

# Sports

Jack McLaren *Ramblings*

## Minor hockey week

Every year in January a week is set aside to honour minor hockey throughout Canada. This year January 19 — 26 has been designated Minor Hockey Week. I was somewhat surprised to read recently that Minor Hockey in Canada last year had 547,659 registered players, most of them under 14 years of age. They made up into 30,899 teams, played in 2,662 leagues, under the supervision of 1,605 minor hockey associations, overseen by 12 branch associations. These were the players and thousands registered with the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association. Thousands more played unregistered. The amazing part of the gigantic organized sport is that all of the above activity is put together by volunteers. Without the tremendous effort put forth by these men and women, many Canadian youngsters would not have the opportunity to enjoy the game. This involves coaches, managers, administrators and referees although the latter may not in some cases be classified as a volunteer as fees are charged. The most obvious volunteer is the coach and it is this person who will have the greatest impact on the young sports life of your child. Clarence Campbell, former President of the National League observed a few years ago, "minor hockey coaches are in the business of building young men."

Having been through the coaching routine, I can assure you it can be both a trying and a rewarding experience. If the team has a winning year each parent attributes it to the splendid play of their son — if the team loses it has to be the coach's fault for not developing the boy's skills and understanding of the game. For most coaches the experience can also be very satisfying. It is far more than just teaching a boy how to take a pass and shoot a puck. They must be knowledgeable of all facets of the game and be aware of the needs of individual players. The example shown by the coach is most important for kids will imitate the behaviour of this model.

Less visible, but every bit as important are the people who administer each association. These people spend tedious hours drawing up hockey schedules that are sure not to satisfy everyone, setting aside practice hours, arranging tournaments, selling tickets, fund raising, arranging travel, etc. These are the workers who operate quietly behind the scenes but without them the entire organization would collapse. One only has to visit arenas at Embrun, Russell and Metcalfe to see these people in action, some of whom have been involved for a number of years. So as minor hockey week is upon us, don't forget to show your appreciation to the people who make all this possible.

## Russell minor hockey

I recently received a copy of the Warriors minor hockey schedule. This book includes photos of the executives, a bit of history of the RMHA, highlights, past trophy winners, 1979-80 team rosters and schedule of each team's home and away games. Much credit has to go to the hockey book committee for putting together this informative document, just another example of volunteers working together. In the brief part on the history of the RMHA had with interest the reference to the fact that the RA Committee had a difficult act to follow after taking over from the late Jack Twiname (Mr. Minor Hockey to many young boys who played their first hockey in the old Russell Arena on very cold Saturday mornings) and Dr. Kinnaird with his "repairs" and encouragement.

## Lions midget hockey tournament

At the time of writing, the decision to hold the annual Russell Lions midget hockey tournament had not been made. This event started out three years ago as an "AA" tournament but last year was reduced to an "A" tournament. I would like to see it revived at the "AA" level although I fully realize that with so many larger tournaments being run at this level after Christmas, getting the necessary number of teams is not always easy. Perhaps running it prior to Christmas is the answer. I know in the past it has helped to put Russell on the map with teams from all over the Ottawa Valley and in the U.S. as far away as Detroit.

## Russell top scorers

"A" Division Warriors		GP	G	A	Pts
Atom	Peter Ladouceur	14	9	1	10
	Alain Gregoire	14	0	5	5
	Paul Straby	14	1	3	4
Pee Wee	Darcy Provost	14	16	5	21
	Shawn O'Reilly	14	6	11	17
	David Bourguignon	14	5	8	13
Bantam	Paul Cochran	14	12	8	20
	Ken Carscadden	14	5	8	13
	Peter Latimer	14	6	6	12
Midget	Paul Labelle	14	8	6	14
	Ron Bouwhuis	14	6	5	11
	Kevin O'Reilly	13	2	7	9
Juvenile	Tom Harrison	15	10	6	16
	Pat Raby	14	8	6	14
	Roy Black	15	3	4	7

"B" Division Braves		GP	G	A	Pts
Atom	Richard Ris	13	19	3	22
	Joel Bouchard	13	6	8	12
	Chris Cousineau	13	4	6	12
Pee Wee	Ronald Geerts	13	17	8	25
	Chris Popovich	13	7	4	11
	Jim Wyman	13	3	7	10
Bantam	Charles Blanchard	13	7	4	11
	Richard Deschamps	13	4	5	9
	Michel St. Pierre	13	3	6	9

# R.A. News

with Paul Wylie

Hello once again:  
We certainly hope your Christmas and New Year celebrations were happy ones.

Many thanks to Don Hay for giving the R.A. a special Christmas hand for the Children's Christmas Party. Incidentally Don is our contact to Santa Claus and without Don's help Santa couldn't have made his yearly visit.

As always, there are many people in the community who are called upon, or volunteer their services to, assist in making special events possible and at this time I'd like to thank all of the ladies from the Thursday morning Mom'n Tot Break program for helping in decorating the Hall. The Russell Lions Club provided the candy canes and funds for decorations; thank you very much.

As many of you are aware, the Arena Staff with the co-operation of Cliff Cullen and the Russell Volunteer Fire Department, took the opportunity to visit many of you on Christmas Eve and handed out candy canes. The weather wasn't the best but we had a super time and sincerely hope you enjoyed the music.

Organized by the Russell R.A. and the Russell Curling Club was a superb success. Special thanks to Jack Tyo, Max Mayling and the R.A. Ladies Auxiliary for the devoted hours of work.

### Dates to Remember

Sat. Feb. 2/80, 10 a.m., Creative Dance Registration; \$32.00; Feb. 2 to May 31 inclusive.

Thurs. Feb. 7/80, 10 a.m., Mom'n Tot Morning Break Registration; \$12.00; Feb. 7 to May 31/80.

Tuesday and Thursday, Tues. 10-12 Mom-n Tot Skating; Thurs. 11-12 Mom'n Tot Skating; no charge.

### Special Programs

In an effort to meet some of the growing community needs the R.A. is providing an English course for those new people, Dutch, Swiss and German who have recently taken up residence here.

Therefore English lessons for New Canadians will be held in Russell at the Dr. F. Kinnaird Community Centre.

Please enrol now and get further details by calling the Dr. F.

Kinnaird Community Centre and speaking with yours truly. Call 445-2050.

Engelse lessen voor nieuwe Canadezen worden gegeven in Russell in het 'Kinnaird Community Centre' voor inschrijving en nadere inlichtingen kunt u het Kinnaird C.C. Opbellen. (Phone: 445-2050) Vraag naar Mr. Paul Wylie.

Englisch kurse für neue Kanadier sind geplant und werden in Russell am Dr. Kinnaird Com-

munity Centre Abgehalten. Bitte Schreiben sie sich jetzt ein! Weitere informationen können sie durch einen telefonanrud ans Dr. Kinnaird Community Centre erfahren, wo herr Paul Wylie, unser facilities manager, ihnen gerne zue verfungung steht.

### Cross Country Ski Lessons

Please call Paul Wylie at 445-2050 for more information. Registration will be published at the Post Office, Arena, Tyo's Red & White and the Feed Store.

## Osgoode Township to get recreation plan

By Peter Van Dusen

Osgoode Township will have a five-year recreation plan by the beginning of March and residents will be asked to take part in its formulation.

"We don't want some airy-fairy report with no input that consultants usually put out. We want a lot of local input to make the report worthwhile," Mary Cooper, the chairman of the Osgoode Township recreation committee told the Castor Review.

Greer Galloway and Associates, of Peterborough, has been hired to carry out an in-depth study of recreation needs required in the township in the next five years. By the end of the month representatives from the firm will be going

to randomly selected homes in Osgoode Township and asking people to fill out a questionnaire on recreation needs.

"They will be getting a complete overview of recreation needs for now and the future. The writing is on the wall for Wintario. There is a freeze of funds from the lottery right now. So if and when it's lifted it looks good to have a plan to justify where the money is being spent when you go for a grant," Cooper said.

Osgoode Township Reeve Albert Bouwers will also look at equalized funding for recreation from the three principle communities, namely Metcalfe, Osgoode and Greely.

"At the present time people in Osgoode are paying 16 mills on their taxes to pay for the Osgoode Community Centre, people in Metcalfe pay 10 mills on their taxes for the Metcalfe Community Centre and people in Greely pay five mills. Greely is so low because their centre has no artificial ice surface. But the people from Greely do use the arenas in Metcalfe and Osgoode. Some people feel we should equalize assessment across the township and let everyone use everything," Mr. Bouwers explained.

Decisions on funding and who will use what will likely be included in the recommendations to be handed down by the consultants when the study is complete. It will cost the township \$8,000 and another \$8,000 will be paid for by the Ontario ministry of Recreation and Culture. For more information contact the Osgoode Township Hall.

## Russell Reinsmen

The regular meeting of the 4-H Horse Club was held on Jan. 8. Plaques were presented to members who participated in the last club and had been unable to attend the annual meeting in December. Our speaker was Karl Dronshek. He gave an interesting talk on the care and training of garted horses (Saddlebreds) after which we had a very lively discussion period. Sorry, parents, if we kept them a little late. They were so involved we hated to break it up.

Next meeting is Feb. 5. The Roll Call to be addressed with information on Saddlebreds. The Extension Club will be having a meeting Feb. 6. Call 445-2976 or 445-5209 for details.



### RUSSELL PEE-WEE'S

(Winners of Chesterville Pee-Wee 'B' Tournament)

Front Row L to R—Mike Rothenberger, Marty Eggum, Ronald Geerts (C), Jim Wyman, Gordon Sheldrick  
Middle Row—David Tougas, Donat Patenaude (A), Ian Turner, Andre Barette.

Back Row—Steven Henley, David Bols, Kerry Boothe, Daren Michaud, Thomas Gloor.

Coach—Keith Boothe

Ass. Coach—Yvon Haman

(Michael Van Dusen Photo)