

Duplicate Bridge

In Open Duplicate Bridge competition Monday afternoon at Georgetown Branch 120 Royal Canadian Legion, located on Mill Street, Rene March and Karl Tobiasz teamed up to claim the Number One Winners' position.

The Number Two winners' slot was locked up by the team of Jack Kaarsemaker and Harry Arbic.

The Number Three winners' position was deadlocked by two teams, with Mike Lorusso and Elsie Whittam stalemating with the team of Earl Ryder and Jake Timpson.

The Monday Open Duplicate Bridge competition at Georgetown Legion Branch 120 was the final session of the season.

Open Duplicate Bridge competition at Georgetown Legion Branch 120, located on Mill Street, will resume this September.

For information on the Open Duplicate Bridge competition at Georgetown Legion, contact Norma Maynard at 877-8918.

Canadian Hockey League

Attendance soaring

The Canadian Hockey League confirmed that the 1989-90 regular season was the best in their history at the turnstiles as they broke the 3.5 million mark in attendance for the first time. The official attendance total was 3,571,339, up 222,921 from the previous record of last season.

Ed Chynoweth, president of the CHL expressed his exuberance at the record and pointed to the many positive factors that has caused this growth in major junior hockey in North America. "We are all very pleased about the increase in attendance over the last few years", Chynoweth pointed out. "We are certainly doing a better job marketing our product and hence people are realizing what a great package we have to offer."

"Having a 14-game national television package has helped to bring CHL action into more homes than ever before. As well as the introduction of a full-time director of information, Jim Price, to help the overall awareness level of the CHL," Chynoweth continued. "The CHL in general is being better received by the public and we hope that this record is only a sign of things to come."

One of the teams experiencing an extremely large increase this year was the Kingston Frontenacs who were up 60% from a year ago. Kingston's average attendance was over 90% of capacity. The Seattle Thunderbirds broke a Western Hockey League attendance record this year when they crammed 12,253 fans into the Seattle Center Coliseum on February 9 setting a single game attendance mark. The T-Birds drew over 180,000 fans this season including 60,000 plus at the five games played in the Coliseum as well as being at or near capacity for their other games which were played in the 4,141-seat Seattle Arena.

Attendance marks started falling a year ago at the 1989 Memorial Cup in Saskatoon. A total of 77,296 fans packed Saskatoon Place for the nine game tournament, 20,040 more than in 1983, in Portland. During the 1989 playoffs, the Ontario Hockey League set a new record for playoff attendance of 225,653 and, in that same year, the Western Hockey League became the first major junior league to top 1.5 million for the regular season.

Chynoweth pointed to an almost re-birth of junior hockey in the past

few years and the tremendous strides the CHL is taking. "The quality of play has steadily improved and this can be directly correlated to the adjustment made in our arrangement with the National Hockey League. Players such as NHL top draft picks Scott Thornton (Belleville), Wes Walz (Lethbridge), Kevin Haller (Regina), Martin St-Amour (Trois Rivieres), Steven Rice (Kitchener) and Patrice Brisebois (Laval) were all in the league this past season and, for the most part, were left in junior hockey to hone and fine tune their skills."

"There is also a tremendous combination of "player make-up" in the CHL," Chynoweth continued, "when one considers the bright young stars such as Mike Ricci (Peterborough), Petr Nedved (Seattle), Keith Primeau (Niagara Falls), Karl Dykhuis (Hull), Scott Niedermayer (Kamloops), Martin Lapointe (Laval) and Eric Lindros (Oshawa) etc. The league and the member teams have become so much more sophisticated and professional in terms of how we promote and present our product. We are receiving increasing support from the fans as well as the corporate sector."

CHL REGULAR SEASON ATTENDANCE TOTALS

Year	Attendance
1989-90	3,571,339
1988-89	3,348,418
1987-88	2,938,402
1986-87	2,805,990
1985-86	2,748,369
1984-85	2,715,142
1983-84	2,881,125
1982-83	3,034,224
1981-82	2,651,939
1980-81	2,701,347
1979-80	2,795,246

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Cultural Centre alive with activity

Spring may be here and many will be spending their leisure time outdoors - but there is still a lot of indoor activity at the Cultural Centre.

Centennial Middle School presents their annual musical - "Wheels" - May 8, 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the John Elliott Theatre. This will be followed by the Centennial Alumni Spring Concert on May 24-25 at 8:00 p.m. Please phone 877-6976 for ticket information on both shows.

The Ontario Conservatory of Music has two performances on June 3rd. Phone 878-9496 for tickets.

The summer dance recitals begin on June 2nd with KADE Dance followed by: the Halton

Hills School of Dance, June 8, 9 and 10; the Dance Gallery, June 15 and 16 and finishing up with the Lynn Morrison School of Ballet on June 23 and 24th.

The Theatre will continue to be a busy place during the summer as the Recreation and Parks Department will be sponsoring two Drama Theatre Camps - the first, July 3 to 20 with a public performance on July 19; and the second session (Musical Theatre) from July 23 to August 10, with a closing concert on August 9. Please phone 873-2600, ext. 267, for more information.

Many exciting exhibits will also be on display in the Gallery - in May - Michael Fuhrmann; June -

Brita Stolz Housez; July - Andreas Drenters; August - Linda Donais; Ruth McCrea and the Georgetown Rug Hooking Guild in September. Be sure to take part in our Mother's Day Special on May 13 - a classical brunch at 11:00 a.m. with entertainment from "Ambience".

For information on any of the above activities please call the Cultural Centre at 877-7915.



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