

**Hockey tells Shepard****Don't sound buzzer after 50 min.**

It would appear the practice of ending rep hockey games at the Acton arena precisely after 50 minutes will end.

The 50 minute hour was a topic of considerable debate when Acton rep hockey and refereeing officials attended Thursday's councillors' drop-in. Recreation director Tom Shepard was the guest speaker.

He said he will discuss minor hockey and referees' concerns with rink staff.

Steve Yaroshak said other teams in the league Acton competes in have higher rates for a 50 minute hour of ice time than Acton and noted he had been told Shepard cut the ice time to 50 minutes.

Shepard said Halton Hills ice time rates compare favorably with other communities recently surveyed and they haven't been increased in five years. In addition Halton Hills is just one of many municipalities which sell 50 minute hours.

If minor hockey is booking a block of time the 50 minute hour should only affect them in the final hour of time which will be 50 minutes.

Bruce Cargill said that isn't how it works in Acton. The buzzer sounds at the end of each hour so over a four hour block of time they are losing 40 minutes.

Shepard said if everyone finished their hour right on the

dot there'd be no problems but that doesn't happen. People exceed the time they have booked and the next group on the ice doesn't start their hour on time and by the end of the day the rink is running behind time and he has to pay the staff extra.

Yaroshak said other rinks in the Hub League have curfews, but their teams are allowed to run a little over their 50 minutes to complete a game. He noted when a visiting team is losing and the buzzer sounds before the game is over Acton must play the remaining time when they visit that team on the road.

Some games go quicker than others, and if the buzzer wasn't sounded at 50 minutes to every hour it would all work out right at the end of a block of time between the games that ran long and short.

Shepard said when he arrived in Halton Hills he was facing a "disaster." Every rink was running a different system and people were leaving the ice when "they felt like it."

With the newer machines it shouldn't take as long for floods and scrapes as groups using blocks of time should be able to let some games go a few minutes longer than 50 minutes.

However, before the 50 minute policy was brought in the Town was absorbing a lot of extra costs because the

schedule would be off by the end of the day. He noted he has received more favorable comments than unfavorable about the 50 minute system.

Staff isn't supposed to be so firm that the occasional game can't run a little past 50 minutes and promised he would discuss the problems with staff.

Cargill said he has seen the buzzer sounded when there was as little as 36 seconds left in a game. He urged flexibility so games can run as much as 55 minutes.

Charlie Harrison said he has discussed the problem with Harold Townsley and other arena staff. He noted the OMHA says only the referee can end the game and some "rink rats" are going by the soft drink clock instead of the main score clock. He said he has seen games near completion but the buzzer sounds and the equipment is on the ice before a referee can do anything about the situation. He said late running games aren't a regular problem in the regular season because there isn't overtime, but there is overtime in OMHA play-offs.

Shepard joked he is glad to see staff is being consistent and he will look into the problems. Even in the final hour of a block of time there should be time to spare for some "tolerance" of a late running game.

**Acton bowling results**

BY Dave Rose

Youth Bowling Report

1st Shift Bastians—The Chimps took two games and totals from the Blue Jays. The Pusies and the Kola Beans take the second game. Both teams tied at two points a piece. The Tigers clobbered Cobras. They took three games and total points.

2nd Shift Bastians—The Eagles won their first two games, leading the Chimps two points and a win in the last game. The Bluebirds took two and also took totals. The Bears for total points.

The Headpins beat the Strikers two games to one and also took totals. The Tea Tripples—Nicola Willmett 553, Allen Landstrum 531, Angela Dunn 531, Lonnie Patenaude 508, David DeForest 478, Dale Patenaude 475, Joanne Lewis 454, Renate Luisetto 457, Tammy Hammond 425, Melissa Fabian 423, Amanda McKinnon 422, Tammy Kutasekaki 411.

Strikers—The Headpins won two games and totals from the Strikers who were just able to slip past and take the last game. The Strikers beat the Pinheads two games to one and they also took totals. The Hot Shots were hot! They took two games and total points from the Falcons. Top Tea Tripples—Linda Bottino 444, Shelly Graham 419, Denise Crooks 402, Dave Kuse 400, Bev Dunn 398, Richard Cripps 392, Barb Dunn 339, Michelle Pierce 333, Chris Kutasekaki 322, Scott Nowlan 324.

Pee Wees—The Redwings and Poco Poco tied one all in games but the Robins came back and took the totals. The Woodpeckers walked away with two wins and total points when they played the Starlings. The Canaries came out on top when they played the Chickadees. They took both games and totals. Top Tea Tripples—Cindy Carter 219, Rhia Brant 188, Jennifer Gavlin 182, Joe Scaramella 180, Steven Belter 164, Patricia Watapp 158, Meredith Pehura 157, Laura Lee Randal 145, Glenda Paterson 145, Steven White 142, Suzanne DeForest 140.

Seniors—The Slow Pokes took two games and total points from the Aces. The Garfield shut-out the Meadows taking totals. Top Five Trips—Teresa Dunn 663, Chad Crooks 656, Linda Creasy 451, Julie Heatley 438, Donna Schipper 367.

Mr. and Mrs. Etc.—Seasix bowled over High Rollers for all games. Top single on the ladies side went to Mona Petru 220 and Emily Fyler took top triple 571. On the guys side Colin Aikin singled a 245 and John Aikin tripled out at 235.

701. Other good singles were rolled by Chip Petrillo 279, John Abeare 256, Jim Paterson 242, Julie Fyler 220, Emily Fyler 215. Hitting the triple column were Chip Petrillo 283, Jim Paterson 267, Colin Aikin 232, Mona Petru 264, Jerry Diano 255. Team standings The Stars 28, Sexy Sis 25, High Rollers 24, Plus 23, The Sharks 22, No Sleepers 20.

Western General Contractors—The Extrusions kept the lead on first place by amassing Hot Total for all games and points. Top single went to Deb Field 220 and Sue Walker handed in best triple 268. Other good singles were rolled by Sue Walton 229, Julie Healey 228, Cheryl Gilbert 223, Shirley Thompson 217, Laurie Kru 211. Hitting the triple column were Deb Field 278, Shirley Thompson 268, Deb Storey 257, Julie Healey 259, Cheryl Gilbert 258. Standings The Extrusions 90, Rubber Boots 73, Jacks Hammer 70, Hot Tars 62, Mitre Mails 56, Hard Hats 27.

Brundage—Stakers are making their move on first place by taking three of four points from the Webers. Top lady shooter was Brenda Hillier rolling both high single 258, triple 422. For the men Bill Crips led the way capturing both high single 268, triple 734. Other good singles were turned in by Ed Hillier 267, Harvey Burt 264, Andrews 248, Jim Gibson 246, Tom Pickling 222. Penning in high triples were Harvey Burt 674, Ed Hillier 662, Butch Jennings 656, Jim Gibson 628. Team standings are Stoppers 645, Stakers 42, Tanners 37, Webers 33, Buffers 31, Rollers 34.

Golden Agers—Best for the ladies was Vera Coe capturing both high single 225, triple 575. For the men Ted Cheesley rolled top sing 254 and Walter Hug tripled out at 588. Other good shooters were Ev Clarke 187, Helen Rodots 187, Helen Waterhouse 180, Leo Graham 180, Harry Beasley 178, Walter Hug 177, Ted Cheesley 167, Harry Beasley 151, Louis Rodots 150, Leo Graham 54, Lil Wagner 52. High average shooters are ladies Vera Coe 154, mens Walter Hug 170. Team standings are Opals 39, Rubies 33, Emeralds 33, Garnets 34, Pearls 29, Diamonds 20.

Acton Friends—Strikers kept their hold on first place by taking three of four points from the Silverpoms. Top lady shooter was Mary Petru rolling both high single 222, triple 608. For the guys Cliff Britton singled a 264 and Garnet Case rolled best triple 708. Other good singles were handed in by Spike Scott 232, Garnet Case 241, Mark Brill 241, Steve Lumber 238, Lynda Rose 233. Hitting the triple column were Spike Scott 233, Lynda Rose 233, Hitting the triple column were Spike Scott 233, Lynda Rose 233.

Lakeview Centre—Top roller of the night went to John Knight capturing both high single 274, triple 726. On the men's side Peter Wilmot rolled a 550 single and 178 triple. Other good singles went to Alison Willmett 228, Terese Dunn 224, Ed Wood 224, Ed Ewing 221, Wendy Cheyne 221. Hitting the triple sheet were Ed Ewing 664, Ed Wood 660, Mary White 677, Terese Dunn 622, Ed Hillier 666. Team standings are I Don't Care and Who Cares 61½, We Care 42, Scrubbers 40, Rockets 36, 49 & 34.

Acton Ladies—Family Cleaners held on to their first place lead by sweeping Fobert for all games. Top single for the girls went to Carol Jordan and Manlie Clarke tossed a 643 triple. Other good singles were rolled by Manlie Clarke 227, Mary Papillon 220, Gail Robb 209, Wendy Prestman 199, Susan Poulsen 197. Hitting the triple column were Gail Robb 412, Mary Papillon 392, Carol Jordan 364, Susan Poulsen 360, Betty Cheyne 334. Team standings are Family Cleaners 77, I.G.A. 77, Thistle Custard 61, Fobert 49.

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