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FOUNDATION PLANS IN THE WORKS

*Submitted by W. Morris Hudasek, VP CFM, Muskoka Coordinator
CTC Jumpstart, Children's Foundation of Muskoka*

Many organizations are taking registrations for the upcoming season. The Foundation, along with CTC Jumpstart, will again be available to provide financial assistance for any child whose family resources are limited. We can help with registration fees and equipment if needed.

Summer's a great time for children to be involved in recreational activities and with our assistance, there should be no reason for a child in Muskoka to not participate because of funding.

The Foundation, with partnerships, can provide low cost/no cost activities this summer. Keep an eye out for announcements later this spring.

I would like to remind parents that the Foundation, in partnership with the George Corn Memorial fund, hopes to provide full no cost opportunity to several children who wish to start playing hockey next season. Fees and equipment (as well as if needed, emotional support and guidance for parents new to hockey) will be provided. Planning will be ongoing over the summer to have the child ready to go when registration takes place. There's also a plan in the works to have a low cost, perhaps free summer hockey camp but details are still being worked out.

Representatives from the Foundation met with representatives from three municipalities to discuss how lower income families in our communities could access various programs that each Town provides. Options are being explored and the Foundation plans to be a willing partner in any initiative that will allow lower cost access to recreational services for families with limited income. I commend the recreational department staffs for their efforts to make this happen.

We wish everyone an active summer and hope that we can be a financial source for any child/family who needs assistance.

Please feel free to contact me for any information needed,
W. Morris Hudasek at 705-645-2710 or hudasek@muskoka.com

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IDEAS ARE THERE



South Muskoka Minor Hockey's new President is Steph Oates. Her experience and background in hockey is lengthy.

Oates started playing at 4, made it to the Provincial Women's Hockey League with Windsor, still competes at a high level with Orillia and helped start the flourishing Muskoka Women's Hockey League.

She's been around the organizational side as her Dad started the Windsor program and was regional rep for the Ontario Women's Hockey Assn.

Oates has some bright ideas which she'll bring forth over time.

"I hope to make people want to be part of the association," she stated. "To again make the arena fun, a real community hub, something that's disappeared in most small towns".

She'll map it out. As an avid Detroit Red Wings fan, Steph precisely planned her wedding day for September 19, 2009 - numerically, 09-19-09...Gordie Howe-Steve Yzerman-Gordie Howe. "Even the Leafs' success comes from Detroit...Babcock and Shanahan," a good-natured dig we couldn't refute.

The ideas are there, her excitement's real - a burst of energy.

NEW FACES

Staying with South Muskoka Minor Hockey, there's a few new faces joining the board. Brenda Yeoman takes over the Secretary position, Mark McGrath is the new Director of Player Development, Tia Reading joins as Registrar. At deadline, one position remained to be filled, Director Local League. Other positions remain unchanged.

HALL WANTS STUFF

Last month we had an article from the Gravenhurst Lions Club - Sports Hall of Fame looking for various sports memorabilia they can display in the hall. We wanted to add that this is an ongoing process for the Lions Club - not just last month. With spring here, you may clean out the garage, attic, etc. If you come across a picture, an old trophy/plaque, whatever - keep the hall in mind. Consider donating it or allow them to display the piece(s) temporarily.



The Lions Sports Hall of Fame is a joint project of the Gravenhurst Lions Club and the Town of Gravenhurst and is upstairs at the arena.

To share or donate your sports memorabilia, visit Gravenhurst.ca/LionsSportsHall and complete a Memorial Proposal Application or contact Dan Buttineau, Manager of Recreation Services at 705-687-6774 x 29 or at dan.buttineau@gravenhurst.ca.

OOPS TRIVIA

One of our Maple Leaf hockey puck friends made a point of telling us one of our answers were wrong in last month's trivia. We asked what the last year was the Maple Leafs made it to the Stanley Cup semi-final.

It was not 93-94. Apparently though when you haven't won the cup for over 50 years, one hangs on to every morsel of victory-by-proximity possible.

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ALPINE SKIING & JUMPS IN BRACEBRIDGE?

An unlikely thought some might say considering that, aside from some cross-country ski trails, there are little or no facilities for skiing in Bracebridge.

But that hasn't always been the case. In fact Bracebridge, at one time, did have a very active Ski Club that provided a wide range of ski activities for its members.

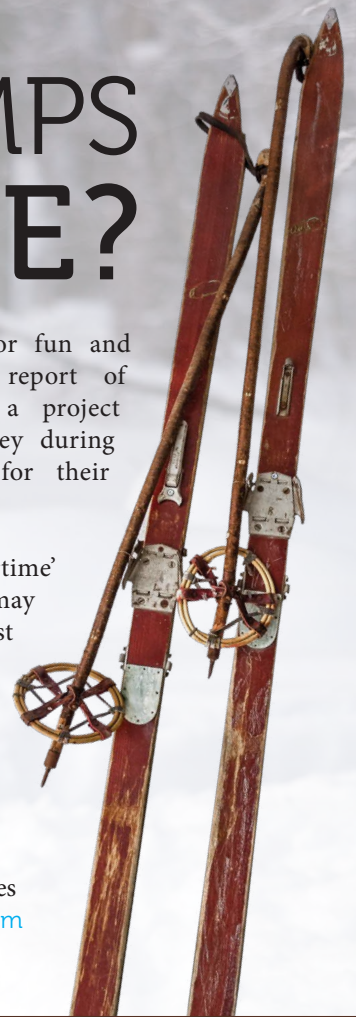
The interest in skiing seems to have been stirred in 1931 when three young men from Cobalt caught the fancy of the community in their quest to ski from the town of Cobalt (90 min north of North Bay) in northern Ontario to Toronto.

They stopped for the night in Bracebridge and during their brief stay explained their challenge to all who wanted to listen. It was not just that they were skiing, many in Bracebridge in winter travelled by skis; it was that these three young men were doing it on one long pair of skis fitted with three sets of boot harnesses, requiring them to constantly move in unison the entire trip.

And they were doing it for fun and recreation. There is no report of them raising money for a project nor did they ask for money during their travels, it was all for their own enjoyment.

In the next edition of 'Overtime' you'll read how this event may have sparked an interest in skiing in Bracebridge that lasted for several decades and provided excellent outdoor recreation for the community.

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TRIVIA

QUESTIONS:

1. In "scoring" a baseball game, what number represents the 3rd base position?
2. October 30, 1974 - the "Rumble In The Jungle" boxing match between Muhammad Ali and reigning champ George Foreman, was fought in what country?
3. Who was the first coach of the Dallas Cowboys?
4. The NBA's Utah Jazz began play in 1979. What city was home to the team before that?
5. Montreal's won the Stanley Cup the most since the NHL first expanded in 1967-68. What 2 teams have won it the second most times?
6. What is the 'Hobey Baker Award' for?
7. Where is the "Great American Ball Park"?



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GRYPHONS' FIRST OFSAA SINCE '94

Submitted By Devon Reid, Senior Gryphons Basketball Player
Gravenhurst High School

The 2017-18 Gravenhurst High Senior Boys basketball campaign has come and gone. It saw the team battle through thick and thin against tough local competition in the Muskoka - Parry Sound region.

Despite the underdog status our mighty school has become accustomed too with athletics in our region, both the Junior and Senior boys' basketball teams endured tough league play to get a birth in the Georgian Bay Secondary School Athletic Association Championships.

The Seniors traveled to Barrie to battle Unity Christian High School in a game that was win or go home. Our team left the gymnasium with a 41-27 win highlighted by our gritty defensive play.

An Ontario Federation School Athletic Association's (OFSAA) Championships birth was now a reality that hasn't existed for the boys basketball program at Gravenhurst High School since 1994. It has been a monkey on our backs for a long time to say the least.



We went to Cornwall for Senior Boys' 'A' division basketball OFSAA Championships.

We embarked on a six hour road trip that was only made possible thanks to Bill Ruddell, Alexandra Johnston and Sheri Reid for volunteering as the drivers and chaperones.

Despite receiving the 19 seed out of 20 teams in tournament play, the seniors left all they had on the court for three games, including playing the first game against the eventual champions. One of the bright spots for the Gryphons despite leaving Cornwall without a Championship banner was Logan Fick, who lead the tournament in scoring.

None of our teams' success would have been possible without the huge commitment of our coach, Mr. Van Kooten. On behalf of the Senior Boys basketball team, I would like to say thank you to our fans and families who cheered and traveled with us throughout the season. Thank you.



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MEET HANNAH SAUNDERS

Submitted by Muskoka Limberettes

Hannah is six years old and in our three hour pre-competitive group.

Throughout the month of March, Hannah has shown commitment, positivity and perseverance in all of her gymnastics practices. Hannah continually works very hard on her conditioning and is always willing and happy to try out new skills and activities. Hannah enjoys working on the floor and bars and has gained lots of strength this year because of her determination.



Keep up the awesome work Hannah!



A GOOD MEASURE - 9/64

Submitted by Muskoka Aquatic Club (MUSAC)

The Muskoka Aquatic Club had a stellar month of racing.

March kicked off at the Ontario Provincial Championships in Etobicoke with the fastest swimmers in our club attending. This group consisted of Mitch Cox, Mark Cox, Allyson Goldring, Branwyn Shaw, Owen Jibb, Andrew Markham and Daniel Ortiz.

The following weekend we moved onto Ontario AA Champs where our athletes (Daniel Ortiz, Branwyn Shaw, Andrew Markham, Ian Markham, Tyler Skinner) broke 3 relay records, won over 8 medals and placed 9th overall in the province out of 64 teams!

After achieving success at these two high level meets, our swimmers succeeded in achieving 48 medals at the Guelph 'Dash for Cash' event. At this meet Allyson Goldring won \$300 in event prize winnings, Samuel Kuntz and Aidan Spiers \$100 each.

Guelph also offered an opportunity for our 12 and under swimmers to race the 4x100 medley relay. Both our girls and boys team raced to club records. The boys team consisted on Sam Rix, Ben Guerriero, Aidan Spiers and Daniel Parry. The girls Hayley Oke, Dale Graham, Mary Jibb and Mia Pitts.

ABOVE: (L-R) Andrew, Ian, Daniel and Ty - Gold Relay AA
 BELOW LEFT: Branwyn Shaw - Gold 100 Back AA
 BELOW RIGHT: Back Row (L-R) Hayley, Mary, Dale, Mia.
 Front Row Georgina - Relay



LADIES REACH PERFECTION

Submitted by South Muskoka Curling & Golf Club

It's a once in a lifetime accomplishment, but four ladies from South Muskoka Curling and Golf Club recently bagged the elusive 'eight-ender'.

Playing in the Tuesday Evening Ladies League, the team of Risa Cashmore, Penny Burns, Angela Matchett and Susan LaRose-Lorenzini (skip) tallied a perfect score in a single end of curling.

In a typical curling end, both teams throw eight rocks. An 'eight-ender' is when one of those teams is able to make all eight rocks count for points.



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UPGRADES & NEW PROGRAM STARTS SEASON

Submitted by Muskoka Lawn Bowling Club

For a second year running, the Muskoka Lawn Bowling Club is the delighted recipient of a \$25,000 grant from the Government of Canada's 'New Horizon for Seniors' program. The grant will allow the club to purchase a greens roller and to install a new ramp and sidewalks around the bowling green.

The greens roller is expected to improve the quality and speed of the green. A new ramp to the bowling green will improve access to the new facility.

Those interested in learning the game can sign up for the fun and inclusive 'Introduction to Lawn Bowling' programs starting in May.

The club has partnered with the Town of Bracebridge's Recreation Department to offer several Introduction to Lawn Bowling programs ideal for older adults: Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - noon or 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., May 28 and 30, June 4 and 6. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., May 29 and 31, June 5 and 7.

The introductory program fee is \$60, includes all equipment, instruction, as well as post-game snacks and social time.



When participants join the club as full members, this fee will be deducted from the \$250 adult membership.

Lawn bowling is often referred to as curling on grass, as the rules and terms are similar, but without the sweeping. The club will be offering a brand new program targeted specifically to curlers. Enjoy 'curling on grass', with the new Rock'n'Bowl program commencing May 15 for four weeks, 7-9 pm for \$60.

The Muskoka Lawn Bowling Club is grateful to New Horizons for Seniors for the opportunity to offer expanded programming to the community.

Introduction to Lawn Bowling and Rock'n'Bowl programs, membership details and more information is available at muskokabowls.ca, or by contacting Sally Mills at 705-646-0086.



TYKES HANG WITH THE BIG BOYS

Submitted by South Muskoka Minor Hockey

The South Muskoka Tyke Select team recently travelled to Niagara Falls for the NOTL Spring Tournament.

We were up against some strong "AA" centres. We lost our first game against Barrie 6-0 but came back strong Friday afternoon to tackle Stouffville with a big win of 2-1. Emerson Hickey scored the winning goal with 23.3 seconds left. This changed our boys 100%, knowing that they could compete against these teams.

The next morning we played Newmarket. The Tykes played a solid game, leading to a solid 3-1 victory which brought us back that evening for the semi-final rematch against Newmarket. We finished strong and brought home the bronze.

These boys have come so far from the beginning of the year, keeping it tight between some strong centres.

Coming back to Muskoka with the best feeling, they entered the Brad Pearsall Tourney with confidence. Being on home ice was exciting for our little men.

The Tyke Selects opened up the tourney with a win against Muskoka Rock 10-0. Our player of the game went to Dylan Odman.

Game two was against CW Fusion where the Tykes secured an 8-1 win. Player of the game went to Havoc Holmes.

The third game, against Hespeler Shamrock, resulted in a loss. Player of the game went to Owen Cameron.

Finishing 2-1 in round robin put the team into a semi-final game against the Georgina Blaze which, unfortunately, resulted in another loss. Player of the game went to Jackson Jennings.

The team's fundraising was very successful thanks to everyone who helped and donated.

BIRTHDAY BASH IN BALA

Submitted by Bala Curling Club

The Bala Curling Club recently held its 63rd annual Ides of March Ladies Bonspiel. This year's theme was "Birthdays" and the costumes were most imaginative and very colourful.

Added to the festivities were two trivia quizzes. One had questions about Bala as it celebrates its 150th anniversary this year and the second included some very tough questions about how people from other countries and cultures celebrate their birthdays.

Thanks to all the men who volunteered to make sure the ladies had a great evening: Jeff Overbeek, Allan Turnbull, Wayne Trott, Brad Burgess and our renowned ice man, Bruce Gostick.



The winning team from Bracebridge was skipped by Pam McDivitt, with vice Pat Lloyd, second Barb Baldwin and lead Margaret Kenwright.

The evening concluded with a delicious dinner, birthday cake and a raucous rendition of Happy Birthday Bala.

Special thanks to FCA Insurance Brokers of Muskoka for being the title sponsor and to Nancy McFadden for an awesome decorating job.

The season is winding down as spring arrives in Muskoka. The next edition will feature lots of pictures and the results of the perennial favourite end of curling Hockey Night Hot Shots skills competition.



RAPTORS ROAR FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Submitted by Muskoka Men's Basketball League

Friends and family turned out at Huntsville High School to cheer on their favourite team in final round playoff action.

In a hard fought game, Raptors 705 Unity Group Financial overcame Frosty Pint Pub winning 56 to 47 and becoming the new 2017-2018 Muskoka Men's Basketball League Champions.

ABOVE: The Raptors winning team included (L-R) Marc Bonitatibus, Alyssa Favero, Matt Todd, Cooper Schnurr, Ross Clarke, Nathan Jenner, Ben McDonald, Scott Barker and Mike Harrower.



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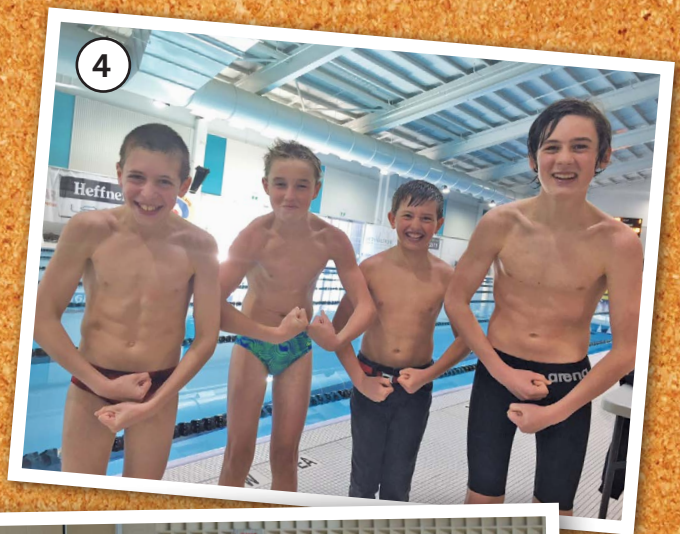
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1. Team Bracebridge at Bala Curling Club .
2. MacTier native Chris Lee at Winter Olympics.
3. MUSAC's Ty, Ian, Branwyn, Andrew & Daniel O. at AA Championships.
4. MUSAC's Ben, Sam, Daniel & Aidan.
5. Bracebridge Soccer Club indoor training.
6. Rink Rats team at Loveable Losers tournament.
7. 'C' Champs at 80th annual Men's Muskoka Lakes Bonspiel at South Muskoka Curling & Golf Club.
8. 'D' Champs at 80th (same as above).
9. Gravenhurst Gryphons accept OFSAA banner.



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SOCCER CLUB BREAKING NEW GROUND

Submitted by Bracebridge Soccer Club

Spring may have just officially sprung into Bracebridge but the soccer club has been accepting registrations for 2018 youth and adult programs since February. Their competitive indoor teams have been training right from mid-November to keep their soccer legs strong.

Katie Hems coaches the Muskoka FC girls under-13 team. She says they have been trying to get the team out to the gym at least once a week.

"This gives the girls an opportunity to practice basic skills and meet each other before the season starts," says Hems, "and it keeps them interested in the sport all year".

Her co-coach Mark O'Dell agrees. The two have been taking the girls on monthly trips to the indoor soccer field in Bradford throughout the winter.

"We usually train in the BLMSS gymnasium," says O'Dell, "but having the girls take these trips together gives them the opportunity to play on grass during the winter months, and it gets them ready for away games come summer."

This is the first year The Bracebridge Soccer Club has had an FC girls under-13 team. But most of the girls on it have been playing soccer their whole lives. They all individually agree that playing all winter has kept them interested in the sport, but they are looking forward to playing other teams on the field.

"We are lucky to be able to use these facilities," says O'Dell, "but we are definitely ready to move outside as soon as possible."

There are more than just physical benefits to having competitive teams play all year. According to Paul Laurie, who coaches the girls under-16 competitive loop, it helps players bond before the season kicks off.

"It's Friday night in the middle of spring and the girls are all here having a great time, laughing and playing together," says Laurie, "so there is a social draw to keeping them coming out and having fun."

Once the season starts in mid-May, teams only have a few weeks to train outside before playing games.

Competitive teams practise 2-3 nights a week all season, so developing a bond with other players is a huge part of the sport. Even non-competitive members can play as many nights as they wish, making soccer a fun, healthy sport for those looking to get social this spring and summer. With over 500 players in 2017, Bracebridge Soccer Club is the largest minor league organization in the community.

Club administrators are excited about the upcoming season. They are offering many new opportunities for youth and adults. These include one night a week programs for girls and boys ages 4-6 from May until June and, 10 youth representative teams, which includes the Muskoka FC Girls under-13. They even have nationally licensed academy coaches for an extended skills development program, available for youth ages 7-8 running right from May until August.

There is still time to sign up before the season starts in May. You can go to their website for www.bracebridgesoccer.net to register and find out more info. You can also follow them on Facebook and Instagram for lots of photos and event reminders.



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CLUBS CONVERGE FOR 80TH

Submitted by South Muskoka Curling and Golf Club

The 80th Annual Men's Muskoka Lakes Bonspiel sponsored by Sunbelt Rentals recently took place at South Muskoka Curling and Golf Club and Port Carling Curling Club.

Playing host to teams from five area clubs: Baysville Curling Club, Bala Curling Club, Huntsville Curling Club, Port Carling Curling Club and South Muskoka Curling and Golf Club, this year's event had some great competition.

The committee and participants would like to extend their sincere thanks to Sunbelt Rentals who kindly agreed to continue the title sponsorship.

By Saturday evening only eight teams, represented by four different clubs, remained, all battling for the thrill of calling themselves champion in their respective event.

In the main event Adam Scott and his team out of Port Carling took on Huntsville's Wayne Watkins. Taking home the Ecclestone Trophy and the right to call themselves champions were Wayne Watkins-Skip, Ken Ciphery, Len Ciphery, Steven Jacklin and Brandon Keuhn of Huntsville.



Winning the 'B' event and the Borntraeger Trophy were Michael Michalski (skip), Bob LaRose, Gerry Carriere and Steve Vickers of the South Muskoka Curling and Golf Club.



Taking home the Book Trophy in the 'C' Event final from Baysville were Hugh Knox (skip), Robert Lacroix, Brent Pond and Sylvain Desjeans.

The 'D' event saw teams from Huntsville and South Muskoka battle it out for the Duke Trophy

with team Nelson coming out as the victor. Congratulations to Rick Nelson- Skip, Al Edwards, Edward Ring and Geoff Ross from South Muskoka Curling and Golf Club.

Congratulations to all of the finalists and our winners!

Next up for South Muskoka is the Ladies Spring Fling Bonspiel.

For more information regarding this or any of our other curling bonspiels, contact Jenn Josiak at jennifer@southmuskoka.com. See you on the ice!

STELLAR STING YEAR

Submitted by Huntsville Girls Hockey Assn

It was an exciting year for the Huntsville Sting Atom Yellow girls hockey team.



Their season record of 13W-5L-2T in the Simcoe Muskoka Girls Hockey League placed them 3rd overall in the 9 team Simcoe Muskoka Girls Hockey League.

They also won gold in the Huntsville Sting Annual Hockey Tournament held in January. This year's team had 4 girls from the South Muskoka area playing on the team.

What a year and an amazingly significant accomplishment for this team.

The coaching staff and parents are extremely proud of the girls. They believed in themselves and their teammates, never gave up and worked extremely hard. They worked on their team motto: STING – S – Support one another, T – Teamwork, I – Inspire each other, N – Never give up and G – Go get them!

Truly an unforgettable season for the girls as some will stay in Atom, while others move to Peewee. Well done and much deserved, Coach Matt, Jeff and Trainer Randy. Go Sting Go.



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AN UNEXPECTED DREAM

OT with MacTier native & Olympian Chris Lee

Chris Lee has laced up his blades all around the world. Currently he is practising his Russian with Metallurg Magnitogorsk of the KHL. However, PyeongChang South Korea will more than likely be where the MacTier native's memories will drift to when remembering 2018.

He never dreamt of playing for team Canada at the Olympics, Chris said, "I definitely had no thoughts of ever playing in the Olympic Games...never thought it possible. When I was told last season that the NHL wouldn't be participating, I still had my reservations. Now that it has happened I'm still in shock."

"I'm not sure what it's going to feel like when we play that opening game (against the Swiss)," admitted Lee. "There will be some nerves involved." Shock turned to reality and those nerves would help with two assists in his Olympic debut.

Chris Lee represented Canada proudly wearing the coveted #4 (Lee's Uncle actually married Bobby Orr's sister). A left hand shot and holding the blue line, one assumes that Orr rubbed off on the Olympian.

Growing up playing hockey in MacTier shaped his life. "It taught me to be humble and very appreciative of the opportunities I've had over the years. It's unbelievable how much support I have from everyone in MacTier and every time I go back it's like I never left. We just pick up right where we left off. There's a special bond when you're from a small town."

To those who dream of a semblance of what Chris Lee has enjoyed, he says, "I would tell kids that the most important thing is to have fun and never let anyone tell you that you're not good enough. You'll never find out what the future holds if you give up."

Chris and Team Canada won Bronze.



A GRITTY RIDE

With their record, streaks and tournament wins - it looked easy.

But what one doesn't necessarily see at the surface is 'the ride'.

During regular season play, they never encountered a losing streak. They did enjoy 2 winning streaks of 5, and the big one of 15 which included the OMHA play downs.

The South Muskoka Greavette Midget AE Bears hockey club went for a long ride this season. And, despite a few teams making the OMHA finals over the past couple years, it's really not that common.

The Midget AE's captured 2 of 3 tournaments including the Collingwood Silver Stick which took them to the International Silver Stick (ISS) where they won silver.

A couple weeks after Collingwood, the Bears defeated Oro 6-3. That triggered the 15-game win streak and carried the group into the playoffs.

But through it all, there were many come-from-behind victories and some nail-biters. It was a testament to this group's overall work ethic. They may not have always been at their best, but they clawed.

Confidence was high entering the playoffs, which started right after their International silver.

In a convincing fashion, they took out rival Huntsville in 3-straight. Things got a little tighter against Ennismore. A couple games could have gone either way, but the Bears kept a tight grip on the broom to sweep the Eagles.

When things were supposed to get tougher against Walkerton, they didn't. From the start, the Bears controlled the series in earning their 3rd straight series sweep.

The finals were set. Their opponent, Petrolia, was also coming off 3 straight series sweeps. They each had a broom in hand.



South Muskoka and Petrolia had seen each other before. At the ISS, the Bears came away with a slim 2-1 win.

Opening the series in Gravenhurst, Petrolia dominated play. They got to the puck first and employed a swift fore-check en route to a 4-0 game one win.



Game 2 in Gravenhurst saw the Bears pick up their game. It was late in the first when the Oilers opened the scoring. The Bears Josh Dikeos tied it early in the 2nd. Chances went back and forth, each team trying to grab momentum. Near the end of the 2nd, Petrolia would get the go ahead marker. They added another in the latter part of the 3rd, then an empty-netter. Final 4-1 Petrolia.

It was off to oil country for game 3. Petrolia notched an early goal, then another a few minutes later for a quick 2-0 lead. Jamie Boyd cut the lead in half with 5 minutes left in the first. The Bears continued to press, throwing over 30 shots at the Oilers net, but to no avail.

The proverbial roller coaster ride had ended.

When the memories take hold of this season, it will be looked upon for what it was - a truly gritty, determined team effort that just came up a little short.

Congratulations to this Bears team made up of: Preston Huntbach, Will Roberts, Tenney Danko, Max Larock, Travis Newman, Rhys Hendricks, Brett MacDonald, Dylan Schepp, Tyler Soucy, Andrew Black, Dustin Labelle, Josh Dikeos, Aidan Baker, Jamison Barrett, Tristan Gollan, Michael Cameron and Jamie Boyd. And to staff Head Coach Brent Baker; Assistant Coaches John Dikeos, Dave MacDonald, Tom Roberts; Trainer Dennis Montgomery; Manager Dave Newman



ROWERS READY FOR SEASON

Submitted by Muskoka Rowing Club

Fitness, enjoyment and support are emphasized within MRC. Rowing uses all major muscle groups providing a low impact, full body workout!

Offering a variety of boats, members can join a crew and/or row individually. For competitive rowers, there are regattas and races to compete in under the Muskoka Rowing Club banner.

Our Open House is May 5, 10am - 1pm at the Boathouse (Kelvin Grove Park). Information and registration will be available on-site.

'Learn To Row' course is required for first-time rowers. Participation is limited and on a first-come basis. It is one dry-land orientation session and on-water sessions. Fee: \$175 - to row entire season, an additional \$200 fee.

Session #1 runs May 26 (8am - 4pm) and May 27 (9am - 1pm)

Session #2 runs evenings only May 29, 31, June 5, 7 and 12 (5:30 - 8pm)

For those with rowing experience and completed an instructional rowing course, 'Return to Row' runs for four Mondays, starting June 4, 5:30 to 8pm. Fee: \$350 for the season; \$250 for the second adult from the same household.

Full-time students, elementary to post-secondary, can enjoy a lower membership rate. Includes 'Learn to Row' and unlimited rowing. Fee: \$200

For students rowing just spring/fall school season or summer (July/Aug) also a good option for those rowing with another club during school, but cottage in Muskoka. Fee: \$125

An additional fee, per competition is required to compete in regattas or races, includes Row Ontario and Rowing Canada fees. Must be a member of the Muskoka Rowing Club.

There will be a Club Information Meeting on May 24 at 5:30pm at the Boathouse, which is located in Bracebridge, beside Kelvin Grove Park.

Please check www.muskokarowingclub.ca regularly for changes and updated information, on Twitter: MuskokaRowingClub2muskokarowing or Facebook: Muskoka Rowing Club



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SERVE'S UP FOR TENNIS SEASON

Submitted by Bracebridge Tennis Club

The Bracebridge Tennis Club (BTC) is ramping up for the 2018 season.

The club is located at the Kelvin Grove Park courts in Bracebridge. Members are from across Muskoka, and include seasonal and full-time residents.

BTC offers scheduled and league play, lessons and instruction for players of all levels, as well as the youth programs Muskoka Junior Tennis League, which is entering its 3rd year. There's also Teen Tennis - a pilot program for spring 2018 in partnership with Bracebridge Muskoka Lakes Secondary School (BMLSS).

The Muskoka Junior Tennis League is a free 'Learn and Play Progressive Program' for youth aged 6 - 12 years old. The league begins in July and runs for eight weeks. Details about the program, including days, time and how to register, will be available on the Bracebridge Tennis Club website soon.

Muskoka Junior Tennis League is open to all youth! No tennis experience or membership is required.

Teen Tennis is a free pilot program where youth aged 13 - 18 years old have the opportunity to learn tennis basics. The program will run from May 25 - June 22.

For information on either program, which will run at the Kelvin Grove courts, contact BTC secretary, Margaret Gallant at btcsecretary2016@gmail.com.

Opening day is Saturday, May 5 from 9am to noon at the Kelvin Grove courts. New members are welcome! Drop by or visit our website at bracebridgetennisclub.com for more information or to print a copy of the application.



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LOFTY GOALS DRIVE SWIMMERS

Submitted by Muskoka Aquatic Club (MUSAC)

Tyler Skinner, 13, has had a break-out season since September.



He has gone from a Regional qualified swimmer to qualifying for the next level, Ontario Festival Championships. Then Tyler impressed us all by qualifying for the next level, Ontario AA Championships, where he walked away with 100% best times, 2 individual gold medals and 3 relay medals.

Ty's future goals include qualifying for Provincial Champs and Nationals in his best events, 200 and 400 freestyle. His favourite all-time athlete is Michael Phelps and his favourite food is Canadian pizza.



11 year-old Mary Jibb is a swimmer who always shows up to the pool with a smile on her face and ready to work hard! A leader in her group, she is a model athlete when it comes to work ethic and drive. When Mary has a goal in mind, nothing stops her!

Mary recently had 100% best times at the Guelph 'Dash for Cash' and achieved the para-provincial standard in her best event, the 100 butterfly. Mary's favourite athlete

is Michael Phelps and she fuels herself for competitions with her favourite meal of steak, baked potato, broccoli and avocado salad!

Her future goal is to earn a spot on the Canadian Para-National Team!



'LOVABLE LOSERS' MAKE IT 33

Submitted by Muskoka Originals - Lovable Losers Tournament

The Muskoka Originals recently hosted the 33rd annual 'Loveable Losers Hockey Tournament' at the Bracebridge Memorial Arena with hopes of building off the successes from previous years. The tournament takes pride in promoting community spirit, fun and a clean competitive hockey environment with both men's and women's divisions.

This year was the inaugural year for the Marty Stephenson Good Time Award. The award is given to the participant who best demonstrates sportsmanship and good spirit, similar to how Marty always conducted himself within the community. We were happy to present the first annual award to Steve Roche, who has been involved with this tournament for around 35 years and is still competing at a high level.

The Muskoka Originals (MO's) are a local group of friends with a strong focus on giving back to the community. We all grew up locally and are excited for the opportunity to give back.

In the past, the Mo's are proud to have supported the South Muskoka Minor Hockey Association; as well as, Alzheimer's, the South Muskoka Hospital Foundation, The MOOSE FM fundraising campaign and other various causes.

The MO's wish to congratulate the winners and thank all sponsors and participants who were part of the Loveable Losers Tournament in 2018.

We hope to see everyone back next season!

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RISING TO NEW HEIGHTS

Submitted by Bracebridge Knight Hawks Badminton

Bracebridge Knight Hawks badminton team members recently took to the court in Barrie for the Ontario Winter Games.

Representing Georgian Bay District Badminton Area were Kiersten Hillman, Katie Garth, Paige Hillman and Tyler Blair as well as Dhir Patel and Shrey Patel from Gravenhurst Falcons. They represented our clubs and district well.

The team historically had placed in the bottom of the event. For the first time the team, made up of six girls and six boys ages 14-18 from across our badminton district, had the opportunity to play for the bronze medal.

After a very competitive and heartfelt effort the team lost in the final game of their last tie finishing fourth overall. The team beat the Western, Central and Toronto districts which no Georgian Bay team has ever done before.



Throughout the games the team kept Improving and representing the region with pride, passion and heart.

Congratulations to the entire team and our players from Bracebridge!

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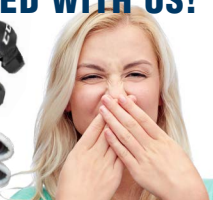
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