

Bleachers Party raises more than \$15,000

The Bleachers Party, held Feb. 5 at the Belle Petroleum Centre, raised \$15,833.07 towards the purchase of a set of movable bleachers for the region, exceeding expectations.

“We exceeded our goal by \$5,000,” said a very happy Mark Hand, president of the Pioneers Football Club and the main organizer.

Ticket sales totalled \$10,640, with a large contingent from Manning travelling south for the event.

The silent auction brought in \$5,875, with many local businesses and organizations donating items. Hand especially thanked the Edmonton Eskimos, whose prize package received the highest bid at \$2,145, and Vahe Shimoon of Renaissance Goldsmith whose ring brought in \$950.

Local personalities Taylor Lantheigne, Sherry Crawford, Dana Blayone, Chris Landaker, Richard Rhodes, Eugene Kit, Stu

of the Belle Petroleum Centre, Frank Lovsin, Cara Corcoran for emceeing, auctioneer extraordinaire Billy Foster and the

received honourable mention for all the work they did behind the scenes, organizing the event.

At the party, the 2010 Alberta Summer Games began its volunteer drive. Games staff set up a display and even circulated through the audience with volunteer sign-up forms and information.

Volunteers who signed up at the event had their names put into a draw. Richard Rhodes won the prize package, valued at \$120, which includes two shift passes, tickets to the Opening or Closing ceremonies, Games memorabilia and a \$75 gift certificate to the Games Store, which opens March 1.

Thanks to all who participated in this very successful event for sports and culture for the Peace Region!



Brittni Bagan and other Games staffers were on hand to recruit volunteers and answer questions about this summer's big event.

Barr, Iris Callioux and Cam Dechant were auctioned off in a live slave auction, raising a further \$2,400.

Hand also extended his thanks to Toni Antonetti and the staff

ladies of “No Limitz” (Crawford and Blayone).

Lana Robinson, Candace Gannon, Lori Day, Kathy Lambert and Laurel Schwab also