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GOOD LUCK KYLIE: Acton's Kylie Kruk (right) is confident she can win another National 5-pin bowling crown as she competes in B.C. this weekend. Coach John Wagg (left) helps Kylie hold her provincial banner.

Good year for house league

"It was a good year and it was a lot of fun." That how Acton House League Hockey Association president George Hunak summed up this year's season which ended last Saturday with an awards banquet at the Acton Arena and Community Centre.

"There were a lot of changes this year, starting with the new arena. We also had new goalie equipment and new sweaters and a couple of new sponsors," Hunak said, adding the league had a lot of volunteers who made the season a success. Plans for the off-season include trying to get more ice time. The league had 280 players suit up for 22 teams this year.

Award winners include:

MVP

Tyke: Stephen Bennett, David Gardener, Sean Terry and Jessy Kuenzig.

Novice: Jeremy Stevens, Kevin Deforest, Liam Heelis and James Burgie

Atom: Jason Beatty, Graeme Copeland, Dennis Hunak, Joel Graydon, Mike Kuiprey and Tyler Knoepfli

Peewee: Mike Vanderhoeck, Tyler Chapman, Jacob Kentner and Derek Scott.

Bantam: Shane Haslam, Ryan Turpin, Sam Brunelle and Mike Rowsell.

Midget: Derek Nolan, Devon Fraser, Paul Withers and Davis Brown.

MOST POINTS

Tyke: Stephen Bennett, Novice: Kevin Deforest, Atom: Mike Kuiprey, Peewee: Shane Drexler, Bantam: Ryan Turpin, Midget: Devon Fraser.

MOST SPORTSMANLIKE

Tyke: Sean Wittman, Novice: Michael Kellas, Atom: D'Arcy O'Driscoll, Peewee: Brandon Hample, Bantam: Shane Haslam, Juvenile: Jimmy Dickinson.

BEST DEFENCE

Tyke: Curtis Marcoux, Novice: Jordan LaRose, Atom: Eric Goll, Peewee: Mike Vanderhoeck, Bantam: Michael Lee, Midget: Jeff Garrard.

BEST GOALIE

Tyke: Alexander Brake, Novice: Martin Saliba, Atom: Graeme Copeland, Peewee: Mark Finnie, Bantam: Ben Tyrell, Midget: Dave Nichol.

MOST IMPROVED

Tyke: Tyler McNabb, Riley McGilloway, Bradley Timmings and Thomas Harding.

Novice: Kristoffer Van Soelen, James Wilkinson, Josh Essiembre, Stephen O'Donnell.

Atom: Brandon Moffatt, Brandon Ceccotti, James MacLeod, Paul Bradley, Richard Island and Reid Hendry.

Peewee: Dennis Theriault, Adam Mills, Kyle Roger and Kevin Waring.

Bantam: Travis Toth, David White, Paul Payne and Davis McEnery.

Midget: Mike Smith, Ryan Schmidt, Chad Edwards and Dan Miller.

Kylie heads to nationals

By **FRANCES NIBLOCK**
 The New Tanner

Steady nerves and deadly aim are Kylie Kruk's claim to fame and her superb bowling skills will be put to the test next week in Vancouver as Kylie, a 12-year-old student at McKenzie-Smith Bennett school, competes for her second National 5-pin girls' singles crown.

Despite an injury Kylie's solid performance last year at the Nationals earned her the bantam championship, and Kylie is confident, but not cocky, when asked to size up her competition this year as a junior.

"I'm confident because I've already done it and I know I can do it again, this

time without a broken finger," Kylie explained in an interview on Thursday.

"I'm more excited than nervous. They say that bowling is 80 per cent mental focus and concentration and 20 per cent skill. I don't have it all yet because I do cry and get upset when I don't bowl well, but I'm getting there."

Kylie will bowl 22 games in the May 4, 5 and 6, competition, meeting the best from each province in her junior age group. Kylie, who practices at least 10 hours a week, began bowling six years ago for fun with her parents and became serious about the sport two years ago after a second place finish in zone competition.

"I wanted to go back and

do better and I hoped I could win so I worked harder," Kylie said.

Kylie tuned up for the Canada-wide competition by bowling 219 to win the provincial title with in a recent tie breaking bowl-off in Kitchener

At competitions Kylie backs up her top-notch skills with a good luck charm and a ritual. The good luck charm is "personal" and the ritual is a pancake breakfast, prepared by her father, before every competition.

Kylie's cheering section at the Nationals will include her parents as well as Acton Bowling Lanes co-owner Darlene Labombard and Kylie's coach, John Wagg of Acton.

Mustangs corral ball crown

Great control and smart play led the MSB Mustang boys' junior volleyball team to victory at a 10-team tournament in Oakville Tuesday.

The Mustangs opened against Stewarttown and split two games before taking the second set against Eastview with scores of 15-6 and 15-9. The Mustangs continued to dominate play with 15-8 and 15-6 wins over River Oaks before faltering and losing two games to Brant Hills, losses that coach Dave Walker called key.

"We went into the semi-finals against Centennial and beat them 15-6 and then met Brant Hills which was cocky after beating us two straight games," Walker said.

Acton came out hard and

won the championship 15-10. The Mustang MVP was Jason Beatty and special mention goes to Brett Manes, Reid Hendry and Ryan Stroud.

"The team plays real volleyball and we met teams that tried to play ping-pong against us. Our guys play super control and are able to

pick it up," Walker said.

In girls' action on Wednesday the Mustang junior team won four and lost four in the River Oaks tournament to end up third in their pool. MVP for the Mustangs was Sarah Berry. Caitlin Atherton and Beth Clayton were named most-improved players.

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