



The Russell Legion is throwing its support behind Minor Hockey. Above from left to right: John Ritchie, George Neilson, Omer St. Martin, Bob Morrice, Mike Gloss, Pat Flynn (Pres. of Russell Minor Hockey) and Hugh Latimer are seen presenting a cheque for \$100.00 to David and Peter Latimer.

Russell lads create playground

Russell children are enjoying an exciting new creative playground designed and built by two Russell teenagers, Brian Stewart and Philip Cooper with the help of a \$2,000 Wintario grant. When they began the six week project in early summer Brian and Philip were both sixteen.

The boys had a lot of fun building the playground, although it was hard work, too. They bought the materials, keeping within a budget of \$1,000 and mixed cement, cut wood and put the entire project together.

The playground is rather unique in that it includes a Fort, 14 by 14 feet, a suspended bridge, huge tractor tires donated by Erik Therkelsen, aluminum slides, a balance wheel and other imaginative features calculated to delight young hearts, and maybe a few oldsters, too.

The boys received wages of \$2.15 an hour for their work. The playground can be used winter and summer and can be viewed in the rear of Russell Public School.

R.M.H.A. Newsletter

This is the second in a series of Newsletters to the Community at large from the Russell Minor Hockey Executive.

Since our last attempt, a number of successful fund raising events have taken place, i.e., two dances at the arena, a pitch and dunk concession at the Russell Fair, a Thanksgiving Turkey Bingo and a Minor Hockey Raffle. The raffle was drawn on the Bingo night, October 2, and the following were the lucky winners: Color T.V., Mrs. Cayer, Winchester; Rototiller, Dave Yandon, Edwards; Power Lawn Mower, Victor Provost, Russell; 10-Speed Bicycle, Monique Fraser, Ottawa; Heavy Duty Wheelbarrow, Gary Farmer, Aylmer.

At this point we would like to thank all those who participated in any way to make these events such a success with a vote of thanks to the Russell Old Time Music Makers, and the Russell Old Time band for donations of time and talent for our dances.

We expect that our next project will be our annual Skate-A-Thon and the date and time will be shortly announced. We have no doubt that the community will again be behind us in our endeavours to put Minor Hockey in the "Black".

Your R.M.H.A. representatives made, and were successful in

their bid, to host the Carleton Dundas Minor Hockey League Christmas Tournament for 1978. The tournament will run from December 26 to 30 inclusive and will attract some 40 teams. Detail of the tournament will be announced as soon as all plans have been finalized. Tournament Chairman will be Barry McVey who will be assisted by representatives of the C.D.M.H.L.

Ice times have now been posted on the R.M.H.A. bulletin board and copies given to all coaches. Some adjustments to this schedule were made after they had been issued so please check bulletin board copy for any correct times for your divisions.

S.C.D.M.H.L. competitive ice times for all divisions will be posted immediately upon finalization of those times for "A" and "B" tier teams.

In closing may we again request that any complaints or suggestions be brought to the attention of your executive and not allowed to carry on through the winter. You are again reminded that you are all welcome at any executive meeting for any purpose whether it be for suggestions, complaints or just to drop in and see what transpires at our meetings. Firm dates for these meetings will be posted on the R.M.H.A. bulletin board in the very near future.

Figure Skating news

Figure and Power skaters of all ages turned out for their first lessons of a season that looks fun and exciting. If you missed the registration days there is still limited space left. Call Chris Edmundson: 445-2817.

There will be FUN FUN FUN when the Russell Figure Skating Club presents the movie "Fun with Dick and Jane". Come to the Kinnaird Community Centre, Nov. 4 - showtime 8:30 p.m. (rated PG). After a rollicking laugh at the antics of George Segal and Jane Fonda join your friends for more entertainment - Bar, Music, Cards. There will also be a 50-50 raffle draw (tickets sold separately). Admission: \$2.50 per person.

R. A. News

The Recreation association Annual Election meeting highlights the agenda for the month of November.

The purpose of the election is to get people involved in the R. A. People have a choice of running for president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and four directors. These are the people who make the decisions of what goes on in the recreation program in Russell.

If you're not satisfied in the way the recreation program is being handled, go to the election and get involved.

Although the arena will be losing money, the free skating hours are being changed from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. beginning immediately. Saturday night skating will cost 50 cents from 9p.m. to 11 p.m. Go out and get in shape!!

The arena hall can be rented by any Russell resident for \$150. and \$175. for non-residents. The hall is booked solid until Christmas but there are plenty of rentals available for 1979.

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Sports Ramblings

By Jack McLaren

MAJOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL

Although the hockey season is upon us I wouldn't dare leave the softball scene without mentioning the fine season our Bantam and Squirt teams enjoyed this past summer in the Carleton-Russell softball league. When the play-offs finally concluded in September, the Bantam boys coached by Bas Houlahan had captured the Dr. Kinnaird Trophy and the Squirts guided by Gerry O'Reilly walked off with the Weitse Posthumous Trophy. Congratulations to both teams and to all area teams involved in the minor softball program for making it an interesting season.

INTERMEDIATE FASTBALL

Once again Russell (Cochrane's Dairy) proved to be the superior team and in an exciting final series overcame the Marvelville "A's" to merge as the champions of the Castor Valley Fastball league. At one point the Russell team was down three games to one but fought back to win three in a row.

The series was most entertaining and provided a fair amount of good natured "needling" by both players and fans. Who say the good old days of Russell-Marvelville rivalry are gone? The league doesn't receive the fan support it deserves but for the few faithful who did show up for the final series it was well worth the time and effort.

INTERMEDIATE HOCKEY

A new Intermediate hockey team known as the Russell Warriors will begin play this season. The team comprised of players from the Russell area is entered in the Russell-Cambridge Intermediate hockey league and will be playing their home games every Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. in the Russell arena. Other teams in the league will include Carlsbad, Limoges, Casselman, Chrysler and St. Albert. The basic objective of the team is to provide intermediate level competition for the Russell area players who graduate from the minor leagues but who are not yet ready or interested in playing for the more competitive Russell Raiders.

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