



## ABBOTSFORD DISTRICT RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION



May 9, 2025

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Everyone,

On Thursday May 8th, we had a really nice time at Milestones with a small but fun group. We were able to sit together and talk about all sorts of things—travel, holidays, tours, rivers, oceans—you get the idea! Dave Sagert and Linda Baynes won the door prizes and they both went home with a bottle of wine!

Our next outing is the field trip to Steveston on June 4th. Let Linda Baynes ([lebaynes1@gmail.com](mailto:lebaynes1@gmail.com)) know if you would like to come as soon as possible. May 28th is our cut off date.

We have decided that our annual Picnic in the Park will be held on **June 12th** at **Matsqui Village Park**. We will supply all the food and coffee for you. We will have games to play for those who would like to join in. Bring a lawn chair and a bottle of water for yourself. We changed the venue due to the problem with a lack of parking at Mill Lake Park. There will be plenty of parking at Matsqui! Let Gloria know if you would like to join in the fun! ([gloriaadam@shaw.ca](mailto:gloriaadam@shaw.ca); 604-854-6194)

At our last executive meeting in April, we put forward a motion that we would like to increase our annual fee from \$10.00 to 15.00. Life has

become much more expensive and if we want to continue to provide events for our members we need to increase our fees. It will be in the AGM minutes for this year. We will vote on it at the To Hell with the Bell in September at Bradner Hall. I'm hoping you will vote in favour of this as we would like to continue to provide fun activities for everyone to enjoy! It takes a year for the increase to take effect—September 2026.

Wishing everyone a warm and pleasant Victoria Day weekend,  
Gloria  
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# KidSport Abbotsford 2025 Charity Golf Tournament



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## HELP US HELP KIDS!

Make a difference in the Abbotsford Community and participate in **KidSport Abbotsford's Charity Golf Tournament** to be held at **FRASER GLEN GOLF COURSE** on **FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025**.

KidSport Abbotsford supports kids in the Abbotsford Community by providing funding towards the cost of sport registration fees. In 2024, KidSport Abbotsford was able to help more than 170 kids/families ... and the need continues to grow!

Participate by becoming a tournament sponsor, providing a prize, or playing in the Texas Scramble format tournament.

**Team registration fee: \$540 (\$135 per golfer)**  
**Pay by May 1 to get the \$500 early bird team rate, or \$125 per golfer!**

Register by e-mail: [kidsportabbotsford@sportbc.com](mailto:kidsportabbotsford@sportbc.com)

Sponsorship Info: <https://kidsportcanada.ca/british-columbia/abbotsford/>

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**So ALL Kids  
Can Play!**



## KIDSPORT PAYS. KIDS PLAY.

The skills kids learn through sports are carried with them throughout their lives, but across BC kids are being left on the sidelines because they don't have the resources to play.

That's where KidSport comes in.

KidSport provides funding for kids from families that need financial support to help cover the cost of sport registration fees #SoALLKidsCanPlay!

Most KidSport chapters are completely volunteer-run. They fundraise, accept applications, and distribute funds to support kids in their local community.

Communities that don't have a local chapter, are supported through KidSport BC's Provincial Chapter.

ABBOTSFORD **2024**  
**IMPACT**

**172 KIDS**

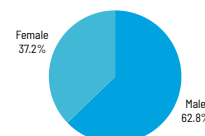
in Abbotsford received KidSport funding for a season of sport

**\$61,178**

distributed to help fund sport registration fees for kids in Abbotsford last year



The number of kids funded  
**+26% vs LY**



**22** different sports funded through KidSport grants

TOP SPORTS



**SOCCER**  
50 KIDS  
\$17,903



**ICE HOCKEY**  
22 KIDS  
\$8,900



**JUDO**  
15 KIDS  
\$5,000

## TOP CLUBS FUNDED (#kids | \$\$)

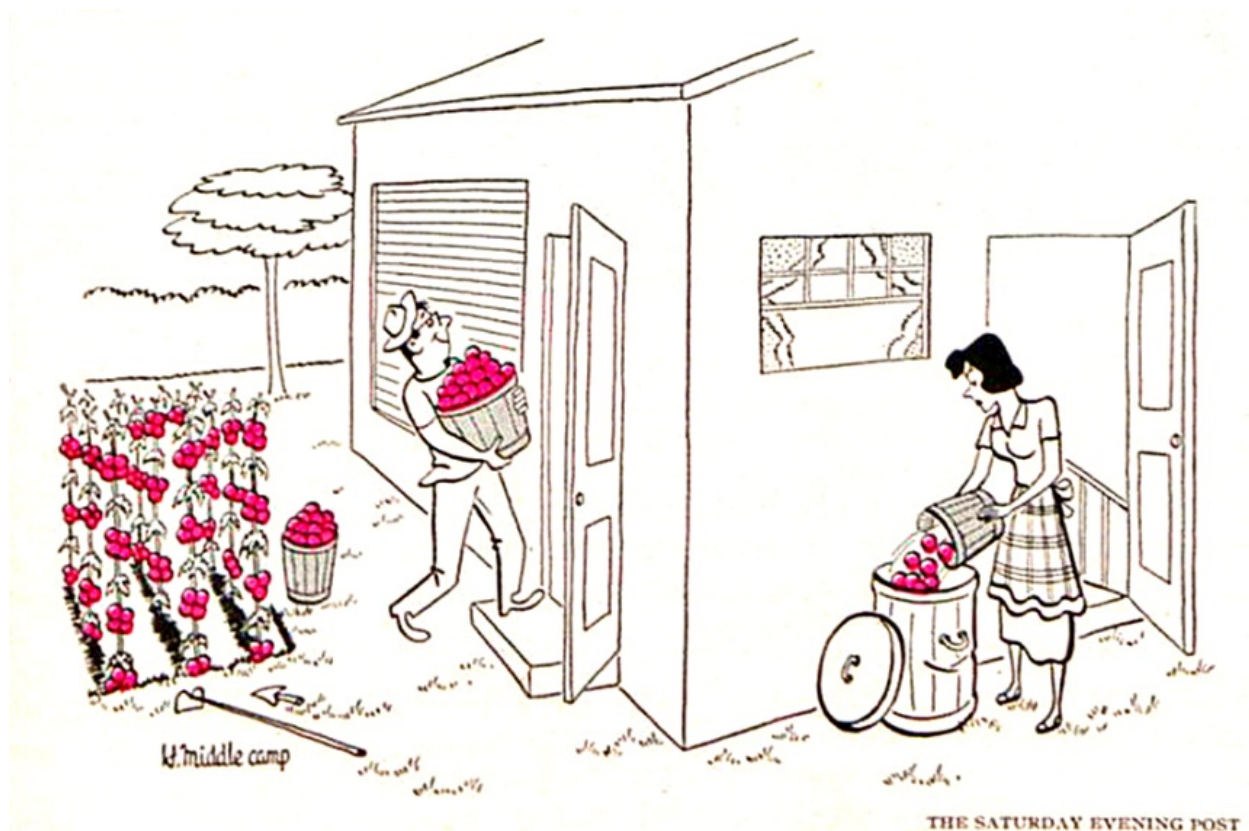
1. Abbotsford Soccer Assoc. (27 | \$9,493)
2. Abbotsford United Soccer Club (19 | \$8,975)
3. Abbotsford Minor Hockey (18 | \$7,300)
4. Abbotsford Judo Club (15 | \$5,000)
5. Abbotsford Skating Club (12 | \$4,376)

## PREVIOUS 3-YEAR GRANT NUMBERS

2021	2022	2023
<b>76</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>136</b>

"Both my son and daughter got funding from KidSport to participate in sports. Not only has this given them a sense of accomplishment, but also a sense of belonging. It's so amazing to see my child with down syndrome being cheered on by his team! Priceless. It's brought such happiness. Thank you!"

KidSport is a Registered Canadian Amateur Athletic Association ("RCAAA") with charitable status (86212 5986 RR0003)





# In loving Memory



## **Edward John Tucker**

January 14, 1939 - February 17, 2025

John was a loving father, grandfather, and husband to his late wives Marian (married 42 years) and Donna (married 17 years). He will be remembered for so many things - his kindness, his sharp dressing (especially his signature hats), his sense of humour, his love of listening to "Lady in Red" in his classroom as a high school teacher, and perhaps most of all, his passion for improvement and always doing the right thing. He will be missed.



## **John Kampen**

May 5, 1934-February 20, 2025

John completed his teacher's training and began his career in William's Lake, where he met fellow teacher, Betty Doerksen, also from Abbotsford. They married and had three children: Christine, James and Janice. John and Betty settled into life in Abbotsford where John entered into a 28 year teaching career. John was a gentle, kind and humble man and he will be greatly missed by family and friends.



# Field Trip to Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site in Steveston

**Meet:** June 4th at St. Ann's parking lot  
(park only at the north end on the other side of the yellow line close to the back gate)

**Time:** 9:00 am

We will be travelling by school bus.

**Cost:** \$20.00 will pay for the bus both ways and the admission into the museum!

Pay **Erin** when you arrive at the bus meeting place.

## Agenda upon arrival at Steveston:

- Arrive in Steveston and the tour will begin at 11:00 am. We have reserved two tour guides.
- After the tour, break for lunch to a restaurant of your choosing. We are not planning on a large group luncheon.
- If time, you are encouraged to look around Steveston and see the shops.
- Back to the bus by 2:15 p. m. for departure to Abbotsford.

**Pre-register with Linda Baynes [lebaynes1@gmail.com](mailto:lebaynes1@gmail.com) by May 28, 2025.**



# Come to our Annual Picnic in the Park!

Save the date!

When: June 12th from 11:00 a. m. -2:00 p. m.

Where: Matsqui Village Park, 6074 Riverside Street

Coffee at 11:00 am

Lunch at 12:00 p. m. The ADRTA will provide sandwiches, fruit, vegetables and dip, chips.

Bring: lawn chair, sunscreen, hat (if needed), water bottles.

We will have games (bean bag and bocce) for those who are more ambitious, otherwise, just come and relax and enjoy the day.

Let Gloria know

([gloriaadam@shaw.ca](mailto:gloriaadam@shaw.ca);  
604-854-6194) if you  
would like to attend by **June  
5th** so that we can make  
sure we have enough food!



"I told you the tank was half-empty, but oh no, you said it was half-full."





"You're just the kind of person we're looking for to test our airline seats."

