

Canadian Progress Club Regina Centre

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Regina Centre Club stages 8th Annual Plywood Cup

The Wascana Centre in downtown Regina was filled with an estimated 15,000 cheering spectators as the Regina Centre Canadian Progress Club staged its 8th annual Plywood Cup event on July 1. It is estimated more than \$50,000 was raised for the two charities designated by the club according to event co-chairs Jason Cossette and Jason Gasmo.

There were twenty teams entered in the annual competition. Each team consisted of four persons (one of whom had to be of the opposite sex) who had ninety minutes to build a boat from two sheets of plywood, one eight foot two by two, one hundred nails and a roll of duct tape. Their tools consisted of a hammer, saw, tape measure and a pencil. Most of the teams wore costumes and had catchy names for their craft.

Once the boats were constructed each team paraded their boat to the water and had their picture taken. They then rowed their boat in a race across and back the width of Wascana Lake with the winner receiving the coveted Plywood Cup.

This year's winning team was sponsored by Sheppard, Braun Muma law firm. CPC Foundation National Governor Dean Muma is a senior partner in the firm. The second place was won by Spring Green Homes Ltd. and third place was won by Sthamann Homes Ltd.

The top fund raising teams were Avanti Office Products with \$8124, P3 Architecture Partnership with \$6241, Rob's Concrete

Pumping with \$5920 and Sheppard Braun Muma with \$5309. The Titanic award is given to the team whose boat sinks first and this year's winner is P3 Architecture Partnership. The prize for the best dressed team was awarded to Padgett Business Services.

This year's event had a special flavor with four teams from the protective services in the competition. Teams from the RCMP, Regina Police Services, Regina Fire Department and HMCS Queen were all competing in the event for the first time.

The charities were the Hospitals of Regina Foundation in support of the pediatric oncology units of Regina hospitals and the Raise a Reader Foundation in support of literacy programs in southern Saskatchewan.

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