



Levack, 1976 "D" Division Champions

The Kinsmen welcome all

For a moment, let's turn the spotlight on the Georgetown Kinsmen Club and the more than 300 individuals who will give unselfishly of their time, money and effort to make Georgetown's 17th Annual International Bantam Tournament the biggest and best of its kind in Canada.

Paul Milne has taken over as Chairman of the tournament and he echoes the statement of Harry Levy who has stepped down this year after 17 years as tournament Chairman, in stating "Without the help of those people, who contribute to promoting Canada's number one sport, the whole thing would be pointless right from the start. The whole thing is a community effort and everything is volunteer. From the typists, billeteers, organizers, right down to timekeepers and referees.

It is expected that upwards of 25 referees will be working

the tournament, headed by Mr. Gerry Perkins, Referee-in-Chief of the Georgetown Referees Association. Gerry has been in charge of organizing the refereeing for the complete 17 years of the tournament. NHL referee, Bryan Lewis, of Georgetown, regularly pitches in and lends a hand, when his professional duties allow it, and this adds even more prestige to the Georgetown event.

The tournament was born in 1961, and four Georgetowners acted as midwives. Red Asseltine, Bryan Lewis, Gerry Perkins, and Jack Gudgeon put forth the idea and each year it has grown by leaps and bounds. In 1967, the Georgetown Kinsmen Club took over the organizing of the affair. This year, it is expected that 44 teams will be competing for the Grand Championship, from as far away as the State of Michigan, the Ottawa Valley area and Northern Ontario.

The main ticket booth will be manned by Georgetown and District High School students, two at a time, working two hour shifts from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Kinsmen will take over at night until the last game is completed roughly, 10 p.m.

Booster tickets for the entire week will be on sale. Programs and souvenir pucks, with the Kinsmen crest will also be on sale throughout the week.

About 1,000 crests, donated by Town of Halton Hills will go to the players. Each competitor will receive a souvenir crest and team crests will go to the Division Champs, Grand Champions and Runner-up.

Thirty-one trophies have been donated by various local individuals, service organizations and business firms. Transportation for the players, has been provided by Kirby Bus Lines and in fact, a number of bus drivers

have offered their time, free-of-charge, to move the boys to and from assignments.

Special recognition has to go to the Kinettes, who are in charge of the billeting and meals for the 800 plus guests and all the women's groups who are assisting. Mrs. Jessie Hayes has been in charge of the Kitchen corps, for a number of years and her culinary efforts are appreciated by all.

The Kinsmen, all the various helpers and officials, town council and the whole community are proud of Georgetown's International Bantam Hockey Tournament one of the biggest and best in the country. However, the whole enterprise would be a dead loss, without the support of spectators. Without an audience, there would be no show.

Be a Booster!

How do you handle a hungry man

What do you do with 800 hungry hockey players?

Feed 'em hot dogs, hamburgers and sandwiches, and 100 pounds of potatoes a day.

That's what Mrs. Jessie Hayes, the Legion's cook, with the help of the Kinettes and various other local women's institutes, church groups and service organizations will be doing all next week, at the Legion Hall in Georgetown.

The boys will arrive for meals in teams, two-at-a-time, accompanied by coaches and managers. Free meals will be served to the players following their games, in order to stagger the mealtimes. A cold lunch will be served from 11 'til two. Just enough to tide them over 'til suppertime when they will get a hot meal from 3:30 on 'til the whole hungry mob is sufficed.

Parents and visitors will also be served at a nominal charge.

"I buy all the food, about \$3,500 worth," said Mrs. Hayes who has been looking after the culinary operation for 16 of the 17 years of the tournament.

The \$60 per team registration covers the costs. I get

several teenage girls to help me. Until four years ago I looked after it all myself, but as the tournament has been growing we have solicited the help of the groups."

Each organization supplies a working crew for a day. Mrs. Hayes who does all the cooking for the Legion and used to cook for the McGibbon Hotel Restaurant, says she loves to cook for alot of people at a time. "Cooking is a lot of work, and if you go to all that trouble you might as well make worth your while. We will peel and cook 100 pounds of potatoes a day, and serve about 250 hot dogs at lunchtime. And I wouldn't even try to estimate how many quarts of milk we'll go through. I'll tell you better after next week," she quipped.

Mrs. Hayes and a Kinette will be on kitchen duty all day. Volunteer groups will take turns helping in the kitchen.

The boys will get breakfast in the individual homes. "But being boys, they will probably eat all day long since the refreshment booth at the arena will be open," she said.

Referees all volunteer their time

To pass muster, a tournament in any sport must guarantee a high calibre of officiating. The International Bantam Hockey Tournament

held in Georgetown is fortunate in that, since the tournament's inception in 1961, the officials performances have always received the highest praise. Past Tournament chairman Harry Levy in referring to the Georgetown Referees Association, who for the past 16 years have handled the tournament, calls them "the best organization in Ontario" and insists that this aspect of the tournament provides the least problems.

Approximately 20 referees will be handling this year's tournament and all have volunteered their services free of charge. Some local referees have taken a week off work in order to help out. On a whole, the referees will put in approximately 360 man hours. This breaks down to roughly two and a half hours per day per man.

Although the majority of the referees working the

tournament will be from the Georgetown Referees Association, area referees are available, should the need arise.

Although the emphasis is usually placed on the players who continue to pursue hockey careers, the officials who have taken part in the Georgetown tournament and who have made the grade on the professional level, should not be overlooked. Bryan Lewis, John McCauley and Dave Newell of Georgetown are currently NHL referees. Willie Norris of Georgetown is an NHL linesman. Graham Hearn, who participated in the Georgetown tournament as a player for Exeter is currently a WHA linesman.

The officials who work the tournament donate their services and put in long hours, all for the benefit of minor hockey.

They deserve thanks and respect and are just another reason why the International Bantam Tournament is held in such high esteem in hockey circles.

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People often ask,

What is a Kinsman?

Kinsmen work together, enjoy the fellowship through that service work, to the benefit of their community; enjoy social and recreational activities together and as families together. They educate and improve themselves learning organizational and business methods.

An opportunity to associate with outstanding, involved, leaders of the community, in an atmosphere of friendship and service.

An opportunity for individual and combined participation in many activities with the service of your community and for humanity, as planned for and decided by you and your fellow members.

An opportunity to be a part of Canada's strongest service club and to share in National and District service programs and projects.

An opportunity to render unselfish personal service in many ways.

An opportunity for self-development through the influence of club fellowship and the fulfillment of responsibilities placed upon you in the club, you will increase your personal abilities—in many areas.

An opportunity for self-expression and self evaluation.

A realization that Kinsmanship is not a cloak to be put on and off at each club meeting; but rather that it is a life to lead, a splendid philosophy teaching high ideals of service for human welfare and the betterment of one's community—local, national and world-wide.

A spirit of fellowship, a genuine willingness to accept differences between human beings, to see their points of view and to become better acquainted with fellow mem-

bers, is expected. This is Kinsmanship.

A member is expected to attend all regular meetings to the best of his ability. He will be expected to commit himself to as much time as he can afford to the club's work and social functions. If a member misses 3 or more meetings in a row without advice, it could result in automatic suspension.

Every member should have a clear understanding of his financial obligations to the club, which is usually limited to Dues and payment for meals.

Social functions which are plentiful are usually kept in a reasonable cost range. A member is expected to provide a willing and efficient discharge of any duty assigned and accepted.

A member is expected to develop an interest in the

club's activities; and by attendance at interclub, Zone, District Meetings, and perhaps even National Conventions, the member will share in the "over view" of our Association and gain a clear picture of the significance and purpose of the aims and objects of Kin.

It is not merely a dinner club, for entertainment and good fellowship. It is true that lifelong friendships develop from Kinsmen meetings. This is not considered

an end in itself; but rather a bi-product—a means to the very worthy end of service. It is not a secret society; it has no secret handshakes, no mysteries, no different levels of membership. A Kinsmen Club and Kinsmen do develop a spirit of Kinsmanship that is unique; but undefinable.

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