

# Sports

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## Ramblings



### No District Transfers

Although there have been rumblings in recent years that the C.A.H.A. was no longer going to permit boys involved in minor hockey to transfer to teams outside their District, it was not until May of this year that this regulation was actually adopted. Just a few days ago we received a notice that the Ottawa District Minor Hockey Association (ODMHA) at its meeting of June 2nd, 1980 voted to adhere to C.A.H.A. residence regulations commencing with the 1980-81 playing season. This, in effect, means that District Transfers as we have come to know them to the maximum of two per team at the "AA" level will no longer be permitted. In other words boys from the Russell, Metcalfe and Embrun area will no longer be able to play for teams in Ottawa, Gloucester or Nepean.

The O.D.M.H.A. goes on to say that a one year exemption to the new C.A.H.A. regulation will be applied during the 1980-81 season to allow those players who were District Transfers last season and who come from Districts not icing "AA" teams (basically Districts outside the centre of Ottawa, Nepean and the Township of Gloucester) in their age group to try out for and, if successful, play for "AA" teams of the Association they played for last season.

The O.D.M.H.A., in an effort to soften the impact of this decision, is encouraging Districts who do not have "AA" hockey teams to establish such teams so that players with this potential will have an opportunity to play at this skill level.

What effect this decision will have on local area boys is uncertain. Obviously it will affect the few who have the ability to perform at the "AA" level and do not have a "AA" team in their District with which they can play. In my view the decision not to allow District transfers from Districts which do not have "AA" competition is wrong.

Whether or not the O.D.M.H.A. will permit any flexibility in the decision remains to be seen. Already there is some opposition mounting to protest this new regulation.

There is some merit of the O.D.M.H.A. suggestion that Districts who do not now have "AA" hockey teams, attempt to establish such teams. This will surely take some time to get off the ground and I doubt if they could really be competitive. First of all the size of the rural hockey Districts would create problems. Where would the team be based? What would it be called? It would mean a considerable amount of driving for some boys — this in itself would discourage some boys, or at least their parents, from participating.

I doubt very much if the C.A.H.A. can enforce this new regulation but if they do, then we will have some boys with an exceptionally high level of hockey skills playing at a much lower level. It won't be much fun for them or for the opposition I might add.

### Recreation News

by Paul Wylie

The Russell Lions' Club and the R.A. have received the Kinn-Aid Day Camp grant and we've hired three local students. Christena Weatherall is this year's co-ordinator and she is working with our summer leaders, Angelika Reis and Nicole Berube. Should you have any problems please contact Christena and she will be more than happy to help you.

#### Day Camp Program

Anyone still wishing to register may do so by calling Christena or Paul at 445-2050 or by coming down to the Arena between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Sessions still open are: July 21 to August 1; August 4 to August 15; August 18 to August 29.

#### Pre-School Program

Due to the overwhelming response to this program two additional mornings have been opened. Monday, Wednesday, Tuesday and Thursday are now full and we cannot accept further registrations.

#### Special Programs

Parent's Night — For each session a planned parents' night will be held with hot dogs and marshmallows. We'll have a sing-along and lots of fun. This event will be held at the arena and should it rain the program will move inside. So please note the following dates for parents' night: Thursday, July 31, 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, August 14, 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, August 28, 7:30 p.m. If you have children registered

for these sessions please plan to attend.

1000 Island Boat Cruise — We have planned the 1000 Islands Boat Cruise for Friday, August 29. A great deal of planning and work has gone into making this event possible and we sincerely hope that you take the opportunity to register before July 31.

Due to the necessity to meet financial commitments for this trip we must meet our quota of 132 people for the cruise. If this number has not registered by July 31 we will simply have to cancel. You can register at the arena between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Departure time from the arena is 8:30 a.m. and will return home at 6:30 on Friday, August 29.

#### Beef Bar-B-Q

Don't forget to circle Saturday, September 6, 1980. This is your day to enjoy a super meal and have a great time swingin' your partner to oompah and swingin' music by Helmut's Bavarian. Your tickets can be purchased from: Tyo's Red & White, Peter Romme, any R.A. Board member, and at the arena. Children's Tickets: \$2.50 each, Adults: \$7.00 each.

#### Fund Raising

CAN YOU HELP US? We are in need of volunteers to assist us in planning and organizing fund raising events. A committee will be formed to handle this task and should you wish to help please contact Paul Wylie at 445-2050 or contact any R.A. Board member.

## 4-H Leadership Camp worthwhile experience

by Heather Conway

This year's Provincial 4-H Leadership Camp taught those who attended a great deal about being a leader as well as how to work well with others, says Kim Eadie of Russell.

She, along with Pamela Smit and Susan Kingsbury, also area club members, returned recently from the camp held near Dorset, Ontario.

The three girls were chosen along with 110 other 4-H members from across the province to attend the week long program of learning, fun and fellowship. The camp program is designed to help the

delegates develop their leadership potential.

Kim, 18, has been with the club for eight years.

"At the beginning of the week we were divided into "ships" of about 20 kids in each. We put on skits, and competed with other "ships" in sporting events and games."

Pamela, also 18, was enthusiastic: "The camp was very well organized which just made it that much more enjoyable. I learned a lot of things about myself."

"Although I'm going away to university in the fall I hope to be

active in the 4-H this summer as well as in the future." Pamela has been involved with the club for seven years.

"I had the opportunity to meet lots of people who shared my interests and I made a lot of new friends."

"I plan to use the knowledge I've gained in the youth leadership program" said Susan, 17, who joined the club six years ago.

Teaching the delegates how to successfully use their knowledge and their newly acquired skills — not only in 4-H but in community programs — is the objective of the leadership camp.

### Senators draft Todd McLaren

At the recent Central Junior A Hockey League draft, the Ottawa Senators selected Todd McLaren of Russell as their third round choice. Todd, age 15, still has one remaining year of midget eligibility left but now hopes to play this coming season at the Junior level with the Senators. To date he has played for teams in Metcalfe, Embrun and the last four years he has been a member of Gloucester Ranger AA teams. In his first year as a Ranger he was selected as the Most Valuable Defenceman in the Pee Wee AA Division of the National Capital Minor Hockey League.

The Central Junior League started a youth movement last year when teams selected several players who had one year of midget eligibility remaining. A number of these players were early selections in last month's Major OHA draft. The recent Central League draft indicates this movement is being continued which is a step in the right direction if young players are to have the opportunity to develop before stepping into Major OHA competition.

### Open golf on Aug. 17

The second annual Russell Open Golf Tournament for men will be held on Sunday, Aug. 17 at the Metcalfe Golf Course.

The entry fee is \$18 and must be paid two weeks prior to golf day. Entry fee includes green fees, meal, refreshments and tournament souvenirs.

Make up a foursome or enter individually. Entry forms are available from Barry McVey, Gerry O'Reilly, Jim Sullivan, Gord Saunders and Jack Tyo.

First entries received will have preferred tee-off times, starting at 7 a.m. and finishing at 2 p.m. A rain date has been set. All area golfers and sportsmen are welcome to participate on this day for fun and sun.

### TENDER

Renovations to Dr. F. Kinnaird Community Centre Kitchen (Upstairs Hall)

The renovations involve construction of one serving and working island complete with three sinks and electrical wall outlets. Removal and relocation of cupboards, and removal and relocation of sinks and large refrigerator. The stove must be moved and exhaust fan and ductwork installed, vented to the outside east wall.

Tender Packages with diagrams can be obtained at the Dr. F. Kinnaird Community Centre. Please contact Paul Wylie at 445-2050.

Closing date for tenders Aug. 1, 1980 at 12 noon.

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