

## Recreation Scene

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This week our arena operation will end for this year. We will be turning the plants off on Thursday, April 15. It has been a good year and we have appreciated the patronage of the people of the municipality and surrounding area. We hope that we were able to satisfy the needs of the groups from Midland which we fit into our ice schedule for the past four weeks. We enjoyed having you although not under such unfortunate circumstances. We certainly wish you luck in your next year's endeavours.

I was fortunate to receive in the mail this week a cheque for \$2,000.00 from Wintario Projects Grants. This money is to help four area athletes defray their travelling expenses and professional instruction fees. They are Brian and Mary Kay Orser, two Penetanguishene Figure Skaters, Anne Merkley our little Tennis Star and Michelle Simpson a Figure Skater from Elmvalle. Wintario was pleased to help these talented youngsters improve their skills. Our thanks to Wintario and the Minister in charge Mr. Robert Welch.

Another reminder about the minor softball meeting to be held April 20, in the Arena Lounge at 7:30 p.m. Remember the league will not operate this year unless we have an executive and enough coaches to operate the league properly. With a lot of help it only means an hour and a half a week to look after a house league team. So come on adults please don't let the children down.

### Ringette Results

Exhibition Games Played Saturday April 3, 1976

#### Petites

The Petites team lost 8-4 to Oro. Scoring goals for Penetanguishene were Cathy King with three and Danielle Desroches with one. The score was 4-2 at the end of the first period and ended in an 8-4 victory for Oro. This is the first year for our Petites division and the girls have improved their game tremendously over the past few months.

#### Tweens

Penetanguishene prevailed by a 10-3 score in this game as the Tween division continue to be the strongest in our association. Their attack was led by Mary Pat Quilty who had three goals while Lena Belcourt and Mary Theresa Gignac each had two goals with singles being scored by Lucille Robillard and Lisa Paradis with one other goal scored by an unidentified player.

#### Belles

The Jets evened their playoff series on Tuesday with a very close 8-7 victory over the Toros. The final game will be played on Tuesday, April 13, to decide the winner.

Anne Robillard scored three goals for the winners while Cathy Lethbridge and Michelle Lacroix each had two goals and Janet Belcourt scored a single. For the Toros Donna Brooks had five goals and Pat Peltier two.

The Jets did it the hard way by coming back from a 6-2 deficit at the end of the period to eventually squeeze out the one goal victory.

#### Petites

The Canadians wrapped up their house league championship with a very close 3-1 victory over the Leafs, allowing them to win their series in two straight games.

Danielle Desroches had two goals for the winners with Luanne Hook scoring the other. Cathy King had the lone goal for the Leafs.

#### Tweens

The two teams that will meet have now been decided in the Tweens division. Robbies Beavers who had wrapped up a position in the finals last week will now meet the Hot Shots who had to go into overtime to take out a 5-4 victory over Faughnsy.

Janine King who scored three goals for the winners including the winner at 2:27 of the five minute overtime period. Shelly Forget scored the other two goals for the winners.

Denise Lacroix, Lisa Paradis, Sandra Leroux and Lucille Robillard each had a goal for Faughnsy. Lucille's goals forced the game into overtime only to have the Hot Shots pull the victory out in a very well played and exciting game.

The final game will be played at 4 p.m. on Thursday April 15. Followed by presentations and a small party in the upstairs lounge. A good crowd of parents would certainly be appreciated to watch this final game.



### Most valuable player

Penetanguishene Recreational Hockey League Secretary-Treasurer Peter Dubeau congratulates Paul Loughran, of Ken's Esso, for winning the most valuable player in the league award and his team's MVP selection.

Staff photo



### Labatt's Brewers Trophy winners

Bob Bruce, Labatt's Breweries representative, congratulates Bill Klug and Larry Ruston, coach, of Emery's Electric for winning the league championship and the Labatt's Brewers Trophy. The presentation was made at the recreational league's annual awards banquet on Saturday night.

## Beat Penetang Marine 3-2

# Emery's takes recreational championship

The Penetanguishene Recreational Hockey League championship series went right down to the wire last week.

In the final game Emery's Electric edged Penetang Marine 3-2 to take the series and the championship three games to two.

It was a hard-fought contest and one of the best hockey games seen in the Penetang arena this season. More than 300 fans were on hand to witness the tie-breaker.

Emery's hit early with Waxy Gregoire, the league's leading scorer, firing an unassisted marker to give the winners a lead they never lost.

Halfway through the

period Emery's Ken Poppel took a Gregoire pass and slipped it under Marine's goalie Garry Ronald's pad.

Six minutes later Dirk Alberts put Marine back in contention with a

wicked slapshot past Emery's goaltender Ted Mason. The goal was assisted by Kevin Timmons.

In the middle frame Bill Klug scored what proved to be the winning goal on a pass from John

Garroway at the 11:34 mark.

A fine wrist shot by Gil Deschamps less than five minutes into the third brought Marine within one goal and made for a dramatic ending to an excellent year of recreational hockey action. Larry Leroux assisted on Marine's second goal.

Marine buzzed around Emery's net but were foiled throughout the third period by the superb goaltending of Mason who has surprising agility and quickness for a big man. He certainly showed why he was the best goaltender in the four-team league this past season.

Mason got a bit of help

from the referee's quick whistle in the final minute as Marine players swarmed around the net. The referee, trying to avoid goalmouth shoving matches, blew the puck dead even though it was loose on the opposite side of the crease in front of a gaping net.

Emery's had earlier won the league regular season championship as they ran away with first place, ending up 12 points in front of second-place Penetang Marine.

It was interesting to note that while Emery's lost only three games in the 20-game regular season they were handed two defeats by the Marine squad in that tense final series.

**Awards Banquet**  
On Saturday night in Lafontaine, the league held its annual awards banquet with most players in attendance.

League President Ron Bellisle complimented the players on an excellent year of hockey.

He also pointed out that a win by Penetang Marine in the final series would have meant that the championship trophy had gone to four different teams in four years. The comment was greeted by a roar of approval from Marine players who suggested they accept the championship trophy anyway.

Bellisle said the league is considering some changes for next year

with an eye towards more stop time in the playoffs.

"The first period was half over Wednesday before the last of the line got into the arena," he said.

Bellisle was re-elected president of the league and Peter Dubeau will once again be secretary.

Paul Loughran, of Ken's Esso, was noted the most valuable player of the year and Waxy Gregoire took the MVP award for playoff action.

Dubeau presented the top goaltending award to Ted Mason, of Emery's Electric, who had a 3.35-goals-against average.

The top scorer in the league was Waxy Gregoire with 29 goals and 23 assists for 52

points. Twelve of the goals came in his last two games of the season.

Emery's Electric coach Larry Ruston and his players were presented with the Labatt's Brewers Trophy for winning the league championship.

The championship trophy went to the same group.

The most valuable player on Emery's Electric was chosen by his team as John Garroway. Garry Ronald won the team MVP award for Penetang Marine while Larry Patonaude took it for B & J Gas Bar and Paul Loughran for Ken's Esso.

The banquet was followed by a dance in the hall upstairs.

Emery's Electric 3 Penetang Marine 2	
<b>First Period</b>	
1) Emery's—W. Gregoire (unassisted)	2:55
2) Emery's—Poppel (W. Gregoire)	7:01
3) Marine—Alberts (Timmons)	13:20
<b>Second Period</b>	
4) Emery's—Klug (Garroway)	11:34
<b>Third Period</b>	
5) Marine—Deschamps (Leroux)	4:55



### Goaltending award

League Secretary-Treasurer Peter Dubeau presents Electric, who kept his goals-against average down to the goaltending award to Ted Mason, of Emery's 3.35 per game.



Ron Manning, a former Canadian champion, shows his victory Saturday night at the Penetanguishene curling club.

## Toronto curlers play local teams

Penetanguishene Curling Club members had a chance to watch some excellent curling Saturday night when Ron Manning brought his rink to town.

Manning who was on the Canadian Championship team in 1976 faced stiff competition at the World Curling Championship that same year faced some pretty tough competition here.

A Penetanguishene rink skipped by Fred Desrochers came back from a 2-0 deficit to tie in the last end.

"I had to outdraw them on the last rock," Desrochers said.

The other members of the rink were: Denis O'Leary, vice; Bob Bald, second; and Al Fournier, lead.

In two six-end games the Manning rink won one and tied the other.

Manning's rink members were: Keith Reilly, lead; Peter

Phillips, second; and John Ross, vice. They play out of the Lambton Golf and Country Club in Toronto.

"We really enjoy evenings like this," Manning said later. "But we don't often get a chance because most of the big events take place in Toronto."

The other Penetanguishene rink was skipped by John Desrochers. Al McClindon was vice, Mike Bourrie, second, and Wally Meisinger.

They lost 6-4 in a game which was close throughout.

A large crowd was on hand to watch the visiting curlers and it was also the club's final Jitney night of the season.

A dance followed with music supplied by Doug Johnston, a CKMP disc jockey.

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**Penetanguishene Minor Softball Organizational meeting**  
Tuesday, April 20 - 7:30 p.m. in the arena lounge

**Penetanguishene Tennis Club Organizational meeting**  
Wednesday, April 28 - 7 p.m. in the council chambers, town hall.

**Penetang Arena closes Thursday, April 15.**

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