

MMHA tells girl she can't play on house league hockey team



MARK DUPUIS CLOUTS the first hit for Eramosa (White) squirts during their 10-2 round robin win over Puslinch last week. Bruce Flewelling was catching for Puslinch.

By Rod Jerred
Normally an 11-year-old centre-left winger would have no problem registering on a pee wee house league team in the Milton Minor Hockey Association.

However, because Tracy Horne is a girl she is not allowed to play organized hockey with the boys.

During the last two years Tracy has played hockey in a Burlington girls' league. This summer she spent two weeks at the Bay City Hockey School at the Memorial Arena in Milton.

Last week Tracy's parents registered her in the MMHA because they were tired of making the 40 mile round

trips to Burlington and felt Tracy would have better competition in a Milton pee wee house league team.

But when MMHA officials discovered Tracy was a girl, the registration form and money were returned.

"The MMHA goes by the OMHA rules," explained Jim McLean who is in charge of registration. "We have to abide by the OMHA rules and they currently don't allow girls."

This could change. The OMHA is presently involved in a court hearing dealing with Gail Cummings, an 11-year-old goaltender who wants to play on a Huntsville Atom division hockey team.

According to Brent Ladds, of the OMHA, the decision should be coming in a month, could allow an exception for just the Huntsville girl, or it could affect all minor hockey systems in Ontario and Canada.

Joe McCann, president of the MMHA feels if the OMHA is forced to allow girls on the boys' teams it will be "opening a can of worms."

McCann fears that if girls are allowed to play, some boys won't and worse—many volunteers within the MMHA will quit their posts.

Both McCann and McLean feel the registration was a joke, and feel it should not warrant publicity.

Mrs. Horne denies the registration was a joke.

She described the drive to Burlington as a long haul. Sometimes they would arrive home at 10:30 on school nights, she said.

Since their nine year-old son Todd plays in Milton on the Novice rep team, Mrs. Horne felt it would be more convenient if Tracy could play in Milton.

"It seems a crime she can't

play," said Mrs. Horne. "Are they afraid that some girl will show the boys up? She's not interested in showing anyone up, she's just out for a good time."

"I feel surprised about the situation," said her father Rick Horne, "I thought a smaller town like Milton would say 'why not' and let her play."

"I would've liked to see her play in Milton," he added. "It's not a women's lib thing. She just wants to play hockey. Why should we have to drive to Burlington three times a week?"

Tracy isn't too talkative on the subject. She just wants to play hockey and can't understand all the fuss.

"I think if girls want to play on a boys' team, let them play," she said.

Tracy's interest in hockey began about three years ago

when she would play pickup games with her brother and other boys.

"She had figure skates for one year and then she asked for hockey skates," her mother said.

In the pickup games none of the other boys cared about

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747 taxis out tables as restaurant evolves

There'll be no more public billiard games in town after this week.

The dozen green-top tables are being moved out in what is another step in the change from Acton Family Billiards to a licensed restaurant: The 747.

Pool players and billiard fanciers won't be able to view the international snooker tournament in the Mill Street hall that was slated for this weekend. It's cancelled.

The tournament was to have the top four players in the world here. Trouble set in when the promotion manager could not determine who the fourth player would be, hall owner Bert Bigelow said. Time dragged on. "It was getting so there wouldn't be time enough to sell tickets," he said.

Plans for the tourney were in the works for six months, before the decision to cancel was made.

Cliff Thorburn, John Spencer, Alex Higgins and Ray Reardon were name players who might have been seen here this weekend, if plans had gone right.

Half the tables are going into storage; half are sold, Mr. Bigelow said. He said he hopes to have dining tables in the hall, instead of the pool tables.

The moving of the snooker tables is part of the transformation of the hall into a 100 per cent restaurant.

Canadian snooker champion Thorburn entertained the games followers at least a couple of times in Acton Family Billiards. The Bigelows took over the hall three years ago. By enforcing strict dress and conduct rules, and also by refurbishing the interior, the Bigelow family transformed the hall into a respectable place.

Before pool tables were moved into the hall, it was a movie theatre.

Raiders open tryout camp

Georgetown Chrysler Raiders open tryouts for the upcoming OHA Intermediate "A" hockey season at Alcott

Arena, this weekend. First tryout is scheduled for Friday night at 9 and the second for Sunday morning at 11.

Subsequent tryout sessions have been scheduled for Wednesday, September 14 at 10 p.m. and Sunday, Sep-

tember 18 at 11 a.m.

All positions are open and players, unable to attend early workouts, but interested in playing, are asked to contact Raider general manager Jack Handy at 877-6592.

Raiders will play in a five team league with Thorold, Port Colborne, Dundas and Fort Erie. League play doesn't begin until the first week of October, but Raiders have scheduled a home and home exhibition series against the Preston Jesters of the Continental Senior League, the last week of September.

Splash Flashes

by Liz Binsfeld

Pool Closing
Acton Indoor Pool will be closed from September 2 until September 9 for annual maintenance.

Registration
The fall session registration will be held on Saturday, September 10 from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Lessons will commence on Monday, September 12.

Congratulations to the following people who have completed their Red Cross, Royal Life Saving Society, Diving and Town awards.

Tadpole: Jennifer Johnston, Steven Little, Jeannie Branford, Leanne Wedgewood, Nici Haessler, Tina Haessler and Melanie Wood.

Pre-Beginner: Paul McNally, Stephen McNally, Kevin McNally, Angela Bridge, Charlotte Wood, and Darren Devlin.

Beginner: Jennifer Lee, Ginger Denny, Joanne Edmonton, Craig Webster, Chris Vicery, Mike McNally, Donna Bradford, Annette Kroezen and Joshua Caswell.

Survival: Mike Baker, Jennifer Knappman, Ted Lindsay, Christine Sleep, Pamela Whitten, Debbie Wynne.

Pre-Junior: Darren Edmundson, Sharon Krudwig, David Roden, Sherry Willis, Eric Wynne, Terry Van Dercaan, Sydney Looyenga, Janet Steckley and Carolyn Porte.

Junior: Elizabeth Hoerig, Denise Newell, Allan Higgins, Peter Volmar, Paul Volmar, Mark Willis, David Smith and Anne McIntyre.

Intermediate: Danny Gibson, Jackie Rodd, Kevin Kroll, Theresa Conroy, Edie Hopkins and Celia Saxon.

Senior: Susan Wilson and Heather Michie.

Life Saving I: Gillian Fuller, Tammy Brading, Sally Briggs and Robbie Porro.

Life Saving II: Tina Brading, Adrienne Kovacs, Jim McVeigh and Brean Steedly.

Life Saving III: Stephan Wazcek, David Fuller and Tim Baker.

Senior Resuscitation: Lena Larsen, Sandra Masson, Bronie Medallion, Lena Larsen and Sandra Masson.

Dive Level I: Sharon Krudwig, Laura Craig and Susan Craig.

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NOTE: Bring Your Own Equipment

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL **877-6592**

Manager: Jack Handy

Proposed rates same as '76

Acton Minor Hockey Association's proposed rates to play rep hockey are the same as last year, according to association president Frank Alsop.

The rates are of interest to players in the house league. There may be \$15 extra up to and including bantam, and \$20 extra for midget and juvenile. Mr. Alsop said.

The final rates may be set tonight in a hockey meeting.

Atoms out

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Geoff Goodfellow and Barry Yerxa.

Kevin Lobsinger and Brent Connor accounted for the two Acton runs.

Glen Williams completes the year undefeated in league and playoff action.

Acton has a nucleus of experienced players to take another crack at the title next time round.

Deadline

This Friday is the deadline for entries in the Free Press photo contest for the fall fair.

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ACTON LEGION MINOR HOCKEY REGISTRATION

Registration dates are: September 10 and September 24 from 9-11:30 a.m. at the arena.

- ★ Telephone 853-0651 for amount of registration fee
- ★ An extra charge will be set for boys wishing to play all-star

The amount will be posted at registration

- ★ Three or more players per family will be \$60.
- ★ Registration fee includes ice time and sweater which becomes the property and responsibility of the boy.
- ★ Late registration will be accepted only where ice time is available.
- ★ Leftover new sweaters from last season will be on sale for \$3 each.

Acton Referees Association

MEETING

to be held

Sunday, Sept. 11 2 p.m.

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