boat Races gave our Athletes a whole new experience and an opportunity to meet new friends, they are lining up for next Summer's event.

With the money received from the Races over the past two years, our Athletes now have better programs because we can buy the necessary equipment that was so badly needed. This also means we can send more Athletes to Provincial Games during Summer and Winter. With this year's funds, our Athletes will make a day trip to PEI to cheer on our two National Snowshoers from our Region, in February. Last but not least, two new programs were added to our list - Curling and Snowshoeing. Without the money from the Dragon Boat Races, I'm sure this wouldn't have happened.

What a great way for organizations to help each other out!

Gloria DeMers  
Sports Coordinator, Cobequid Region Special Olympics

02 December 2003

Hi Susan,

Thanks again for all your efforts to make the Dragon Boat festival successful. Eastern Highlands Special Olympics had a great time and we look forward to participating again next year.

These are some of our plans for the funds raised.

- We are starting a new sport program in the area - floor hockey. The athletes are excited about this new team sport and are anxious to get started. Of course, this means ordering equipment such as sticks, pucks and pads. We are using some of the money from the Dragon Boat funds to make these purchases.

- We are actively investigating the purchase of a laptop computer for our organization. We have had this item on the wish list for a number of years, but this year we plan to get it with some of the Dragon Boat funds.

It will be a real boost for our group to be able to house all the information in one place and have it accessible to different people. It will also be useful during events (we can take the computer right to the field, or bowling alley and input results as they come in).

- We will be using some of the money to help defray costs of transportation to Provincial Games.

- We are also looking into purchasing shorts and T shirts for our team uniforms.

- Finally we will be putting some of the money into a short-term investment plan in order to provide funds for future growth.

Thanks again for all your hard work. Looking forward to seeing you in the Spring.

Joan Conrad  
Area Coordinator  
Eastern Highlands Special Olympics

