

Town pays tribute to champions

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Most Halton Hills councillors were on hand to honor the town's champion athletes for the 1977 and 1978 seasons last Wednesday night at Gordon Alcott arena.

The awards evening was the second in the town's history but according to the town clerk, it will become an annual event.

Town council took the occasion to honor all local athletes who captured championships in the 1977 and 1978 seasons. The 1977 winners were tacked on to this year's event because, according to Mayor Pete Pomeroy "for some reason" no such evening was held last year.

HONORED

Individuals honored for making 1977 a championship season were: Brian Pendergast for taking the Ontario Junior title (165 pounds); Bill Davis Ontario Wrestling championship (90 pounds); Chuck Anderson Ontario pre-junior wrestling championship, 13 years and under (77 pounds); Robert Dean Ontario pre-junior wrestling championship 14-15 age group (145 pounds); Robert Anderson Ontario pre junior wrestling championship, 13 years and under (74 pounds); and Mike Taylor, Ontario pre-junior wrestling championship, 13 years and under (78.5 pounds).

The Hornby midget girls softball team were also honored for copping a 1977 crown by taking the Ontario Rural Softball Association title.

The team included: Karen Brush, Elizabeth Leslie, Diane St. John, Kathy Waters, Donna Waters, Esther MacNaughton, Debbie Dufour Terry Alkema, Donna Stewart, Mary-Jane Robinson, Eartha May, Stacey Neil, Kim Griffith and Judy Townsend.

The team was managed by David Leslie, and coached by Bert Stewart and Terry Brush. Nelson Sellar was assistant coach.

The 1978 individual champions included: Ethel Hardman and Grant Real who took the Ontario Golden Age Doubles championship in five pin bowling; and Anne Pickering and Judy Patterson who captured first place in the Senior Division Canadian Synchronized Swimming Duet.

The Georgetown Royalettes fastball team was honored for taking the Central Ontario Junior Ladies Fastball crown while the Georgetown Major Atoms were honored for winning the OMHA Zone "AA" championship.

The Royalettes squad included: Barb Curry, Janet McKay, Charlene Milton, Monica Pollock, Noreen Atkinson, Laura Wilkes, Virginia Wilkes, Michelle Miehn, Clare Carter, Debbie Shortt, Joey Bennett, Nancy Shorttill, Patti Giles and Cindy Stafford.

The team was led by manager-coach Ted Wilkes along with assistant coach Mike Harley.

ATOMS

The Georgetown major atom team OMHA Zone championship included: Stephen Roy, Stephen Marcolini, Stephen Turner, Michael Moyat, Michael O'Brien,

Todd Cull, Keith Reiger, Scott Farley, Danny King, John Barclay, Wayne Morrow, Brent Smith, David Montague, Shawn Coffey, Jim Hunsley and Gary Skelton.

The team was managed by Tom O'Brien and coached by Harold Gilmer.

Individual championship winners were presented with plaques by town councillors on behalf of the council while team members received commemorative medals from Halton Hills.

PERSONAL SACRIFICE

In honoring the athletes, Pomeroy commented on the "great deal of personal sacrifice" required to become a championship athlete.

"You have all not only done our town proud, you have also each learned an important lesson in team work," he said.

The Mayor also acknowledged the difficulties in being the parent of a championship athlete in terms of disruption of family life and general inconvenience. Coaches also deserve recognition for their hard work, the mayor said.

NHL referee John McCauley, still on the mend from a fluke eye injury, was the guest speaker.

McCauley is himself a champion having coached the Canadian field lacrosse team that took the 1977 world championships in England last year.

NOT EASY

McCauley told the assembled champs that he knows

becoming a champion is not an easy task. He outlined the difficulties his Canadian lacrosse team had in shifting their style from the more familiar indoor, box lacrosse

to field lacrosse. He described his work with the team as a challenge and added that

it's always a challenge to become a champion.

In closing, he said, "We are honoring people who have honored our community. The crowd is proud of you for what you have done."

In discussing his eye injury McCauley said, "If I can't go back into refereeing, maybe

I'll go into politics. So if you see my name on the ballot next time around, you know where to mark the 'X'."

Mayor Pete Pomeroy countered, "I've seen you referee on TV and there were a few times when I thought that as a referee you would make a great politician."



Hornby women's fastball champions receive medals.

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