

Another successful Acton Peewee Hockey Tourney

February 7 to 9 marked the 39th Annual Acton House League Hockey Association's Peewee Tournament held at the Acton Arena. The tournament featured 18 teams and over 300 peewee age hockey players from as far away as London, Newmarket and Ottawa. It was divided into three divisions of house league; contact, non-contact and select teams.

Before the games began, the tournament's opening ceremonies honoured the late Mr. John Toebes. John was a cornerstone of the Acton House League for over 38 years, President for over 20, and was inducted into the Halton Hills Sports Hall of Fame last year. He was the founder of this Peewee Tournament, which is now the longest running tournament of its kind in Ontario. Many members of the Toebes family were present to receive a special plaque to honor John's contributions to the league and community and drop the ceremonial puck to open the tournament.

Of the 27 round robin games five games went into sudden death overtime where the format of removing one player from the ice each minute provided exciting hockey for players and spectators alike. Another of the round robin games could not be decided in overtime and had to use a shoot out to determine a winner. The teams were well matched and very competitive. In the end, only six teams remained to play for the championship.

The first Championship game in the Bill Waites (B.W.) Division featured Orangeville's Montreal versus Oakville's Minor Oaks Eagles. Orangeville jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first period with goals scored by Trevor Morrissey and Jonah Graham. In the second period Orangeville got into some penalty trouble which allowed Oakville to get back in the game and tie the score with goals from Patrick O'Brien and Alexandra Daniel. With less than five minutes remaining in the game Brett Black put Orangeville ahead for good to claim the B.W. Championship.

The second Championship game in the John Toebes (J.T.) Division had the Leitrim Hawks versus the Newmarket Vardy Cus-

tom Renovations. This was a hard fought game between two excellent teams. The play went back and fourth with goalies from both teams making big saves to keep the game scoreless through regulation time. A late penalty in the third period put the team Hawks down a player which proved costly in overtime. A pass from the far boards to defenseman Robert Vardy allowed him to move in and tee up a slap shot which beat the Leitrim goalie giving Newmarket the J.T. Championship and their goalie Eric Becevello the shut out.

The final game of the tournament in the Select Division featured the Orangeville Flyers versus the Georgetown Raiders. The Raiders were looking to avenge a loss to the Flyers in the round robin which saw the Flyers win in overtime with each team having only one skater on the ice.

Both teams started the game evenly matched with the chances occurring at either end. Georgetown jumped into the lead with a power play goal by Brandon Gago in the first period. Orangeville had many opportunities to tie the game but Travis Hatcher put Georgetown up two goals in the third.

Play went back and fourth until late penalties in the third put the Raiders down two players and with the Orangeville net minder removed for the extra attacker, the play around the Georgetown net was intense.

Unfortunately for Orangeville the Raiders defense and Ryan Coulter's shutout proved too strong and Georgetown was declared the Select Champions with a 2-0 victory.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers for their help with the tournament, without their countless hours this tournament would not be the success that it is. I also would like to thank all the players and parents that attended as they help make the tournament fun for all and a great success. Hope to see you all back next year as we celebrate our 40th year.

Sincerely
Russ Lee
Tournament Chair

Sports

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Volleyball team appreciated help for its Nov. Kenora

On November 20th the Acton Senior Boys' Volleyball team flew to Winnipeg and drove to Kenora to compete in the OFSAA "A" Championships. The team faced some tough competition and was unable to advance to the championship side.

Despite not moving on the team still had a lot of fun and the trip was a great learning experience for some of the younger guys on the team say of coach Christopher Braun. Competition at OFSAA is extremely competitive and hopefully next year, the five returning players can lead the team there once again. The other five

senior players will be moving on from high school next year and attending various Colleges and Universities.

The team appreciated the many people and businesses in Acton for their generosity and support including: Bartell Morrison, Pike's Awning, Osler Hoskin and Harcourt, Mill Street Crossing, Scotia Bank, McDonalds, Home Hardware, Tim Hortons, MacMillan's, Country Reflections, Crossings Community Church, Acton Optical, Wildwood Manor Ranch, Sen Sen, Extreme Fitness, Acton Jiu Jitsu, Acton High Student Council, and Glencairn Golf Club.

Also, special thanks were also due to teachers and administration who helped in making the experience possible as well as parents and families who made significant contributions.

The volleyball team also appreciated the generosity from the community in a recent bottle drive. The team canvassed several neighbourhoods in Acton and was given many bottles as well as cash donations.

Cops vs AHS team in annual challenge

Members of the Halton Regional Police Service are travelling to "Hockey Town" to take on the Acton High School Hockey Team.

The Halton Police and Acton High School are currently tied at two games each over the four year challenge.

This annual event was established by members of the Halton Regional Police service in an effort to build relationships with the youth of Acton. The initiative has been very successful and this year will include alumni from Acton High School.

For the price of a \$2 "buy out" Acton High School students can attend the game. Monies collected support the Acton Salvation Army. In addition all participants and members of the audience are asked to bring two non-perishable food items for a donation to the Acton Food Bank. To date the event has generated 980 pounds of food for the Acton Food Bank with \$1151.34 dollars donated going to the Acton Salvation Army.

The game is not without a taste of the NHL. Bryan Lewis, former Head Referee for the NHL will be officiating in his fifth hockey challenge.


Plan to attend this charitable event that endeavours to engage local youth with law enforcement, in a positive way on Thursday, Feb. 19, 2pm, at the Acton Arena.



AQUA DUCKS WINNERS: 22 swimmers competed in a Scarborough swim meet in January, all of which placed in their events capturing 92 ribbons. 55 of them were 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place. The Ducks are getting ready for the next meet in Guelph University in February. - Submitted photo

AHS Girls blank Aquinas


Hayley Halls, Megan Evans and Rebecca Woolford each scored a goal as Acton High School administered a 3-0 drubbing on St. Thomas Aquinas from Oakville in Halton Girls' Hockey at Acton arena on Wednesday, Feb. 4.



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