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## Weather



**TODAY:  
SUNNY**

**HIGH OF -2  
LOW OF -15**



**TUESDAY:  
CLOUDY**

**HIGH OF -3  
LOW OF -9**



**WEDNESDAY:  
CLOUDY**

**HIGH OF 0  
LOW OF -3**



**THURSDAY:  
SNOW**

**HIGH OF -2  
LOW OF -9**



**FRIDAY:  
60% CHANCE  
OF FLURRIES**

**HIGH OF -4  
LOW OF -13**

# Business/youth pool tournament at CABMN youth centre



## THE SCOOP MABLE HASTINGS

On Saturday, Nov. 30, Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) Youth Services Team Members, Eleanor Cote and Ethan Ball organized a business/youth pool tournament at the Youth Centre in Mansonville. With 30 in attendance, the evening that started at 6pm found everyone eager to crown the winners after a triple elimination ending after 11 p.m.

Youth and business representative partners were selected at random and the pair then had to communicate, empower and encourage their partner throughout the competition; some youth had never really played pool (with rules) before. This was a real educational exchange.

Businesses represented included: Jason Ball (Marche Richelieu), Daniel Giroux (Giroux and Giroux), Brenda Clark (NexKemia Petrochemicals Inc.), Jeremy Eldridge (DJ Jerk), Shannon Derby (Shannon Derby Property Maintenance), Barbara Guilbault (FamiliPrix Pharmacy), Alex Fidler Sr. (Excavation Mike Mierzwinski) and Jonathan Maltere (Bistro Chouette).

Youth participants were: Kate Eldridge (SADD member), Alex Fidler Jr (Drop-in member), Savannah Jersey

(SADD member), Noah Patch (Drop-in member), Jasmine Mierzwinski (SADD member), Danika Robinson (SADD member), Emilie-Anne Sherrer (SADD member) and Nora Webster (Drop-in member). Referees for the two tables were: Julia Eldridge (FYI member) and Rejean Neron (volunteer). The kitchen was efficiently tended by June Peacock and Laurette Rouleau who are both CABMN volunteers. Money raised in the kitchen was enough to pay for the four turkeys purchased for the upcoming Christmas dinner for youth.

Door prizes were provided by the youth centre (movies and chocolate) as well as by Marche Richelieu (Jacques Ducharme) who donated gift certificates. The door prize draws added to the evening which proved to be both exciting and fun for all including those who stopped by as spectators!

Cote and Ball made for an efficient team in the organizing of the event. Ball made a speech at the beginning and then handed the explaining of the rules over to our resident pool guru, Jeremy Eldridge. Eldridge explained that while some leniency would be shown to the youth, the adults were to play by the rules as stated. The winners were determined by a triple elimination which Cote kept track of with ease. It was explained that the youth member of the winning team would take home a cash prize of \$50.00 and the business representative the trophy to hang in their establishment for one year as well as the bragging rights.

The winning team after a very long 5 plus hours was: Barbara Guilbault representing FamiliPrix Pharmacy and Noah Patch, a member of the CABMN youth drop-in program. The two battled it out with NexKemia's Brenda Clark and her partner, Emilie-Anne Sherrer.



PHOTOS BY ELEANOR COTE AND BRENDA CLARK

Winners of the tournament, Barbara Guilbault representing FamiliPrix Pharmacy Mansonville and her youth partner, Noah Patch-McCoy

This was the second year the tournament has been held and plans are already being discussed for a third year.

"We would like to see more businesses and youth taking part," said Eleanor Cote who admitted that with more people involved, the event would have to start earlier. "These adults teach the kids a lot and spark an interest in the skill of playing pool while encouraging them to have fun and learn," she said.

For Ethan Ball who leads the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) group this year as part of the Youth Centre programs, he left feeling a great sense of pride and teamwork.

"I was so proud of my SADD group and their willingness to learn and the respect and enthusiasm at being paired with a Pottion business person," he shared. "I also feel very lucky to be a part of this year's youth services team alongside Eleanor Cote and Sarah Jersey and our volunteers, no matter the event, putting the youth at the forefront, we try to give it our all," he added.

For information on the Youth Centre programs of the CABMN visit: [www.cabmn.org](http://www.cabmn.org) and sign up for the newsletter.



CABMN Youth Services Team Member, Ethan Ball poses with some of the youth present at the tournament.



The group of youth and business owners gathered on November 30 for the Annual Business/Youth pool tournament at the CABMN youth centre in Mansonville.

## Ben by Daniel Shelton

