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Kinsmen rejoin Heritage banquet

The Georgetown Kinsmen Club enjoyed last year's Hockey Heritage Award dinner so much they decided to come back on an ongoing basis.

The Kinsmen Club joined the organizational fray last year, helping the Georgetown Hockey Heritage Council with the annual event, which honors long-time commitment to Georgetown's hockey heritage. The GHHC approached the local service clubs about helping out because it found the task of organizing the awards banquet to be too much.

So the Kinsmen Club and

Hockey Heritage Council will once again work on staging the banquet, which this year will honor James Ford on Monday March 1 at Holy Cross for his 40-year involvement with local hockey. Ford has also been instrumental in the development of the Kinsmen Girls Softball League, which he has been involved with for 25 years.

"Had the Kinsmen Club not come aboard it (banquet) would've gone down the tubes," said Bob Hooper, the GHHC treasurer. "But these guys came in and did a great job."

"They're really keen and having

them come aboard really makes us very happy."

Once again a number of dinner sponsors have offered their support, with Georgetown Chrysler and The Georgetown Independent marking their 15th anniversary of involvement with the banquet. Tim Horton Donuts (which came aboard in 1989), Labatts (1993), Halton Hills This Week (1993) and DDH Distribution Services Ltd (1993).

In addition, prior to the awards banquet, there will be an exhibition hockey game at the Alcott Arena on Sunday, Feb. 28 starting at 3 p.m. The Legiskaters, a team made up of

Members of Provincial Parliament and assistants from Queen's Park, will take on the Toronto Maple Leafs oldtimers. Halton North MPP Noel Duignan will serve as manager for the Legiskaters.

Admission for the game is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children, students and senior citizens. Proceeds will go to Cystic Fibrosis and Georgetown District Memorial Hospital.

Game tickets are available at Knechtels, Time Out, Delrex Smoke Shop and at Georgetown Chrysler Jr. A Raiders home

The lineup of guests for this year's banquet hasn't been finalized as of yet. However, the schedule of events will see cocktails starting at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The awards presentation is scheduled to get underway at about 9:00 p.m., with the many guest speakers getting their turns to roast this year's winner starting at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Tickets for the awards presentation are \$35. A table of eight dinner tickets with a bottle of wine, along with 16 exhibition game tickets is \$325.



A group of Acton figure skaters performed well at the Great Lakes Winter Skating Festival in London over the weekend. Marybeth Robertson (center) captured gold in figures in the Preliminary Ladies competition. Also picking up hardware at the event were: Krista Petty, second overall in novice; Connie Storey, silver in freeskate; Debbie Mashinter, bronze figures; Caitlin Dick, bronze in figures. Photo by Mary Watson

Raiders drop two weekend contests

The first and last came back to haunt the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders on the weekend.

On Friday, the Raiders fell behind 6-2 to the Oakville Blades after the first period en route to an 11-4 defeat. On Saturday at the Alcott Arena, Georgetown was outscored 4-0 in the last period to drop a 5-1 decision to the Milton Merchants.

The two defeats drop Georgetown's record to 4-31-1 and extend the team's winless streak to 33 games (one win was reversal of a loss to Caledon after the Canadiens were found to have been using an illegal player).

On Friday in Oakville, goalie Jamie Szyk got the start, and made 13 saves, but saw six shots elude him before Jason Sirota came on in relief late in the period. Sirota, coming off a strong performance over his past four starts, was quite busy. He stopped 34 shots as the

Blades outshot Georgetown 57-29.

Trevor Brandt, back after serving a four-game suspension for a fighting incident last month, Randy Bond, Doug Sheppard and Ian Ellis scored for the Raiders.

Referee Jim Harwood had a quiet night, handing out nine minor penalties in the two hour 15-minute contest.

The Raiders contained Milton for more than two periods, taking a 1-0 second-period lead on Jonathan Levack's goal. However, the Merchants came back to tie it some 30 seconds later.

But the wheels fell off in the third, when the Merchants outscored the home side 4-0 to take the victory.

Sirota got the starting nod, and again was busy, stopping 41 shots as Georgetown outshot the visitors 46-34.

Atoms nip Oakville to open playoff set

The John Henderson major atoms defeated the Oakville Rangers 2-1 at Memorial Arena on Sunday night to take a 1-0 series lead in the opening game of the best-of-five opening playoff round.

From the opening faceoff, the line of Dan Smith, Matt Hotham and Roddy Heinz set the tone for the game with all-out hustle and forechecking. Ryan Bobor, Josh Travers and Jason Hayes continued the determined effort by checking their man closely and never allowing their Oakville rivals to set up their passing game.

Jason Campbell, Sean Mascot and Mike Rovere also provided constant forechecking and put Georgetown on the scoreboard in the first period.

Campbell took a pass from Rovere and unleashed a hard shot from the point that the Oakville goaltender partially stopped. However, the momentum of the shot carried the puck into the net.

Oakville came back in the second to tie the game. Just like Campbell's goal, the Oakville player's shot just barely managed to find its way into the Georgetown goal.

With the game tied in the third, hard work by Heinz paid off as he fought for and freed up the puck behind the Oakville net. He then threaded a nice centering pass to Smith, whose quick shot beat the Oakville goaltender to not only give Georgetown the 2-1 lead, but also its winning margin.

The Georgetown defence of Derek Mitchell, Bryan Stuttard, Brent McClung and Scott Ellis played one of its best games of the year, allowing Oakville players very few clear shots at the net.

Whenever Oakville did get a

shot on goal, Georgetown goalie Ryan Carter came up with the outstanding save.

The entire team contributed to this win. Game Two in this series will be played Monday in Oakville, with the two teams returning to Georgetown's Memorial Arena for Game Three the following night, starting at 7:30 p.m.

The Georgetown team is also looking forward to the return of Tyler Pearce.

Wrestlers fare well at meets

The Georgetown District High School wrestling team had a busy weekend, taking part in two meets.

On Saturday, six Rebel wrestlers participated in a meet in Orillia. Weight classes weren't available.

Colin Kay was the top Georgetown performer, finishing second in his class. Ian Cox also fared well, finishing fourth. Other Rebels competing in the tournament were Mike Large, Kevin Withers, Mike Derick and Sean Goodwill.

A junior contingent competed in a meet at Milton's E.C. Drury high school, emerging with a third-place finish in the overall standings.

Individually, Jim Norton topped his weight class, with Nick Deeley capturing a second-place finish. Jason Byers, Jason Titus and Rod Topping earned third-place finishes.

Finishing fourth were Mitch Todd, Phil Elliott and Tyler Patriquin.

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