



K-W Oldtimers

March 2006 Edition



Happy belated “75th” birthday to this edition’s feature personality. In case you don’t recognize the picture, it is non-other than a young **Leo “Red” “Lady Byng” Hill**. Red was born on February 14th, 1931 in Orillia, Ontario and after three boys he was to be his mother’s little Valentine. (Not!) He left Orillia in 1946 and moved to Peterborough where he played a little hockey and worked in a restaurant. Red spent his summers playing lacrosse in Fergus, Orillia and for any other team that had lots of beer. Red moved to Waterloo to quit drinking and has been “dry” since June 28th, 1961.

He married his wife Doris and inherited an instant family, one daughter (Jeanette) and one son (Gary). Red now has two wonderful granddaughters (Colleen and Heather).

After 23 years of service, Red retired from the Waterloo County Board of Education, where he had several different jobs but finished as a custodian, in 1993.

He started playing oldtimers hockey around 1982 and has been a member of the executive for over 20 years. Some of his accomplishments include winning the Jack Kirby Award as “Oldtimer of the Year”, starting the Oldtimers Golf Tournament, the newsletter, the Health and Welfare Committee and Award Showcase. He also ran the 25th Anniversary reunion in May of 2003. Red helped organize and played tournament hockey with the K-W Grandfathers and also played with the K-W Falling Stars, Duffers and Joseph Scrappers teams.

Hobbies include travelling, golf, and puttering around the house. He picks up and delivers game sheets to the timekeepers and has a part-time job selling advertising and specialty items. Red says he has enjoyed 25 years with the K-W Oldtimers and is looking forward to another 25.

Our thanks go out to you Leo “Red” Hill for the your many contributions to the K-W Oldtimers.



Health and Welfare: Our condolences go out to **Gary Clarke** on the passing of his son, **Larry Anstett** on the passing of his father, and **Ken Woodhouse** whose mother passed away. Our thoughts are also with former player **Ken Mark** on the loss of his father, original player **Ron Lankowski** whose wife past away and to **Barry Guild** on the passing of his mother. Best wishes to **Paul Hagerman** who is recovering from by-pass surgery. Hope you’re back on the ice real soon.

We still have a few walking wounded attending some games. **Bill Boschart** has a broken finger, **Bill Gosse** is still having problems with his sore knee and it was good to see **Dave Talbot** getting around without his crutches after breaking his ankle.

Volunteers Needed: One of the most exciting, “*incredible to watch*” sports events of the year will be held at Peter Hallman Ball Yard this summer. The International Softball Congress, ISC Schneiders World Mens Fastball Tournament will be held in Kitchener from August 11th to the 19th. Thirty-two of the world’s top teams will compete in a modified elimination tournament.



International teams will compete from Denmark and the Czech Republic, with many players from Australia and New Zealand playing as well. Over 600 volunteers are needed to help the eight member organizations of Kitchener Fastball Promotions and the City of Kitchener host the tournament. For further information, please contact our website at www.kwfastball.com. We hope you will join us to watch, volunteer or help sponsor some of the large number of activities.

Skate 48 a Big Success: Once again the Rotary Club’s Skate 48 was a big success. Our own **Jon Kaufman** C Division is a hard working member. Once again congratulations to **Bob Howard and the Woodpeckers** for raising over \$10,000 for this year’s event. A tip of the hat goes out to **Carl “Scurvy” Guenther** for raising over \$5,000 and to **Jim Vernon** for gathering over \$3,000 in donations this year. Good work guys and to the Rotary Club for raising many thousands of dollars in the last 10 years.

K-W Oldtimers Tournament: Thanks to **Don Herner**, his wife and two sons along with his helpers **Jim Hammond** and **Peter Watt** for another successful tournament. Thanks also to all the league members who volunteered their time to make sure the tournament ran smoothly. Next year a tournament committee will be formed to help take some of the load off Don. He has been in charge for 20 years and is now ready to move to the background and let someone else take over. If you are interested in joining the committee, let your captain know and he will forward your name. Congratulations also go out to the K-W Rhymers and K-W Logels teams for winning their respective divisions.

Special Thanks: We would like to thank all the timekeepers for always being there. We couldn’t run all those games and we wouldn’t have all the stats to fight over without you, well done guys and gals. Special thanks also go out to our men in stripes, the referees. We didn’t always agree with your calls but we do thank you for volunteering your time and being there to make them. Last but definitely not least we would like to thank all the captains for all the work they do during the season. We would especially like to thank them for keeping the Newsletter staff up to date on injuries, noteworthy news and family passings. Thanks guys for all you do during the long season.



Finally, thanks to everyone who supplied us with information for the newsletter. We’ll see you on the ice in the fall. Have a great summer.

Public sign found in Joseph and Company washroom:

OUR AIM IS TO KEEP THIS BATHROOM CLEAN

GENTLEMEN: - your aim will help

- stand closer, it's shorter than you think

LADIES: - please remain seated for the entire performance

K-W Oldtimers Slo-Pitch League: The oldtimers league is gearing up for another slo-pitch season and is looking for some players. Registrations are now being accepted from males 35 years and older. We hope to again have a 10-team league and play a 27 game schedule (2 games maximum per week). The season runs from May 1st to mid September. If you are interested or have any questions call: Ron Sadler at (519) 895-1911.



Think Spring: The 24th Annual K-W Oldtimers Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 17th at the Doon Valley Golf Course. It will again be a team scramble format (CPGA professionals will not be allowed this year). Come out and have some fun. Get your four-man team together and enter early as we expect a full house. (entry form on back of this sheet)

Hole sponsorships are available for only \$30.00 per hole for the first year of sponsorship and \$20.00 each year after.



Prizes Needed: Bruce Struthers and his organizing committee would like to thank all prize donors from past tournaments and hope they will all be able to help out again this year. As they are expecting a full 144 golfers, Bruce needs a like number of prizes (everyone gets a prize). In past years many prizes have shown up on the day of the tournament, which although greatly appreciated, can screw up the count. The organizers ask that if you can donate something, please let us know in advance by dropping it off at Screen Magic (**Barry Luft**, 153 Bedford Road, Kitchener, 725-9599), or the Roofman (**Henry Draus**, 1085 Guelph Street, Kitchener, 744-3830). You can also call **Bruce Struthers** at (H) 745-2466, (C) 241-6161 or send him a message on line at brucestruthers@rogers.com.





K-W Oldtimers 24th Annual Golf Tournament



When: Saturday, June 17th
Where: Doon Valley Golf Course
Time: Shotgun Scramble Start at 1:00pm
Cost: \$80.00 per Person
Includes: Golf, Cart, Dinner, and Prize

Team Captain: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Team 2ND: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Team 3RD: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Team 4TH: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Make Cheques payable to K-W Oldtimers Golf Tournament
\$80 X 4 players = \$320 (may be postdated to June 1st)

Mail Entries to: **Vern Rhodey**
8 Bonnylyn Drive, Kitchener
N2M 1S6

OR E-mail: vrhod5267@rogers.com with entries and
send cheque in the mail.

There is room for 144 golfers. Last year we had over 130 so enter early and let's fill it this year. See you there.