

Sports Outlook

Pries reflects on successful tournament

After taking last week off from his job as building inspector with the Town of Halton Hills, Wayne Pries was more than ready to resume his day-to-day duties by the time Monday morning rolled

around. If nothing else, he can use the rest. The week's "holidays" for Pries were not spent idly. Most of his time was consumed at the Gordon

Alcott Arena, serving as chairman for Georgetown's 27th Annual International Bantam Hockey Tournament.

As president of the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association, Pries played a big role in coordinating the approximately 100 volunteers who pitched in to make the tournament a success.

Financially, Pries says this will be the best year in the tournament's history, due in large part to concessions which were set up in the auditorium of the arena.

Many volunteers, including parents of players, and members of the Hockey Moms' organization pitched in to serve food and beverages throughout the tournament.

As part of a Georgetown tradition that originated three years ago, all the teams in the tournament were presented with cakes following the round robin play.

If there's any one thing young players remember Georgetown tournaments for, it may be that.

Pries was pleased with the way the tournament ran, but as with any event of this magnitude, there were a few minor occurrences that could be stuffed in the "unfortunate but inevitable" file.

"The Agincourt Lions failed to show up for their third game," he said. "And then there was the episode with Don Mills and Hamilton Tuesday night, when a player went after one of the officials. But the OMHA will come down on those involved. Other than that, there weren't any major problems."

If there was one major disappointment in the tournament, it was perhaps the shortfall of community support in people coming out to watch the games.

Friday night, when Georgetown M and M Sports was knocked out of the tournament by Brooklin-Whitby there was naturally a good turnout.

Saturday, however, was a different story.

"I was disappointed in the crowds," Pries said Saturday, just prior to the grand championship game. "For the calibre of hockey we had today, there should have been more people here."

The calibre of hockey for the most part Saturday, was indeed excellent. Two of the divisional finals had to be decided in overtime, and several other matches, including the grand championship, were close encounters, as well.

But the positives certainly outweighed the negatives in the tournament itself.

Aside from being complimented on the formal and organization of the event, there was also high praise for the officials who controlled play on the ice.

Another highlight of the tournament was having Bryan Lewis to call the game between Windsor and Georgetown Friday. Lewis made provisions in his schedule, and finished his task just in time to catch a plane at Pearson Airport to take him to Quebec.

For next year, Pries says there will be a few wrinkles they want to get ironed out. For one thing, the sponsors named on a few of the trophies are no longer connected with the tournament.

"We hate to give up the originals...they've been around for so long," Pries says. "But they really need a facelift. There isn't any room for more plaques on some of them."

For now though, Pries can take a bit of a breather before having to look at getting things organized for Georgetown's 28th Annual International Bantam Hockey Tournament in 1988.

After all, the application for next year's version of the tournament doesn't have to be filed with the governing hockey bodies until April 1 - a week from now.

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For more information on all Aquatic Programs call 877-5185 ext. 276.

FISHING WORKSHOP
This four-week program of two-hour seminars will study the basics of hobby fishing in Halton Hills and the surrounding area.

The program is being jointly coordinated by the recreation and parks department and by several renowned area fishermen.

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Twinkletoes the Magician will be conducting an 8-week program for youngsters yearning to be magicians.

He promises to provide children ages 9 to 12 with the skills and knowledge to perform, with some degree of proficiency, a number of effects which will puzzle even an adult audience.

Twinkletoes ran a beginner program last fall and he is extremely excited about running another one this coming spring at Centennial Middle School, Tuesday 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. beginning March 31st.

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Twinkletoes

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This fun and informative program will cover such topics as make-up, costumes, magic, balloon sculpturing and many other "slight of hand" skills that will be a hit at fairs, picnics, birthday parties and assorted other social gatherings.

This fun program runs Tuesday evenings, 8 to 10 p.m. at Centennial Middle School, beginning March 31. Sign up now and learn to make people smile.

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