

**RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
PROGRAM INFORMATION  
FEBRUARY 2016**

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Submitted by David Karlson, Asst. Recreation Director**

The La Vista Foundation hosted its annual Grant Presentation on Friday January 15th. I received two grants from the foundation this year. The first was for \$1,000.00 to help support our “Spread the Warmth” coat drive. The money went to purchase 43 new youth-size coats. The second was for \$1,500.00 to sponsor our annual Easter Egg Hunt/Canned Food Drive.

On January 28<sup>th</sup> we hosted an American Ninja Toddlers Obstacle Course in the gym from 10-11 o’clock. The course had the toddlers traverse over 10 challenging obstacles. Some of the dangers included a ramp and fire pit jump, a double hoop duck, two balance beams (with death defying falls if they failed), a bat cave crawl and a bounce house that included 4 separate obstacles. Later that afternoon the course was redesigned to make it longer and more challenging for our Discover Play home school class. We had 60 Kdg.-4<sup>th</sup> graders, 10 teenagers and 32 adults participate.



## **YOUTH AND ADULT SPORTS**

**Submitted by Ryan South, Program Coordinator**

### **Current Programs**

**Women's Volleyball** is in week 6 of a 12 week season. We have 8 teams playing this winter.

**Adult Softball** registration opened on February 1 and will remain open until March 19 or until leagues are full. The season will tentatively begin on April 10.

**Youth Basketball League** is in full swing. We are in week 6 of an 8 week season. Tournament play will begin the first week of March.

**3 Year Old Soccer Clinic** registration is open until March 28<sup>th</sup>. Five, one-hour sessions will be held on Saturday mornings beginning on April 2 and ending on April 30.

**La Vista 4/5 Youth Soccer Academy & 6/7 Youth Soccer League** registration is currently open with a registration deadline of March 19. The season will begin on April 5 and end on May 7 with sessions taking place on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

**Spring Flag Football League** registration is currently open with a registration deadline of March 19. The season will tentatively begin with practices the week of April 4 with games starting on April 16.

**Youth Baseball** for ages 7 – 12 registration is open until March 12. The season will tentatively begin with practices the week of April 4.

**Youth Softball** for ages 7 – 18 registration is open until March 26. The season will tentatively begin with practices the week of April 10.

## **LA VISTA SENIOR CENTER**

**Submitted by Rich Carstensen, Program Coordinator**

Tim Javorsky from Merry Makers performed for the senior center Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. Thirty seniors enjoyed the show.



Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> the annual Senior Valentine's Day luncheon was held at the La Vista Community Center. The La Vista and Papillion Recreation Departments hosted the event which was open to all seniors in the surrounding communities. Doors opened at 11:00 a.m., and entertainment from the Papillion La Vista High School Jazz Band began playing and continued throughout lunch. Lunch was served by Mayor Kindig, La Vista and Papillion Recreation staff, Board Member Jeff Kupfer, Fire Chief Bill Bowes and several City Council members and City

employees from both La Vista and Papillion. After lunch, the musical group "Pluckin Nutz" performed, which boasts Papillion Recreation Director Lori Hansen as a member! We were thrilled to have them play, and the seniors really enjoyed it. This year we had approximately 150 attend the luncheon, the largest ever!



Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> the seniors have been invited to the Shrine Circus at the Mid-America Center. The performance is free for seniors through funding efforts of the local Shriners.

Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> we will have a Black Jack tournament.

Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> is the monthly Country Music Jam Session. This is free and open to the public from 2:00pm-4:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> we will have the annual St. Patrick's Day luncheon for seniors. Hy-Vee will cater corned beef, cabbage, carrots and potatoes. After lunch, the group will be entertained by "JR's Band". Registration has begun. The fee for lunch is \$5.00.

#### **LA VISTA FALLS GOLF COURSE**

**Submitted by Denny Dinan, Golf Course Services Manager**

Golf Rounds January 2016	= 0 (-394 rounds from January 2015)
FootGolf Rounds January 2016	= 0 (0 rounds in January 2015)
Total Rounds January 2016	= 0 (-394 rounds from January 2015)

Golf Rounds Fiscal Year 15/16 thru January	= 2,123 (-225 golf rounds from fiscal 14/15)
FootGolf Rounds Fiscal Year 15/16 thru January	= 104 (+104 footgolf rounds from fiscal 14/15)
Total Rounds Fiscal Year 15/16 thru January	= 2,227 (-121 total rounds from fiscal 14/15)

For the first time in 5 years we didn't have any rounds in January. The golf course remained snow covered throughout the entire month.

On January 16<sup>th</sup>, the clubhouse was rented out for a 40<sup>th</sup> birthday party which brought in over \$300 worth of revenue.

Most of January was spent on contacting our external golf leagues to determine that they were returning for the 2016 season. All of them are returning. For our internal leagues, league start and end dates, fees, registration forms and league guidelines were determined and will be emailed to last year's teams in February.

I'm also working on business, school, soccer club, bar and tavern mailing lists to send out flyers and coupons and offer our course for golf and footgolf leagues, outings, fundraisers and events for upcoming season.

Golf vendors have been contacted and orders have been placed to stock golf balls, golf hats and other golf supplies.

Marketing plans to advertise golf and footgolf on social media such as Groupon, Daily Deal, the city website, Facebook, the Omaha World Herald, etc. are being discussed and will begin in late February or early March and throughout the season.