

Grants, grants . . . and more grants do we have any takers around?

Minor sports teams traveling to tournaments or on exchange visits can receive financial assistance through a Wintario grant, if they start now to raise a matching amount of money to travel next season.

Bill Creasel, field consultant for the provincial Ministry of Culture and Recreation, said at Saturday's Community Information Day the excursion can even be inside the province of Ontario. There is a false belief that, in order to apply for assistance, a team must travel outside the province of Ontario.

Creasel was one of three government experts on hand to explain the system of grants and how recreation and cultural groups may apply to them. Also attending were Barb Heller, project officer in the job creation branch of the federal Ministry of Manpower and Immigration and Barbara Weaver, social development officer at the Hamilton district office of the Secretary of State.

Creasel said it's imperative to start now for next season, after Doug Brownlee, president of the Georgetown and District Minor Hockey Association, complained that hockey groups often don't get tournament invitations until they're well into the season. "They occur in too short a period of time to take advantage of them," said Brownlee.

Wintario grants of 50 per

cent of the cost of non-capital items can also be obtained, if the group can show that they've raised or have plans to raise the other 50 percent. Wintario will pay for a third of the total cost of capital projects after other federal and provincial funds are deducted. The group, once again, must match the grant by raising their own third of the funds.

Six conditions must be met by groups applying for a Wintario grant. The money must support activities outlined by the Ministry within the province, the group must match the grant with funds raised on their own (except for fitness projects and community celebrations), the grants are not to be substituted for regular government programs, groups must prove that they can carry on any project they are involved in or beginning, it must be for the public good and be available to the general public.

Organizations applying must have been in existence for at least one year and should submit their operating budget, fee structures, conditions for admission etc.

A group which doesn't need the grant until later in the year may apply, but must submit working plans of how they will raise the matching 50 per cent. If those plans don't work, the group may have to return some of the money.

Mrs. Heller explained that the deadline for Canada

Works grants under his ministry is June 24. That could change if a federal election is called.

The grants pay for such projects as renovating an old school into a community facility, making a slide show, building a creative playground, organizing a mobile library, single parents centre or energy conservation program, helping senior citizens or the handicapped, researching environmental problems and community history or beautifying a local park or public buildings with murals.

The ministry is also operating Young Canada Works, a summer program which replaces OFW.

George Baines, representing the Falcon's Soccer Club, suggested Chapel St. School be renovated and used for a youth club. Mrs. Heller said a grant was used to renovate an old school in Shannonville which is now used alternately as a youth centre and for senior citizens.

The grants are labor intensive. They supply very little aid for materials. Last year Halton Hills used one of the grants to hire park assistants, who painted bleachers and recreation buildings around town. The grant must cover a project of at least six weeks duration.

A Canada Works grant is also assisting preparation of the towns Master Plan for parks and recreation. Baines pointed out that it also created the need for another study costing taxpayers \$27,000.

Brownlee said he never saw anyone take a survey of recreation, which was part of Phase 1 of the Master Plan. "They didn't talk to the GDMHA, I know that," he said.

Registration is steady

Registration for Acton Minor softball is going at about the same rate it did last year according to league president Bill Shannon. He said the league is planning one more registration day to catch the late entrants.

Mrs. Heller said the survey was a sample survey.

Mrs. Weaver touched on the availability of grants from the Secretary of State for multiculturalism programs, to official language minority groups such as the francophone minority in Georgetown, women's programs, the Canadian unity program, groups dealing with questions of human rights, racism and the rights of the handicapped and to native citizens to help retain their culture.

In response to a question from Ralph Ursel, Mrs. Weaver said funding would not be available to the staff of the Community Legal Clinic itself, but would be to any group who wished to work on better educating the public about its operation.

Presumably, the clinic's board, all volunteers, could handle such a project.

Of particular interest to young people is the Open House program in which individuals between the ages of 16-22 or groups, which include the ages 14-22 can obtain remuneration for travelling expenses to visit another individual or group in any part of the country. The only exception is that, if the trip is within your own province, the visit must be with a person of the other official language. Mrs. Weaver said a hockey team would qualify as a group.

Brownlee reported the GDMHA had a request this year to send a bantam hockey team to Dawson City in the Yukon for an exchange visit.

Canada tries for tourney

Canada is one of 100 countries from all over the world to set themselves a new and exciting target for their young soccer players. It is The Coca-Cola Cup in Japan, 1978.

That is the location of the next FIFA World Youth Tournament for The Coca-Cola Cup, the second edition of this colorful spectacle for under 19-year olds.

The FIFA Tournament Organizing Committee, chaired by Harry Cavan, (Northern Ireland), took this

decision during a meeting near Munich in West Germany.

The qualifying event for each country will be its confederation youth tournament, i.e. the youth tournament of Asia (2), Africa (2), South America (3), Europe (6) and North and Central America and the Caribbean (2). Several of these tournaments have already been set. Thus Europe will produce its six qualifiers for the event from its youth tournament held in Poland from May 5-14, 1978.

Waples heads drive

Rockwood's Ron Waples, Canada's leading harness driver in 1977, is honorary chairman of the "Race Against Multiple Sclerosis", a fund raising event being put on by the Canadian Trotting organization May 6.

Drivers at 15 tracks have pledged major financial contributions on that date to help fund medical research

and services for Canada's 35,000 victims of M.S.

Waples says track management and horse owners are also pledging substantial contributions and that the overall amount raised could exceed \$40,000.

Greenwood Raceway in Toronto is one of the 15 tracks taking part in the charity event.

College hockey seminar is set

Bantam, midget and juvenile age hockey players, who are interested in attending a seminar explaining what college hockey is all about, can obtain registration forms from sports editor Denis Gibbons at The Independent office, 30 Main St.

The top 18 colleges from the U.S. and 12 Canadian universities will have representatives at the seminar, which is scheduled for Laurier University in Waterloo, Saturday, May 13. Registration fee is \$2 a person.

Both the NCAA and CIAU will make half hour presentations with an open question period and forum to follow.



JEFF HARRISON of Acton is among the pupils at Milton's Tinker Bell Nursery School growing marigolds for Mother's Day. Acton High School student Elaine Dawson is a volunteer at the nursery. Packets of marigold seeds will be given out by the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded during its Flowers of Hope campaign May 14 to 20.

Streetsville trails in final

Streetsville Derbys have fallen behind 5-3 in points in their OHA Junior "B" championship series with the Stratford Cullitons.

Cullitons, who defeated the Derbys in six games to win the championship last year, doubled the score on Streetsville 6-3, Sunday in Stratford, to take the lead in the series. The Stratford win came on the heels of an overwhelming 10-0 Streetsville victory in Friday night's third game at Streetsville. The series opener ended in a 4-4 tie and Stratford won the second game 8-4 on home ice.

Fifth game of the eight point series was played in Streetsville, last night (Tuesday).

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Interviews for grant seekers

Community group representatives or individuals interested in applying for grants through any of the ministries represented at Cedarvale, Saturday, may make appointments through the recreation department (877-5185) to see Mrs. Heller, Mrs. Weaver or Mr. Creasel.

Two dates have been arranged for Georgetown and one for Acton. They are Wednesday, May 3 from 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14 from 2 p.m. on in Georgetown and Wednesday, May 24 in Acton.

The dates will be advertised again by the recreation department.

Youth bowling

by Dale Anderson

BANTAMS
For the first shift the Scorpions coached by Melanie Hardie scored the win in the semi-finals, while coach John Dunn fired up the Fireflies to take the win for the second shift. These two teams will meet next week in a three game playoff at 10 a.m. (and will be a little later getting home in case the bantams forgot to tell their folks). The first shift Caterpillars catapulted to the consolation win under coach Minnie Johnston and will meet the second shift Beetles coached by Jackie Higgins for their final games also at 10 a.m. Saturday. These four teams will be the only bantams who bowl next Saturday. Hope to see all of you at your banquet Saturday, May 13, 1978.

JUNIORS
Coach Linda Perkins put her Foodies through their paces to win the first shift semi-finals, while the second shift Beagles didn't blow it for coach Gary Mandarin. The Colliers collared the consolation win under the direction of Nancy Masters and will meet the second shift Chinuhuas who finished the season without a coach, for the consolation finals. These four teams will meet next Saturday at 1 o'clock to pick a champ and a consolation champ. All the Juniors will get together at their banquet on Thursday, May 11, 1978.

SENIORS
The Pines weren't pining as they took the early lead in the six game total point play-off. The Redwoods are ready in second place with the Cedars sawing off third place and the Elms in fourth place preparing to fight harder next week. The Palms breezed into first place in the consolation round but the Birches are barking at their heels.

Gilbert with 58 pins over average.

Top Ten: Kevin Archibald 611 (216), Brian Reid 604 (246), John Herrington 567 (208), Gary Mandarino 555 (238), Trevor Hoy 547 (212), Carrie McCristall 542 (199), Dale Anderson 535 (234), Bob Felker 523 (191), Debbie James 516 (177), Kathleen Cheyne 496 (202).

Top Ten: Teresa Dunn 584 (222), Tracey Gordon 558 (223), Kathy Edge 545 (151), Allan Larsen 525 (198), John Rayner 513 (227), Peter Mills 505 (193), Gordon Glenn 497 (196), Todd Wiseman 494 (182), Gail Robb 489 (189), Steven McDonald 486 (226).

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