

stouffville sports



Here's to the winners

The Stouffville Amateur Hockey League recently crowned their champions for the 1992-93 season. In the top photograph are members of the Occasions Catering Blues, who defeated the Spring Lakes Nordiques to claim the 30

and Over title. In the bottom picture are members of the Village Landscaping Capitals, who won the 40 Plus crown with a 3-1 win over the G and R Flooring Jets in the championship match last week at the Rec Centre.

Stars shine brightly at Brampton tournament

The Markham-Stouffville Credit Union Stouffville Stars came out over the weekend at the Brampton girls' hockey tournament.

The Stars, who had been winless since moving up from the novice B to the novice A level in January, finally put it all together as they skated to victory at the Brampton competition.

The Stars opened up the tournament with a 4-4 stalemate with the heavily favored Mississauga Chiefs, before holding London to a 2-2 stand off.

The Stouffville squad then edged Scarborough 2-1 to advance to the championship contest, where they doubled up Mississauga 4-2.

The Stars built up an early 3-0 lead in the title match,

then hung on for the victory.

Jennifer Clayson had seven goals and three assists, and Lindsay McCafferty scored five times and picked up four assists to lead the Stouffville attack throughout the tournament.

Other point getters were Christina Davis, Karlee Dudley, Carla Millius, Emily Patriarche, Lisa Jacque, and Jacqui VanKoughnet.

Jessica Bain, Andrew Meyer, and Sydney Kay also made strong contributions for Stouffville, with Julia Summerhill impressing in goal in all four Stars games.

The Stars now set their sights on the Provincial Championships in Mississauga the weekend of April 23.

Cycling to help others around the world

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One hundred weary cyclists are scheduled to bed down in Musselman's Lake's Cedar Beach Park for the night of Aug. 14.

Before retiring to their tents for a much needed sleep, the group will take part in a grand celebration in anticipation of the conclusion the next day of their 900-kilometre adventure, which will have begun in Toronto seven days earlier.

This gaggle of cyclists of all ages will be participating in the third annual Cycle for Kids, a Christian Children's Fund of Canada (CCFC) fundraiser which hopes to see \$250,000 raised for needy children, families, and communities in developing countries around the world.

As well as being infinitely imaginative, the CCFC is no slouch when it comes to raising money. Since 1960, the organization has been providing long-term assistance to people of all faiths in developing countries to enable to help them become more self-sufficient.

In 1992 alone, CCFC raised over \$27 million in money and life saving supplies, supporting countries such as Somalia, Romania, Bangladesh, and some 35 other countries world wide.

Now that the legitimacy of the cause has been established, all that remains is for the CCFC to line up its 100 willing cyclists. Those who took part in the two previous years say the long distance expedition is indeed an ordeal, but one which left them with an overwhelming sense of accomplishment.

The first Cycle for Kids in 1991 was a Halifax to Toronto affair. The distance was shortened last year, going from Quebec City to Toronto. This year, officials decided on the tour of Southwestern Ontario.

The trip begins Aug. 7 when the 100 bikers will wave goodbye to well wishers in Toronto. CCFC officials are hopeful Cycle for Kids honorary chairs John Olerud of the Blue Jays, and his wife Kelly, will be on hand as the riders begin their adventure.

After their big send off, it's off to Lake Simcoe's Sibbald Point

via Markham, Stouffville, and Uxbridge. Then it's up with the sun on day two, which will see the group pedal it's way to Wasaga Beach.

Owen Sound is the stopping point on day three, giving the cyclists the opportunity to ride along freshwater beaches at their own pace, even stopping for a dip, if they feel so inclined.

Crossing the base of the Bruce Peninsula, the group goes through the summer resort town of Sauble Beach on the shores of Lake Huron. Then it's on to historic Goderich and Bayfield, known for their marvelous sunsets.

Cruising through farmland to Stratford, they will stop for the night and take in a theatre production before arising and heading off for the charming village of St. Jacobs. They'll cruise along the magnificent Elora Gorge to Fergus, where the Highland Games will open.

Having been revived by the sound of the bag pipes and the taste of haggis, the cyclists will strike out towards Musselman's Lake. The final day's journey takes them into Toronto and home to a hero's welcome at Ontario Place.

Riders are accommodated in tents provided by organizers, and are given a big breakfast and supper daily. There are support vans, a truck for toting riders' gear from one sleepover point to the next, midday refreshment points, and people to help fix your bike if you get into trouble. Cyclists are free to tour at their own pace, with 100 kilometers the standard ride each day.

Hot showers are available at each camp, and there's even an entertainment program at night.

The only catch is that each rider must submit a pledge sheet with a minimum of \$2,500 in sponsored funds. This hasn't been an unsurmountable task the past two years however, as the event has raised over \$300,000.

It sounds like the ultimate summer adventure.

Among the participants in past years have been a father-daughter team, a grandfather of 14, a mother and son duo, and a freelance copywriter from Australia who said afterwards that the adventure had restored her faith in people.

Interested? Call the CCFC at 1-800-263-5437.

It might just make your summer.