

ACTON CURLING



FOUR TICKETS to Florida, tucked in travel bags, are presented by Ted Tyler Jr. to the jubilant top rink in the top bonspiel, The Sun and Fun spiel. Left to right are lead Ron Green, vice-skip Ed Werenich, sponsor Mr. Tyler, skip Paul Savage and second Norm Ferguson. They defeated the Hushagen rink Saturday at 7 p.m.

Minor hockey returns Weir as president

Noel Weir was returned for his second term as president at the annual meeting of the Acton (OMHA) Minor Hockey Association Sunday afternoon.

Also named to the executive were 1st vice-president Frank Allsop, 2nd vice-president Barry Incoe, secretary Lynn Smith and treasurer Joan Yalowica. Don Lindsay remains on the executive as immediate past president.

The meeting attended by about 30 minor hockey enthusiasts, the group's best turnout in years, passed amendments to the constitution making it mandatory for notices of amendments to the constitution to be in the hands of the secretary 15 days prior to the annual meeting.

An amendment outlining the purpose of the organization was also approved. The purpose will be "to provide knowledge, motivation and facilities to make our teams competitive with other towns."

Need number

All boys planning to play town representative hockey next season will require a social insurance number, the Ontario Minor Hockey Association ruled last week.

The new rule will require all boys playing town representative hockey between the ages of six and 19 to submit a social insurance number as well as a birth certificate when registering for the upcoming hockey season.

The group provided hockey for seven representative teams in the Waterloo-Wellington Minor Hockey League this season. A minor atom team was fielded for the first time and next year the group may also start a minor peewee team. Five Waterloo-Wellington towns have committed themselves to being minor atom, minor peewee and minor bantam clubs next year. The Waterloo-Wellington annual meeting is scheduled for Flora this Sunday.



NEWLY-ELECTED executive of the Acton (OMHA) Minor Hockey Association includes 1. to r., 1st vice-president Frank Allsop, secretary Lynn Smith, president Noel Weir, treasurer Joan

Yalowica, immediate past president Don Lindsay and 2nd vice-president Barry Incoe. The new executive took office at the group's annual meeting at the arena Sunday.

Minor hockey group honors Bill Knight

The Acton (OMHA) Minor Hockey Association conferred a special honor on one of its hardest working members at Sunday's annual meeting.

Bill Knight, whose service to minor hockey in Acton dates back to the '50s

was made an honorary life director of the association. Bill was forced to curtail his active participation in minor hockey this winter, because of serious illness. He underwent open heart surgery in Toronto in January and is now recuperating at home.

During the past decade, in particular, Bill has given his time as a manager, equipment manager, Waterloo-Wellington league representative and atom tournament director. Prior to that he was a coach and manager in the Legion minor hockey league system.

He was also involved in minor hockey in Cold Lake, Alberta and Chicoutimi, Quebec before making his home in Acton.

Friends will be glad to know that Bill is feeling much better now that spring weather is here and he's able to be outside. Doctors tell him he'll probably be able to return to work in about six weeks.

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MANY SPECTATORS watched the experts Saturday at the Sun and Fun bonspiel finals. Here Brian Longley sweeps for second Jim McDonald. Their rink, skipped by Earl Hushagen, lost to Paul Savage.

OMHA champs

OMHA champions in the "A" classification of interest to Acton minor hockey fans were Orangeville juveniles, Paris midgets and Bowmanville bantams. Hespeler and Wallaceburg are in the peewee final.

The fine Petrolia team, which clobbered Acton Fire-fighter bantams in straight games lost to Essex in the next round, the OMHA quarter-finals. Essex ousted Stonebrook in the semi-finals, but lost to Bowmanville in the finals.

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Lacrosse opener nears

Rams sign five of top shooters

Halton Hills Rams signed their first nine lacrosse players this week, as the Junior "C" club prepares for its first exhibition game against the Junior "B" Oakville Clippers at Milton Memorial Arena tonight (Wednesday).

Signed to OLA cards were five of the team's six top scorers in the 1974 season, Bruce Cooksley, George Artem and Kevin Marcoux, all products of the Acton Minor Lacrosse Association, along with brothers Paul and Steve Wilson, who learned their lacrosse in Erindale, but now live in Milton.

Also inked were returnees

Wade Knight and Ian Campbell, both Acton boys and two solid second year players, goalie Doug Taylor from East York and forward Glen Sherman of Mississauga.

Cooksley led the team in scoring last year with 36 goals and 51 assists for 87 points in just 19 games. Artem contributed 25 goals and 48 assists for 73 points, playing all 26 league games. Paul Wilson 33 goals and 29 assists for 62 points in 25 games. Marcoux 33 goals and 26 assists for 59 points in 22 games. Marcoux 33 goals and 26 assists for 59 points in 22 games and Steve Wilson 33 goals and 20 assists for 53 points in 25 games.

Sherman showed well with 13 goals and 9 assists for 22 points in 12 league games, before he broke his ankle in the playoffs. The Erindale minor lacrosse grad has recovered completely from the injury and has worked hard in the off-season to strengthen himself physically.

Ram coach Rob Pool, in his second year with the club following a Junior "A" playing career in Etobicoke expects to sign more players following tonight's exhibition game. Rams will host the Oakville club in a return pre-season match at Georgetown Memorial Arena, Thursday, May 1 and will probably play the Brampton Junior "B" club the following week.

The club lost only one player, Dave Manes to overage last year, when they placed 6th in a 10 team group, then surprised everybody by making it to the group finals, before losing to Bolton. Bolton lost to Nepean in the provincial championship series. Manes will act as an assistant coach this year.

Most notable absentees from pre-season workouts have been Acton's Turkoz brothers, Gary and Ron. Gary began a junior lacrosse career as a goalie at the age of 15 in 1970 and has given the club solid goalkeeping every year since. As a rookie last season, Ron placed third in team scoring with 36 goals and 33 assists for 69 points in 22 games.

General manager Howard Dwyer is trying to make arrangements for the club to affiliate with the Bramalea (Junior "A") and Brampton (Junior "B") Excelsiors.

Sheridan offers coaches course

The next Level 1 Coaching Development program for amateur sports coaches will be given Monday, April 21, at the Sheridan College Oakville Campus and Wednesday, April 23 at the Brampton Campus.

The session, presented in co-operation with the Ministry of Community and Social Services, will run every Monday and Wednesday for four weeks from 7 to 9 p.m.

The program aims at providing amateur coaches

with an opportunity to receive formal training in the science and art of coaching; improving leadership skills; and upgrading coaching knowledge.

Participants who successfully complete all three levels of Level 1 (theory, technical and practical working experience) will be certified as a Level 1 Coach by the Sports and Recreation Bureau and qualified to enter Level II.

Some of the topics will include the role of the coach, motor learning, psychology of sport, sports medicine, growth and development, biomechanics, physiology of exercise, and training methods.

Waples wins

Total attendance for 20 nights at the Mohawk Raceway spring meeting was 113,590 compared to 118,204 for 21 nights last year. Nightly average attendance was up 50, from 5,629 to 5,679.

Ron Waples, who now lives north of Rockwood won his second straight driver title of the 1975 season, posting 16 wins at the meet and collecting \$51,533 in purse money. Ron Feagon was second in purses won with \$45,052.

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