



Indoor Activities on Trade are OFF THE WALL...

By Cheryl Ibbotson

The cold weather is upon us and it's time to start looking for activities we can do indoors, alone and with the kids. From indoor rock climbing, golf, soccer, and even birthday parties, Tradebank's got something for all ages.

Tradebank Simcoe County, located in beautiful Barrie, Ontario is the home to an assortment of indoor facilities available on trade. Off The Wall Indoor Rock Climbing located on Bayview Drive has been serving climbers of all ages since the summer of 1996. This exciting indoor climbing facility, owned by Sherri and Peter Lerch offers Rock climbing and bouldering which is among the fastest growing sports in North America, with the benefits being both physical and mental. OTW houses 21 belay stations and over 40 vertical routes as well as over 40 bouldering routes. Belaying is a nautical term referring to the practice of controlling the rope fed out to a climber.

Rock Climbing is the act of going up steep rock and cliff faces using pieces of gear and safety equipment specifically designed for climbing. Climbing tests strength and endurance as well as offers difficult as well as dangerous physical challenges. Due to the risk involved, knowledge of climbing skills and techniques, gear and equipment, and safety are crucial.

Bouldering on the other hand, is a type of climbing performed without a rope and is usually limited with respect to height so that any fall will not risk severe injury. Bouldering can be practiced on large boulders, at the base of larger rock faces/climbing routes, and in indoor climbing centres.

Sherri and Paul Lerch are both ACMG Climbing Gym Instructors, Level 3 and Level 2 respectively and they having a great time with Tradebank thus far. "We love Tradebank. As a small business, it's always tough trying to budget for advertising dollars. With Tradebank we've had some really unique advertising opportunities that we would not otherwise have been able to spend money on. And in turn, we've met some really great clients of Tradebank, through Off The Wall birthday parties. Tradebank staff are always prompt at answering questions and reliable when it comes to service" says Sherri.

OTW offers birthday party packages on trade and has a glow in the dark climbing facility. Please call your broker for more details including price and availability. Please remember to prebook!!

The Barrie Sports Dome, also in Simcoe County, hosts a variety of indoor activities including a challenging and fun indoor golf game called Trajectory golf. The idea of the game is to aim at targets directed by your score card and the scoring directions sheet for each target will tell you what you scored for that shot.

Owner and Tradebank member Doug Young C.G.T.F. Certified Golf professional, teaches his "easy swing" method during golf clinics at the dome. One on one lessons are also available and taught by golf pros; Murray St. Onge, Steve Johnson, Gerry Pritchard, and Diane Demick and private lessons start from \$35.00.



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In addition to indoor golf, the dome offers Soccer and ball hockey and birthday and team parties as well as corporate meetings and other functions. With 2 indoor artificial turf playing fields, Two golf driving ranges, lawn bowling, Adult flag football, youth or adult soccer leagues, golf lessons taught by golf and sports camps for 8-14 year olds, Barrie Sports Dome is an amazing place this fall/winter season for the entire family!

Barrie Sports Dome is located at 99 Hanmer St. in Barrie (behind Toy's R us) and operates from 9am to 11pm seven days a week from October 1st-May 1st. Call your broker to find out more about the many activities offered, or to inquire about having a party or event, purchasing gift certificates, or renting the facilities.

Party Planet, located on Peter Street in Orillia, Ontario is owned by one of Tradebank's newest members Tracy Ellis. Party Planet specializes in children's parties and is designed to encourage children to be physically active in safe, indoor playground. Party Planet facilities offer obstacle courses, mazes, tube crawls, ball pits, slides, rope climb, monkey bar handles, a toddler area as well as skill testing redemption games and a prize counter. There are a number of party packages available for as low as \$2.00 a child. Call your broker today to find out more about Party Planet's unique party packages and hours of availability.

Other Indoor facilities are available on trade in regions across Canada. Zap Zone is located at 7777 Keele Street in Concord Ontario. Zap Zone is an indoor facility for adults and children alike that offers laser tag that puts together teams who wear futuristic laser wear in a glow in the dark environment filled with fog, music, and laser beams. (This client is by certificate only).

In Play Inc. is located at 16655 Yonge St. in Newmarket, Ontario. In Play offers food and fun including a climbing wall, glow in the dark mini golf, and a DDR dance machine. In addition, there are five different sports available to play in the big Hockey Hall of Fame style simulator including jet skiing indoors without getting wet! There is a "make your own stuffed animal" area, basketball and bowling games and lots of redemption games offering prize tickets to redeem for great prizes. Call your broker for more information, client is by certificate only.

Tradebank Halton member Jeff Howe is the owner of Howe 2 Golf that offers Golf Lessons, including the Virtually Perfect Golf Learning System to Tradebank clients. This virtual technology is the only of its kind worldwide that allows you to step inside the body of a computer-engineered character with an ideal golf swing. Please contact Jeff for all the exciting details or visit: www.howe2golf.com.

For clients in the Ottawa region, give a wonderful gift this holiday season from The Mud Oven, paint-it-yourself functional ceramics. The Mud Oven is a contemporary ceramics studio located at 1065 Bank Street in Ottawa. Clients can create personalized pieces of pottery for special occasions, gifts or decorative use and it's as easy as Choosing an item from the selection of white earthenware, a dash of imagination to decorate the piece, and then



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simply leave the creation with them and it will be glaze and fired and ready for pick up in 5 days!

Tradebank Durham, Kingston, Hamilton, Medicine Hat, Calgary, Edmonton and others have indoor activities available for clients this chilly season. Please call your broker for details on indoor playgrounds, golf and other sports, bowling, paintball and laser tag, fitness clubs and other great activities on trade!