



BOB MCKEE BUYS A 50-50 draw ticket from the newest hockey group in town. Acton Hockey Mom's Association is being formed to help the Waterloo-Wellington league. Winner of the \$85 draw was Gloria Mason, R.R. 2, Acton.



ACTON SABRES hockey club handled the security for this year's fair. Bob Vermeulen, Charlie Payne, Paul Pickard and Art Currie kept an eye on the back gate.

Eye injuries reduced with facial protectors

Eye injuries to amateur hockey players have been reduced by 50 per cent last season, due to the increased use of eye protectors according to Dr. Tom Pashby, a Toronto Ophthalmologist and Chairman of the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) committee on face protectors for hockey and lacrosse players.

During the 77-78 season there were 53 eye injuries compared to 98 the previous year. Eight players were medically blinded, while 12 were blinded the year before. "None of these players were wearing face protectors", explains Dr. Pashby. "I have only received one reported eye injury to a player wearing a mask and that eye recovered almost normal vision. The change in this year's statistics is the age group. For instance, the youngest player to be blinded was 19 years old and most were in their mid-20's. This is because the younger players are having to wear masks but the older ones still are not wearing them. These figures certainly support the need for face protectors."

Out of 53 injuries, only one player was under 11 years of age. The vast majority occurred to people over 20 years. Although the stick still remains the major cause of injuries, this figure has dropped sharply due to the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association's (CAHA) high sticking rule. The puck is now

becoming the major cause of eye injuries.

Dr. Pashby's CSA Committee has now revised a preliminary standard on face protectors making the standard more stringent and therefore suitable for goaltenders. Before this action, there were no standards for goalies.

Dr. Pashby is urging the federal government to make the standard law, so that only certified protectors can be sold. At the present time, the program is voluntary and manufacturers are under no obligation to have their products certified. The federal government has made it law that all hockey helmets must meet CSA standards.

"I am pleased that the Canadian Standards Association is testing face protectors and the wise consumer will only purchase masks that have the CSA mark on them, although many now in use and in the stores could meet CSA's standard. When manufacturers put this mark on their products they are telling the buyer that their product has been tested by an independent organization - namely CSA."

The manufacturers who have received CSA certification for their protectors are: Frikon Industries Limited, Toronto; Daignault Rolland Limited, Montreal; CCM, Weston; Cooper Canada Limited, Toronto; Normac Marketing Corp., Vancouver; St. Lawrence Steel and Wire Co. Ltd., Gananoque, Sher-

28 coaches attend

The Georgetown and District Minor Hockey Association held another successful National Coaches' Certification Program Clinic, Level 1, Saturday, with 28 interested coaches, parents and players receiving their Level 1 badge and certificate. Part of a continuing program, begun three years ago, these 28 bring to a total of over 160 coaches receiving their Level 1.

Congratulations are in order to the following people: Phil Winer, Manfred Hammer, John Doherty, Steve

Curtis, David Sidders, Dave Tates, Patrick Palmer, Jeff Ronald, Ed Rieger, Chris Milne, Michele Richmond, Ron Atkinson, Gord MacLeish, Colin Kelly, Bill Phee, Terry McKenna, Graham Sidders, Mark Webster, Clayton Penny, James Martin, Donald Martin, Jim Gordon, Steven Williams, Yvon Rivard, Andy Lenz, Larry Brady, Fred Wilson and Ron Sidders.

These 28 coaches now are able to advance and take the Level 11 Clinic to be held September 30.

Trail club meet said crucial one

Faced with a year marked with tremendous pressures on the continuation of the Bruce Trail as Canada's premier hiking route, the annual meeting of the Association, Sept. 22-23 in Collingwood, promises to be the most crucial in the Club's 16-year history.

Representing nearly 10,000 members, the anticipated 400 meeting at the Blue Mountains Conference Centre are to participate in discussions on the N.E.C. proposals and the state of the 430-mile trail.

The B.T.A. is also hosting a banquet speaker, the Hon. Rene Brunelle, on Saturday, Sept. 23.

Mr. Brunelle, MPP for Cochrane North, is currently

Secretary for Resources Development. His message will be of vital interest and concern to all B.T.A. members and hikers in the province.

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Switch times for two clinics

Because of a shortage of qualified instructors, the Georgetown and District Minor Hockey and Referees Association have had to make changes in their proposed referees' clinics.

The NRCP Level 1 Clinic, originally scheduled for this Saturday, September 23, has now been shifted to Tuesday, October 3 at the Gordon Alcott Arena. The clinic will run from 6:30 p.m. to approximately 10 p.m. divided into classroom sessions and one hour on ice.

The OHA has placed a prerequisite of a minimum number of applicants in order for us to host this clinic. Pre-registration is slow so far and it is hoped that many more will be encouraged to take this opportunity to attend. Coaches and managers are also welcome.

NRCP Level 11 (Stage 1) Clinic, originally scheduled for Gordon Alcott Arena, October 14, will be moved to Brampton, also because of the shortage of instructors. We will be contacting all registrants of the new location and changes. Anyone requiring information can contact Joe Pentesco at 877-3451 or Bill Richmond at 877-4378.

Don't forget registration

Don't forget Minor Hockey registration at the Acton Community Centre this Saturday, September 23 from 9 a.m. till noon.

Van dents fire escape

A passing van connected with the fire escape on the southside of the Dominion Hotel last Tuesday (September 12), and the result was, according to police, \$450

in damage to the fire escape. The van, driven by Michael McGuire of Carlisle Ontario, escaped damage, police say. The mishap took place in the parking lot.

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