



2024-25 Season Impact Report

The 2024-25 season marks the fifth anniversary of the Cape Community Arena Group (CCAG), and what a remarkable five years it has been! Conceived in 2020, during the height of the pandemic, three Cape families – the Brandeis, Hooper, and Sezak families – initiated the vision with a backyard-style ice rink behind Town Hall. This initial concept has now flourished into a regulation-sized ice rink at Gull Crest, complete with refrigeration, a Zamboni, and warming tents, hosting numerous programs and events.

The success of the Cape Rink is a direct result of the unwavering support from our generous business sponsors, individual donors, the Town of Cape Elizabeth, and our many dedicated volunteers. The rink stands as a testament to what a community can achieve through collaboration.

I am thrilled to present our first annual season impact report to you, our valued community and supporters. This report provides an overview of our activities, operations, and support, and outlines our future plans as CCAG strives to ensure the Cape Arena remains a sustainable community asset for years to come. I hope you also take the opportunity to scan the QR code in the bottom right and view the video of our story.

We have achieved significant milestones during the 2024-25 season and are eager to build upon this momentum.

Julie M Furt
CCAG Board Chair

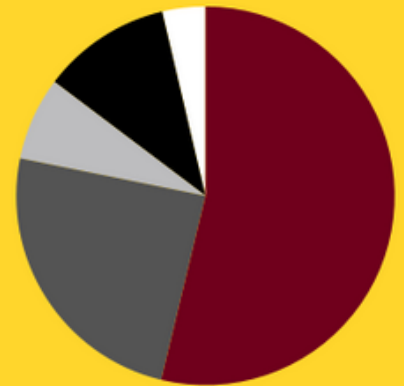
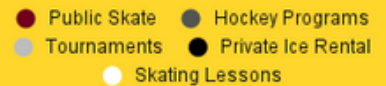
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Season Highlights

- 600 hours of total ice time
- 320+ hours of public skate
- 5 Community Events
- 200+ skaters in classes
- 220+ players in hockey programs
- 6 tournaments for all ages

2024-25 Ice Time



SKATING

This season saw a significant increase in participation in our skating programs, thanks to an expanded partnership with Cape Community Services. Over 200 participants, from age 3 to 60+, benefited from 70+ class sessions.

Super Skate remains our most popular program, offering participants the opportunity to learn to skate with the assistance of youth community volunteers under the guidance of a professional instructor. Scan the QR code to view a video highlighting this program!

Monica Malcolmson
Skating Programs

**View our Super
Skate video -->**



Skating Programs

- Super Skate
 - Penguins (Ages 3-5)
 - Polar Bears (Ages 6-10)
- Beginner
- Basic Skills
- Creative Movement on Ice
- Power Skating
- Adult Skating

In our 3rd year at Gull Crest and my 1st year on the CCAG Board, my focus was ensuring pond hockey at the rink was accessible to all ages and abilities. We introduced a Learn to Play Hockey Program for Adults - which Sean Gallagher & I had a blast instructing. Thanks to Estey Ticknor, former US Women's National Team player, we added a free Wednesday girls pond hockey program. Overall, our seven programs had more than 220 players ranging from age 5 - 70+.

We also hosted 6 hockey tournaments with 60+ teams with 350+ players who played 120+ games and raised \$34k towards our operating costs. This included our first Ladies Pond Hockey tournament in February!

Pat Butsch
Hockey Programs

View the Adult Pond Hockey Tournament Video -->



Hockey Programs

- Learn to Play Hockey - Youth
- Learn to Play Hockey - Adult
- Espinal Youth Hockey Program for Grades 1-8
- Estey Ticknor Girls Pond Hockey
- Ladies Pond Hockey
- 60+ Pond Hockey
- Cape Hockey Club
- Tournaments
 - Ladies Pond Hockey
 - Mites Hockey (8u)
 - 8U-14U Pond Hockey
 - Adult Coed Pond Hockey

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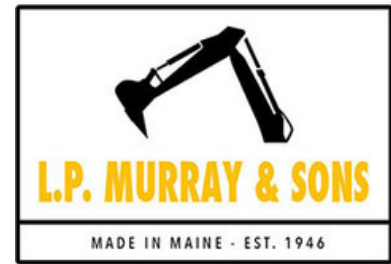


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Thank you
business sponsors





Sponsorships allowed more than 50% of ice time to be free and open to the public



ROCKY BOTTOM FISHERIES

WOODHULL



Events & Fundraising Update

Miami Vice for the Ice



Our First Skate Celebration, Skate with Santa & Friends, NYE Sparkle Skate, hot chocolate with Cape First Responders, & RinkFest provide community gatherings throughout the winter for our community.

Thank you to all our supporters! Not only did we raise \$225k for the '24-'25 season's operational budget through advertising, programming, & events, but we also added \$130k to the Raise the Roof Capital Campaign, enabling us to order a chiller for the '25-'25 season.

Stay tuned for details of second annual gala in November '25!

Whitney Liston
Events and Fundraising

View the magic of
NYE Sparkle Skate -->



Hot Chocolate with First Responders



Skate with Santa & Friends



MLK Day Tournament

On MLK Day we had a pond hockey tournament for 70+ kids ages 6-12 years old. Players registered individually and we made the teams. The tournament was entirely run by kid volunteers like me. I coached 12U and refereed 10U and 8U. My brothers played 12U, did scorekeeping for 10U & coached 8U. For a lot of players, it was their first tournament and a few scored their first goals ever.

Mikaela Furt
8th Grade Cape Student

2024-25 Friends of the Rink

Diamond Circle: \$25,000+

Town of Cape Elizabeth
The Furt Family

Platinum Circle: \$10,000+

The Espinal Family
Dan Fishbein & Ilene Schuchman
The Liston Family
The Quimby Family

Gold Circle: \$5,000+

Tom & Hillary Egan Family
Robin Fernald &
Stephanie Austin
Robert & Beth Ann Sirois

Silver Circle: \$2,000+

The Brandeis Family
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Bronze Circle: \$1,000+

60+ Pond Hockey Club
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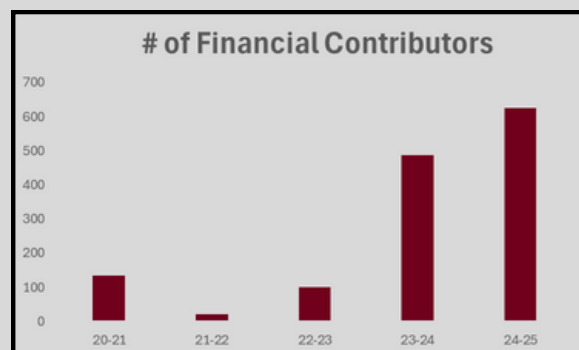
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Thank you to all who donated in-kind gifts this season. We don't have records of each and every gift but your generosity is truly appreciated.



Financial Update

Cape Community Arena Group is fortunate for a generous community that makes operating the rink possible. Our '24-'25 season operating expenses were \$180k with the chiller rental representing more than a third of the cost. Other significant expenses were electricity, which is generously funded by the Town of Cape Elizabeth up to \$35k, the set-up & take-down contractor fees, insurance, and tractor loan payments. Our electric bill was >\$17k less than the '23-'24 season due to better weather - with a fully outdoor rink, operating expenses & income are heavily impacted by the weather.

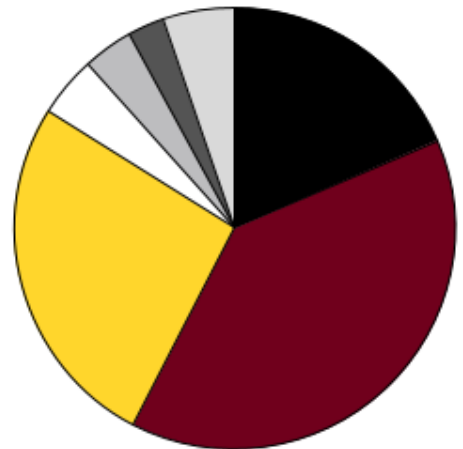
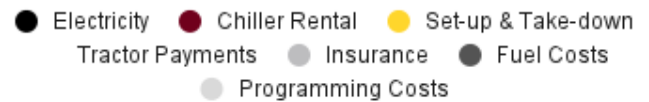
The rink's operational budget was funded through corporate sponsorships, programming fees, individual donations, hockey tournaments, ice rentals, and the Town of Cape Elizabeth (for electricity).

Chris Hooper
Treasurer and Tax

Operational Budget Sources



Cape Rink '24-'25 Operating Costs



the best is yet to come

A massive THANK YOU to everyone who's supported us! Because of YOU, we're pushing forward to make Cape Arena an awesome, year-round place for everyone.

And now, the REALLY exciting part... **WE'VE ORDERED A CHILLER!!!** This is a game-changer! Forget those crazy rental fees and annual crane stuff—we're saving a TON of money, like over 85% of what we used to spend. This chiller is arriving THIS FALL, just in time for the 2025-2026 season. Let's get this thing paid off—donations are welcome!

Plus, we're not stopping there. We're building the future! We've teamed up with Mitchell & Associates, and they're helping us plan everything out. Site design, engineering, all the permits... it's all happening! We're in the early stages, but trust us, the excitement is building. This is going to be amazing!

**HELP US
PURCHASE A
CHILLER FOR
NEXT
SEASON!**



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