

Welcome to Georgetown

This is the 15th and final tournament to be held at the old Georgetown Memorial Arena. The building has served us well in the past and will continue to serve in the future. However, our 1975 Tournament will be held at the new arena, now under construction on Highway No. 7, opposite the Delrex Market Centre.

As far as our 1975 Tournament is concerned, as always you will find that this is really a town affair with many individuals and various organizations co-operating to ensure that win or lose our visitors will return to their homes richer for the experience of having been in Georgetown during "Bantam Hockey Week."

Whether you are a player, a parent, or a hockey fan, the welcome mat is out and we trust that you will have a memorable and enjoyable stay in Georgetown, Home of the Little N.H.L.

Harry Levy
Chairman

The man behind the Bantam

For the past nine years the driving force behind the International Bantam Hockey Tournament held in Georgetown has been the tournament's chairman, Harry Levy. Mr. Levy had been involved with the tournament since its inception in 1961, but at the request of Red Asseltine in 1967, the Kinsmen Club took over the organizing aspect and Mr. Levy accepted the chairman's position.

Asked why he became so involved with the tournament, Mr. Levy explained that it was basically because of the organizational challenge. It should be noted that very few men would be likely to take up the challenge if they knew the amount of work involved.

Preparations for the tournament start six months in advance and this, in effect, means that Harry Levy becomes totally involved from this point on. He takes his job as chairman very seriously and insures that every aspect of the

tournament receives his personal scrutiny. This runs the gamut from the mailing of invitations all the way down to make sure that the tables at which the youngsters will eat are properly covered.

The tournament, under Mr. Levy's direction has been praised as "the most highly organized administrative tournament in Canada" and teams that have competed here have regularly endorsed this statement.

Although he has never played the game of hockey, apart from the odd shinny game, Mr. Levy's dedication to this tournament accurately expresses his love for the game and for the youngsters who compete. One letter in particular illustrates the esteem in which Mr. Levy is held because of the job he has done. It comes from the Moore County Minor Hockey Association.

"Dear Sir: I would first like to thank you personally for the invitation to your tournament and the

treatment and facilities given to us during our stay in your town. The tournament is advertised as the Best Bantam tournament in North America and I must agree with this statement. Although I did not meet all your committee members, I would like to pass along a special thanks to them for their hospitality. As long as we have people of the calibre of Harry Levy in minor hockey, it will flourish and raise gentlemen from the ranks of our system."

In most organizational undertakings, the job is completed once the enterprise gets underway. This is not a belief Harry Levy shares. When the time for the staging of the tournament rolls around, he takes off work and is present at the arena from the beginning of the first game until the lights go out to herald the end of the evening. Each and every decision concerning both minor and major problems which crop up during the tournament are handled by Mr. Levy.

He feels that his responsibility demands that he be on the scene at all times to ensure a successful tournament. In years past this has been the case, and with approximately 84 games involving 800 boys being run off during tournament week, decisions are constantly being made.

Georgetown minor hockey in general owe Mr. Levy a debt of gratitude. He has unselfishly given of himself



Well deserved recognition was paid last year to Harry Levy (left) the man who has been the chief force behind the Georgetown International Bantam Hockey Tournament for many years. Fred Curtis, then president of the

Georgetown Kinsmen Club, presented Harry with a token of the club's and the town's appreciation for his work in making this tournament one of Ontario's best.

A president's welcome

On behalf of the Kinsmen and Kinettes of Georgetown, may I extend a hearty welcome to all visitors from out of town and United States, players, parents and hockey fans. I am sure you will get involved very quickly in this town's excitement that the 15th Annual International Bantam Hockey Tournament generates each year.

The number of dedicated individuals who devote a great deal of time and personal effort to make this tournament the tremendous success are too numerous to mention and I am sure if I started to list those involved directly and indirectly, we would have to put another page in the program. However, Mr. Harry Levy, your chairman this year and many past years, should receive a standing ovation for the fantastic personal devotion to the success of this tournament along with Malcome Novar, his co-chairman and the people specifically outlined in the program.

A slogan in Kinsmanship is "Kin is Fun", so young gentlemen of hockey have fun in the true sportmanship of our international sport.

Some up-coming projects of the Kinsmen Club of Georgetown are our Floral Fantasy, April 15 at Holy Cross Church, Fertilizer Door to Door Campaign on April 5 and don't forget the Annual Kin-Casino, May 31 here at the Georgetown Arena.

To everyone concerned, again thank you for your support to make this exciting community service project a success.

Bruce Cook
President
Georgetown Kinsmen Club

to help promote the sport and his contribution will have a lasting effect on anyone who has ever been connected with the tournament.

Mr. Levy has voiced the thought that this may be his last year as chairman of the tournament. If this is the case, the Georgetown tournament will lose an integral part of its attraction. However, the organization that Harry Levy leaves will no doubt be used as a showcase in the staging of other tournaments throughout the minor hockey system.



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