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HOCKEY STARTS IN 4 WEEKS!

Submitted by South Muskoka Minor Hockey

With the minor hockey season just around the corner, SMMHA would like to remind you of some fast approaching important dates:

AUGUST:

4 - Midnight Madness: Earn volunteer credits towards your child's registration by running our booth

Civic Long Weekend - Tag Days: Sign up for a few hours, earn more volunteer credits towards registration!

TBD - Equipment Swap & In-Person Registration

15 - Early bird deadline, save \$75 if registration paid in full, save \$15 on tryout card

27 - Warm Up Skate (all ages), Checking Clinic for Bantam age players and Goalie Skate

28 - Rep team tryouts start

29 - Initiation In-Person Meet & Greet & Registration

SEPTEMBER:

3 - Golf Tournament, Dinner, Auction at Taboo Resort, contact Bryce Davidson for details: muskokahockey18@gmail.com

Labour Day Weekend - A few hours, earns volunteer credits towards registration

SMMHA has some specific volunteer positions to fill ASAP with the hopes of giving the players the best experience possible this coming season. Positions Include: Initiation Program Lead Coach/Assistants, Media Reporter, Time Clock/Game Sheet Operators, Local League Bench Staff, Arena Sponsorship Sales.

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"The Bullpen"

"FOR MIKE"

Mike Holm's sudden passing at 39 came with disbelief for all. A cornerstone with the Muskoka Hornets Baseball organization, Mike played ball himself with various groups. Below, a few excerpts from the Hornets reprinted here with permission.

...no project was too big or too small for Mike...board member, coach, equipment manager, house league coordinator, tournament convener and jack of every trade...100% dedicated to his family and Hornets baseball.

...he loved to pass on his baseball wisdom to his Peewee Select team and sons, Mark and Lucas.

...the (bantam) team took to the field with heavy hearts Sunday morning to do battle in the quarter finals with Thornhill. Prior to the game, the players shared a moment of silence on the pitching mound in tribute, having the night before decided the tournament must be won in Mike's name. With a loud cheer of 'For Mike', the team won 8-6...the team rode a wave of emotion, jumping out to a 5-run lead in the 1st and never looking back on route to a 15-8 championship victory. The team is honoured to dedicate this tournament win to Mike Holm, for everything he did for the organization, and for just being Mikey.

...overwhelming to see many black and gold jerseys at yesterday's visitations and today's funeral. Equally as impressive were other baseball organizations in attendance.

...prior to the Peewee Select game, the Hornets gathered for a moment of silence.

...Hornets President Peter Haynes presented Mark Holm with his new jersey #25, as Mark requested he change his number to the one worn by his dad... #25 will be retired save for Mark and potentially Lucas should he decide to switch his number...

A fundraising platform has been established at ca.gofundme.com/mikeholm to provide Vicky and the boys with emotional support and financial assistance.

Mike is survived by wife Vicky and sons Mark, 11 and Lucas, 8, both Muskoka Hornets players.

"For Mike", we move forward. Thank you to everyone.



ALLEN TO WORLDS

Jeff Allen's back from the Canadian National Championships in Calgary.

Allen had a really tough division, lots of fights, but came home with a 4th place finish, qualifying him for the World Judo Championship in Olbia, Italy at the end of September.

Jeff thanks everyone who helped and supported him, Huntsville Judo, sponsors and most of all, his son Lucas and beautiful wife, Crystal. **OT**

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Submitted by South Muskoka Shield Hockey

The South Muskoka Shield Hockey Club is looking for billet families for their 2017/18 players.

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Curling In Bracebridge's First Indoor Skating Rink



The first year of curling competition in Bracebridge was in 1899 - using the centre ice of John Dunn's first rink on the west bank of the Muskoka River adjacent to the present day Timber Mart's storage buildings. This no doubt served their purpose temporarily, not so much for hockey though as the posts down the middle made a hockey game a little challenging.

There is no reference as to when the Bracebridge Curling Club's own building at the corner of Taylor Road and Front Street was completed, but it must have been ready shortly after 1900.

The multi-purpose hardwood floor, that served as the base for the ice surface referred to previously, may also have formed the base for the natural ice of John Dunn's first rink and the Yearley rink, (built in 1932 on the same lot as present day Memorial Community Centre), because there is often mention of all those rinks being used

for various functions in the off-season, including roller skating, dances, celebrations and the like.

For whatever reason, in 1905, the club decided to form a separate company to manage the building. Perhaps the general membership found out quickly that curling was fun, but it came with a lot of work maintaining the building that they created. The management company, no doubt more of a sub-committee of the executive than a "company", consisted of the following individuals - F.P. Warne, G.W. Ecclestone, W.A. Gillespie, William Kingsmill, Harry Bridgland, H.J. Bird Jr., and John Thomson, prominent Bracebridge names whose legacy remains with us to this day.

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TRIVIA

QUESTIONS

1. What 4 present-day NFL teams have NEVER played in the Super Bowl?
2. In 2005, the Washington Nationals started play. Who were they before?
3. Name all 3 'nicknames' of Ottawa's CFL teams.
4. Where is the Baseball Hall of Fame?
5. Prior to Auston Matthews winning the NHL's 'Rookie of the Year', who was the last Toronto Maple Leaf to win the award?
6. In what year did the 'Tour de France' start?
7. What does the stat 'WHIP' stand for in baseball?



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New Bowl Now Open

Submitted by Muskoka
Lawn Bowling Club

The new lawn bowling
facility is now open.

The Muskoka Lawn Bowling Club opened their doors, and greens, earlier this month on the grounds of the Muskoka Highlands Golf in Bracebridge. 'Introduction to Lawn Bowling' classes for all age groups have been running since the opening July 8th, details at muskokabowls.ca.

Leading up to the grand opening, Muskoka Lawn Bowling Club hosted a free, "drop-in, learn and try it" in early June to celebrate "National Bowls Day". The club also received a \$1,000 grant from ParticipACTION 150 Play List as lawn bowling is activity #50 on the list encouraging people to get, and stay, active.

The Muskoka Lawn Bowling Club offers members and guests the fun and challenge of a gentle sport and the opportunity to socialize. This non-profit club, run by volunteers, is now open on the grounds of the Muskoka Highlands Golf Links on South Monck Drive in Bracebridge. All equipment is provided, all that's required is flat-soled shoes.



MUSKOKA CUP SETS RECORD



Submitted by Muskoka Hornets Baseball


Muskoka Hornets Baseball hosts its 9th Annual 'Muskoka Cup' tournament series throughout the region. 50 teams compete across four divisions over two weekends. This number of teams sets a record for attendance, reflecting the popularity of this event.

It started June 30 with a 12-team Peewee event in Huntsville, won by Orangeville.

From July 21 - 23, the other 3 divisions do battle. 16 Mosquito teams compete in Bracebridge at Peake Field, while Huntsville's McCulley Robertson diamonds have 16 Bantam and, for the first time, 6 rookie teams, competing for Muskoka Cup bragging rights.

The economic impact of these tournaments is significant for Muskoka. According to Hornets' President Peter Haynes, as many as 750 families will spend time here. "The traffic that results from tournament visitors is a huge boost to the region," commented Haynes. "Despite the busy period, teams manage to find places to stay, and often extend visits beyond the weekend," he added.

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SPECTACULAR—AGAIN!

Submitted by Muskoka Dance Connection

And, again, the competitive group at Muskoka Dance Connection had spectacular performances at the 'Kick It Up' competition in Collingwood. The scoring at 'Kick It Up' is tighter, tougher and more precise.

The 22 MDC entries finished the competition with 5 'Titanium' (highest, 95+ points), 14 'Ultimate Platinum' (2nd highest, 92-94.99 points) and 3 'Platinum' (90-91.99 points). Half of all entries finished in the top 3 overall, by category and level.

First place finishes continued, led by the senior jazz routine, 'Piano Man' for small group plus the Judges Choice Choreography Award. Others went to - 'Catch Me If You Can', Junior Large Group (Tap); 'Welcome To The 60's', Musical Theatre and 'Hot Knife', Intermediate Trio (Lily Whittle, Emily Landry, Mary Bernais).

Other top finishes included (all 2nd place) - senior tap 'All Aboard', Intermediate Large Group; junior jazz 'Smooth Criminal' Junior Large Group; Lily Whittle's 'Every Single Night', Intermediate Contemporary Soloist; Mary Bernais' 'Bennie And The Jets', Intermediate Jazz Soloist.

Third place finishes went to - 'Katniss & The Capitol People', Intermediate Large Group (Senior Hip Hop); 'In The Mood For Trouble', Junior Large Group (Mini Tap); 'Lemonade Stand', Junior Small Group (Mini Jazz).

Completing the weekend event, on top of all the great group and solo performances, Muskoka Dance Connection, as a studio, finished 4th overall of 19 studios.

The dance year wrapped up with 5 studio recital shows over 2 weekends at the Rene M. Caisse Theatre.

Muskoka Dance Connection sincerely thanks and appreciates all our volunteers, tech support/help, prop builders...everyone who makes the 'Let Them Be Little' showcase a great success.

ABOVE: The 2017 Competitive Team of Muskoka Dance Connection, photo courtesy Heather Douglas Photography.

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5 Festival Medals

Submitted by Muskoka Aquatic Club (MUSAC)

The 2017 Swim Ontario Summer SC Festivals took place late June in Markham.

6 MUSAC athletes qualified to attend this meet for swimmers under 14 and, by the end, 5 medals came home!

12 yr-old Owen Jibb broke club records in the 100m & 200m breaststroke, resulting in gold and bronze respectively.

Speed racer, Daniel Ortiz, swam like a silver bullet which, appropriately enough, earned him 2nd in the 14 yr-old boys 200m freestyle!

Fantastic performances came from distance swimmers, Ethan Thomas, Ian Markham, and Branwyn Shaw in the 800m freestyle. All followed perfect race strategy and even-split their races, resulting in personal bests and bronze medals for Ian and Branwyn. Ian achieved a provincial standard time as well.

Ben Guerriero, 11, the youngest of the Festival team, came away with personal best times in FIVE of his races, moving up the rankings in each event!

The team missed Catrice Black who qualified but, unfortunately, suffered an injury prior to the meet forcing her withdrawal.

Left to Right: Daniel Ortiz, Owen Jibb, and Ian Markham



NINE MEDALS IN ETOBICOKE

Submitted by Muskoka Aquatic Club (MUSAC)

MUSAC had 12 swimmers at the 2017 Age Group International qualifying meet in early June at the Etobicoke Olympium. 4 competed in the 15 & over sessions, 8 in the 14 & under.

The club's first medal was a bronze awarded to 13yr-old Owen Jibb in the 100m breaststroke.

That was quickly followed by Ally Goldring with a silver in 100m breaststroke and 2 bronze medals in the 50m and 200m breaststroke events. Mark Cox brought home 4 silvers - 50m, 100m & 200m backstroke, then in 50m freestyle. The last of the medals was earned by Samuel Kuntz at the Sunday night finals, winning silver in the 100m backstroke. In total, 9 medals were captured by our swimmers!

Other highlights included Ethan Thomas qualifying for AA Champs (just held) in the 200m fly, trips to finals for Daniel Ortiz, Lauren Thomas, and Mitch Cox plus best times for Catrice Black, Andrew Markham, Branwyn Shaw and Ian Markham.

Pictured is Mark Cox and Ally Goldring of MUSAC

5th At Huronia/NEOR Regional Championships!

Submitted by Muskoka Aquatic Club (MUSAC)

40 of MUSAC's fastest swimmers competed in Sudbury recently, coming home with tons of personal bests, ribbons, medals and a team ranking of 5th out of 23 clubs! Check out the highlights!



Medalists (G - gold, S - Silver, B - Bronze):

- * Ally Goldring - G, S, 3 B
- * Ben Guerriero - G, 2 S, 3 B
- * Branwyn Shaw - 3 G, S, B
- * Owen Jibb - 4 G, S, B
- * Daniel Parry - G(200 free), S(100 back), B(400 free)
- * Emma Barnes - G(200 back), S(100 back)
- * Ian Markham - G(1500 free), S(400 free)
- * Neil Duncan - G(200 IM), S(200 back)
- * Grace Thomas - G(200 IM), B(200 free)
- * Daniel Ortiz - S(200 free), 2 B(100 free&100 fly)
- * Kellan Shaw - 2 S(100&200 free), B(100 breast)
- * Ethan Thomas - S(200 fly), 2 B(800 free & 400 IM)
- * Tyler Skinner - S(400 free), B(100 free)
- * Dale Graham - S(200 free)
- * Aidan Spiers - B(200 fly)
- * Andrew Markham - B(200 breast)
- * Sam Rix - B(50 fly)

Top 8 Finishes:

- * Catrice Black 7th 200 IM
- * Connor Macmillan 6th 50 breast
- * Emily Boone 8th 200 fly
- * Ethan Coles 4th 200 fly, 7th 100 fly
- * Hayley Oke 8th 100 free, 5th 200 back, 4th 50 back, 6th 100 back
- * James Mitchell 5th 50 back
- * Jasper Varieur 7th 200 free
- * Lauren Thomas 7th 200 fly & 200 back
- * Mary Jibb 4th 200 IM
- * Megan James 7th 100 back
- * Mia Pitts 4th 200 free, 7th 50 free, 5th 100 free

Many achieved 100% Best Times. Ethan Thomas qualified for AA Champs in 200 fly and Ben Guerriero qualified for Festivals in 200 & 400 free.

3 club records fell. Owen Jibb broke the boys 11-12, 50m and 200m breaststroke records and, with Sam Rix, Aidan Spiers and Ben Guerriero, they broke the boys 11-12 medley relay record.

TOP: Ben Guerriero and Owen Jibb stand together on the podium.
BOTTOM: Branwyn Shaw smiling after winning a medal.



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1. Basketball U12: L to R Halle Potvin, Ella Rees and Adriene Moffatt participating in the U12 North Region, Ontario Summer Development Program through Ontario Basketball Association.
2. Early Summer Soccer Tourney action from Bracebridge Soccer.
3. Bassmasters Connor Marling (L) Austin Coady (R).
4. Jeff Allen in Calgary.
5. Hannah receives Best Presentation from Muskoka Limberettes Year End.
6. Perfect summer row with MSK Rowing Club.
7. Jibb, Ortiz, Thomas, etc - MUSAC's boys relay team (L to R), Owen Jibb, Daniel Ortiz, Ethan Thomas, Ian Markham from MUSAC - Fest.
8. R&G Construction Peewee Hawks win Championship in Caledon B/C Tournament on June 18th.
Back row: Assistant coach Chad Pare, Head Coach Ken Robins, Trainer Ross Clarke, Assitant Coach Dave Thur. *Players back row:* Peter Perentesis, Owen Decaro, Ethan Carachiollo, Kaidyn Crowder, Hunter Crawford, Ben Plante. *Players middle row:* Wyatt Fisher, Glen Thur, Kean Pare, Carson Robins, Damon Buttus, Daniel Clarke, Carter Boone, Ethan Roos
Foreground: Evan Pare, Keegan Shirtliff.



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Submitted by Muskoka Limberettes

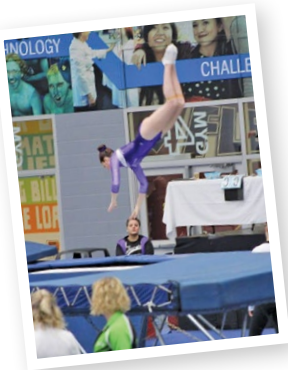
The Muskoka Limberettes' two provincial trampoline athletes were in Barrie to compete at the Trampoline and Tumbling Ontario Championships.

Ella Plested and Abby Slater qualified by obtaining a pre-determined qualifying score at one or more of their Ontario Cup competitions between February and April. Both were excited to attend again.

Ella, 1st year level 2, 13 year-old women's category, completed a fantastic compulsory routine. Unfortunately, during her optional, she over-rotated her newly added 'Rudy' (front layout, 1 1/2 twists). She bounced off the trampoline at the end, but still managed to place 17th.

Abby, level 3, 16+ women, who was injured at season's start and fell at a qualifier, went into the competition ranked fairly low in Ontario. After the preliminaries, she came out ranked 4th of 12. Abby moved on to finals where she completed two excellent routines, to earn bronze.

An excellent end to the season for both. They'll work hard over the summer, add new skills, and work towards the next level for next season.



FUN END FOR LIMBERETTES

Submitted by Muskoka Limberettes

The Muskoka Limberettes competitive team closed the season with a bang.

This year marked the 1st Annual 'Coach vs. Athlete Competition' and Family Fun Night. Each athlete and coach chose one event to show off their stuff. Competition took place on Bars, Parallel Bars, Rings, Balance Beam, Floor, and Trampoline. Awards were decided by parent volunteer judges and everyone walked away with something for their efforts.

A few special trophies were given out for fun things like best smile, best effort, best presentation, best performance, and most graceful. Some athletes competed on events which they do not normally train, some competed in pairs, and a couple new, creative gymnastics moves were made up during the evening.

Overall it was a really fun event for the kids, coaches, and spectators. The competition was followed by a BBQ and family swim night in celebration of a successful competitive season.



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HAWKS "DYNAMIC DUO" MAKE TEAM ONTARIO

Submitted by Huntsville Hawks Lacrosse

Congratulations to Bracebridge boys and Huntsville Peewee Hawks, Kean Pare and Carson Robins, on being selected to Team Ontario. A dream come true realized through hours of hard work, physically and mentally, over the past year.

Team Ontario lacrosse is a high performance program, for Peewee, Bantam and Midget levels, for the Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) that compete in the Canadian Lacrosse Association National Tournaments. This year for the Peewees, the tournament will be held in Whitby, August 6-12. Team Ontario will compete against B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Team Iroquois. Kean and Carson are presently preparing for the Nationals with their team in hopes of bringing home the National Championship Title. It is an exceptional year to participate in the National Championships as it's the 150th Anniversary of Lacrosse in Canada.

In order to play for Team Ontario, an intensive 3-session process is undertaken in April and May. All OLA eligible athletes are invited to sign up for the first tryout. After this, the approximately 65 players who made it to the next round, received a phone call from Peewee Head Coach Troy Cordingley (Head Coach, Buffalo Bandits NLL Team), inviting them to the 2nd tryout early May. In mid-May, the final 31 players and goalies attended the final tryout in Pickering. It was an intense and physically challenging day of warm-ups, drills, and scrimmages to evaluate which 18 players and 2 goalies would make the team. After the tryout, both Kean and Carson, were told that their hard work, perseverance, and "love of the game" paid off. They both made Team Ontario.

Though Kean and Carson both currently play for the Hawks, the boys journey as friends and teammates did not start there.

Carson, 12, a Bracebridge native, started his box, then field, lacrosse career as a 2nd year Tyke in 2013 with the Hawks Association. Wanting to play lacrosse more frequently, he joined an off-season lacrosse program offered through Jr. C Lax in the winter of 2014. His team was the Niagara Lock Monsters. It was there he met Kean.

Kean, from Kitchener now living in Bracebridge, started playing box lacrosse as a Tyke minor in 2012 for the Kitchener Braves. Kean and Carson became fast friends when playing for the Lock Monsters. Often referred to as the "Dynamic Duo", they led their team to an undefeated season, winning the Gold Championship.

By the fall, both were recruited to play for Evolve Elite, a U.S. field lacrosse travel program. Evolve took the boys to tournaments throughout the U.S. They were excited to be playing together again and started referring to each other as "Lax Bros". While it was hard for Kean and Carson to play against each other, the boys started to express their desire to play together again.

That wish came true this year when Kean's family transferred to Muskoka for work, and Kean became a Huntsville Hawk! Both families are extremely proud of the boys. They both exude the values they've learned through lacrosse on and off the floor.

Muskoka and the Huntsville Hawks Lacrosse Association will be cheering Kean and Carson on to a National Championship.



Pictured is Kean Pare on the left and Carson Robins on the right, of Huntsville Peewee Hawks.

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16TH ANNUAL EARLY SUMMER SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Submitted by Bracebridge Soccer Club

30 teams from across Ontario took part in the Annual Early Summer Soccer Tournament early June in Bracebridge, and not even Sunday's rain could dampen the weekend's spirits.

8 Muskoka teams from Bracebridge and Huntsville were featured with two of them being joint collaborations of the 2 soccer clubs – Muskoka FC. These teams competed against visiting clubs from as far as Niagara Falls, London and Temiskaming!

The Muskoka FC U14 Girls competitive team faced stiff competition to repeat as division champions. The girls played well. A narrow loss to, eventual winner, Oakridge Dynamo from London area, meant a consolation final appearance. The team evened their record for the tournament with a fine win over Unionville-Milliken SC in the final.

In their 2nd season, the Muskoka FC U14 Girls, comprised of players from Bracebridge and Huntsville Soccer Clubs, play in the Central

Soccer League, the regional level of Ontario Soccer's competitive youth league system. They remain undefeated in 5 league games (4 wins, 1 tie), and are ready for their next appearance, the Ontario Cup (below)!

The first games of the season for the U16 Bracebridge Storm Girls got off to a fantastic start. Two wins over Collingwood and Huntsville put the team in medal contention. Though Sunday's results were not favourable, the team finished 3rd in the 5-team group, a great result for their first action of the season!

Most of the U18 Bracebridge SC Girls team took part in the high school soccer championships prior to the tournament as members of the District champion, BMLSS team! Unfortunately, the weekend did not turn out as well, but they did have a nice finish with a 2 – 0 win over Saltfleet Stoney Creek, reversing an earlier 3 – 2 loss to the same team.

In U14 Boys, teams from Bolton dominated. This year, a combined divisional group of U14 and U13 saw their 2 teams finish 1-2 respectively. They combined for 47 goals in 8 games, including an exciting 5–3 affair in their Saturday match.

Muskoka FC U17 Boys started great, winning their first game 2 – 1 over Orillia Lightning! A 3–3 tie with Peterborough put the team into the championship game. Muskoka FC earned silver, as another team from Bolton won the final.

Bracebridge Soccer Club thanks the volunteers, referees, organizers and supporters for contributing to another great tournament.

ONTARIO CUP JULY 21 – 23

For the 2nd consecutive season, Bracebridge Soccer Club hosts the first round of an Ontario Cup competition! It will be the Under-14 Girls division, July 21 – 23 at Gostick Park, Bracebridge.

8 teams play in two groups of four. Muskoka FC face Waterloo United, Barrie FC and Windsor Eastside Kickers. The second group has Hamilton United, Brampton Brams United, Grimsby Griffins and Hamilton Sparta.

Each team will play once each day. Friday night's games are at 5 and 7, weekend games are at 11am and 1pm. Group winners advance to the quarter-finals in early August. These are the first steps to the finals that take place at the Soccer Centre in Vaughan on September 10th.

The Ontario Cup is the largest provincial competition in Canada. First held in 1901, it is open to any competitively registered team in Ontario. Approximately 12,000 girls and boys take part in the Ontario Cup, in 22 age divisions.

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EARLY SEPARATION IN SLO PITCH

Submitted Bracebridge Men's Slo Pitch

Rainouts, messy field conditions began the season in Bracebridge Men's Slo Pitch. Some teams have already had 4 games cancelled out of 10.

Slowly, games are getting in and, at deadline, there've been surprises - some good, some not.

Knowles Plumbing, with some additions, have already tripled their wins from last year...which was one. Moving forward from last year's improvement, and challenge for 1st, MacDonald Chimney Sweep enjoys a 6-1-2 record, just below Jelle Zylstra Masonry who are undefeated in the early going. Nissan of Muskoka, with a 5-1-1 record, sit between Zylstra and Chimney to round out the top 3, who seem to be separating themselves from the pack.

Tight losses turned into rough starts for Muskoka Furniture, Simcoe Building Centre and Rocky Island Tire, who have yet to find the win column. Len's Carpet Cleaning continues their annual peskiness and sit just above the .500 mark.

Highlights include Rocky's Franco Rinaldo's bullet-like line drive homer, Nissan handing MacDonald's their first loss of the season and Knowles 3rd win.



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Boys Strive To Represent CANADA

Submitted by Debbie Marling

This summer you might see two local boys, Austin Coady (right) and Connor Marling (left), on the water practicing their skills in preparation for the 2017 Ontario High School Championship qualifiers this fall on Lake Couchiching (Orillia). Austin and Connor have teamed up this season with hopes to be the High School Team representing Canada next June at the 2018 Bassmaster High School Championships in the U.S.

Both anglers belong to the local adult bass club and fish local tournaments. As there is not a local junior club in Muskoka, Connor, now 15, joined the Port Perry Junior Bassmaster Club at the age of 12, then became a member of the 905 High School Fishing Club out of Port Perry last year. While partnered with a youth fisherman from the Pickering area, and virtually no team pre-fish or practice, Connor fished the 2015 junior qualifier to a top 10 finish on the Bay of Quinte.

This season Austin, 17, joined the 905 High School Club to team up with Connor with big goals ahead. Their summer tournament and pre-fish schedule is being finalized as bass season approaches in Muskoka.

The boys thank Kahshe Boat Works, Make it Reel Fishing Charters, Northern Electric and Maintenance, Alpha Therm Inc., Bassmagnet Baits, Bracebridge Yamaha, Muskoka Quality Foods, Car Star Collision, DMC Property Management and their high schools, GHS and BMLSS, for all the support.

With scholarships available at the next level in the USA, and the honour to represent their country, Austin and Connor have their goals set high. Good luck boys.

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TOURNEY WRAP & TIGHT FINISH EXPECTED

Submitted by Ken Veitch Jr., Bracebridge Men's Fastball

The Bracebridge Men's Fastball League's Invitational Tournament took place last month. 14 men's and 4 ladies teams participated.

The Open Division and Ladies finals wrapped up before rain wiped out the Men's Rec. Division championship.

Black Dog defeated Elmvale for the Open Division Championship. The Ladies was won by Elmvale, and the Men's Rec. final was to be local teams, Co-Operators vs Boston Pizza.

The B.M.F.L thanks tournament hosts, Port Carling Home Hardware Fastball. It takes a lot of effort to run this...Ryan Nudd and team did a great job. The League thanks the Town of Bracebridge for their support of this annual event, specifically Parks and Recreation's Don Campbell for his help.

Despite early rainouts and sloppy conditions, regular season play's in gear. Last year's champs, Black Dog(A) and Bulk Barn(B), have continued where they left off. By mere percentage points, Black Dog (at press) leads the league playing at a .773 clip, then one game separates 3rd from 9th.

League play's at Peake Fields Tuesday, Thursday & Friday start 7pm... great ball as the season winds down.

No Snow Skiing

Submitted by Arrowhead Nordic Ski Club

Snow's gone, but there's ski training at Arrowhead Nordic Ski Club (ANSC).

Nordic Skiers know summer training is critical to a strong, competitive ski season to maintain cardio, core strength and technique improvement. ANSC offers a program designed for ARC, Masters and Track Attack participants wishing to race with the ARC program in '17-'18. This is coached by the dynamic duo of Nathan Forestell and Ben Osorio, experienced Nordic Skiers with Arrowhead and in Nordic Racing.

Skiers work by roller skiing! Roller skis are technical Nordic equipment. Athletes clip Nordic Ski boots into an adapted short ski with 2 wheels. With this, skiers improve technique, use poles to climb hills and maintain cardio. In the fall, ANSC hosts the 'Ring Road Roll' race, offering a unique venue for Nordic Skiers to compete 'pre-snow' on roller skis.

This ten-week program is \$100 (includes club membership, training plans, and fees). Register at www.zone4.ca (search Arrowhead Nordic) or contact Club Secretary Cathy Raynor at rdoug@surenet.net for details.





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'Golf In Schools' & Beyond

Submitted by Muskoka Highlands

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Our CPGA professional, Denver Dafoe, has reached out to more than 1500 kids in the Bracebridge area to run Golf Canada's national program, 'Golf in Schools.' Denver has been educating them about the basics of golf, making them ready to hit the course!

Denver runs camps every Tuesday-Thursday during the summer where kids learn chipping, putting, driving, footgolf and play 9-holes. Junior golf clinics operate every Saturday where kids learn the fundamentals of the swing, etiquette, camaraderie, honesty while having FUN!

The camps, clinics and 'Golf in Schools' programs, following Golf Canada and FootGolf Canada guidelines, have been running for the past 4 years and are quite popular in the area introducing kids to both sports.

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CALLING ALL GIRLS

Submitted by Huntsville Girls Hockey Ass'n

The Huntsville Girls Hockey Association is now accepting registrations for the 2017/2018 hockey season.



Again this year, our teams will be playing in the North Simcoe/Muskoka Girls House League which includes teams from Barrie, Orillia, Clearview (Stayner area) and Midland. The season includes a 20 game schedule, weekly practices and two tournaments (one home / one away).

Register today to make new friends, develop new skills and stay active! All experience levels welcome. Programs for girls age 4 and up.

For more information or to register, visit www.huntsvillegha.ca or contact hgha@hotmail.ca.



Baker Rows Well - Regatta Approaches

Submitted by Muskoka Rowing Club

On June 2, Lily Baker of BMLSS competed at the Canadian Secondary School Regatta in St. Catharines. Students from across Canada and some from the U.S. attend this regatta.

Lily placed 2nd in her heat of the Senior 63kg Singles and went to the semi finals. Despite finishing 3rd in her heat, she placed 5th by time and unfortunately, did not progress to the final. A great showing for the BMLSS rower, who was supported by the school as well as the Muskoka Rowing Club and Hatchet's Rowing.

In other Club news, we thank all who came to the AGM and BBQ in July. It was a great time to mingle with our newest rowers and make connections for the season.

Join us August 17, when we host the MRC Regatta on the Muskoka River. This event is always fun as teams get into the spirit by dressing up in costumes of their choice. Come down to the river at Kelvin Grove Park and cheer us on!

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