

SPORTS & LEISURE

Partners in pads



After stepping in last year as a late substitute to play goal for the blue and white in Georgetown, the Toronto Maple Leafs' Alumni Association requested that 21-year-old local resident Shana Dinwoody (far left) start this past Sunday's fundraising game against the Halton Hills Fire Department at Alcott Arena. Dinwoody, an ovarian cancer survivor, gave way to longtime NHLer Mark LaForest for

the second half of the contest, which raised a yet-to-be-determined amount of funds for Cancer Assistance Services-Halton Hills. (Above) Maple Leaf alum Matt Martin faces off with the HHFD player Kevin Usher in the pre-game ceremony, with (from left) Jason Jiskra, Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette and HHFD chief Brent Marshall serving as the official puck-droppers. *Photos by Ron Stiel*

GDHS swimmers are poster kids for sportsmanship



Members of Georgetown District High School's Rebel swim team cheer on one of their competing classmates at last year's Ontario championship meet in Etobicoke. This photo will appear on a poster to be distributed in schools throughout Canada, recognizing the team's sportsmanship qualities. *Submitted photo*

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Ontario's reigning high school swim champs are also making waves for being the models of sportsmanship outside the pool.

Georgetown District High School's 80-student-strong swim team captured the 2009 provincial team championship last March in Etobicoke and look to be even stronger this year, having convincingly won all six meets they've entered.

As well, the Rebels have been cited by the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations for their conduct as student-athletes and the swim team's photo will appear on a poster distributed to high schools across Canada as a shining example of how the new code of spectator conduct should be embodied.

Each year at the OFSAA championship meet at the Etobicoke Olympium, the Rebels arrive early in the morning on both days of competition in order to occupy the grandstand seats closest to the pool's start-finish line, boisterously cheering on both teammates, and often, other participating schools as well.

"It's a great honour and in a lot of ways it's more important than winning OFSAA because we're being recognized for more than just our performance in the pool; it's how we represent the school," said head coach Jon Newcombe.

"It's become a tradition there for us to be at the Olympium first and then sleep on the benches before the meet starts. Sometimes we're there before it even opens and (pool staff) get a little annoyed with us. But if you're going to be there for the full day, you want to be comfortable and have the best seats."

OFSAA's Code of Conduct for Spectators consists of five rules and the GDHS team picture corresponds with rule number five, "Be courteous and respectful," and the posters are expected to be in the schools by the end of the month.

The team also collected approximately \$350 in its annual Toast for Tots fundraiser before Christmas, selling slices of toast to fellow students.

Meanwhile, with a record number of team members this year, the Rebels have been churning up some eye-popping race results, defeating their chief provincial rivals such as Windsor's Riverside

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HALTON HILLS SPORTS MUSEUM & RESOURCE CENTRE

DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO JANUARY 31ST.

Sports Museum seeks 2010 nominees for The Sports Hall of Fame:

The Halton Hills Sports Museum is looking for athletes, teams or builders worthy of being inductees into the fourth annual Halton Hills Sports Museum Hall of Fame.

Full nomination criteria and forms are available at The Independent & Free Press office
280 Guelph St., Unit 29 Georgetown) and at Johnson Associates
(247 Guelph St., Georgetown) or on the Museum's website, www.hhsm.ca

