

SPORTS

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The 33rd-annual **Egg Noé Joé** set for Sunday, Dec. 13. Hosted by **Georgetown Runners in Terra Cotta** for charity. www.eggnoejoe.ca

2nd ice surface at Acton Arena open to public

The finishing touches are being put on the new second arena at the Acton Community Centre this week to complete the twinning of the complex.

User groups got to skate for the first time on the NHL-size ice surface Monday afternoon, with the Acton Skating Club's practice serving as the first official opportunity for members of the public to get an up-close look at the \$11.4-million facility, which includes six full-size dressing rooms, 186 individual seats, heated floors and two public meeting rooms among the amenities.

The second-floor mezzanine area is closed to spectators as some of the construction has yet to be completed, but Town of Halton Hills officials say it should be fully operational by early next week.

The official opening ceremony will take place on Jan. 30 to coincide with the Acton Winter Carnival celebrations.

Public skating is scheduled for Saturdays from 3-4:20 p.m. and Sundays from 2-3:20 p.m.



Fourteen-year-old Abby Sweezie of the Acton Skating Club's intermediate division was the first member of the public to test out the super smooth new ice surface on the second pad at the Acton Community Centre Monday afternoon.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

Youth shinny takes place Thursdays from 4-4:50 p.m. and Saturdays from 5:15-6:35 p.m. on the new surface.

For info about booking ice or one of the two new community rooms at the Acton Arena, call 905-873-2601 ext. 2257.

Blue Fins shine at two meets

Placing second overall out of 15 teams at a youth swim meet at the Etobicoke recently, members of the Halton Hills Blue Fins recorded several personal-best times and qualified for some big competitions on the horizon.

Megan Hamilton earned a berth in the Ontario Festival Championships while Emily Collis qualified for the Ontario Age Group Provincials.

Simon Olsen booked his trip to the Eastern Canadian Championships and Chris Zanewycz qualified for the Western equivalent, with Ben Holt, Aleks Plackoski and Zanewycz achieving another provincial qualifying standard.

The Blue Fins also recently hosted the fifth-annual Halton Cup for swimmers 14 and younger and held on to the title for the second year in a row by setting some club records and personal bests along the way.



CHRIS ZANEWYCZ, EMILY COLLIS AND SIMON OLSEN

Swims of note were turned in by the 10-and-under girls' relay team consisting of Isabella Santana, Olivia Reich, Sofia Botic and Mirna Botic, combined with the 10-and-under boys' foursome of Alex Murgoci, Ian Woods, Christian Verghis, Dominic Vulpoli and Reyden Knighton to set four new Blue Fins' records in the 200m medley and freestyle relays.

Raiders send 5 to TCE camp

Five Georgetown Raiders have been invited to take part in next week's Team Canada East selection camp at the MasterCard Centre in Toronto, including local residents Josh Dickinson and Daniel Hardie at the forward position, for the 2015 World Jr. A Challenge Dec. 13-19 in Whitby and Cobourg.

Three Raider defencemen were also selected amongst the 41 players invited to the camp, with Matthew Cairns, Matthew Thom and newcomer Austin Cho getting the nod.

A 4-0 lead midway through the game was apparently too comfortable for the Raiders last Saturday night.

The visiting Cobourg Cougars shook off their bus legs after it looked early on as if the home side would skate away with an easy two points and rallied for a 5-4 win in an Ontario Junior Hockey League contest at the Alcott Arena.

Jordan Crocker, Jack Jacome, Michael

Boushy and Bailey Molella had given the 17-9-2-0 Raiders a healthy lead deep into the middle stanza before the 15-11-0-2 Cougars struck for two late scores and added three unanswered markers in the third.

Cairns had three assists for Georgetown and Andrew Masters picked up the loss in goal, making 25 saves.

Cho, an 18-year-old blueliner from Mississauga, added two assists for the Raiders Saturday. The 6-foot-1, 190-pound Cho began the season with the BCHL's Vernon Vipers.

Georgetown could have moved to within a point of first-place Buffalo in the West Division standings with a win but still does hold three games in hand on the Jr. Sabres.

Next up for the Raiders is a trip to Burlington Friday night to take on the 16-11-0-2 Cougars, followed by a home date with the 17-10-0-1 Wellington Dukes Saturday at the Alcott Arena at 7:30 p.m.



TEAM OF THE WEEK: The Halton Hills atom A Thunder went undefeated at the Capital Mid-Season Minor Hockey Tournament in Ottawa this past weekend to take top spot in their 10-team division. A 1-1 tie against Brantford in the preliminary round was the only blemish on the Thunder's weekend results, but Halton Hills flattened the 99ers 6-1 in a rematch for the championship, jumping out to a 4-0 first-period lead. Team members (front, from left) are: Goalies Andrew Reid, Davis Fearron. Second row: Deacon King, Jack Munday, Matthew Longmead, Victoria Price, Zach Burchart, Ben Luxmore, Ross Brown, Sydney Hood, Brett Yandeau, Spencer Malloch. Back row: Cam D'Amico, assistant coach Dave Hood, Matthew Gormley, coach Dan King, assistant coach John Bulhoes, Rory Campbell, Chris Cuthbertson, trainer Will Petryniak, Elias Barlas.

Submitted photo

North Halton Girls Hockey Association presents

TWISTER DAY
SUNDAY | **DEC 13** | 2015
Mold-Masters Sportsplex



Twisters Games | 7am-9pm | Showcasing all ages from Tyke to Midget
★ Guest Speaker: Canadian World Cup Champion & 3 time Olympian **Sami Jo Small** ★
Enter the draw to **WIN** a signed Team Canada Jersey
Join our **Community Puck Toss** in support of NHGHA ★ See why girls LOVE hockey!

MAIN EVENT | **3:00 PM** | SAPUTO PAD
TWISTERS MIDGET AA vs CHINESE NATIONAL TEAM

Visitors are asked to bring **1 non perishable food item** in support of the **Georgetown Food Bank**
For schedule of events please visit www.nhgha.com