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On frozen pond

Local shinny fans seek glory in Plaster Rock, N.B.

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Just getting a team into the 2008 World Pond Hockey Championship apparently was tough enough for Georgetown resident Kevin Ward, never mind finding a place to stay in Plaster Rock, N.B. on a frosty February weekend.

Even with strong family ties to the town with a population of 1,200 and two motels, Ward said securing accommodation is a difficult task for the four-day tournament that draws 120 teams from around the world.

The event began modestly enough in 2002 with 40 teams from the Maritimes as a fundraiser to build an arena in Plaster Rock, whose residents open their homes to approximately 8,000 visitors drawn to Roulston Lake for the festivities, which include an outdoor "kitchen party" on Friday night.

Now with 120 teams, attracting entries from as far away as Los Angeles, Ca., Latvia, Switzerland, Egypt, Germany, there's a lengthy waiting list and Ward had to call on a couple of uncles on the organizing committee to get his squad entered last year for the first time.

"To play on the pond that my dad played hockey on as a kid and because a lot of our relatives are volunteers there, it's pretty awesome," said Ward, whose brother Bryan was a last-minute scratch due to business commitments.

"We kept hearing about how great it was and we thought we'd play in it. Last year, all of our games were at 6:30 or 7:30 at night and it was about -35C and I got frostbite on my toes. You're out on the lake and the only place to go to get warm is the beer tent. Just being out there socializing is one of the great parts about it."

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Splitting the defence

Humber Lady Hawks' starting forward Holly Goddard of Acton tries to put up a shot against Sheridan College Bruins' opponent Bojana Bejatovic (left) and another Bruin during an Ontario College Athletic Association women's basketball contest at Humber. The visiting Bruins went on to win 86-49. Goddard, who played for both Acton and Georgetown District High School, had a game-high 13 points.

Photo by Graham Paine



A team captained by Georgetown's Kevin Ward (second from right) is in Plaster Rock, N.B. this week for the World Pond Hockey Championship. Team members are (from left) are: Tony Giacconelli of Newmarket, Darryl Jones from Georgetown, Ward and Mount Albert's Rick Hainwischwang.

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