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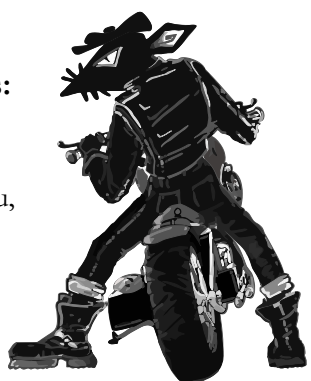
DIGBY WHARF RAY RALLY 2012 PARTNERSHIP A SUCCESS!

The inaugural **Acadian Shore Poker Run** held over the Labour Day weekend led participants inland and along the shore to five locations where playing cards were selected. The Run finished at the Rendez-vous de la Baie where participants selected a wild card before handing in their scorecards. There were **68 scorecards completed**, with 39 on Saturday, Sept. 1 and 29 on Sunday, Sept 2. Prizes with a value of more than \$300 were awarded for the 'Best Hand', 'Worst Hand' and several random draws.

This marks the second year that the Clare Tourism Department has partnered with the Rally, which continues to grow in scope and participation. **Plans are already underway** on how Clare can enhance the Poker Run activity to raise the bar to a higher level of participation. We will also explore continuing the partnership with Bay Ferries which saw Acadian musicians Len LeBlanc and Leon Stuart playing on board the Princess of Acadia ferry on Aug. 30 & 31 to help promote activities during the WRR.

We sincerely appreciate the Volunteers who offered their time and resources:

- WRR Welcome Tent: André Valotaire and Paul Yarwood
- Thibodeau's Fruit & Veggies: Max Thibodeau and Priscille Thibodeau
- Bangor Sawmill: Aldric Comeau, Aurore Comeau, Gerald Comeau, Lloyd Comeau, and Lawrence Thériault
- Cape View Motel & Cottages: Carol Klessens and Russ Wiebe
- Meteghan Wharf: Joel Melanson and Gerald Robichaud
- Église Sainte-Marie Church: Willie Dugas and Dorothy Thibodeau



The Clare Tourism Department also would like to recognize the Prize Sponsors: Leonard C. Comeau, Saulnierville Pharmacy, UJ Robichaud, Municipality of Clare.

The **Outdoor music concerts** were a hit over the long weekend, with great turnouts for Les Sapins Verts and Accord for the Saturday "Musique de la Baie" show, and Unisson and l'École de danse Helena on Sunday. Stay tuned for new photos taken by Lex Brukovskiy during these events to appear on the Rendez-vous de la Baie website in the near future!

UPCOMING EVENTS at Rendez-vous de la Baie *(click on links to view posters for more info)*

- Sat. July 28 – Sept 30 – [ART EXPO « Un œil sur le passé »](#) - Le Trécarré
- Tues. Sept. 25 – [CRAFT SPLASH – CLARE DAY](#) 10 am – 3 pm
- Sun. Oct. 7 – Sun. Dec. 9 (6 sessions) – [FARMERS' MARKET VENDOR TRAINING](#)

Don't forget to check the [Clare Community Calendar](#) for local events!

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SPONSOR OF THE MONTH : Maison la bouche ouverte associée



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The Rendez-vous de la Baie is very pleased to announce that the **Maison la bouche ouverte associée** is the sponsor of the month for **September 2012**. Their generous contribution provides everyone with free access to the Acadian Interpretive Centre halls.

Maison la bouche ouverte associée organizes the Festival de la parole de la Baie Sainte-Marie annually. The main goals and objectives are to promote the oral heritage of the Baie Sainte-Marie and to offer a new artistic discipline, storytelling, to the residents of the area. They also organize activities in the art of storytelling during the year with a variety of partners such as: La Société acadienne de Clare and the Conseil des arts de la Baie. Maison la bouche ouverte was the delighted recipient in the category, Support for artistic production in the Prix Eloize 2012.

Le Festival de la parole de la Baie Sainte-Marie, Parlons de ce qui conte (Let's talk about what really counts), takes you into the imaginary world of storytelling. The festival enjoys international fame. It invites professional storytellers, poets and artists of the spoken word, from home and abroad, who share their art of transforming a simple story or anecdote into a fantastic adventure.

Access to the Acadian Interpretive Centre (Museum) at Rendez-vous de la Baie is now *free of charge*. All new for 2012, the admission fees have been replaced by a Donation box, as well as a new Corporate Sponsorship Program. For more information on the Corporate Sponsorship Program, please [view the PDF](#).

PARTNERSHIPS IN PROGRESS

- **Municipality of Clare Tourism Stakeholder Survey.** As part of the Clare Tourism Strategy refresh process, we invite all tourism-related businesses and organizations to complete our survey. Please contact Larry if you have not yet received a copy.
- **Acadian Passport.** Rendez-vous de la Baie and other passport sites will be meeting with representatives from NS Tourism on Sept. 26 to discuss future collaborations
- **YASTA consultations.** Sept. 18th: le Richelieu, Placide Comeau Rd., Meteghan River, 7-9 pm (*en français*). Info: <http://www.yasta.ca/2012/08/yasta-community-consultations.html>
- **DSWNA Website Launch.** New website promoting Yarmouth & Acadian Shores, Fundy Shore and South Shore regions. <http://www.novascotiabackyard.com/>
- **Farmers Market Association of NS.** A series of workshops will be held at the Rendez-vous for small business owners and entrepreneurs who sell at NS farmers' markets and wish to deepen their professional business skills. [Click for Info](#).

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