

Photo by Paul Marcon

Terrace Bay Tweens (dark) prepare to score a goal against Longlac Tweens (light) during ringette action (and lots of it) on Sun. Jan 13 morning at the Terrace Bay Arena. Terrace Bay went on to victory with challenging games throughout the weekend.

Participation from the girls on the ice and from fans in the stands made for very exciting sports action and enthusiasm.

Fine performances by local ringette players

By Gerry Withers

A Participation ad in last week's News stated that there are 59,532 ringette players in Canada. Well, Terrace Bay has 47 of them, and on Sunday, January 14th our 18 Belles and 14 Tweens won the Gold and Silver medals in their respective divisions at our annual Tween/Belle Tournament.

Teams from Longlac, Geraldton, White River and Thunder Bay competed with Terrace Bay in a round-robin format.

In the Tween division (12 & 13 year olds), in a "down to the wire" game in Sunday morning's round-robin play, Terrace Bay defeated longtime rival, Longlac, by a score of 13-9! Longlac went on to win the Bronze medal

against White River. Then, in a contest of on-ice (ie: house league) experience vs. bench-strength, Thunder Bay took the Gold medal in a 10-6 decision over Terrace Bay.

In the Belle division, our girls played to a 3-3 draw with Longlac on Saturday afternoon, in a game marked by fast skating, precision passing, and terrific goal tending on the part of both teams. To say the fans were delirious in their excitement and vocal support would be an understatement! But that was nothing compared to how they reacted on Sunday when Terrace Bay went on to defeat Longlac 7-5 in the Gold medal play-off, a game which, for Terrace Bay's ringette players, was akin to the '72 Canada-Russia hockey match! Our girls have never played better as a team!

Geraldton took the Bronze medal in the Belle division.

Thanks go first to the players for their outstanding play on the weekend, and then to those parents who coached, provided goodies and their time for the hospitality suite, kept score, ran the time clock, refereed, or billeted out-of-town players. Special thanks to Debby Helmink, Cathy Withers, Marianne (spelled it right, this time) McDougall, Diane Pyhtila, Dennis Bouchie, Fred Hnatuk, Terry & Sharon Edmonds, June Ross, Lynn Black and Mandy Ray for their parts in ensuring the success of our tournament. Thanks also to Costa's Food Market for their generous donation of post-game refreshments. And, finally, thank you to the arena staff who kept the ice and facilities in good shape throughout the weekend.

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RIDE Stats

(Toronto) -- During December, the Ontario Provincial Police conducted its annual festive season R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) program across the province. In addition, regular OPP patrols resulted in substantial numbers of vehicles stopped and, in appropriate cases, charges laid.

The following statistics are for the OPP's provincial R.I.D.E. program for the four-and-one-half weeks of the month of December, 1987, 1988 and 1989:

No. of vehicles stopped - 1987 235,474; 1988- 292,601; 1989- 248,591

No. of persons charged with alcohol related driving offences - 1987- 312; 1988- 381; 1989- 347

No. of 12 hour suspensions - 1987- 1,088; 1988- 1,042; 1989- 857

No. of liquor license charges (I.E. open liquor in vehicle) - 1987- 404; 1988- 393; 1989- 417

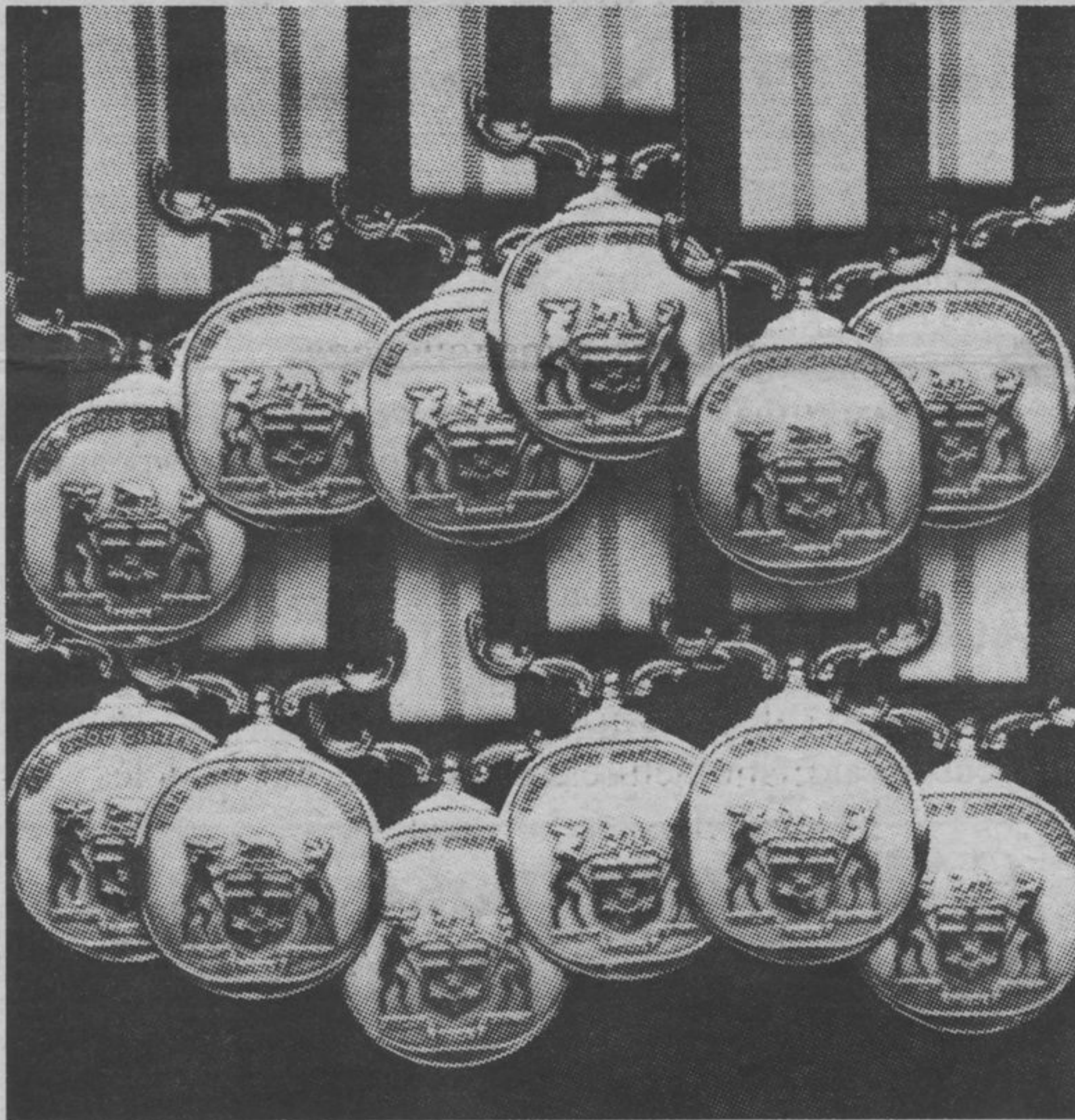
Fatal accidents - 1987- 38; 1988- 58; 1989- 62

Persons killed - 1987- 45; 1988- 76; 1989- 71

No. of persons charged with alcohol related driving offences who were stopped as a result of regular OPP patrols (not ride related) 1987- 544; 1988- 539; 1989- 603

"The high number of fatal accidents this December can be attributed to this year's unseasonable weather," said Insp. Bill Wicklund, Field Coordination Branch. "The poor weather conditions also contributed to the decline in the number of R.I.D.E. checks on roads patrolled by the OPP.

"Nevertheless, the R.I.D.E. campaign continues to prove itself an effective method of reducing traffic death and injury especially during the festive season," said Wicklund. "However, if more people took the few seconds to buckle up even more lives could be saved."



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