

Present silverware at minor hockey banquet

In spite of the disappointment experienced by the more than 100 minor hockey players, coaches and managers when guest speaker Jim McKenny of the Toronto Maple Leafs failed to appear, the annual season-ending banquet and awards presentation for the Acton (OMHA) Minor Hockey Association went off without a hitch in other respects.

According to minor hockey executives who handled arrangements for the guest speaker's appearance, McKenny confirmed by telephone Friday that he would be in town for Saturday's banquet. Original attempts to have Mike Pelyk and Brian Glennie of the Leafs come here failed when the pair were forced to enter hospital for operations.

Corie Maxwell top swimmer

Corie Maxwell earned a first and two seconds as the Guelph Swimming Club placed fifth out of 19 competing clubs at the provincial swimming finals in Sudbury on the weekend. The championships were held at Laurentian University.

Corie took first place in the free style, second in the breaststroke and was a member of the relay team which finished second.

Minor sports given use of block house

Minor sports such as soccer, track and field and baseball have been granted use of the Prospect Park blockhouse on a tentative basis, it was decided Monday night by the parks and recreation committee.

Booth and washroom areas will remain under jurisdiction of the Parks Board. Minor Sports groups involved will be responsible for all alterations to the building.

Disston drops 2-1 decision

Disston saw plant soccer team dropped a 2-1 decision to the Acton minor soccer coaches' side in a recreational soccer game played at the high school pitch Saturday afternoon.

Oscar Tenkovip scored the only goal for Disston in the second half. Goals by John Smith and fullback Siddique Mash were outstanding in defeat for the Disston team.

Need more softballers

More players are needed if plans for a four team recreational softball league are to be realized. Approximately 25 players took part in an informal game at the park Sunday morning. Organizer Gary Lewis says teams will be chosen as soon as enough players indicate interest. New players are invited to attend the next workout at the park Sunday morning at 11.

Jim Casburn will become recreation director for the city of London effective July 1. He has been deputy recreation director for the city since he left Acton.

Parks board may buy benches, barbecues

Acton Parks Board is considering more park benches and picnic tables in both Prospect and Sir Donald Mann parks.

Parks manager Harold Townsley told the board there is a need for more picnic tables to replace aging ones. He also said he would like to see cast iron barbecues purchased for the park. They would be set in concrete.

Townsley explained people are bringing their own barbecues and leaving the burnt charcoal behind.

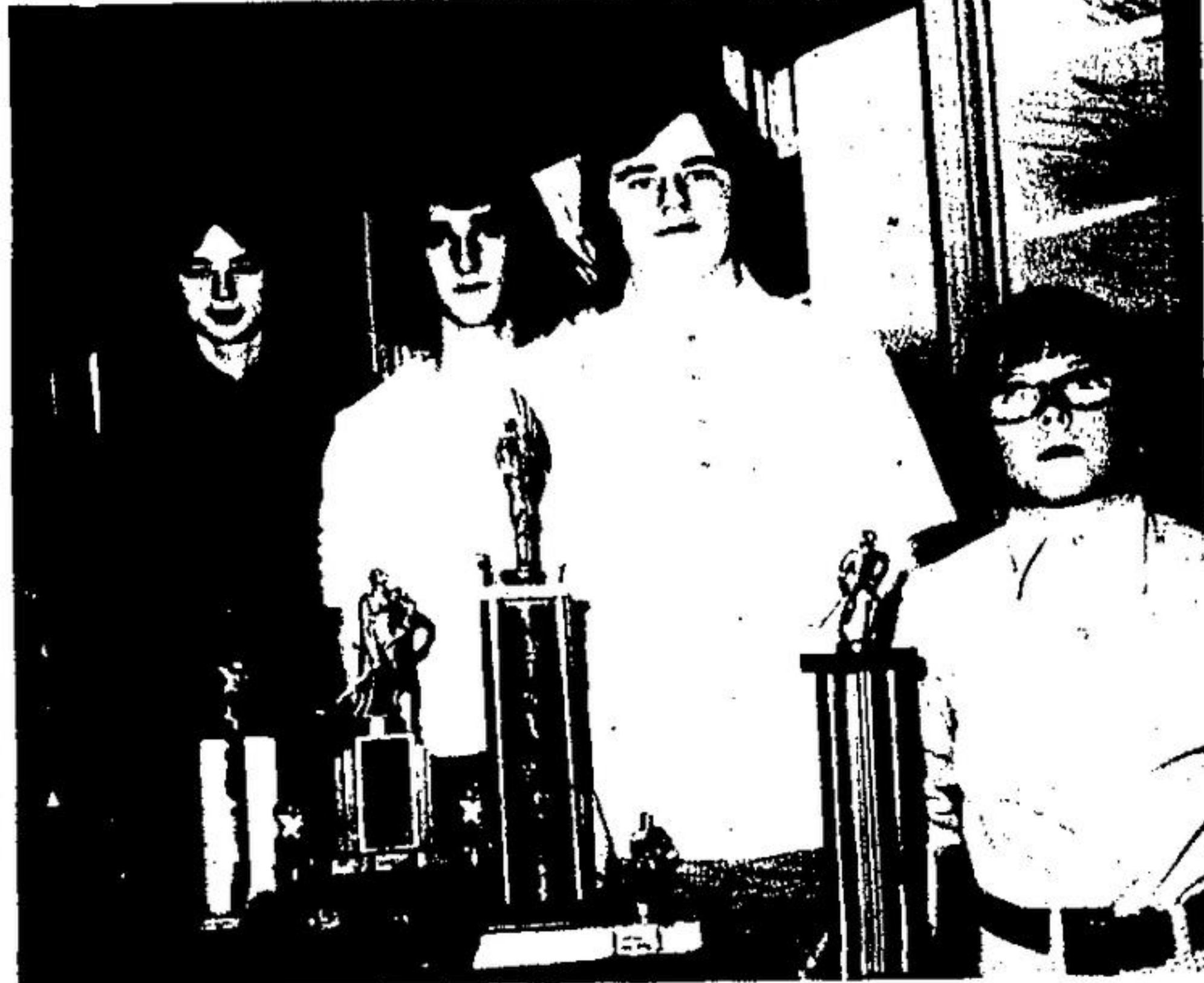
John Kentner Memorial Trophy for the most outstanding player in Acton minor hockey was presented to midget winger Russ Van Fleet by Joey Marshall.

Most sportsmanlike player in the organization, George Artem accepted the Acton Referees' Association plaque from referee Fred Yates.

the Doc Harkley Memorial Trophy to Steve Brunelle, another midget player who was chosen the organization's outstanding defenceman.

Acton Free Press trophy as outstanding goalie in the group from Free Press sports editor Denis Gibbons.

most valuable peewee player was presented by Grant Puncheon to goalie Gary Medland.



OUTSTANDING performers during the 1972-73 minor hockey season were honored at Saturday's Acton (OMHA) Minor Hockey banquet. Pictured l. to r. are outstanding defenceman Steve Brunelle, outstanding player in Acton minor hockey Russ Van Fleet, top goalie Robin Inscow and outstanding first year novice Mike Marshall. (D. Gibbons photo)



MOST VALUABLE player award (peewee), Charlie McRae (midget), Bob winners at Saturday's Acton (OMHA) Minor Hockey banquet were l. to r., Dan McGilloway (juvenile), Gary Medland (bantam). (D. Gibbons photo)

First round results chess club tourney

In the first round of the Acton Chess Club tournament president Doug Garrett breezed to an easy two in a row win against Jim Fiehl. Steve Garret defeated Alex Magyar two games to one. Dave Fiehl won two straight from Mark Pratt. Lynn Perry lost two games to Henry Harmsma. Peter Vranic swept two games from Gordon Cavic and in probably the most interesting contest Ted Newman who put up a good battle went down in two consecutive

games to Bert Vanderlaam. Nest week the second round will begin with winners playing off in pairs from a free draw to try to accomplish the club captainship. The remaining players will be drawn in competition for the best positions on the lower half of the ladder. All contests

will be best two out of three affairs. Those still interested in joining or learning the game should contact either Ted Newman at 856-4650 or Doug Garrett at 853-0341. Better still just drop in at the Y, Wednesday May 16 at 7:30 and you'll be welcomed.

Wendy Legate Memorial Trophy for the best first year novice was presented to Mike Marshall by Don Legate.

Midget award Ken Marshall Jr., coach of the midgets accepted the Ed Owen award which goes annually to the team advancing the furthest in OMHA play. The midgets forced Niagara-on-the-Lake to a three game series before losing in the second round.

Five most valuable player awards were also presented.

Charlie Green did the honors with the George Green Memorial Trophy which went to novice MVP Bob Allsop.

Grant's Motors trophy for the

Head Table Seated at the head table for the banquet were MC Don Lindsay, president of the Acton (OMHA) Minor Hockey Association, OMHA convener Al Moore of Guelph, Waterloo-Wellington Minor Hockey League president Harvey Vines of Elmira, Acton (OMHA) Minor Hockey secretary Joanne Inscow, Mayor Les Dudy, Ralph Kelly of the Guelph Daily Mercury and Denis Gibbons of the Free Press.

President Lindsay introduced sponsors and acknowledged the work of all coaches and managers during the season.

Mr. Moore reminded the group "We are not the OMHA, it's you coaches, managers and executives of teams that are the OMHA." He reported the OMHA had a total of 142,000 boys playing hockey in all-star and local leagues this year.

Provincial champions in the "B" population category were Meadford, St. Mary's, Stouffville and Exeter, he reported.

Mr. Vines thanked the executive for a good season and voiced his assurance Acton's Barry Inscow will do a fine job as president of the league next season.

Mr. Moore congratulated both Barry and 2nd vice-president-elect Bill Knight of Acton on their election.

On behalf of the players on the peewee team Bruce McPhail made special presentations of embroidered handkerchiefs to coach Barry Inscow, assistant coach Gus Holmes and manager Don Van Fleet.

In a lighter air, Bruce also handed his three leaders giant-sized suckers which he said "they could use as soothers, if they lose next year."

Coach Inscow thanked his players and assistants in return. "You played well for a bunch of first year peewees," he said.

Absence of a guest speaker was particularly disappointing to local officials since engraving of names had already been done on two shields and a stein.

Rotary Club backs boxla

Acton Rotary Club will sponsor minor lacrosse in town this year. Four boys teams and two girls teams have secured arena floor time Wednesday and Thursday nights during the summer.

Teams will play six home and six away games in a league with Guelph, Ancaster, Fergus, Elora and Kitchener.

Players will be charged a \$2 fee for registration in the O.M.L.A. A silver collection will be taken at the door for the regular Thursday night Midget games.

Will start boxla school

A lacrosse school for boys up to eight years old is being planned by Jim James, who together with Harold Townsley has operated the Acton Hockey and Skating School for the past two winters.

First session of the school will be this Saturday at the community centre at 12 noon. Youngsters should bring their sticks, running shoes and helmets.

Purpose of the school is to teach boys the basic fundamentals of the game. It is hoped there will be an instructor for every five boys.



TWO PLAQUES purchased by the Acton (OMHA) Minor Hockey Association and engraved with the names of Leaf players Brian Glennie and Mike Pelyk and a stein with Jim McKenny's name engraved on it will go unused since no guest speaker showed up at Saturday's season-ending banquet. The local association was notified Glennie and Pelyk would not be able to come because they had to enter hospital for operations, but McKenny had confirmed by phone Friday he would be here. Minor hockey secretary Joanne Inscow shows her disappointment. (D. Gibbons photo)

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