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Important Dates

- Christmas "C" Tournament
Dec. 27-31, 2004
- Midget Scholarship Tourn.
Jan. 15-22, 2005
- Minor Hockey Week
Jan. 16-22, 2005
- Juvenile Scholarship Tourn.
Jan. 30-Feb.5, 2005
- Spring Break
March 12-20, 2005
- Initiation Tournament
March 17-20, 2005
- PCAHA Scholarship Deadline
March 26, 2005
- SMHA Scholarship Deadline
March 31, 2005
- Deadline for Registrations for
returning players
May 1, 2005

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY GARY CLARKE

By the time you read this the season should be well under way. Welcome back.

I'd like to take this opportunity to tell you or, in some cases, remind you of a program implemented by Hockey Canada (HC) and BC Amateur (BCAHA). It's called "Relax, it's just a game" and includes some TV ads and a number of posters that some of you may have seen. This program is not aimed at the vast majority of our wonderful parents, the "silent majority" if you will, we know you are supportive of your children and the volunteers that help make this game happen for them. Instead, it is directed at those few who like to yell at the Refs during the game, or bang on the glass, or put down the Coaches, other players or volunteers while waiting in the lobby or otherwise just behave badly. We all know who they are but I sometimes wonder if they know themselves. Those are the people that need to understand that it is a game, played by kids for THE KIDS' enjoyment, so just relax and enjoy it. Maybe next time you see someone behaving badly from your team, you can just remind them to "Relax ...".

I have other topics I'd like to elaborate and discuss but my "word count" is about to exceed its maximum limit so instead I will just remind you about our website, www.surreyminorchockey.com and let you know that it is full of useful information, from goalie clinics, player clinics, coaching and volunteer certification clinics, ice schedule, arena locations, etc., etc., the list is endless! So, check it out and go surfing on our site.

See ya at the rink.

Gary Clarke



SMHA/Vancouver Giants Minor Hockey Night Announcement:

Attention all SMHA Vancouver Giants fans.... Our SMHA Vancouver Giants Minor Hockey night will be on Friday, Nov. 26 @ 7:30 pm when they play against the Regina Pats. This is an excellent opportunity for a team social and some quick cash! Sell the tickets for \$15 and pay only \$10. Be one of the top 4 in team ticket sales and your team will participate in the 50/50 sales on our night.

Let's get a great turn out to this event. If your team would like to participate, e-mail Michele Kraatz at: vp4@surreyminorchockey.com. All tickets must be pre-sold and the monies are to be turned in no later than Thursday Nov. 18!

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT: BY LISA MCEVOY

Did you know

You can locate all the addresses and maps of arenas in the area by going to:

www.pcaba.bc.ca/maps

Each year Surrey Minor Hockey is pleased to sponsor scholarships and bursary awards to players currently registered in the Midget and Juvenile divisions. Scholarships and bursary awards are based on academic achievement, school and community participation and service, hockey participation and citizenship. The award winners for 2004 are:

SMHA Scholarship Award

\$1,000	Kevin Caravan
\$ 750	Matthew Richard
\$ 500	Jeffrey Lovett, Gregory Chalupa, Nic Mosher, Chris Scremin, Jeffrey Moody and Michael Clarke

SMHA Parent's Auxiliary Bursary

\$ 500	Matthew Baldonaro
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The Hockey Shop Bursary

\$ 500	Amar Gill
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We congratulate you on your award and wish each of you the best for the future.

For more information on how you can apply for a 2005 SMHA Scholarship or Bursary, please visit www.surreyminorhockey.com or email scholarships@surreyminorhockey.com.

OFFICIAL'S CORNER

BY JAMIE RAPHAEL
REFEREE -IN-CHIEF

Equipment Sale

Do you have any used hockey equipment you would like to sell?

E-mail your name, phone #, e-mail address and details of the equipment (limit 100 characters) to

*Liz Argitos @
registrar@surreyminorhockey.com
or fax your information to
(604) 597-8804.*

Another hockey season is upon us. I would like to welcome 22 officials to SMH, 19 of them are new to officiating and the other 3 are new to Surrey Minor.

Three of our officials were honoured with Referee of the Year Awards for their exceptional attitude and/or ability within SMH this season. Congrats go out to Matt Muscardin, Jason Cramer and Tyler Ingram. These 3 officials were sent to the BCAHA Osoyoos Camp by SMHA this August in recognition of their efforts.

Congratulations also go out to several of our senior officials for their accomplishments this season:

Sean Raphael was the head instructor for BCAHA's Osoyoos Referee Camp and was the Supervisor of the BCAHA's Salmon Arm Referee Camp. He was invited to the Level 5 upgrade camp in Kelowna by the BCAHA RIC where he successfully obtain his Level 5 with 97% on his exam. He was also invited to the WHL training camp and upon his return was hired by the WHL. He will continue to referee the BCJHL and Minor Hockey as well. Congrats on a very busy and successful summer, Sean!

Jason Burkart, one of BC's finest linesmen, has been hired by the ECHL, so he will be re-locating to California to line for that league. All the best to you Jason!

Tristan Raphael has been hired by the PIJHL and will referee Junior B, as well as Minor Hockey this season. Congrats Tristan on a tremendous year of growth.

Jason Cramer has been lining for the PIJHL and will also continue to officiate for Minor Hockey. Way to go!

Sean, Jason B., Tristan, Lane and Bevan all attended the Super Series this July and had a successful series with 3 of them refereeing or lining the Final games in the series. Several senior officials also officiated as either linesman or referees for the Bantam AAA, Midget AAA and Juvenile AAA Final Fours and Provincials this past season. Tristan, Lane & Bevan will be given an opportunity to officiate in the Major Midget league this season. Good Luck gentlemen!

I am proud of all of our officials and I anticipate another busy and successful season here in Surrey Minor. We had to say good-bye to several intermediate officials due to post-secondary educational transfers. Some officials decided to pursue other activities and I wish them all the best in their future endeavours. They will all be missed here in Surrey Minor.

See you at the rink!

HOCKEY CANADA NEWS

THE SEARCH IS ON FOR CANADA'S LOCAL HOCKEY LEADERS ...

TORONTO, November 2, 2004 — RBC Insurance, Hockey Canada and the Hockey Hall of Fame today announced the launch of the 2004-2005 *RBC Local Hockey Leaders* program. The *RBC Local Hockey Leaders* program recognizes and rewards those 'behind-the-scenes' volunteers who dedicate their time to supporting grassroots hockey in their community, while helping to make hockey more accessible across Canada.

"Hockey is an important part of the Canadian culture and RBC Insurance is proud to help recognize those hockey volunteers who help make hockey happen in their community," said Neil Skelding, president & CEO of RBC Insurance. "The *RBC Local Hockey Leaders* program helps to ensure these individuals are recognized and rewarded for their efforts."

Thirteen winners, one from each of Hockey Canada's regional branches, will receive a place of honour in the Hockey Hall of Fame, an autographed Team Canada jersey, and RBC will donate \$10,000 to minor hockey in their community.

"We are asking people to look around their hockey community and nominate individuals who deserve this award," said Bob Nicholson, President, Hockey Canada. "These leaders aren't necessarily the top-scorer or the leading goalie, but they make a huge difference in many people's lives. They may coach teams, shovel outdoor rinks, or organize fundraising campaigns. To put it simply, without these leaders, hockey in many communities simply would not happen."

RBC initiated the *RBC Local Hockey Leaders* program in 2003-2004 and awarded over \$95,000 to grassroots hockey initiatives across Canada. Last year's recipients included a special needs hockey team in Orangeville, Ontario, who used the award money to travel to the World Special Olympics hockey championships in the United States and an after school hockey program in St. John, N.B., that gives less fortunate kids the opportunity to play in a "no charge" hockey league.

Nominations will be accepted online at www.rbc.com until January 31, 2005. The winners will be announced on March 1, 2005.

A panel of hockey experts including Hockey Hall of Fame Director of Public Affairs, Ron Ellis, Chair of Hockey Canada Allan Matthews, and Team Canada players Ryan Smyth and Kelly Bechard will select the winners based on guidelines that include dedication, leadership, commitment, and their impact on hockey and hockey players in their community.

BOSTON PIZZA TRIVIA CHALLENGE

In each issue of SMHA's "Hockey News" there will be three skill testing questions. The first 10 people to e-mail the correct answers to smhnews@surreyminorhockey.com will have their names placed in a draw for a \$50 gift certificate to **Boston Pizza Newton**. Winners will have their names posted in the next edition of "Hockey News". Thanks to Boston Pizza Newton for sponsoring this Trivia Challenge!

Here are this issue's questions:

1. What American hockey team has won the most Stanley Cups?
2. Who is the only player with more than 8 points in one game?
3. What team did Wayne Gretzky score his last NHL goal against?



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***Interesting
Hockey Websites:***

www.thn.com
(The Hockey News)

www.pcaba.bc.ca
(Pacific Coast Amateur
Hockey Association)

www.wbl.ca/hm
(Western Hockey
League)

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association is only as
good as its volunteers.*

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*For more information
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SMHA EXECUTIVES 2004-2005

Executive Council

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President	Gary Clarke	584-7766	584-7765
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Peewee Division	Joe VanDyk	591-3993	
Bantam Division	Scott Kent	583-6368	
Midget Division	Sherri Muscardin	597-1414	
Juvenile Division	John Peterson	596-3502	596-3502

Other Positions

Coach Coordinator	Craig Sherbaty	574-0405	
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Newsletter	Agata Leman	575-0908	
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Registrar	Liz Argitos	597-8859	597-8804
Risk Manager	Sandy McLaughlin	590-2130	590-2130
Scholarships	Lisa McEvoy	597-7747	597-9739
Tournament Director	Tricia Letendre	585-0790	
IP Director	Chris Humphrey	590-0101	
Media Relations	Miriam Sobrino	589-7770	

Committees

Appeals			
Internal Review	Sergio Briglio	888-0772	888-0775
Finance	Gary Clarke	584-7766	584-7765
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Bingo	Betty Gilbert	590-4355	