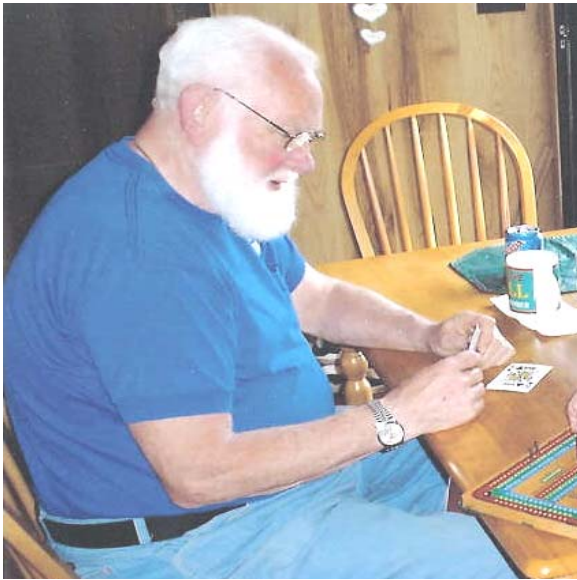




K-W Oldtimers Newsletter

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We would like to welcome everyone back and hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. Keeping with the Christmas theme, our feature story is on Santa Claus (AKA **Harvey Dessler**).



Our man, Harvey, husband of Sandy since 1971, is one of twenty-two original oldtimers still involved with the league (don't ask me who the other 21 are). Born in 1935 in Breslau (boy is he old) he attended school at S.S.#9 Woolwich. Harvey has been married twice and has a total of 10 children, 23 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren. He worked for the Kitchener Public Transportation system for 30 years and the last 5 years driving the bus he would don his Santa Claus outfit the week before Christmas and surprise all his riders. The last couple of years Harvey had trouble keeping up with his teammates due to nagging injuries. He decided to turn his attention to refereeing which he greatly enjoyed. Harvey and son Tony were the first

father-son team to play in our oldtimers league.

Harvey has many hobbies including driving for Great Canadian Tours (retired), curling, bowling and camping but his favorite is donning his Santa suit each Christmas and making visits to many kiddy functions in the area. As manager of the Joseph Scappers Tournament team, Harvey vows to keep at it until the team wins two tournaments or folds, whichever comes first (I'm betting on the latter). The hardest check yours truly remembers in oldtimers was Harvey at 265 lb and Bob Stacey, 210 lbs. running into each other on a player change. The only problem was that they were both on the same team. Another time yours truly was minding the nets when Bill Laight fell on top of me and Harvey jumped on top of him. That was over 500 lbs. of beef piled up on top of little old me.

This year due to "cellulitis" (subcutaneous inflammation of the connective tissue) Harvey has had to call it a career.

Although he has lost over 40 pounds Harvey has been advised to forgo the hockey. Thanks Harvey for all you have done for the league. We are all going to miss you, **HAPPY RETIREMENT SANTA HARVEY, Ho Ho Ho.**



Health and Welfare: We are sorry to report that **Bob Cadman's** wife passed away a few weeks ago. Bob our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Larry Antstett of the B Pool is out for the season with a recurring wrist injury. **Bruce Dietrich** is out for the season and has been replaced on B2 by **Dave Meyer**. **Dave Talbot** of B7 unfortunately had a run in with an opposing defenseman, got all tangled up, fell, and broke his right ankle. He will be out for the rest of the season but his teammate **Rick Booth**, out for several months is about ready to return from his broken leg. **Dave Schiel** of the B Division has a broken finger. Some good news from the sick bay, **Carl Guenther** is back from a cracked rib and referee **Doug Pollock** is also back from injury.

K-W Oldtimers Tournament: Our annual tournament is fast approaching (Feb 3-4-5) and we are in urgent need of volunteers. We need at least 75 members to assist with hosting, scorekeeping, and working as bar help to make our tournament a success. That's an average of only 2.5 players from each team and we need only 2-3 hours help on one day of the tournament. We also request that if you do volunteer, please make sure that you show up for your shift In the past volunteers have not shown up and that leaves the few people there to do double duties which isn't fair. Remember, this is your tournament and monies raised go to our league. See your captain and volunteer.



Missed Last Issue: Congratulations to referee and statistician **Tom Rutledge** on the birth of a new grandson. That's a new referee for the oldtimers in 2041, right Tom? He looks a lot like you when you referee Tom. He has his eyes closed.

Not Again: On December 18 at the Ranger game, yours truly and his "91 year old son" won the 50/50 draw for the second time. The total was \$2,425.00. I guess the people who live the good life get looked after. (I hope you are reporting this on your income tax Red!)

Red's Not So Funnies: Little Tommy O'Sullivan goes into church and heads for the confessional. "Bless me father, for I have sinned. I have been with a loose woman." The priest asks, "Is that you Tommy O'Sullivan?" "Yes, Father, it is." "Who is the woman you were with?" "Sure as heck I can't be telling you, Father. I don't want to ruin her reputation." "Well Tommy, I'm sure to find out sooner or later, so you may as well tell me now. Was it Brenda O'Malley?" Tommy replied, "I cannot say." The priest asked, "Was it Patricia Kelly?"

"I'm sorry, Father, but I'll not name her." "Was it Cathy Morgan?" "Please Father I cannot tell you." The priest sighs in frustration and says, "You are a steadfast lad Tommy, and I admire that but you have sinned and you must atone. You cannot attend church for three months. Be off with you now." Tommy walks back to his pew where his friend Sean is waiting and whispers, "What'd you get?" Tommy replies, "Three months vacation and three good leads".

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