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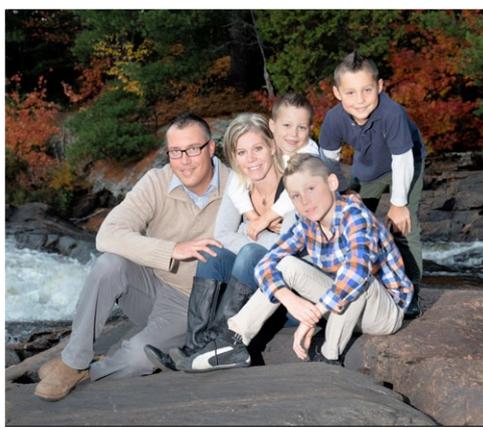
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INVESTING IN THEIR FUTURE

*Submitted by W. Morris Hudasek, Vice President
Children's Foundation of Muskoka*

Winter's almost over and some activities, like hockey, are coming to a close. Other organizations are in registration for spring/summer activities.

While there's a lull in applications in February; March and April get busy. Regarding applications, the Foundation usually encloses an 'Acknowledgement of Funding' form with our 'Confirmation of Assistance' letter inviting feedback from the parent. One comment comes back regularly, "it was really hard to ask for assistance, but we couldn't afford to pay it ourselves." We're aware many families struggle here, that's why we exist.

Some families feel they make a reasonable income and question why there isn't enough money left to pay for extras like children's activities. The unfortunate reality is what once seemed like a reasonable income, just isn't anymore. As an example, a lady on the news confronted Prime Minister Trudeau saying that, while she makes \$50,000 a year, she could not feed her family and pay her hydro bill. \$50,000 a year used to be pretty comfortable – not anymore apparently.

While it is a personal choice to ask for assistance or not, remember the Foundation and CTC Jumpstart are here to help kids and their needs. Perhaps we can view it as a partnership – parents provide nurturing, guidance and support, we help with the financial part. We believe sports and recreational activities benefit all kids, and is an investment in their future.

If you happen to be a parent(s) struggling to pay for everything and are thinking not to put your child(ren) in some activity because of costs, please consider contacting the Foundation. We are here to help.

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Muskoka announce dates for their major fundraiser, 'Bowl For Kids' Sake'.

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LADIES FIRST DRAW AT SOUTH MUSKOKA

South Muskoka Curling & Golf Club congratulates the Ladies League winners.

The Tuesday Afternoon Ladies League winners are (L-R) Willie Mauch, Allana Merrill (skip), Susan Langevin. Joyce Manion is representing the sponsor, Muskoka Aesthetics.

The Tuesday Evening Ladies League winners are (L-R) Sharon Hill, Carol Naish, Nancy Raynor (skip). Gail Kuehn is representing the sponsor, Bracebridge Radiator & Muffler Center. Team member Pam Anketell is missing.



The Tuesday Afternoon Ladies League winners



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The winning lacrosse teams from Bracebridge in the early years of the 1900s set the stage for a string of championships that lasted until the outbreak of World War 1 in 1914.

Canadian Junior Championships came to Bracebridge in 1908 and 1909, according to William Bastedo Sr., a member of the winning 1906 team. Many of those junior aged players moved on to bring Intermediate Championships to Bracebridge in 1912, '13 and '19, reflective of the fact many players had enlisted with the armed forces during the war years.

To win the 1908 Championship series, Bracebridge defeated All Saints of Toronto 7 to 4 and Brantford 9 to 6 in the final. They repeated the feat again in 1909 by defeating Fergus Thistles 15 to 4.

That 1909 Championship series must have been a classic. A train load of fans from Bracebridge, complete with the local brass band, travelled to Scarborough for the tournament format playoff. Stores and offices were closed, holidays declared, leaving Bracebridge looking like a ghost town. Not to be out-done, Fergus fans also arrived in great numbers. Being heavily settled with Scottish immigrants, many were

Right: Bracebridge Junior Lacrosse team of 1909, declared 'Champions of the World' by local press.



Below: Rough play in 1909 Canadian Championship game, Bracebridge in full black shirts with white shoulders



decked out in kilts and led by a furiously wailing piper. However, Bracebridge dominated from the start and, by halftime, the piper had grown silent and crept out of sight behind the press stand, lamenting "It's no use. They're dead ones", according to coverage of the game by the Toronto Evening Telegram in a lengthy article.

The Bracebridge newspaper, following the victory, blared headlines "Junior Lacrosse Team Champions of the World".

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Development Day For Limberettes

Submitted by Muskoka Limberettes

In early January, a few of our girls were lucky enough to attend a 'Gymnastics Ontario Development Camp'.

Zoey, Alex and Gwen were able to spend valuable time with some of Canada's top coaches. Included in that group was our National Team head coach, Dave Brubaker. The girls spent the day learning some finer points and trying a couple new moves, while Limberettes coaches Kelsey and Brandi, who also attended, experienced the nuances of high-level training.

TOP: (L to R) Coach Brandi, Alex, Zoey, Gwen, Coach Kelsey
 BOTTOM: National Coach Dave Brubaker

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Meet Regan West

Submitted by Muskoka Limberettes

Ten year old Regan is in our 8 hour interclub group. Regan is being recognized this month because of her unending determination. Regan is relatively new to the competitive program. Her coach has been very impressed with her perseverance and initiative. During practice, Regan starts to work on her skills before getting direction from her coach, and will continue to work at an unwavering pace until she gets it right. She never quits! Regan's handspring vault is improving greatly and she has recently learned her front tuck off of trampoline. Congratulations Regan!

TRIVIA

QUESTIONS: STILL WINTER - SPRING'S COMING

1. Who won the 1st Jack Adams Award (NHL Coach of the Year) in 1973-74?
2. Which 'Original 6' NHL team is not in the top 5 of all-time Stanley Cup winners?
3. What U.S. professional sports team has been in the same city with the same name for the longest period of time?
4. What was the nickname of Toronto's first professional basketball team?
5. Nolan Ryan is baseball's career strikeout leader with 5,714. Who averaged more strikeouts per season than Ryan and is 2nd all-time?
6. Burt Reynolds starred in the original, Adam Sandler in the remake. Name the movie.
7. The Upper Deck Company released its first set of trading cards in 1989. The sport was baseball. Whose most famous 'rookie card' was #1 in the set?



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SKI CLUB HOSTED CANADA'S OLDEST CLASSIC LOPPET

Submitted by Arrowhead Nordic Ski Club

Arrowhead Nordic Ski Club continued their annual tradition of hosting the 'Muskoka Loppet' in late January. The Loppet was started in the late 70's by local hoteliers and restaurateurs to bring skiers from across North America to Huntsville during the tourist 'off-season' to compete in a distance skiing event as part of the World Loppet series. This event brought 1000-1500 people to Huntsville annually from around the world.

'Loppet' stems from the Norwegian word løpet, a long distance cross country skiing event greater than 35 kilometers. Participants include competitive skiers who enjoy skiing at their own pace. The skiing techniques used in a loppet include 'classic' (diagonal stride) or 'free' (skating). The 'Muskoka Loppet' is true to the original form of 'classic.'

In its early years, the 'Muskoka Loppet's' start area alternated yearly, at Deerhurst Resort and Hidden Valley or at the Port Sydney Community Center. Skiers worked their way across Mary Lake, over the hills towards Newholme and across Penn Lake using snowmobile trails to Deerhurst and Hidden Valley. It was one of the top loppet events in North America.

After a 5-year hiatus in the 90's, the Muskoka Loppet re-located to Arrowhead Provincial Park attracting a smaller number of participants without the World Loppet endorsement.

The Muskoka Loppet was held a few weeks ago, setting a new record with 373 participants. Part of the Cross Country Ontario Southern Ontario Paraffin Race Series, the distances were 5, 15 and 30 km which attracted racers from Ontario, including a large contingent of university racers, and from Calgary and Halifax. Even some former national skiers and Olympians participated this year.

The success is the result of the volunteers' organizing efforts and local businesses supporting the event.

This year, the Muskoka Loppet used chip timing for results and had them available on people's tablets and phones. The results can be found at www.zone4.ca.

Hawks Top Picks in Drafts

Submitted by Huntsville Hawks Lacrosse

Huntsville Hawks are proud to announce that two of our players, Brett Handsor and Jason Knox, were among the top picks at the recent Ontario Junior 'A' Lacrosse League draft.

Bracebridge's Handsor was selected 11th overall by the Orangeville Northmen while Knox, from Huntsville, was chosen 17th overall by the Burlington Chiefs.

Both had a stellar season with the Hawks and will attend their respective tryouts prior to the start of the season. Well done boys - good luck!

RIGHT: Jason Knox (L) and Brett Handsor (R) at the '16 Midget Provincials. Photo courtesy Jocelyn Knox.




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Submitted by Muskoka Aquatic Club (MUSAC)

The recent success of Canadian swimmers at the Olympics displayed how exciting and rewarding swimming can be as a sport.

The Muskoka Aquatic Club (MUSAC) is a competitive swim club operating in Muskoka for over 40 years. With over 200 swimmers from all over Muskoka, training is in the Bracebridge and Huntsville pools. The club's goal is to provide high quality instruction and training programs to develop motivated swimmers and individuals. Most of our competitive swimmers are between the ages of 7 and 17, with programs offered for those at the start of their swimming career (5-6 years), up to Masters (19+ years).

In late November, MUSAC hosted a swim meet in Bracebridge, competing against clubs from Orangeville and Orillia. The highlight of the meet was an eliminator-style final for each 50m event for girls and boys. The top eight qualifiers in each of the four strokes; backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, and freestyle, raced repeatedly, eliminating the swimmer with the slowest time in each race until one swimmer remained! Cash prizes were awarded for the top 3 placements. This unique style of racing provided both fun and incentive early on in the season while swimmers were gearing up towards the more competitive part of their season.

40 swimmers from MUSAC attended the Division II Team Championships in Brantford and placed 2nd out of 21 teams! This was a best ever finish for the club and a pleasant surprise for Head Coach Morgan Kierstead. The December meet saw our swimmers earn over 40 medals. Many personal best times were beaten and several achieved qualifying times for higher level swim meets later this season. The key to the club's success was the ability to field competitive relay teams due to a good balance of talent. Boys and girls 17&over medley relay teams each won gold and both boys and girls 10&under relay teams placed second, winning silver.

Swimming, though very much an individual sport, has a rewarding team component as well, giving athletes the best of both worlds!



1. Girls 10 & Under Relay (L to R) - Hayley Oke, Cassis Adair, Grace Thomas, Mary Jibb
2. Boys 10 & Under Relay (L to R) - Andrew Guerriero, Daniel Perry, Harrison Jones, Kellan Shaw
3. Boys 17 & Over Medley Relay (L to R) - Mark Cox, Mitchell Cox, Samuel Kuntz, Andrew Markham
4. Girls 17 & Over Medley Relay (L to R) - Lara Armstrong, Ally Goldring, Alicia McLinden, Lauren Thomas




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ROYALS WIN FOUR STRAIGHT!

Submitted by West Muskoka Ringette Association

The West Muskoka Royals U16 ringette team ended 2016 with strong performances in securing wins over the Newmarket Rays and Sunderland Stingerz!

On December 18th the Royals faced Newmarket. The teams exchanged goals in the first with Muskoka finishing the second period up 4-2 and hung on to notch a 6-4 victory! Royals goal scorers were Elli Matzanke, Megan Cambruzzi (2), Emily Anderson (2) and Kaitlyn Schofield with assists by Abby Houston and Cambruzzi .

Later that afternoon the Royals encountered a strong Sunderland team. The Royals played a robust first period and held a 4-1 lead entering the second. Kirsten Schofield's strong goaltending helped Muskoka secure a 6-2 win! Goals were scored by Cambruzzi (4), Kaitlyn Schofield and Matzanke with assists by Anderson (4), Houston and Jade Clyde.

The Muskoka Royals U16 team finished the first half in 2nd place in the Central Region League with a record of 4 wins, and 3 losses.

The Royals started their second half where they left off. Two more solid outings in rematches against Newmarket and Sunderland.

On January 8th the Royals, with a stellar defensive performance, earned a 3-1 win over Newmarket! Kaitlyn Schofield (short-handed), Anderson and Houston tallied the goals, with assists from Anderson, Clyde and Kaitlyn Schofield. A last minute goal prevented Kirsten Schofield from getting her first shut-out of the season.

In game two that afternoon against Sunderland, hot goaltending by Kirsten Schofield and a concerted offensive effort, resulted in a 3-1 win with goals from Cambruzzi and Anderson (2), and an assist from Kaitlyn Schofield

The next home game for the U16 Muskoka Royals is on Saturday, March 4 at 7 pm vs. Sunderland at the Graeme Murray Arena in Gravenhurst. Come out to watch! Admission is free!

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BEARS

MIDGET AE TAKE OPENING ROUND

Submitted by South Muskoka Minor Hockey

The Greavette Midget AE Bears faced the Huntsville Otters - who they had not beaten this year - in the 1st-round of OMHA playdowns in mid-January.

Game 1 set the tone for the series. End to end action, relentless battles - edge of your seat hockey. Both goalies played shut down. Solid defense by Bears' Tasnadi and Cameron with timely saves, sent the game to overtime at zeros. Overtime settled nothing, final 0-0 tie.

On the big ice in Huntsville, the Bears' felt at ease. They set each other up, were first to the puck and forced the play. Early in the 2nd, an awesome set up from Somerville and Coady to Antonides, opened the scoring for the Bears. Three minutes later, Coady tipped in a shot by Dikeos - Bears up 2. Huntsville took advantage of a 5 on 3 for their first goal and tied the game 18 seconds before intermission. The Bears charged back in the 3rd. Cameron deked through the Otters a minute in, followed by Robson's breakaway goal. Penwell's stellar play in net shut down the Otters. Bear's win 4-2.

Despite a full house in Gravenhurst, the Otters tallied 2 goals in the last couple minutes of the game for a 3-1 win. Series tied.

Back in Huntsville, the Bears' opened the scoring. Antonides and Cameron set up Anderson, Bears up 1-0. They traded goals in the second including the Bears' Coady and Anderson feeding Robson who deked the goalie. In the 3rd, Dikeos slid a pass to Anderson for an insurance goal. The Otters pressed and scored, but the Bears held. A 3-2 win and series stranglehold.

Game 5 - Gravenhurst. Focused, the Bears scored first on a breakaway by Maher burying it high blocker-side. Robson's beauty, assisted by Anderson and Coady made it 2-0. The Otters turned on their speed and physicality. A slapper by Summerville, from Hoffman and Quemby, put the Bears up by 3. Huntsville made it 3-1 going to the 3rd. Both teams played full out. Halfway through, Ruddell got the puck from Hoffman and Anderson, carried it, and roofed a backhand making it 4-1. The Bears held with solid 'D' and awesome goaltending, taking the series.

(Note: The Bears went on to face Penetang in the next round. Visit www.southmuskokaminorhockey.com for updated results)

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ABOVE: Team photo of the Greavette Midget AE Bears.



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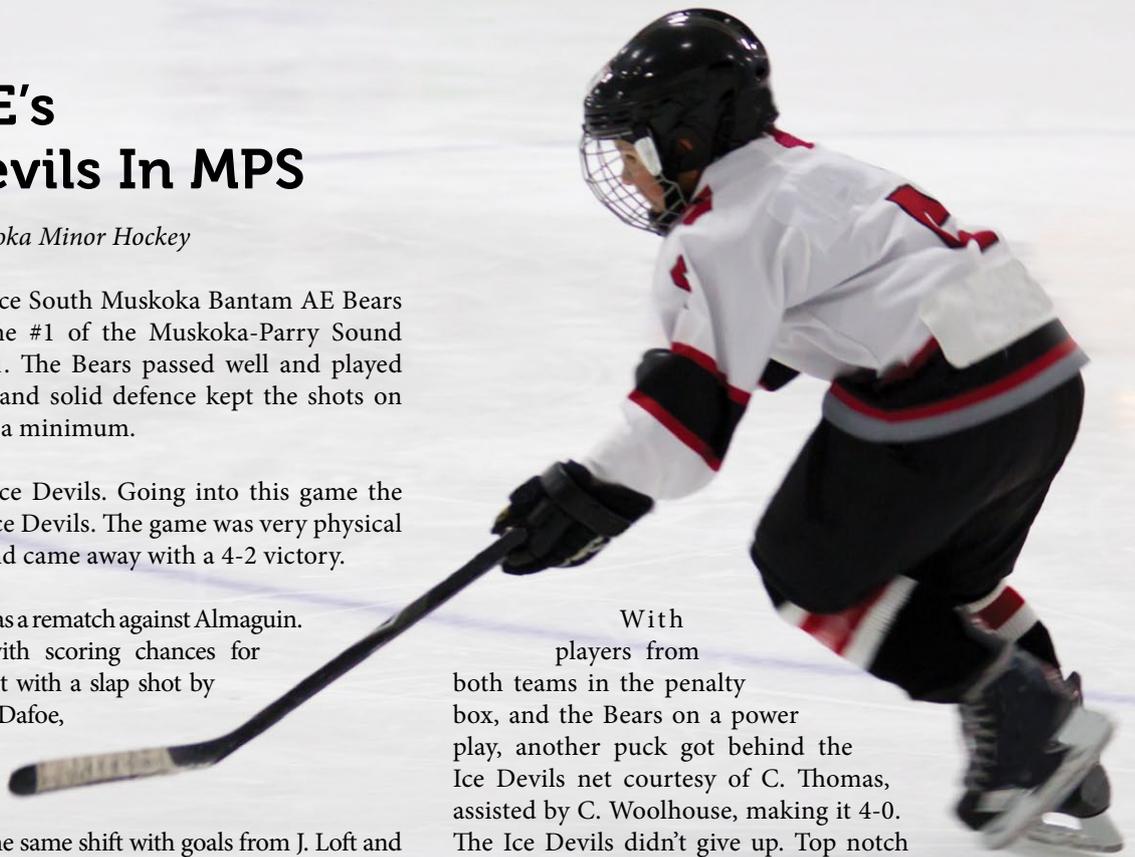
Submitted by South Muskoka Minor Hockey

The Stan Darling Insurance South Muskoka Bantam AE Bears faced Huntsville for game #1 of the Muskoka-Parry Sound tournament and won 5-1. The Bears passed well and played hard. Offensive pressure and solid defence kept the shots on Bears goalie, I. Fantuz, to a minimum.

Up next, the Almaguin Ice Devils. Going into this game the Bears were 2-1-1 vs. the Ice Devils. The game was very physical but the Bears kept cool and came away with a 4-2 victory.

The Championship game was a rematch against Almaguin. The start was physical with scoring chances for both. The Bears scored first with a slap shot by D. Boese, assisted by D. Dafoe, ending the 1st with a slim lead. Minutes into the 2nd, the Bears scored twice within a minute on the same shift with goals from J. Loft and T. Hornick-Martin and assists to Hornick-Martin, Q. Greenfield and Z. Stephen, to grab a 3-0 lead.

With players from both teams in the penalty box, and the Bears on a power play, another puck got behind the Ice Devils net courtesy of C. Thomas, assisted by C. Woolhouse, making it 4-0. The Ice Devils didn't give up. Top notch goaltending by Fantuz, blocked shots, and 100% effort kept Almaguin at bay. Final score 4-1.



BANTAM BEARS BROUGHT THE BROOMS

Submitted by South Muskoka Minor Hockey



The Cavalcade Ford Bantam Bears swept their MPS tourney going 5-0 to bring home the cup.

Hot off an undefeated season record of 18-0-0, the Bears went back to work.

On the Friday, the Bears opened against Parry Sound. South Muskoka took it to them earning a 6-0 victory. A great way to start the tournament.

Saturday was different. Struggling against their nemesis, the Huntsville Otters, the Bears were sloppy and could not pull themselves out. It wasn't until late in the 3rd before South Muskoka hit the net. An ugly game was secured with an empty netter, making the final 2-0.

The afternoon brought Highland Storm. Always competitive, the Storm seem to impact the Bears. Highland came out 'guns-a-blazing'. After one, the Bears were down 2-0. Stressed and eerily quiet, the Bears opened the 2nd with a quick goal. Minutes later, they tied it. Immediately into the 3rd, the Storm

seared a shot taking the lead yet again. Hunkering down to find their feet, the Bears kept everyone on edge until, at the 3 minute mark, they tied the game. Less than 2 minutes later, they took the lead. With 42 seconds left, the Bears scored an empty-netter making it 5-3. Haliburton wasn't done. With 6 seconds remaining, they scored. The Bears held on for a 5-4 victory.

The Championship brought another shot at Huntsville. The boys were rested and ready.

Less than 2 minutes in, South Muskoka bent the twine to set the tone. A hard-hitting, physical game, the Bears took no prisoners. They pinched, fore-checked and back-checked with authority - punishing. At the end of two, it was a 6-0 game. The 'shock and awe' tactics put Huntsville in their proper spot in the food chain.

The Cavalcade Ford Bantam Bears - deserving winners of the 2017 Muskoka -Parry Sound Championship.

(Note: OMHA playoffs are well underway. For the latest, visit southmuskokaminorhockey.com)



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PEEWEEES MPS CHAMPS IN OT

Submitted by South Muskoka Minor Hockey

Heading into the MPS Championship weekend, the Fowler Peewee Rep team was in a slump with a few ties - but no wins in over a month.

First up, Parry Sound, who we lost to the weekend before. The team was pumped knowing they had to step up their game to get a win. They came out strong, scoring in the first 3 minutes... and never looked back. The Bears broke their winless streak with a strong 7-4 victory.

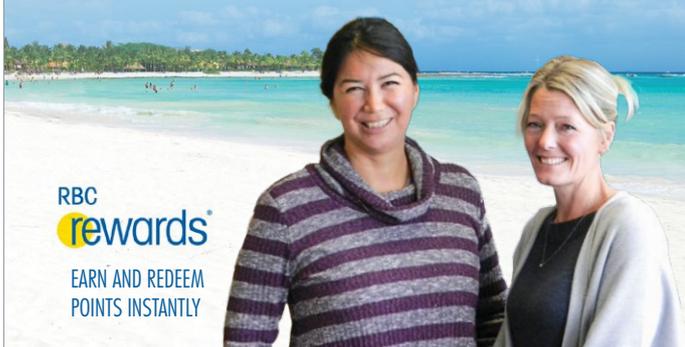
Next game, the Highland Storm, a team the Bears lost to at our last meeting. Once again, the kids played hard hockey with strong forechecking and great defense. The Bears won 5-4.

The final was a rematch against Highland Storm. After 3 periods, the score was tied 2-2...time for 3-on-3 overtime hockey. It took 14 minutes of overtime play when Daniel Downing chipped a pass from Noah Holmes over a scrambling goalie. A dramatic ending to win the MPS Championship. Congratulations Bears!

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Atoms 'Peake' At MPS Tourney

Submitted by South Muskoka Minor Hockey

The Castle Peake Retirement Bears traveled to Huntsville to compete in the Atom Rep Muskoka-Parry Sound Championship tournament.

The Bears started with a convincing 5-0 win against the host team, Huntsville Otters, on Friday night. Earning the shutout was #31 Andres.

Saturday morning, the Bears faced off against the Haliburton Storm. Great passing and strong defence helped the Bears to a 3-1 victory.

It was a hard fought battle against the Parry Sound Shamrocks in game 3. Despite a strong 3rd period, the Bears fell short losing 4-2.

The 2 round-robin wins advanced the Bears to the finals, a rematch against the Shamrocks. Similar to their previous game, the Bears fell behind early. This time, their determination and hearts took over. The Bears scored 3 unanswered goals in the final frame, erasing a 2-goal deficit. The winner came with just 1:30 remaining in the game. The team came together and played as one solid unit.

GO BEARS GO!

South Hosts A Bounty Of Bonspiels

Submitted by South Muskoka Curling & Golf Club

A busy bonspiel season continues at South Muskoka Curling and Golf Club.

Mid-December saw the Annual 'Canadian Tire Hunters Bonspiel'. With club member Brandon Kuehn at the helm, this bonspiel's grown from 8 teams out of a few hunt clubs to 16 hailing from 13 camps. After three, 6-end games and a roast beef dinner with rabbit stew, Team Mataija, from the Old Mill Hunt Club, came out victorious with a 48 "Point" day. A great prize table completed the day, which could not have been done without the fantastic support of Canadian Tire, Bracebridge Radiator Muffler & Brake Centre and Muskoka Brewery...we can't thank them enough.

A little razzle dazzle and all that Jazz! 8 Women's teams played two, 8-end games in the "A Night at The Musicals" Ladies Bonspiel in early January. Each team participated in a progressive quiz about musicals. Coming out victorious was the South Muskoka team of Margie Michalski, Andree Baillargeon, Pat Lloyd and Sue Larose-Lorenzini . Of course, what would a themed bonspiel be without the Ladies dressing the part. The best dressed team went to the 'Twisted Sister' team of Yvonne Rousseau, Heather Lade, Jackie McCutcheon and Risa Cashmore with best individual going to 'Sister Mary' Jackie McCutcheon!

Mid-January saw 14 Men's teams compete in the Molson Bonspiel. One of the more popular men's events, several Toronto and Muskoka area club teams played three, 6-end games for the right to call themselves 2017 Champions. This season, the South Muskoka Team of Michael Michalski, Paul Dempsey , Peter Michalski and Matt Michalski took the title. The participants had a great day finishing with their pick of a full prize table. With many of the prizes provided by David Creighton of Molson's, not a curler went home empty handed. Thank you David and Molson's! For more information regarding upcoming events, contact Jenn Josiak at jennifer@southmuskoka.com



TOP: Canadian Tire Hunters Bonspiel Champions - Team Mataija
 MIDDLE: South Muskoka Team (L to R), Margie Michalski, Andree Baillargeon, Pat Lloyd, Sue Larose-Lorenzini
 BOTTOM: Molson's Championship (L to R) Michael Michalski, Paul Dempsey , Peter Michalski , Matt Michalski

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Muskoka Lakes Soccer Kick Off

Submitted by Muskoka Lakes Soccer Club

Soccer in Muskoka Lakes kicks off again May 1st and runs until June 23rd 2017.

The club invites soccer players' ranging in age from 3-17 yrs for another great season.

Registration takes place Saturday February 25th, 9:45am-12 noon at the Port Carling Arena and again at Glen Orchard School Tuesday February 28th, 5:30-7:30pm

For more information, contact BJ Stevens at muskokalakesoccerclub@gmail.com or visit the website, www.mlsc11.wix.com/muskokalakesoccer

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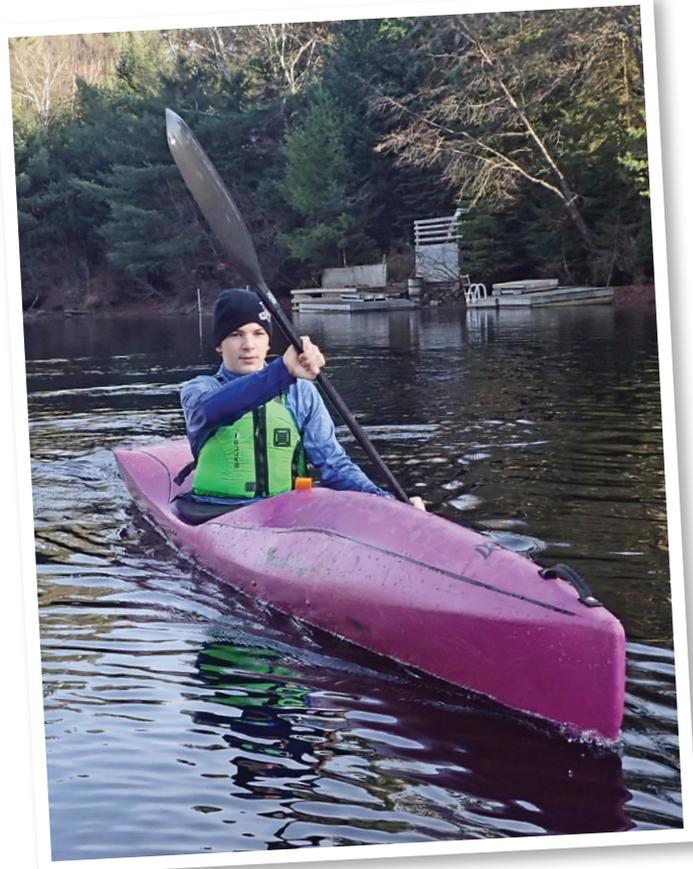
Submitted by Muskoka Kayak School

Whitewater kayaking athlete, Jacob Demeert, has been training hard. His goal is to compete at the National Whitewater Kayaking Championships, being held in Ottawa this summer.

The Huntsville High School student started kayaking on whitewater last summer. Under the instruction of National Junior coach, Andy Parry, he has been making excellent progress. With many hours on the water at their training site in Port Sydney, and the Minden Wild Water Preserve for whitewater training, more is to come prior to the Nationals.

The Nationals will be a good challenge for Jacob. The whitewater will be big, the course will be set to challenge the Olympians who will be competing. It's one step to meeting Jacob's ultimate goal, which is to compete for Canada at the 2019 World Championships.

We wish him well.



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POWER TRIP TO OHIO

Submitted by Ashley Maher/Joey Costello

The Florida-based 'Powerhouse Armwrestling Federation' (PAF) held an international tournament a few weeks ago in Canton, Ohio. Ashley Maher, along with Joey Costello, made the trip and came home with some top finishes.

Competing in 3 different classes, Maher pulled the 125 lb. class and took first place. The challenge was set. Maher continued to compete in the two classes above her. In both the 143 lb. class and open class (143 lb +), Ashley took 3rd place.

5 other Canadians also competed as the PAF continues to grow in the armwrestling circuit.

Photo credit: Arm Fighter Foto - Fred Dedrick, Ohio.

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ANSWERS: **MID-WINTER & A TWIST**

1. Fred Shero - Philadelphia Flyers
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Burgess Bowl - Jitney Style In Bala

Submitted by Bala Curling Club

The Annual Burgess Bowl took place mid-January and, once again, it was an awesome Jitney style event. Eight teams, with players changing teams after each game, enjoyed three games of curling, great food, a trivia contest and horse racing. Many families participated, including three generations of one family, and many got to play with and against each other during the Jitney.

A big thanks to hosts, Chris and Brad Burgess and volunteers Elda and Donna. Best costume went to the 'Rhinestone Cowgirl', Nancy McFadden, bejeweled and bedazzling.



On February 25-26, the Club hosts outdoor curling at Johnston's Cranberry Marsh. The event is free and open to all, with instructional clinics and games. Visit the Bala Curling Club on Facebook for more information.

Brad Burgess presents the trophy to the top positional players of the day: Ruth Niskikawa (Vice), Dawson McCron (Lead) and Keith McCron (Skip).

Girls Mark 40th Year

Submitted by Huntsville Girls Hockey Association

An exciting weekend in mid-January marked the 40th annual Huntsville Girls Hockey Association Tournament.

Over 60 teams from across the province traveled to take part in our tournament.

The girls had a fantastic weekend of hockey, cheering each other on, playing hard, and making new friends. Our Huntsville Sting Novice, Atom Black, Atom Gold, Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget and Senior C teams all participated in the tournament and challenged different teams across the province.

The season continues for all teams as they play league games, travel to tournaments and continue to build their skills and friendships.



TOP: Huntsville
Sting Bantam



RIGHT: Huntsville
Sting Atom Gold

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