

# My 10 favourite movies

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The following is a short resume of the movies which I enjoyed the most throughout the past 12 months. All of them were theatrically released during this period:

1) **COUNTRY** - Jessica Lange stepped into a new class as an actress and as a film maker in this movie, which came straight from the heart. This sensitive drama outlines the plight of the modern-day American farmer, whose livelihood and traditional lifestyle is being threatened. **COUNTRY** is a modern-day *Grapes of Wrath*.

2) **GREYSTOKE** - Although there have been dozens of Tarzan movies over the years, this one is in a class by itself. Hugh Hudson, maker of *Chariots of Fire*, turned his creative eye to Edgar Rice Burroughs' first novel and he made a visually beautiful and literally faithful screen adaptation of it.

3) **IRRECONCILABLE DIFFERENCES** - This comedy drama about human relationships touched a chord somewhere. It contains Ryan O'Neal's best screen work since *Barry Lyndon*, it launched Shelley Long as a film comedienne comparable to Goldie Hawn at her best, and it also showed young Drew Barrymore to be a considerable child actress. Besides being about a relationship, this film was also a clever spoof on today's film industry.

4) **THE KARATE KID** - This warm and humorous movie bore a lot of similarity to *Rocky* which is not so surprising because it was done by the same director, John Avildsen. It uses the same basic formula, but to winning effect in this tale about a boy who moves to California with his mother is forced to take karate lessons from a Japanese neigh-

bour in order to defend himself from bullies. Pat Morita almost stole the show as the wise patient Oriental.

5) **THE LAST STARFIGHTER** - I didn't really expect very much from this *Star Wars* imitator, but it had a surprising amount of originality and a refreshing sense of humour. Robert Preston was memorable in the cast as an intergalactic con man.

6) **THE NATURAL** - Robert Redford's first screen role in almost four years was a triumphant return for the actor. He plays an aging baseball player whose career was tragically thwarted by an unfortunate event in his past. He returns for one last chance. The excellent supporting cast included Robert Duvall, Wilford Brimley and Richard Farnsworth.

7) **PHAR LAP** - This well-made family film

about a world famous racehorse came from Australia. The only American actor in the cast was Ron Liebman.

8) **PLACES IN THE HEART** - This tale about rural life during the Depression was a real winner. Sally Field deserves to win another Oscar for her performance as a feisty widow, but the entire cast was great. Directed by Robert Benton of *Kramer Vs. Kramer* fame, this film was a moving experience.

9) **THE PRODIGAL** - This tale about a modern-day prodigal son was produced by the Billy Graham organization, but it was well-acted and it contained a stirring message.

10) **INDIANA JONES AND THE TEMPLE OF DOOM** - This long-awaited sequel by Stephen Spielberg to *Raiders of the Lost Ark* was chockfull of action, suspense and cliff-hanging sequences. Harrison Ford returned as Indiana Jones.

## Midland takes two crowns

Midland Centennial Arena hosted the Regional Silver Stick Hockey Tournament from Dec. 26 to Dec. 29 and what a tourney it was.

A total of 44 games were played over the course of the tournament.

Midland Little Lake BP Major Atoms defeated Collingwood Atoms 2-0 to take the Atom crown in the competition.

The Midland club will now be off to Sarnia on Feb. 15 to compete in the International Silver Stick Tournament. Well done fellas!

At the international championship teams from Ohio, New York and other Canadian teams will be in Sarnia and Port Huron, Michigan.

Midland Major Atoms will host Penetang Central Marine Major Atoms on Jan. 11 at 7:30 p.m.

In the peewee division, Midland Marlin Travel Peewees lost a close 6-5 decision to Aurora in overtime. With four seconds left in the game, Midland looked like the eventual winners, but

Aurora managed to tie the game at 5-5.

Midland Legion Midgets won their division over Collingwood 9-3 to take the midget title. Again, well done!

The bantam division was won by Flesherton 5-4 over Aurora.

Grandravine took the juvenile title by downing Lorne Park 7-2.

The most valuable player of the game awards went to Midland midgets Archie Meridis, Steve Bressette, Pat Marchand and Guy Jeannotte. For the peewees, the award went to Chris Bales, Jason Nicoll, Andrew Bowers, Gary Moore, Gary Miller and Shane Cooper.

Receiving the most valuable player award in the bantam division was Greg Hawtte. In the juvenile division the same honors went to Mike Magloughlin and Steve Bisson.

Midland's Chris Hackney received the shutout award for some great puck stopping.

Organizers of the event termed the regional tournament a great success.

Penetang Central Marine Major Atoms worked their way into the International Silver Stick Tournament being held in Port Huron, Michigan and Sarnia, Ontario this February.

Last week, Wasaga Beach held the 12th Annual Regional Silver Stick Tournament.

In the Atom division were 16 teams entered; and after five victories each, the top teams met to decide the overall champions, the runner-up team still being assured of qualifying for entry into the International Tournament.

On Sunday afternoon at the Wasaga Beach Stars Arena, the teams from Erin and Penetang faced-off. This,

however, was not to be Penetang's day as they lost a hard close fought game by a score of 7-4.

In the other games played Penetang was victorious five times.

Penetang's good goal tending, good defensive and offensive play made the team look very good in all of their games played.

Special mention should go to the team's captain Tim Mason who was awarded the most valuable player of game award five times.

Penetang Major Atoms will now begin to prepare for the journey to Sarnia to represent our region in the 16th Annual North American Silver Stick Tour-

nament. Good luck, best wishes, and good hockey goes out to Central Marine Major Atoms from Penetang.

## Silver Stick won by Central Marine

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## Silver Stick

more scoring and with the victory ensured themselves a semi-final berth.

On Sunday, Dec. 30, Elmvale Brown's Red and White Foodmaster peewees put themselves in the Silver Stick championship game with a convincing and exciting 7-0 win in their semi-final match against Ennismore peewees.

As they have done so often, the Elmvale club stormed the opposition end from the opening whistle and surprised them with three goals before two minutes had passed.

Robby Conn opened the scoring with his first of three unassisted goals and the second came moments later when Mark Phillips snared the puck during a goalmouth scramble and fed it to Mark Elliott for the score. Thirteen seconds later, Elmvale fans were cheering again as Chris Jacobs and Jeff Parent roared in with great passing, allowing Doug Beardsall to notch the first of his hat trick.

Ennismore had a tremendous opportunity to get something going in the second period when they came up with a two man advantage however, as they pressed for a goal, Robby Conn was able to steal the puck and race in for the only score of

the period. The Elmvale club continued their pressure into the third and with awesome forechecking by Jeff Parent and Chris Jacobs, Doug Beardsall banged in his second of the game.

Some fumbling around in front of the Elmvale net gave Ennismore a hard shot but Kevin Fay came up with a tremendous save to preserve his shutout.

Jeff Parent kept up his hard work with his third assist as he helped

Doug Beardsall cap the scoring in the impressive 7-0 game.

Later in the day, the anticipated championship game proved to be a disappointment to the Elmvale club as they came up against the aggressive team from Alliston.

Hard work and determination by all the boys kept them in the game, down 5-3, until the ten minute mark of the third period. While struggling to equalize they left themselves

open to many two on one and breakaway situations that Alliston were able to capitalize on, as they forged ahead with six unanswered goals, to an 11-3 victory.

Robby Conn was the marksman on the three Elmvale goals with assists going to Gerald Martin and Jeff Parent.

Congratulations to Elmvale Brown's Red and White Foodmaster peewees and their coaching staff for an

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exciting and hard fought Silver Stick tournament.

Being the Peewee Champion finalists, the boys will now move into further Silver Stick play later in January, at Port Huron Michigan.

The next regular league play will be Saturday, Jan. 5 when they visit Wasaga Beach.



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