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## Editor's Mail

### Thanks coach

Dear Coach,  
 We hope you don't mind your mail being made public, but we want everyone to know how much we appreciate your time and effort given to our boys.  
 If a Coach-of-the-Year could be picked, you would be it. Not only for your efforts this past season, but also for the fact that a lot of our boys have been with you in previous years, during which time you have certainly given them a touch of class.  
 Travelling around to various arenas, we realize that our boys are not always 100 percent on the ice. However, in the lobbies and amongst the crowd, they knew what sort of conduct you expected of them. In hockey, they may not have been Ontario's best, but in behaviour they were better than the rest. We also realize that you had a lot of help from friends. Thanks Butch Blacktopp, Nelson Ham and Randy Gray.  
 With sincere thanks,  
 The Proud Parents of Grant Nesbitt's

### Let's do it

Dear Editor,  
 We, as grandparents of a Pee-wee hockey player, were privileged to travel to Belle River this past weekend. We felt that, as a town, we should be very proud of these young hockey players who worked so hard for something they wanted so badly.  
 One thing that amazed us was the Belle River Rec. Centre. We don't understand how a small town of 4,300 people can have such a lovely centre, of which they are so obviously pleased and proud. We learned that it was built first and then afterwards, the Wintario Grant came through.  
 A favourite supporters chant at the weekend was "Let's Go Stouffville." Well, let's go. Let's do it. Let's build a Rec. Centre everyone can be proud of. NOW.  
 Yours Sincerely,  
 M. Magnus

### Grateful

Dear Sir,  
 With the hockey season now over, we would like to show our appreciation to two great coaches, Jim Kidd and Dave Wickstead.  
 Thank you for a great year and all the time and trouble you took with us.  
 Sincerely,  
 Giles' A to M hockey team

# Tourney a success

Stouffville's Amateur Hockey League wrapped up the season with a 16 team tournament at the weekend. The tourney, held to raise funds for the new recreation centre, turned out a big success. Although the final count has yet to be made, league president Ken Smurthwaite is hoping that receipts will total around \$3,500.  
 Just about everybody connected with the Molson's sponsored event contributed to its success. The Referee's Association returned half their tournament fees (\$420), while the young timekeepers, all minor hockey players, donated \$56-half their weekend earnings.  
 The Rec. Centre fund was also boosted by the sale of a number bricks at \$250 each.

The amount of work put in by league members and their wives was formidable. A 16 hour day was the rule rather than the exception, and most were glad to get back to work on Monday morning for a well-earned rest.  
 The opening ceremonies were held on Saturday morning, with Mayor King dropping the puck and members of the Rec. Centre fund-raising committee in attendance.  
 In the playing department there were few surprises. Stouffville teams won three of the championship rounds.  
 In the 'D' division it was the Bruins over the Tuesday Nighters 3-1. Wayne McMann paced the Bruins with a pair of goals with Doug Wilson rounding out the tally.

Outside teams won the 'C' division; the Rangers doubling the Metros 4-2.  
 George Cousins, Bob Slack and Dave Hunsberger fired singles in Monte Cristo Kings 3-1 win in their 'B' division playoff title against the Len Powell North Stars.  
 Ken Chupa fired the Stars lone marker.  
 This year's 'A' round playoff champions, Betz Pools Nordiques, were no match for the enthusiastic Village Pool Jets. They lost 2-1 to a classic winning goal by Norm Stasny that had to be seen to be believed; it was also the last goal of the season to be scored at the arena. The Jets opening goal came from Glen Whitebread.  
 Phil Lavell was the sole goal-getter for the Nordiques.

In the individual awards department Doug Rex-Graham (best goalie) and Mike Jones (top shooter), along with a number of game MVP's, received tote bags courtesy of Molson's Breweries.  
 Tournament convenors for the event were: Ray Steel, Jim Wagg, Bill Corner and Reg Palmer. Palmer, despite a trip to the hospital after being hit by a puck, returned to carry out his duties with nine stitches in his head, proving that Convenors are, indeed, a tough lot.  
 The league committee organizers were: Rich Hughes, Eric Scaife, John Blair, Bob McKinnon, Doug Majors, Norm Stasny, Ken Smurthwaite, Steve Upton and Floyd Fockler.



Undeafated in every round of last weekend's Amateur Hockey League tournament, the Village Pool Jets capped their winning streak with a 2-1 win over this season's playoff champions, Betz Pools Nordiques. Back row (l to r) Bill Corner, Doug Major, Ron Graham, Doug Wilson, Mike Jones (sponsor), Art Nicholson, Ted Coward, Reg Palmer (coach). Front row (l to r) Don Harman, Glen Whitebread, Neil Newton, Norm Stasny, Gary Williams, Rich Hughes, Ron Martyn, Mickey White and Tom Maher.

# Girls set 'record'

The A and M Records Intermediate girls' hockey team have won the All Ontario championship title for the third successive year.  
 This year's championship round was held at Wellington, Ontario.  
 After grabbing a 2-0 win against Alymer in the quarter finals on Saturday, Michelle Coppins getting both goals and the MVP award, the 'Record' setting girls defeated Godfrey in two straight games to clinch the title.  
 A quick goal by Gloria Mintz saw Stouffville take an early lead in their first game against Godfrey. However, they suddenly found themselves trailing 2-1 going into the third period.  
 Thompson and Michelle Coppins battled against what seemed to be the fastest time-clock in history, before they rose to the occasion, with a couple of fine goals to give the Stouffville girls a berth in the final.  
 Following two very tough games, the final proved to be something of an anticlimax. Godfrey had given their best in the semi-final and had nothing left over. The Stouffville squad on the other hand allowed just one goal against them in the first period and then went on a scoring spree of embarrassing proportions; ending up with an 8-1 victory.  
 Allison Lowery and Andrea Tricker paced Stouffville with a pair of goals apiece, singles going to Karen Brodie, Mintz, Coppins and Thompson. In the assist department it was Dawn Stewart 3, Thompson 2, Nicole Bird 2, Coppins Brodie, Teresa Ewing and Ann Marie Lacoursier; Lacoursier also received the Most Valuable Player award.

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# Peewees fail in bid for All Ontario crown

Grant Nesbitt's boys may not have won the All Ontario championship title, but there's no denying that being finalists in Ontario BB Pee-wee hockey is no mean achievement.  
 The Credit Union Pee-wees gave it their best shot last weekend, only to come up short in their title bid against a very strong Belle Isle squad from the Windsor area.  
 After a tie and one loss on home ice the Pee-wees were still optimistic. Prior to leaving for their three-

game schedule at Belle River last weekend, they felt they were still very much in the series.  
 Belle River pushed hard and went ahead early in the game. However, Dan Larmer from Kevin Blacktopp and Jamie Campbell tied it up for the Clippers at the end of the first period.  
 Two goals in the second period put Belle River ahead 3-1, whereas a power-play advantage late in the period was lost by the Clippers; they fired the puck everywhere but in the net, some good shots ended up being deflected off sticks, skates and posts. It was frustrating.  
 Belle River won going away, with a pair of goals in the third period for a convincing 5-1 win; putting them within one point of the title.  
 If Friday's effort was frustrating for the Clippers and it was - then Saturday's game could only be described as a championship performance by both teams.  
 Belle River were again first on the board, with Kevin Francis from Baston tying it up for the Clippers.  
 The second period was 'soft', with Belle River firing an unanswered marker to go ahead 2-1.  
 The Clippers controlled most of the game in the third period but couldn't pick up the tie; Belle River clin-

ching the title with a pair of goals in the closing minutes of play.  
 It has been an excellent season for the Credit Union Pee-wees. They have provided exciting hockey for the fans and displayed their own special brand of sportsmanship. Special thanks must go to the coaching staff of Grant Nesbitt, Nelson Ham, Butch Blacktopp and Randy Grey for their many hours of instruction and encouragement.

Successful candidates in the The Stouffville Figure Skating Club's Test Day on April 3 are as follows:  
 Preliminary figures  
 Jennifer McCance, Lee-Anna Hamilton, Dutch Waltz,  
 Leigh Frederick, Jennifer McCance, Lesley Penny,  
 Canasta Tango  
 Michelle Olozevski, Jennifer McCance, Lesley Penny,  
 Swing  
 Lee-Anna Hamilton, Lisa Buchanan, (Lee-Anna and Lisa have now completed their Preliminary Dances.)  
 Preliminary free-style  
 Heather Bull, Lisa Haylow, Diana White, Tanya Arrowsmith.  
 Uxbridge Test Day results on March 7:  
 Dances  
 Foxtrot  
 Brenda Hachey. (Brenda has now completed her Sr. Bronze Dances.)  
 Blues  
 Anastasia Lintner.

## IN MY OPINION

BY JIM HOLT



# Minor hockey drops \$10,000

Rumblings of discontent float through the air amongst minor hockey association members. The Town has decided to cut back their grant to '83 levels, which means, along with a \$3 an hour increase for ice-time, something like a \$20 hike in registration fees this year.  
 Hockey treasurer Ed Grimshaw and association president John Hutchinson are hopping mad over Council's arbitrary decision. They were not even consulted and, in consequence, are now left holding the bag. They have to go to the membership for a 25 percent increase for next season, a move not designed to make them popular. Unfortunately they have no choice.  
 Just a couple of weeks ago Dave Bourne, representing the association, put forward a recommendation that grants be completely eliminated and that ice-time be reduced to \$30 an hour. In turn, the association would be free to pay its own way. The suggestion was taken under advisement by Councillor Jim Sanders. However, as we all expected, nothing came of it.  
 In the meantime Grimshaw is raging, and, no doubt, wondering how he can justifiably ask parents to pay an average of \$100 registration for their kids to play hockey next year. I must say, Ed really does the rage bit rather well. I'd hate to cross him.  
 Meanwhile Hutchinson is running around after Eldred saying naughty things. Not that Eldred takes any notice. He recently informed me that there are other things in Town other than hockey; an observation that will no doubt earn him a strong outpouring of votes at the next election.  
 The soccer club is also in one big flap. The reason, of course, is having only one acceptable soccer pitch for their representative teams - all six of them.  
 They are doing something about it though. The suggestion is to remove the sod from the field due for demolition - the one they are going to destroy to accommodate the new Complex - and re-lay it on the proposed new pitch further along. They feel they can do the job in short notice by renting a sod cutter and getting the whole club - players, parents and executive - to pitch in and get it ready for playing on July or August.  
 Knowing the enthusiasm of the club, it could be done. All it needs is a little bit of positive action from Council's so-called recreation committee.

## Officers elected

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Girls' Hockey Association held their annual general meeting at Latham Hall on April 4 and elected the following officers to the executive for the 1984-85 season:  
 President: Cliff Dunkeld.  
 Vice-President: Barry England.  
 Secretary: Kathy McBeth.  
 Treasurer: Al Piette.  
 Senior Convenor: George Taylor.  
 Junior Convenor: Carol Barber.  
 Equipment Manager: Ted Lowery.  
 Time Keeper: Cam Stewart.  
 Statistician: Teresa Ewing.  
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The Referees' Association were big contributors in the AHL tourney. They generously donated \$420 to the Rec. Centre fund. Back row: (l to r) Wayne Nugent, Greg Allen, Dave Gilmour. Front row (l to r) Don Reesor, Bill Hormanson and Lester Ham.



AHL tournament timekeepers (l to r) Doug Smurthwaite, Blair Steel, Nigel Palmer and Craig Corner did a great job throughout the weekend. They also contributed half their earnings (\$56) to the recreation fund.