

Beliveau and Bowers to headline celebrity dinner

Another all-star lineup has been assembled for the Milton Chamber of Commerce's seventh annual Sports Celebrity Dinner and Auction.

Slated for Tuesday, Jan. 20 at Rattlesnake Point Golf Club, the fundraiser event will be headlined by two of the NHL's most recognizable alumni.

The far more successful one — at least in terms of team success — is Jean Beliveau, who as an always productive centre captured a total of 10 Stanley Cups during the Montreal Canadiens' championship dynasty

through the '60s and '70s.

Among very few opposing players who drank from Lord Stanley during that era, Toronto goaltending great Johnny Bower will complete the one-two main event punch this time around.

Nicknamed the 'China Wall' and a regular visitor to Milton — as a close friend of Father Mark Curtis — the former Maple Leafs netminder backstopped the team to its last championship in 1967.

Taking over emcee duties is SportsNet Ontario's Evanka Osmak, while back for

another year is Milton's hometown celebrity Argonauts linebacker — and three-time Grey Cup champion — Mike O'Shea.

Canadian Major League Baseball great Fergie Jenkins and Canadian Olympic Trampolinist Karen Cockburn will also be part of the festivities, while serving as this year's harness racing guests will be Randy Waples and Sandy Hawley, two of the most prominent drivers in the sport.

The Milton Old-Stars hockey team — which has been a major contributor to several non-profit groups over the years (see

more on club's community support in next Friday's *Champion*) — will be honoured as this year's 'local celebrity.'

The evening will include a live and silent auction — with a wide assortment of sports memorabilia and other items up for grabs — as well as a cocktail reception and autograph session prior to the dinner.

Tickets for the event cost \$150 each. Proceeds will once again go to the chamber's scholarship program.

To book a seat or sponsor the fundraiser, call Krista Lenardon at (905) 878-0581.

Narrow wins keep peewees in thick of things

Milton's AA peewees kept hopes of a top-three finish alive with a pair of low scoring victories within the past week.

The most recent came at Memorial Arena Tuesday evening, when the Winterhawks rallied from two one-goal deficits to edge the St. Catharines Falcons 3-2.

Andrew Dodson capped a three-point night by netting the game winner with 6:15 remaining — just 29 seconds after captain Ben Preisner sank his second equalizer of the night.

Sam Robson and Matthew Gooding put pressure on the visiting goalie with several strong shots from the point, while defenceman Mitchell Popp was once again seamless in his latest move up to the forward ranks.

Contributing single helpers to the narrow win were Jacob Quinn, Matthew Gooding and Kevin Galley.

Two days earlier in Brampton, Milton enjoyed textbook goaltending from Anthony Henein and a few key defensive plays en route to blanking the Battalion 2-0.

Shining at both ends of the ice, Galley scored the insurance goal and rushed back to make a diving poke-check and prevent a breakthrough.

Drake Bailey also lit the lamp, while Michael Bergman drew the only assist.

The two goals came in the final six minutes of play. Robson came through with some big penalty killing to help stone the hosts.

The Winterhawks came up on the less favourable end of a shutout in St. Catharines Saturday, getting eclipsed 1-0.

Quality scoring chances were at a minimum for both teams, with Gooding delivering some huge hits and Popp faring well up front.

Now 13-7-4 and six points out of top spot (as of last night), with games in hand on the teams ahead of them, the AA peewees have four regular-season con-

tests remaining. Their biggest test of the lot comes tomorrow afternoon at Milton Sports Centre against the second-place Ancaster Avalanche. Game time is 3:30 p.m.



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