

# Sports

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## Between-Season Blues

Where have all the swimsuits gone, long time passing. Where have all the swimsuits gone, long time ago.

We're at that time of year where we pack away the warm weather sports gear and get out the cold weather garb. Winter's a comin' and I'm a ready. I find it very hard to make the transition from summer sport to winter sport, harder than I found it five years ago. And I have only one thing to blame: cablevision. Anyone who is an avid sports fan knows how hard it is to watch a telecast on American T.V. that deals with a swimming competition or football down south or something else that makes you wish the grass was green again, the leaves were treed again, and the ice was gone off the lakes and rivers. When I see everyone in the States playing outdoor sports outdoors I get a terrible urge to move to a warm sunny clime where I too can partake of the recreation and athletics made possible by life below the whatever parallel.

But then I snap out of it. I realize that I am a Canadian and when the first flakes of snow come to rest on the ground I'm the first

to wave my citizenship papers. I love winter sports and after I pass the "blue" period between the termination of summer-type sports like football and fastball and the winter-time sports like hockey, broomball and the others, I couldn't be more happy to welcome winter.

But getting back to cablevision. I think it's great and I wouldn't be without it when I think of them playing the Super Bowl down south somewhere in January I get a little depressed at not being able to round up a couple of guys to chuck the pigskin when the Super bowl is over.

But when you compare both sides of the argument I guess we up here come out ahead. We are located in such a geographic position that we can take advantage of both worlds. We can play summer sports for five or six months and winter sports for five or six more.

What I suggest is we approach the Ontario government for a RusselDome. The complex would include three arenas, a football field and a baseball field. Wouldn't that solve my "in-between season blues." But seriously.

## Russell Minor Hockey News

The RMHA reports that all minor hockey teams have been set for the upcoming season. A total of eight teams will be operating under Russell colours — five in the A section and three on the B side. For the first time, the association will be operating a juvenile team at the A level. It was necessary to go outside of Russell for a few players but it meant that without outside help the number in Russell alone was insufficient to fill a team.

League games have already commenced. The A Division teams play at the Dr. F. Kinnaird Community Centre every Tuesday night while B games are scheduled on Saturday and Sunday mornings with a single Atom game every Friday night at 6 p.m.

Coaches of individual teams are as follows: Atom A, Garry Patterson; Atom B, Bob Martin; Atom Co-ordinator, Dennis Drevniok. Pee Wee A, Mike Miller; Pee Wee B, Keith Boothe; Pee Wee Co-ordinator, Barry Carscadden. Bantam A, Leo Achtereekte; Bantam B, Ian Cunningham; Bantam Co-ordinator, Gerry Leroux. Midget A, David Wade; Midget Co-ordinator, Leo Bouwhuis. Juvenile A, Jean Paul St. Pierre; Juvenile Co-ordinator, Earl Harrison.

The association has scheduled a Skat-a-thon at the Dr. F. Kinnaird Community Centre on Saturday, Dec. 8th from 7-9 p.m. in an effort to raise funds to help pay operating costs. Participants will be adults only and there will be 10 lucky drawers during the evening. This will be followed by a dance upstairs. Skaters will be admitted to the dance free of charge. While the RMHA expects most hockey parents to take part in this fund raising event, they also welcome any non-hockey parent to participate.

It should be an evening of fun for everyone. In addition a Christmas Bingo is also planned for December (details not yet complete). Support your local hockey program.

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## Halloween Costume Winners

Facilities Manager Paul Wylie is shown with the winners of the costume judging held at the Dr. F. Kinnaird Community Centre on Hallowe'en night. Party organizers were extremely satisfied with the turnout and the many excellent costumes. A list of winners can be found in the Recreational News column.

(Photo courtesy Donna Nordenstram)

## Recreation News

by Paul Wylie

The Recreation Association on your behalf have been providing programs that will interest most of you. We sincerely hope that you participate and if you have further program requests please do not hesitate to contact Paul Wylie at the Arena — 445-2050.

The Hallowe'en Party on the 31st of October was a great success. A special thank you to Rosalie Carley, Donna Nordenstram, Delores Cram and the many volunteers who assisted

## R.A. Purchases New Ice Machine

At a recent meeting the R.A. Board of Directors authorized the purchase of a new ice cleaning machine for the arena. The new ice machine, an Olympia (same as Metcalfe arena) comes with four blades and is adapted for either gas or propane at a cost of \$20,800 plus sales tax. The new machine has been promised for mid-December. In the interim Olympia has supplied, on loan, an ice cleaning machine similar to the one previously used. The old machine, which is almost beyond repair, will be traded in on the new olympia. The firm providing the new ice machine is Resurface Corporation of St. Jacobs, Ontario. To assist the purchase financially, the R.A. has applied for a \$10,000 Wintario grant.

in making this event a super success.

The costume judges: Marilyn Sullivan, Bev Pulfer and Betty Ann Woods had an extremely difficult time selecting winners as all the costumes were very good.

Thank-you girls for your help.

The winners were:

13 yrs and over, Suzanne Chaloux, Denise Thibault; 12 yrs, Kim Currie, Matt Cook; 11 yrs, Kerry Boothe, Tammy Ward; 10 yrs, Kirk Smith, Jackie Bogden; 9 yrs, Billie Jo Bogden, Chris Cousineau; 8 yrs, Michel Geerts, Russell Webster; 7 yrs, Colin Matthew, Kim Ann Guntzel; 6 yrs, Alexandra Verge, David McIlhagga; 5 yrs, Angela Walters, Jason Loucks; 4 yrs, Jeffrey Wade, Jamie McKinnon; 3

yrs, Julie Pygas, Michael Connolly; Pre-school, Barbara Inglis, Ken Bogden.

Dates to Remember:

20th Nov. 1979 — Children Play 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. — Pre-school to Grade 3

2 p.m.-2:45 p.m. — Grades 4 - 6

Admission charge of 50¢ per person.

Dec. 31, 1979 — New Year's Eve Dance (further info next issue)

Mom & Tot Skating — Change in time

10 a.m. — 12 noon TUESDAYS

11 a.m. — 12 noon THURSDAYS

Don't forget if you want more programs please call 445-2050.

See you in the next issue.

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## RUSSELL MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

### Adult Skate-A-Thon & Dance

Saturday December 8, 1979

This year R.M.H.A. is holding an adult Skate-A-Thon and Dance as Russell Minor Hockey's main fund raising event.

\*\*\*FEATURING\*\*\*

\*LUCKY DRAW PRIZES FOR 10 SKATE-A-THON PARTICIPANTS

\*FREE ADMISSION TO DANCE FOR SKATE-A-THON PARTICIPANTS

\*A "HOT SOUP LINE" FOR SKATERS

The Skate-A-Thon will be based on the number of laps completed between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. up to a maximum of 100 laps. Each skater will be responsible for collecting his/her own pledges and remitting them to:

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