

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

We were off to a good start for this season. We're just about half way through and it's been a busy first half. There are many teams this year that have a chance to take their teams all the way to a championship. I hope each team reaches the goals they set for themselves at the beginning of the year. I'd like to thank the many people who have worked so hard to give us a great beginning. First, and most important, I'd like to thank the many coaches who make our program possible. They each put in countless hours on the ice with our players, and do a terrific job. The team managers and trainers are also important in keeping our programs working, so please say thanks to them! We do not acknowledge or say thank you enough to the timekeepers, gate people and referees in our program. Without them our program would not run as smoothly. Everybody should take the time to go and see the new twin pad arena being built on University Ave. The project is on time and they were putting on the roof this past week. This time next year we will be in a new state of the art facility.

Congratulations to those teams that have had great success at recent Tournaments and Silverstick Qualifiers.

Make sure you stay safe on your travels over the holidays whether you are going to see your families or traveling to tournaments. Remember that hockey is great sport and we should all make sure the focus is on our children and their love of the game.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Cathy O'Connor - President



Orillia Minor Hockey



Hockey Day in Orillia....

Will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2010—Once again this year the Couchiching Terriers are teaming up with Orillia Minor Hockey—throughout this day many activities are planned. Ceremonial puck droppings will take place at all house league games to ensure all players, coaches, volunteers, parents, fans and sponsors share in the day and understand the true meaning behind the day. Following each game members of the Terriers will visit each dressing room and present player of the game awards. On Sunday, January 24th two special presentations will take place prior to the Terriers home game against the Bramalea Blues. Two members of our hockey community who have made positive contributions to our game through representing the Orillia Minor Hockey Association and representing the Terriers organization will be honoured. Children under the age of 12 accompanied with an adult will be admitted free to the Terriers game. More information will be published in the Orillia Packet and Times over the coming weeks. Orillia Minor Hockey would like to thank James Evans who has been instrumental in planning this day,

Christmas Office Hours...

The Hockey Office will be closed at Noon on Wednesday, December 23, 2009 and will not reopen until Monday, January 4, 2010. Messages will be checked on a regular basis and staff will be in and out over the Holidays....Merry Christmas!

The Office—needs to know...

Has your phone number, email or home address changed since you started hockey? If so call the hockey office at 326-6642 or email orilliamha@bellnet.ca—the office will update this information before the start of next year!

House League Picture Schedule—Saturday, January 23, 2010

Pictures to take place at **Brian Orser Arena**

To help speed the process—**PLEASE MAKE SURE PLAYER COMES DRESSED**—pictures will be taken on ice

***PLEASE MAKE SURE THE PICTURE FORM IS FILLED OUT EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT PURCHASING PICTURES**

Date/Time	Team	Other Information
<u>Sat., Jan. 23, 2010</u>		
8:00 a.m.	Atom Team # 1	Players please arrive dressed * Please make sure to bring your completed picture form with you
8:15 a.m.	Atom Team # 2	
8:30 a.m.	Atom Team # 3	
8:45 a.m.	Atom Team # 4	
9:00 a.m.	Atom Team # 5	
9:15 a.m.	Atom Team # 6	
9:30 a.m.	Tyke Team # 1	
9:45 a.m.	Tyke Team # 2	
10:00 a.m.	Tyke Team # 3	
10:15 a.m.	Tyke Team # 4	
10:30 a.m.	Tyke Team # 5	
10:45 a.m.	Tyke Team # 6	
11:00 a.m.	Tyke Select (Team Picture Only)	
11:15 a.m.	Novice Team # 1	
11:30 a.m.	Novice Team # 2	
11:45 a.m.	Novice Team # 3	
Noon	Novice Team # 4	
12:15 p.m.	Bantam Team # 1	
12:30 p.m.	Bantam Team # 2	
12:45 p.m.	Bantam Team # 3	
1:00 p.m.	Bantam Team # 4	
1:15 p.m.	Bantam Team # 5	
1:30 p.m.	Bantam Team # 6	
1:45 p.m.	Bantam Select (Team Picture Only)	
2:00 p.m.	Peewee Team # 1	
2:15 p.m.	Peewee Team # 2	
2:30 p.m.	Peewee Team # 3	
2:45 p.m.	Peewee Team # 4	
3:00 p.m.	Peewee Team # 5	
3:15 p.m.	Peewee Team # 6	
3:30 p.m.—	Individual pictures will be taken of Midget/Juvenile Players, there will be	
4:00 p.m.	no team pictures due to past picture days were teams did not show up. Also at this time pictures will be taken of individuals requiring a re-take.	
*PICTURE FORMS WILL BE GIVEN OUT THE WEEK END PRIOR TO PICTURES		



March Break House League Festival...

This is a great opportunity to have your team experience a tournament without incurring all the extra travel cost. Each division is operated over two days and all teams are guaranteed at least 3 games. Games will be played at both the Community Centre and Brian Orser Arena. Divisions will take place as follows:

Atom—Wednesday, March 18 & Thursday, March 19

Peewee—Thursday, March 19 & Friday, March 20

Bantam—Monday, March 16 & Tuesday, March 17

Midget—Tuesday, March 18 & Wednesday, March 19

All Orillia teams that wish to enter will be guaranteed a spot provided they submit their team entry form **prior to January 16, 2010**. For more information or to register a team go to http://www.city.orillia.on.ca/cityhall/Parks_Recreation/tournaments_hockey.htm

If you have other questions with regards to the Tournament please contact Paul Barnetson at 325-2050 (Orillia Parks & Recreation)