

Recreation Programs Report

Walkup Aquatic Center

- **Kha'p'o Community School:** The Kha'p'o Community School on Santa Clara Pueblo will begin group lessons throughout the month of February for their students.
- **Scheduling continues for other school groups:** Preparation for High School Freshmen PE classes continues (they will be here the first 3 weeks of March). Other groups that have been scheduled include: McCurdy Charter School from Santa Cruz, and Barranca Elementary, Mountain Elementary, Chamisa Elementary and Pinon Elementary from Los Alamos.
- **Busy Pool:** The High School Swim team will finish up their season on February 17th with the State Championship meet being held at Albuquerque Academy. The 3 club teams will finish their short course season with their State Championship meet being held March 2-5, also down in Albuquerque.
- **NMRPA Aquatics Professional Development Meeting:** Aquatics Managers from around the state will again be meeting to discuss issues that affect their agencies and swapping ideas for programming in the future. This group was started by Joe Harris, and will be the first meeting since his departure.
- **Staffing:** We have 3 new casual guards that will be starting in mid-February.
- **Group Swim Lessons:** Tuesday/Thursday lessons from 5:00-7:00 p.m. are very popular and unfortunately have waitlists. Due to staffing shortages of casual guards, we are unable to add any more classes during this time period.



Recreation Community Collaborations

- **Take over PEEC – Tuesday, January 17th from 6-7:30PM:** PROS Division staff once again collaborated with the Los Alamos Nature Center and PEEC to provide a night of fun activities and programs hosted by staff from across the Division. A five-hole putt-putt course was set up through PEEC which each hole staffed by a member of the PROS team. The score cards doubled as trivia questions on PROS Division facilities and amenities and at the last hole players put their cards into the drawing for free private golf or swim lessons (and some fun schwag). Over 120 participants came out and enjoyed S'mores, putt-putt golf, and a movie in the planetarium.



Ice Rink

- **Ice Skating Lessons:** The January sessions of skate lessons were almost all full and we had several participants register for private lessons as they wanted a little more one-on-one instruction from our skate instructors. We did have to cancel one lesson during that big snow storm, yet a make-up day was scheduled for February 4th.
- **Big M.A.C. & Teen Center Skate Night:** Staff worked with Jordan Redmond, the new Youth Activity Center Director, and with Sylvan and George at the Los Alamos Teen Center to coordinate these events. Unfortunately turn-out was less than expected as temperatures were in the single digits that week and not conducive to ice skating at night. We will try again next year as Big M.A.C. usually has a great turn-out and this was our first year coordinating a teen night.
- **Scoreboard Fix:** It's hard to tell when the puck hits the back of the net if the buzzer isn't working on the score board. Luckily we were able to work with staff in the Facilities Division to get the parts and the scoreboard up and working. That you all for working so quickly to find the issue, order the parts and get the buzzer up and running!
- **NEW! Adult Hockey Tournament:** The first annual Adult Hockey Tournament was held February 13th – 15th. This year we hosted four teams from New Mexico who enjoyed playing on outdoor ice. On Sunday another storm made it difficult to play as there was a lot of snow on the ice, yet the teams got out with a size 1 soccer ball and played in the snow. Players said they "couldn't wait until next year to do this again" and that "they couldn't believe more teams weren't registered." Our goal for next season is to work with LAHA to continue to grow this tournament.
- **3-v-3 Cross Ice Hockey Festival:** The annual X-Ice hockey festival was held February 28th and 29th with eight teams coming from Taos, Santa Fe, Rio Rancho, and Albuquerque. Add in the four teams representing Los Alamos and there were a total of 12 teams and over 120 kids plus their parents and siblings visiting Los Alamos.
- **NEW! Adult Broomball Night:** The second of these programs will be held at the Ice Rink on Friday, February 17th from 6:30P – 8:30P. The first session on January 5th was very successful and we anticipate more players as word-of-mouth has spread and an event has been created on Facebook by attendees.
- **Snow Removal:** January brought in the snow and staff worked really hard to ensure the Rink opened as soon as possible after and during each storm. The heavy snowfalls left us with

anywhere from 6" – 8" of snow which is slow and difficult to remove. The hard work of staff has ensured that though opening may have been delayed – the Rink did eventually open. Great work from our PROS staff clearing snow on the ice and around the facility; the Parks crews for moving snow behind the Zam garage and the Public Works crews for clearing our parking lots.



Recent snowfall on the ice, Adult broomball, 3-v-3 X-Ice Festival

Golf Course

The month of January closed with snow still on the ground.



Though some decent temperatures are expected in the next 7 days, the long range forecast expects more moisture, be it rain and or snow in the next days after the warming spell.

The course will remain closed until all snow has melted and we can open without having to return to closed after.

We attended the PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando Florida, the largest Golf Merchandise show globally, and set up buying programs for several new vendors to bring in new lines of merchandise for the community.

We started February 1st a "SALE" on the merchandise in the Golf Shop, 50%-75% OFF.

Looking forward to starting the Golf Season back up as soon as the weather permits.