

Innisfail Senior Drop-In Society



Nurturing Mind, Body, Spirit 50+

Saturday is JAM day from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Jammers, listeners and dancers are welcome.

Charge: Jammers free - \$2:00 for non-jammers.

Refreshments: Coffee and sandwiches are available. Goodies provided by guests are appreciated.

Jams are a great musical and social event. They involve a number of musicians getting together in an informal manner to play their instruments. Guitars, fiddles, mandolins, accordions, drums and often the piano all blend their sounds together to make some lively music. Originally this was just for the players' enjoyment, then the pleasure extended to listeners, and now to dancers also.

The White Rose Cafe in the service station on the east side of the highway across from the Bowden Gas Refinery was the scene of the first Jams in the area, and it is believed that Charlie Brittain was the music enthusiast who began this well-liked entertainment. When the service station closed, the Jams moved to Innisfail.

The first Innisfail Jams began in 1983 with Les Jensen, Alf Beauchamp and Don George and were held in varying venues in the East Gate Mall, finally in the I.G.A. grocery, and when it closed, they were invited to play in empty bays at the Co-op Mall. An enthusiastic follower of the Jams, Herb Peck, approached the Seniors Drop-In to see if they would host these popular gatherings. The Seniors Drop-In has been home to the Jams ever since.

For many years the Jams would close down for the summer months. Now, for the pleasure of those who do not get away camping or for a vacation, the Jams are continuing throughout the spring and summer. The only break is over Christmas.