

Seine River First Nation

Pow Wow 2009



Another Pow-wow has once again wrapped up and it seemed better than last year...The weather was beautiful and there was no rain (always good with outdoor events) !! So more people came out and enjoyed themselves.

The river was perfect for the canoe races held on Sunday morning (thank you to all who lent us their canoes and paddles!!) there were a few people who tipped at the start making it very entertaining for both the spectators and participants!!

We once again chose to solicit donations for the event to minimize cost to the First Nation and so;

I would first off like to thank those community members for their food and gift donations. It's real awesome to see how many people are willing to help out to make these events happen, Again I thank you very very much.

This year we received more donations (and they're still coming in!!!) to our Pow-wow than last year. This enabled us to hold a penny table and also a raffle draw for various items (the 1st prize of a Pendelton Blanket donated by Betty's of Fort Frances went to Elmer Mainville of Couchiching, the 2nd

prize of a photo printer went to Anita Collins and the final prize of an MP3 Player went to William Boshkaykin). The 50/50 draw winner was Alice Ottertail. The money raised and remaining monetary contributions will help to offset the total cost of this year's pow-wow.

Thanks to Mike, Tracy, John, Ty and Earl for donating their month's (or two) honorarium along with my own to help sponsor the Men's Traditional and Grass Dance Specials. It was nice to bring these dance styles to our Pow-wow for the spectators.

Secondly a big thank you to All our volunteers (the cooks who spent most of the weekend in the kitchens, the security who kept an eye on everything, and also to those who helped clean up, etc.) a few people I'd like to mention especially,

Angie Morrison for all her help taking care of the meal portion of the event (including the tedious task of shopping for all that stuff! ☺), the penny table and also for picking up the donations on my behalf (I wasn't able to run around as much this year, fresh baby, nuff said...lol).

Dorothy Friday for picking up the blankets and giveaway items, Ty Tenniscoe and Earl Klyne for doin the Porta Potty Shuffle...ha ha

Fran Kabatay for taking care of the lunch both days, Jeff Johnson for cooking, selling tickets, and serving food, Chris Cupp for arranging Security (good job to all those who volunteered) Ted for once again wrangling with the makeshift P.A. set-up and also to Gerald Morrison Sr., Flo Boshkaykin,

Elaine McGillis, John Pete, Janet C.Spoon and Lavern Spoon for helping whip up delicious breakfasts...Yum

Pete Johnson, our recent Culinary Arts Grad, although we did not get to sample any culinary delights, did manage to Bar-b-que some mean burgers and fries for the Canteen on Sunday along with John Kabatay Sr. ...

Finally, a big thank you to the students who prepared the grounds before and after the pow-wow (Nick, Victor, Jamon, Justin, Tim) and those who slaved away in the canteen (Kim, Summer, Rodney, Myles (kinda...lol), and Michelle)

Special thanks to Terry and Ryan Potson for organizing the Texas Hold'em Tourney and also the Canoe Races, your winners came and spent their winnings @ the pow wow canteen!!...lol

Last but not least, a big thanks to Stacy Kabatay for helping me out these last few weeks while I prepared for the Pow-wow, for letting me talk him into cooking on Sat for the canteen, and for watching baby on Sun while I ran around with my head cut-off...lol...I wouldn't have managed without you..1 4 3

And to those who I may have missed, I apologize now, it's not done intentionally I assure you...So thanks to those for their help and also their understanding...

I am grateful for the opportunity to have co-ordinated this year's event and all the support given...

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