

Concerned parent urges other concerned parents to fill out questionnaire to stop violence in sport

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ey. Tyke, Novice, Atom, Oldtimers, and most men's rec leagues now play no contact hockey and I don't think you'd find many of them saying that the game has deteriorated because of the lack of hitting.

To the contrary, most will tell you that both the speed of the game and the skill of the players has increased.

My personal opinion is that a combination of high emotions, sometimes questionable coaching tactics, a feeling of invulnerability, and inconsistent officiating, all combine to present a problem with too many variables to allow for a quick solution under the present format.

I feel a major change is necessary, and that the elimination of body contact is the answer!

I have taken the following statistics from a recent hockey development council pamphlet to help illustrate a point:

1. There are approximately 38,855 players registered with the O.M.H.A. and another 150,000 in house leagues;
2. There are only 300 players in the O.H.L. (major junior A), which is the main feeding group for professional hockey;
3. Less than one per cent of all amateur hockey players in Canada will turn professional and in 1983 only 1/10 per cent played in the NHL.

My point is this: over 99 per cent of all amateur hockey players play the game for fun and recreation!

It is not a means of earning a living; it is a game.

I feel we should do whatever is necessary to keep it as much fun as possible and let those few who decide to make hock-

ey a career, learn the hitting skills from professional coaches.

My main concerns are: 1. keep the game fun for all players; 2. eliminate the fear factor and intimidation tactics; 3. protect the smaller players; 4. allow for greater skills development by taking the emphasis off hitting.

If you too are a concerned minor hockey parent (whether or not you agree with my opinion) please take a minute of your time and answer the following questions. They mail your reply to Kevin Dunlop, Box 1168, Bracebridge, Ontario, P0B 1C0.

My goal is to have 25,000 or more responses, compile the data, and take the results to the O.M.H.A. general meeting in June.

Hopefully, with a united effort, we can affect a major change in the game in time for

the next hockey season.

Thank you all for your help, Kevin Dunlop.

Please answer the following questions:

Name; Address; Number of children in minor hockey; ages; League- OMHA, MTHL, NOHA, Other; Are you concerned about the violence in minor hockey?- yes or no; Would you like to see body contact eliminated from all levels of minor hockey?, yes or no; May I use your name on a petition to the OMHA and other league executives requesting the elimination of body contact in all levels?, yes or no; Can you think of any other possible solutions to this problem?; add any further comments.

Schreiber N.B.C. (Last recorded list)

Team	G.E.	G.A.	W	L	T	PTS.
DIESELS	185	149	13	11	1	27
SUPERIORS	166	170	12	11	2	26
SABRES	147	179	10	13	1	21

Top Ten Scorers

Player & Team	Goals	Assists	PTS.
S. Ross (Diesels)	25	42	67
L. McParland (Sabres)	35	31	66
P. Webb (Diesels)	29	33	62
D. Filane (Superiors)	28	18	46
D. O'Connor (Superiors)	18	24	42
G. McKenzie (Diesels)	20	18	38
D. Ross (Sabres)	21	16	37
M. Miller (Diesels)	14	23	37
Justin Martin (Diesels)	12	25	37
P. Armstrong (Sups)	22	11	33

Helene Ballard's Bits and Bites

By Helene Ballard

Once again it's that time of the week; I don't know where the time goes but it sure flies.

On Tuesday the 23rd we had our friends in to play bridge and cribbage; it was a most-enjoyable afternoon and we wish to thank them for their kindness.

Wednesday some of our residents went shopping. The weather was nice and the fresh air sure felt good; kind of gives one a bit of pep.

We all had a real good time on Thursday afternoon when we had a 'penny auction'. Our hostesses were the ladies of the Birchwood auxiliary; these dear ladies do so much for the residents of Birchwood and we love them for all their hard work; God Bless.

How about all you nice folks putting a circle around the date March 17; we would like to invite you to our St. Patrick's Day Tea. Time for all good 'Irish' and those who have no Irish blood but who like to celebrate this day to pay us a visit and enjoy a nice tea and some chit chat.

No doubt, like the residents here, you are all looking forward to spring. We have enough snow.

And now this 'wee joke' - "Every woman should have four animals- a jaguar in her garage, a tiger in her bed, a mink in her closet and a jack ass to pay for it all" - author unknown.

I guess we can say March came in like a lion, at least a lion cub. Let's hope it goes out like a lamb.

I understand we will have the Ladies' Auxiliary to the McCausland Hospital as hostesses for our March residents' birthday party.

We are looking forward to seeing them and I assure them of a

warm welcome.

At our resident council meeting last week, mention was made of our garden for this coming spring and summer.

We sure enjoyed nice fresh vegetables last year; thanks to Mina and the Barkers; Cliff put in many hours working in it. So good luck again this year.

We have plans on the front burner for a white elephant sale so if any of you have anything to donate see Sylvia or Mina.

If you come in after hours or weekends just ask for Helene; all donations gratefully received; so see what spring housecleaning will bring; maybe some goodies.

Remember, "one man's trash is another man's fortune".

Until next time I'll leave you with this wee joke.

"Definition of a 'square dance bra' - It stays up beautifully no matter how frantic the fiddling gets."

From the New Zealand Times.

'Au revoir'

Come out and enjoy

Are you bored with March break? Do you want a dose of music and humour to enliven a dull month?

Then come to the Schreiber Public Library on Tuesday, March 15th, at 7:30 p.m. and hear Felix Possak.

Felix, an Alberta-based performer, has been performing concerts in schools, libraries, concert halls and auditoriums all over Canada.

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The criteria for eligibility will be:

Applicant must be 65 or over, or

Be physically disabled.

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Applicant is not eligible, if spouse or other able bodied person (income producer) lives in the residence.

The work will be performed by local contractors, on a first come first serve basis.

Initially, the snow removal program will be handled on a per occurrence, or call basis. When there is a need for snow removal, a request for snow plowing must be made.

Those persons who are eligible, may telephone the Municipal Office for the services outlined.

A. J. Gauthier
Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Schreiber



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