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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Along with our National Championships, the opening of the St. Clair Shores Civic Arena is probably the most significant thing that has happened to our hockey league in its history.

The week previous to the opening of the arena was hectic and marked with much confusion. Ray Rivard, Arena Manager is grateful (and so are we) that he had so much volunteer help from his fellow Shorians.

At 5:00 P.M. on Monday, Feb. 15, 1970, Squirt "B" Teams "Kings Dudes" and "Ernies Party Store" had the distinction of being the first teams to compete in the new rink.

Before that, there were lines to be painted under the ice and many minimal chores too numerous to mention here. However, if I were to be a name-droper, I would give credit to Fred DeBusschere, City Assessor and Les Brodeur and his crew from the Junior Saints.

Others would be Doug Innes, Mike Fallon, Jerry Rose, Bruce Radke, Mike Radke, Bob Kossell, Dubby Kaufman, Ron Hinz, Gordon Dressell, Dave Drake, and Mike Van Beek. These men and many more gave of their time so that we could all benefit.

RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

The responsibility for the distribution and collection for the thousands of raffle tickets this year fell into the able hands of Doug and Carolyn Innes. This is truly a monumental job and was ably handled by two more of our league's unsung heroes. They announce the following winners drawn Feb. 20 at the annua dance。

Ron Kershman	Detroit		
June Hazard	Warren		
Dave Gordon	Clawson		
L. Klebba	St. Clair Shores		
C. Fry	Taylor		
M. McIntyre	St. Clair Shores		
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BRANTFORD PAYS RETURN CALL

The annual return to St. Clair Shores from Brantford, Ontario was staged February 6th and 7th. This trip has become an annual affair that is looked to with great pleasure by the traveling teams from both cities. The large gatherings of spectators that viewed both days games reflected the interest shown by our fans for the fine brand of hockey displayed.



FORGIVE US?

The Hockeytown News staff feels we owe you an explanation. Due to more legitimate excuses than we could possibly list in the space alloted us, we as your spokesman wish to apologize for the lateness of our January publication. We have been late before for varied reasons usually our own inefficiency and inexperience were the causes. However, last month we had the publication ready to go on schedule. After it is decided on what we will print, it is put together, proofread, printed, stapled and stamped. It is then ready to be addressed. This is done for us at City Hall. That month found them in the middle of their tax mailings, consequently we had to wait. We really felt our paper was more important than taxes but for some reason the city disagreed. They send their apologies with ours to our readers. We are all hoping for on-time publications in the future.



STATE FINALS SCHEDULE

Mar.		
5,6,7,	Pee Wee Open	S., C., S. Arena
5,6,7	Squirt Open	Winter Wonderland
5,6,7	Squirt "B"	Winter Wonderland
5,6,7	Midget Open	Winter Wonderland
12, 13, 14	Midget "A"	S.C.S. Arena
12, 13, 14	Pee Wee "A"	S.C.S. Arena
12, 13, 14	Bantam Open	Port Huron
12, 13, 14	Bantam "A"	Musquegan
12, 13, 14	Juvenile Open	Port Huron
19,20,21	Squirt "A"	Marquette
19,20,21	Bantam "B"	Flint
19,20,21	Juvenile "A"	Wyandotte

Plan to attend as many of these games as possible. A time schedule will be posted at both Hockeyland and the City Arena. Our teams need your support to be winners. Lets get behind them and help them retain our "Hockeytown U.S.A." title.

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Tom Burkheiser reporting



DAVE DEN BAAS - Michigan Boiler and Engineering "Shorian Boilermakers." Assisted by Bill Demuelenaere, Dave is in his seventh year of coaching both recreation and travel teams. A lithographer by trade, he has lived in the Shores all his life and now resides on Cedar with his wife Chris, daughter Beth Ann, and 3 boys. David, the oldest, skates with his father; Craig, a Pee Wee with Bel Temp. Eighteen month old Andrew, when he becomes a Mite, will be Dave's "incentive" to continue coaching.



FRANK DICRISTAFARO – Gibson TV "Hi-Caps." Frank, Division Representative, has been a hockey coach for four years and is assisted this year by Terry Barden. Having lived in the Shores for over 15 years, he can be found, when he isn't working as a painting contractor or coaching hockey, at his home on Furton with wife Sheila, daughter Diane, and 3 boys. Frank, Jr., skates with his father's team, Russell, a Pee Wee, with Bel Temp; and Danny, a Squirt, with Royal Blades. When Frank was asked about other hobbies, his wife Sheila interceded, "For the love of hockey, a great bowler was lost."



GORDON ENGLEBRINK - E. C. White - Assistant coach: Ed Seidzik. Gordon has been coaching hockey for 3 years; prior to that, however, he worked as an assistant. Although he has no sons on his own team, Gordon has 3 boys playing hockey: Gordon, Juvenile B; Fred, Lakeshore H.S.; and Nick a Pee Wee with Harper Sports. The Englebrink family, residents of the Shores for 15 years, lives on Barton with Ada, wife and mother, the only female member. Gordan, a driver-salesman for Pepsi Cola, enjoys fishing in northern Michigan and is in the process of building a cottage there.



EVAN (Bob) EVANS - Anson - Assisted this year by Dick Hansen, Bob has been coaching both recreation and travel teams for 8 years. When he can be at home on Lingemann (Bob is also 1st Vice President of the Hockey League as well as a sales engineer for Detroit Edison), his wife Lois and the boys are happy to see him. A daughter Chris no longer lives at home. Eric is on his father's team and Davey skates with the Juvenile traveling team. When asked about hobbies, Bob retorted, "Who in the heck has time for hobbies?"



DICK GARRISON - L & L - Although Dick has lived in Mt. Clemens for 5 or more years, he was a former resident of the Shores - all his life, in fact. The Garrison family includes wife Jean, 2 boys, and daughters Denise and Danielle. Dale is a member of the Bantam Shorians; and Duane skates with his father's team. Dick is 2nd Vice President, district registrar, and ice convener of our Hockey Association in addition to his coaching. His assistant coach is Jack Bourgois. A coach for Il years and the oldest in experience in the Hockey League, Dick well remembers his winning "Black Hawks." An employee at Chrysler, he is also attending MCCC in a degree-seeking program.



DAVE LABER – Green's Harbor Lanes – Dave, assisted by Bill Roberts and Bill White has been a coach for 3 years. Although he is a fairly new face in the Shores, Dave was formerly an active member of the Port Huron Hockey Ass¹n. He resides in Mt. Clemens with wife Dee, daughter Denise and son Darren, a mite. David, another son, attends Western Michigan University. Dave¹s second love is baseball, having coached the ¹64 championship Babe Ruth team in Port Huron. He keeps himself busy working at Chrysler, and attending MCCC and lists electronics as a hobby in his "spare" time.



FRED ROTTACH - O. L. Johnson, Inc. - Fred, a senior in Education, and his wife Kathleen, a junior, live in Detroit and attend Wayne State University. Although this is his first year as a coach in the Shores, he has had 3 years coaching experience in Detroit. His assistant is Bill Cronn. Fred not only plays hockey, but also referees in Detroit. A young man, with no children of his own, certainly deserves our recognition and appreciation for taking his precious time to coach our boys.



DWIGHT THOMAS - Rangers - Assisted by Jim Baetens. Dwight, after many years of playing hockey in the Shores Recreation League, has begun his first year as a coach. (Thanks, Dwight for sharing your talents with us now.) His team has an impressive record and has won most of its games, being defeated in the finals of the regionals, 1–0. Dwight has lived in the Shores most of his life and continues to reside on Downing with his wife Carol. Not only does he coach hockey, but plays with a Detroit team. Dwight is employed at Hall's nursery.

DANNY YOUNG – Barons – Dan is the head gardener at the Ford Estate. He has lived in this area for 13 years. Danny and Mary Lou are the proud parents of a new baby boy. Their older children are Mark, 5, a skater but not yet in the league, and Gail, 2. Although Dan has had no boys old enough to play organized hockey, he has coached or been assistant in our league for five years. Thanks, Danny! A Canadian by birth, Danny played what we in America would call semi-pro hockey until an injury ended his promising career. The assistant coach for the Barons is Jim Des Jardins.



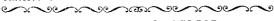
CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate the following teams who have qualified to represent St. Clair Shores in the District eliminations for the State finals.

Α		
Squirt	Blackhawks	Tignanelli
Pee Wee	Harper Sports	Randle
Bantam	Anson Equipment	Evans
Midget	Rummels Comets	Guisbert
В		
Squirts	Trendells Moving	Foy
Pee Wee	Richards Auto Blues	Rose
Bantam	Rangers	Thomas



Anyone not receiving a Hockeytown News in the mail by March issue, please give your name and address to your coach and he will relay it to the staff. We apologize to anyone who has not been on the mailing list before. We are now in the process of bringing our list up to date and hope to rectify all previous omissions and errors.



ANNUAL DANCE REPORT

A great big "Thank you" goes to Joe Foy this month for the successful job he did in planning and running the February dinner dance. The crowd was large, friendly and very enthusiastic. Judging from the "Sad Sacks" at the hockey games and practices on Sunday morning, everyone had an absolute "BLAST."



At this writing the Midget and Pee Wee traveling teams are in Quebec. The Midgets on their annual trip to Drummondville and the Pee Wees to the Quebec City Winter Carnival. In our next issue we will report the happenings of both teams from the sport and social side of these great trips.

GOOD SPORT

In the event of personal accomplishment or team victory, have I tried to conduct myself with honest humility, or have I developed into that distasteful specimen – a good athlete who is also a braggart and a snob?

If, after putting forth my very best effort, I nevertheless must taste heartbreaking defeat, am I big enough to congratulate the winner and shake his hand? Have I, as a spectator, cheered on my team, give credit where credit is due?



LETTER BOX ---

Dear Sirs:

I would like to call to your attention the poor display of sportsmanship that our teams have been showing lately. Recently, while watching a Bantam game, I noticed that there was no more shaking of hands once the game was over. While questioning this act later on, I learned it was used as a "safety precaution" for the coaches feared a fight might break out. I always thought it was the coach's job to teach the boys fair play and how to be "good sports" at all times. The players look up to their coach and it is up to him to set a good example for them. There is nothing more disgraceful and degrading as watching a team leave the ice without shaking hands. I think it hurts the team and the team's reputation. For it's not "whether you win or lose, but how you play the game." The coaches should realize these boys aren't pros - but come to think of it - even the pros shake hands after a playoff game. So, are the coaches here to teach the boys sportsmanship, or how to be crude, rugged individuals?

Sincerely, Sue Debol

PEE WEE NEWS

On Monday, January 25 the Beltemp Blues represented the St. Clair Shores Hockey League in an exhibition game played at Olympia prior to the Detroit Junior Wing game. These exhibition games are the Junior A Club's way of recognizing the various amatuer leagues around the city.

Beltemp's opposition was supplied by Royal Oak's traveling team. Both teams seemed awed at playing on Olympia ice and by the size of the building. Beltemp scored first in the cleanly played game at 5:05 of the first period on a goal by Pete Schummer from Brad Brayman and Russ Dicristofaro. The game stayed that way until 3:15 of the second period when Royal Oak tied the game.

No further scoring developed until the 3rd period when Keith Bogoff put a move on the Royal Oak goalie and gave the Blues a 2-1 lead at 9:45. This goal was set up by Brian Adams and Kenny Demuelanare. Pulling the goalie at game's end backfired on Royal Oak as Brad Brayman scored in the open net on set-up passes from Doug Innes and Russ Dicristofaro. Final score - S.C.S. Beltemp 3, Royal Oak Eagles 1.

All in all, both teams really enjoyed the opportunity to play on big league ice and gave a fine exhibition of Pee Wee hockey.

READ THIS!

With the opening of our new sports arena there are going to be stern disciplinary measures taken toward vandalism. Arena manager Ray Rivard has stated that parents will be responsible for their children's behavior regarding damage to the arena. The penalty for proven offenses will be permanent disbarment from the arena. We have waited a long time for this facility to become a reality, now that it is, lets not let thoughtlessness make it a nightmare.

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