

The summer passed too quickly, as did the lives of three special members of the IDDI community: Eric, Larry and Sean. Cherish their lives and treasure your memories of them. We are among those privileged to live with children, young men and women in whom there is no pretense or malice, no drive to succeed at another's expense. We are thankful and celebrate our good fortune.

The past season was filled with less profound events as well. Family Day was well attended despite coinciding with the Pat's opening game. It is great to see the families of newer members of the IDDI community coming together with long-time staff, parents and friends.

IDDI hosted its annual yard sale in September. The preparation can be exhausting with minimal reward as those of you who have done them yourself understand. This year IDDI's yard sale raised over \$1,700.00 which is a tribute to the volunteers and those who contributed items to the sale. Thank you.

The annual Dr. John E. Manning Golf Tournament was another success as it brought together a full complement of golf legends (in their own minds) at the serene Pocasset Golf Club for a day of great weather, golf, fine food, golf, lavish prizes, golf, golf and golf!

In its very first season, the IDDI softball team overcame a shaky start to reach the finals. Although defeated in the final game, this group of athletes represented nearly every department and program. When you add in the staunch supporters of the team, it was a great representation of our community of caring.

Off the field, these same people worked all season to prepare for and participate in multiple licensing/certification surveys conducted by EEC, CARF, DMA, DMR and the State of NH. The efforts of each and every person are greatly appreciated.

Site work is underway on the tree house. Although there have been many engineering and permitting hurdles to clear, we are in the final approach now and look forward to this one of a kind universally accessible structure.

While it might appear that there is a disconnect between my opening remarks and the rest of this page, let me remind us all that the fun days and the fundraisers; the pursuit of excellence and honor on or off the field have one goal. That goal is to sustain IDDI as a community of caring for Eric, Larry, Sean and the hundreds of others who live in our homes and our hearts.