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Winterhawk playoff action begins!

Round one OMHA play offs

The Innisfil Winterhawks Major Atom A team, sponsored by Bessette Design-Build Construction travelled to Aurora for game 2 on Tuesday, January 16, 2007. Innisfil lost 4 - 2.

Goals scored by George Philip and Ryan Shaw. Assists go to Jake Driscoll, Nicholas Papapetrou, Landon Brett and Spencer Karn.

Game 4 at Aurora was on January, 22nd The Winterhawks Bessette Design-Build Major Atom A Winterhawks beat the Aurora Tigers 5 to 0 to win the best of 5 series.

Innisfil Goals/Assists

Ryan Shaw unassisted
 Spencer Karn assisted by Robbie Couch, and Landon Brett
 Landon Brett assisted by Spencer Karn
 Ryan Shaw assisted by Douglas

Ferguson, and Spencer Karn
 Dustin MacNeil assisted by Jake Hall

Shutout by Bryan Meirdel
 Innisfil wins best of five series 3 games to 1.

Round 2 of the OMHA playoffs The Bessette Design-Build Construction Major Atom A team will face the Richmond Hill Stars.

Round 2 OMHA play offs:

The Major Atom A Winterhawks sponsored by Bessette Design Build Construction lost a heartbreaker on Tuesday night in Richmond Hill. Final score of the game was 4 - 3 in overtime.

The Winterhawks had the Stars 2 - 0 going into the third, then 3 - 2 for the Winterhawks with 13 seconds left in the game the Stars tied it up.

Goals for Innisfil

George Philip, assisted by Dylan Bessette

Landon Brett, assisted by Ryan Shaw, and Darren Macklin

Ryan Shaw, assisted by Landon Brett

In net for Innisfil, Bryan Meirdel Richmond Hill leads series 5 points to 1 point.

In Round 2 of the OMHA playoffs, the Innisfil Winterhawks Minor Peewee A team sponsored by Duivenvoorden Haulage LTD. play TNT Tornado's in the best of 5 series. TNT fought 2 win the first 2 games but the Winterhawks won game 3 on Tuesday night in Alliston.

Final score of the game was 3 to 2. Riley Davies played an outstanding game between the pipes.

Local curler heading to provincials

Local area curler, Cory Schuh is heading to Oshawa next week to participate in the Bantam Boys Provincial Curling Championships.

Schuh, the vice, from Stroud, along with Scott Howard, skip, from Midland, Scott Brandon, second, from Coldwater and Jordan Moreau, the lead from Midland formed the team with the hopes of a shot of getting to the provincial championships. Although the teammates curl out of different clubs, they are representing their zone and curling out of the Midland Curling Club.

The rockin team convincingly won their zone competition in Coldwater two weeks ago. They headed over to Chesley for their regional competition; after losing their first game in a double-knockout format they came back to win four in a row to advance.

This will be Cory's second trip to a Provincial Championship. Last April, he and his brother Kelly, along with Denise Brown and Brooke Curtis represented Stroud Curling Club where they placed second, losing the final on the last shot. Schuh and Howard have both played in a Junior circuit since September and are hopeful that their hard work, dedication and desire to win will pay off!

CHURCHILL NEWS

by Linda Gerow

Our annual Winterfest is coming! This year celebrations will take place from February 23-25th. There will be lots to do for young and old, starting with a kid's dance on Friday, February 23, hosted by Innisfil Ball Hockey with the Innisfil Community Events Corporation on hand to help out. Be sure and watch your local papers for a listing of all the upcoming events.

So, Wiarton Willy says we are to have spring in six more weeks!! Okay, Willy I'm holding you to that prediction. The past few days have been bitterly cold and windy and I, for one, will be glad to welcome back sunny spring. The countdown is on.

Library News: Churchill Branch: 2282 4th Line,

Churchill, Ontario: (705) 456-2671

"Due to staffing shortage, Innisfil Public Library Board will temporarily change the Churchill Branch Wednesday hours to 1-8 p.m. as of February 1, 2007 and all Churchill programmes will be CANCELLED for the current Winter Session. We thank our customers for their understanding and patience. If in doubt, please call ahead to 705-456-2671 to confirm open hours. Please remember that there are four branches of the Innisfil Public Library. Please check with the other branches for dates and times of special programmes and continuing storytimes.

Junior Youth Group: Parish of St. Peter's and St. John's (St. PJ's) hold their

weekly meetings at St. Peter's Anglican church in Churchill from 6:30-8:00 p.m. each week. All youth aged 9-13 are welcome to join. Call Pam at 705-735-3484 for information.

Senior Youth Group (ages 13-18) meet every second Sunday at St. John's Anglican church in Cookstown for lunch and bible study at 1:00 p.m. All high school aged youth are welcome to join. Please call Pam at the above number for all information and meeting dates.

The Youth Group of Gilford United Church is holding a pancake Supper on February 20th from 5-7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Euchre: Euchre is held every Wednesday afternoon at St. Peter's Anglican church parish hall beginning at 1:00 p.m. Call Reg at 705-456-6801 for information. All proceeds go to the church Building Fund.

Chili Supper: Friday,

February 9th at the Grange Hall in Lefroy, hosted by the Innisfil-Killarney Beach Lions. \$10 per adult; \$5 for children under 12 or \$25 per family. Vegetarian chili will also be served. For more information call 705-456.3607.

Roast Beef Supper: Wednesday, February 21st, Gilford United Church will host a roast beef supper. Cost is \$13 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. There will be two sittings at 5 p.m and 6:30 p.m. For tickets call 705-436-2006.

The Grange Cafe will be held Saturday, Feb. 24th from 7-10 p.m. at the Grange Hall in Lefroy. This is a community event geared towards all ages. If you love coffee, tea, espresso and delicious desserts, call for information to Andrew at 705-436-7171 or Pat at 705-436-3575 or you can email simcoeliving@rogers.com

There are copies of the Farms of Innisfil still available by calling Hank at

Thornton hockey news

Thornton Tigers Novice 2 House League

Thornton vs. Nobleking Sat., Feb 3-Thornton Tigers Novice 2 went head to head for their final game with the top team in the division, Nobleking, and outscored them 6-4. Thornton scored the first goal but Nobleking tied it up in the first period. In the 2nd Nobleking took the lead with 3 goals but Thornton came back at the

end of the period to make it 4-3. Nobleking then tied it up halfway through the 3rd period but Thornton pushed through them and made it 6-4. Goals by Brian Escott(2), Ben Ware(2), Dylan Scuccimari and Gavin Bayley. Assists by Spencer Campbell(2), Matthew Pyz(2), Christopher Johnson, Adam Spence and D. Succimari. Outstanding goal tending by Braden Butcher.

705-436-3476 or Donna at 705-436-2578. This is a terrific book. Don't miss out.

Congratulations to Pat Murphy of Bolton who won the \$1,500 cash prize in the draw held January 26th by the Churchill Curling Club. The draw was held to benefit the Junior Curling Program. Way to go Pat!

Smile: A man walks into a bar one day and asks, "Does anyone here own that rottweiler outside?" "Yeah, I

do!" a biker says, standing up. "What about it?" "Well, I think my Chihuahua just killed him..." "What are you talkin' about?!" the biker says, disbelievingly. "How could your little runt kill my rottweiler?" "Well, it seems he got stuck in your dog's throat!"

If you have any news items/events for this column, please contact me at lagerow@rogers.com or call at 705-436-9769.

New gasoline regulations fight climate change, improve air quality

The Ontario government took a decisive step against climate change through new gasoline regulations, which will take effect on January 1st.

Effective in 2007, all gasoline sold in Ontario will be required to contain an annual average of at least five per cent ethanol. The regulation will mean less fossil fuel content in Ontario gasoline and that will translate into cleaner air and less carbon dioxide being released into the atmosphere.

"We're starting the new year off right by taking action to reduce the amount of pollution that comes from our vehicles," said Ontario's Environment Minister Laurel Broten. "This will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by up to

800,000 tonnes."

The new regulation states every gas station across the province must average five per cent ethanol content in the fuel it sells every year. Producing, refining and using a litre of ethanol-blended gasoline emits fewer greenhouse gases than a litre of ordinary gasoline. Ethanol-blended fuel reduces emissions of carbon monoxide, particulate matter and air pollutants.

Beatrice Olivastri, CEO of Friends of the Earth Canada, is supportive: "Ontario used to have the dirtiest gasoline in Canada. Ethanol-blended gasoline is an important step towards cleaner, greener fuel."

Ethanol-blended gasoline has been sold by some Ontario

retailers for more than 10 years. Virtually all cars produced during the last two decades are compatible with the ethanol-blended gasoline. Ethanol is a fuel that is cleaner burning than gasoline and is made from renewable resources like corn and wheat. Modern technology for producing ethanol requires less energy than drilling for fossil-based fuels, making it friendlier to the environment.

Library announcement

The Stroud Branch of the Innisfil Public Library will be closed for renovations on Tuesday, February 13th and Wednesday, February 14th, in an effort to make the Library more accessible. Please note that all other branches will remain open. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.