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Important Dates

- 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
- SMHA Award Nominations
Deadline
March 31, 2005
- Last Day of 2004 '05 Season
March 31, 2005
- Annual SMH AGM &
Awards Night
April 2005
- Deadline for Registrations
for returning players
May 1, 2005

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY GARY CLARKE

On January 6th, 2005, I officially informed the Executive Council that this would be my last season as President of the Association. Rob Kullar, a respected colleague, was then selected to assume the title at the Annual General Meeting in April and will finish the term to April 2006 (elections will be held in Feb 2006). Until the AGM, I am still serving as President. Although not always easy, it was always interesting and through hockey, I have met many wonderful people. With the Executive Committee that is in place now, the Association is in good hands and will be well served this season and next. Thank you to all the great volunteers whom I had the pleasure of working with, it's been a great ride but it is time for me to turn my attention to other things in my life and time for others to take the torch.

This is the time of the year when we need to prepare for the Annual General Meetings (AGM's) of BCAHA and PCAHA. If there are any rules that you think need changed, the AGM's are the time and place to get that done. Please insure you are familiar with the rules, then feel free to contact the appropriate Vice President for your Division, either by phone or e-mail, to discuss your suggestions. Deadlines for submissions to either organization are mid- March.

Our own AGM is also quickly approaching, April is just around the corner. There may very well be some 'resolutions' (rule changes) proposed this year for consideration by the membership (that's you) and they will be voted on at the AGM. If passed, they become rules for next season. Our existing Association rules have been created to insure fairness to all members and insure that ever player, regardless of ability, is afforded the same opportunities as anybody else as everybody pays the same registration fee. Even as Past President, I'd like to see that philosophy remain as it is just. Any proposed amendments to our Rules and Guidelines will be published on our website in advance of the meeting . I encourage you to read them, understand them, and then come to the AGM and vote. This is your association.

Good luck to our teams as they wind down their regular season and prepare for their play-offs. Work hard, play your best, have fun and success will follow. Even if you don't win it all, I hope you walk away with a smile. It's a great game, enjoy it!

Sincerely,

Gary Clarke



REGISTRAR'S REPORT: BY LIZ ARGITOS REGISTRAR

*Thanks to all the fans who
came out to support the*

**Canuck Alumni
vs
Surrey Coaches**

A good time was had by all!

*Let's see this become an
annual event!*

By the time you read this, Surrey Minor Hockey Association will have a new Registrar, already hard at work putting together the registration packages for next season. Vanessa Wilde has been working closely with me over the last several months learning the ropes and I am sure I am leaving this position in capable hands.

I am pleased to see that we again have 3 Juvenile teams, which a few years ago, two was unheard of. We had an overall increase in registration of about 60 players this season making up 5 teams more than normal. This adds to the shortage of ice dilemma, but hey, the kids want to play!

Volunteers are what makes this Association run, bumps and all. It's a lot of work and well worth the effort. I started out doing a simple task, the Newsletter. I then took on looking after picture day and was a shadow coordinator in the referee division, as well as managed teams and been the team mom. This was my fourth year as Registrar and as much as it's hard walking away, I am looking forward to a summer not sitting in front of my computer.

Liz Argitos

TOURNAMENT REPORT BY TRICIA LETENDRE TOURNAMENT DIR.

This year's annual tournament had 52 teams participating – 12 in Atom, 12 in PeeWee, 14 in Bantam and 14 in Midget. It was not without its bumps – the construction was definitely a challenge - but our tournament is consistently one of the best in no small part due to the volunteers. I have had several emails from teams praising the helpfulness of everyone involved. I would like to thank all the team volunteers and Executive members that continue to make this tournament so great.

Congratulations to the Champions in each division:

Atom:	Puget Sound Rage
PeeWee:	Surrey Oilers
Bantam:	Surrey Thrashers
Midget:	Semiahmoo Red Army

Congratulations to all the teams that participated – you are what this tournament is all about!

There will be some changes made to the tournament for next year, not the least of which a Tournament Coordinator is needed. If you, or someone you know, would be interested please let one of the Executive know. It can be a fun and rewarding challenge especially with the changes that will take place that will make it more of a shared task.

Tricia Letendre

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@surreymhockey.com
or fax your information to
(604) 597-8804.*

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT: BY CRAIG SHERBATY COACH COORDINATOR

Hello to all players, coaches and parents. Hope you all had a happy holiday season.

The first part of the season for skills has concluded. The focus of the skills sessions have been the “fundamentals of hockey” and are going to be reviewed throughout the rest of the season. These include skating skills both forwards and backwards, agility, balance, edge control, scoring, puck control, shooting, and passing skills.

Checking skills for all PeeWee and Bantam teams will continue as the second half begins. Effective use of the body, proper angling, and how to properly and safely receive a body check will be focused on. The technical skills for affectively applying all checks safely will be addressed in these sessions. In addition, game situations such as 1 vs 1, 2 vs 1 & 3 vs 2 will be introduced to all teams.

I.P. teams from hockey 2-4 have been working on the skating stride both forwards and backwards, stance, balance, stopping both ways and acceleration. Puck control, shooting and passing will be progressively taught to all teams. In addition, game situations and positional play will be introduced to improve the players ability to react to certain situations that arise in game play.

Body contact is being introduced to the Atom division teams. Please ensure that all players equipment has been checked for safety and proper fitting. A schedule is now in place.

Goalie clinics are continuing in the new year with all styles being taught.

For information on any one of these aforementioned clinics please contact me at coachcoord@surreymminorhockey.com. For dates and times of these clinics check out the SMH website at www.surreymminorhockey.com.

Best of luck for the rest of the season.

Yours in hockey,
Craig Sherbaty, SMHA—Coach Coordinator

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@surreymminorhockey.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. Who scored the Stanley Cup winning goals in 1970 & 1972 & became the first 2-time winner of the Conn Smythe Trophy?
2. Detroit won the Stanley Cup in 1997, how long had it been since they had last won?
3. Which NHL goalie holds the record for most points in a season?



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Oops!!

There wasn't a winner from this season's first Newsletter! (Question #3 was a tough one and stumped everyone!)

Here are the answers to those questions:

1. Detroit Red Wings
2. Darryl Sittler
3. NY Islanders

GOOD LUCK ON THIS EDITION'S TRIVIA QUESTIONS!!

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