

SPORTS - Minor Hockey in Ontario -

"Competition and Children: Too much, too soon?"

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The "NEWS" will be featuring various articles concerning Ontario youth in sports, with an emphasis placed on Minor Hockey. We hope that you and your child will read through this material together and benefit from it. Hockey is a very important form of recreation and sport in Northwestern Ontario as well as other parts of Canada but more and more we are hearing 'bad reports'; these reports include injuries received through hockey, player attitudes, etc.

Hockey is a typical

part of Canadian childhood. Whether on a backyard rink, an outdoor community rink or within a minor hockey programme, Canadian families are becoming involved.

The up-coming articles are directed specifically at the parents of minor hockey players. It addresses many of the questions and concerns of parents in order to increase their awareness of the issues that relate directly to their children, as for example the effects of competition, what hockey is teaching children, what

to expect from a coach, safety equipment, and much more. One thing is certain, if hockey is to be a learning and enriching experience to the boys and girls playing, then the needs and interests of these children must be foremost in the minds of the adults involved.

Read through the articles ... learn if your children are enjoying their hockey experience and whether it meets their needs. Talk to other parents, to the volunteers and to the coaches. **GET INVOLVED!** by CAL BOTTERILL
What are the differ-

ences in competition arranged by children, as opposed to competition in an adult-controlled setting?

There's a tremendous difference when you compare pick-up hockey vs. organized league hockey, or sandlot ball vs. Little League. One of the obvious differences? Count the smiles, observe the yells of joy and enthusiasm! Organized games often lack these. Children often arrange games of progressive challenge, they alter rules and environment as the need arises. This involves problem-solv-

ing which benefits cognitive development. And everyone is active! They're not sitting on the end of the bench.

Author Tommy Tutko says that young kids are more interested in the process than in the product. Sometimes after the game they ask "Who Won?" The parents and adults are more concerned with the result.

How do children respond to organized competition, and does it vary with the age of the child?

The response depends on two things: the degree of emphasis and the child's level of maturity. If the competition is kept in perspective with the child's growth and Development needs, the response can be beneficial.

Is the child mature enough to cope with the additional stress and distraction? I think some 12 year olds may be ready for a competitive emphasis, particularly if they've had positive early experiences. Others have been turned off by bad experiences and are unlikely to cope well with competition.

Does competition serve a useful purpose in a child's life?

Certainly it can, if introduced in a reasonable and progressive manner. The ability to compete is important, as is the ability to cooperate and to be part of a team. When you consider the dominant emphasis in the lives of North Americans, there's absolutely no doubt where it lies. It's all on winning.

Competition in sport, when appropriately organized, can be challenging and stimulating but only if kept in perspective. Many adults forget that maturity is

developed not achieved. **How do adults and children differ in their view of competition?**

A recent survey found tremendous differences. The kids may think the officiating is great, while the parents think it's a problem. Parents say sportsmanship is important, but kids report that their parents yell at the officials.

It doesn't take long before kids are "professionalized" by adults and start mirroring the "win despite the cost" of the pro model.

NEXT WEEK: The Player's Perspective: "How do they view the hockey experience?"

Local P.C.'s plan strategy

With the possibility that Premier Bill Davis may be calling for a Provincial election sooner than expected, parties across the Northwest have been busy setting out plans and procedures on selecting a candidate to represent the Lake Nipigon Riding.

It was recently announced that Gilles Pouliot was nominated as a candidate for the NDP, but the Progressive Conservative and the Liberal parties have yet to make their selections known.

With the upcoming elections on their minds, the Terrace Bay and Schreiber P.C. Association have been busy arranging interaction groups, hosting membership drives, and meeting informally to discuss this issue.

Last Tuesday evening, a dinner meeting and 'get-together' was held at the Villa Bianca in Schreiber, in hopes of providing the chance for members and supporters of the party to familiarize themselves with the Association's executive and with the many others who were in attendance.

Jim Johnson of Schreiber chaired the brief but informative meeting and introduced special guests: Bob

Cheetham (P.C. President of Marathon); Karen Park (Terrace Bay - Schreiber "NEWS"); and Tim Delaney (Area Vice Pres. of Zone E, Cochrane-Superior Federal P.C. Assoc.).

President of the Lake Nipigon P.C. Riding, Joe Figliomeni, gave a brief presentation on his recent trip to Toronto which he attended with 1st Vice, Cos Filane, for the purpose of discussing strategy and to invite more members into the organization. He read the following insert, taken from the "Recruitment Update" brochure entitled "Why do people join a political party?" written by John Howard.

"People join a political party for a variety of reasons. There may be as many reasons as there are members. However, despite the

uniqueness of an individual's motivation, we can identify several common themes. The better our understanding of why people join a party, the more effective our recruitment efforts will be. One of the major factors influencing a person to join the Ontario P.C. Party is a philosophical commitment to a particular role for government in society. The party has always supported the free enterprise system tempered by government initiatives in appropriate circumstances. By balancing the interests of the individual and the community, the Ontario P.C. Party has provided enlightened and dynamic leadership for over forty years. Less than five per cent of the population is involved in the political process beyond casting a vote during an elec-

tion. Collectively, this group has a tremendous impact on society. When a person participates in the political process, they cease to be a passive member of the audience in the drama of life and they become an actor whose presence makes a difference. When a person joins the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party, he or she is joining a team comprised of tens of thousands of individuals across the province. One of the reasons why many people join a political party is to meet new people, make new friends, and to widen their circle of contacts. As a President of a riding association team, a person has an opportunity to become involved in a variety of activities including social events and election campaigns. Individual team members have an opportunity for personal growth and development as they tackle responsibilities associated with organization and

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No person shall park or stand a vehicle on any Highway under the jurisdiction of The Township of Terrace Bay in such a manner as to interfere with the movement of traffic or with the clearing of snow from the Highway from the 1st day of November to the 15th day of April between the hours of 12:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.

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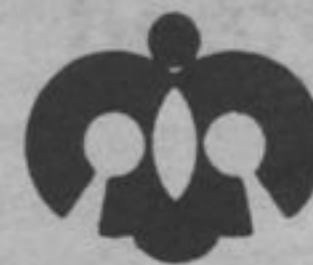
Landscape Oil Painting Workshop

Dates: November 5 & 6 (in Art room of Schreiber Recreation Centre).

Registration: \$35.00 - payable at Schreiber Recreation Centre.

Instructor: Doreen Jetten

The instructor is a professional artist from Thunder Bay. She has held many shows and has work in collections on three continents.



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Date: November 18 & 19, 1983

Time: Friday 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Instructor: Kathleen Ellard

Fee: \$20.00 plus \$5.00 lab fee; total \$25.00

Facility: Schreiber Recreation Centre - Arts & Crafts Room

Registration: To register please contact Kevin Duguay or Michelle Godin at 824-2317 by November 11, 1983.

ATTENTION MOOSE HUNTERS

If you have been successful in shooting a calf moose and have transported it to your home, you no longer need to keep the jaw.

We urge you to bring the jaw to the Ministry of Natural Resources office in Terrace Bay or Manitouwadge. We'll give you a "Successful Moose Hunter" crest in exchange.

We use the jaws

- to determine the success of the new regulations in achieving the desired calf kill;
- to assess the long-term effects of the new kill quotas on our breeding moose herd;
- to determine the general health of calves entering the winter season.

Please remember that you are allowed to shoot a calf in any Wildlife Management Unit, even if you have a validation tag for a bull or cow in a specific W.M.U. However, once you have shot one moose, your hunt is over.



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