



# K-W Oldtimers Newsletter

February 2008 Edition

**This is how to celebrate.** Glen Reist celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 18<sup>th</sup> by scoring a hat trick (Glen's stats as of February 16<sup>th</sup>, 34 games, 10 goals, 4 assists for 14 points and a feisty 4 minutes in penalties). Congratulations Glen, good luck and let us how many you are going to score to celebrate your 90<sup>TH</sup>?



**Player profile:** This issue's player profile is none other than equipment man **Barry Luft**. Barry was born in Kitchener on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 1955. Barry is a graduate of St Jerome's High School and says he then moved on to the University of Trial and Error (is that a local school Barry?). He has been married for 28 years to his wonderful wife Karin. They have two children Tyler 26, currently living in New Zealand and 21 year old Kelly who is taking Physio Therapy at Conestoga College (so she can look after good old dad when his hockey playing days are over).

Barry spent his early hockey years honing his skills on the rink at Prueter School. He then moved up to play 3 years in the house leagues of the Kitchener Minor Hockey. He took an 8 year hiatus from hockey to pursue other things. At age 20 Barry got the hockey itch again (and I don't mean around the cup) and joined the KW Shop League where he played to age 34. Upon reaching the magical age of 35 Barry joined the KW Oldtimers League. He presently plays in the D Division as well as playing tournaments with the Aging Bulls.

Barry started Screen Magic 15 years ago. He supplies the league with sweaters and socks. If you need any sweaters, pants, socks, jackets or whatever, give him a call, Barry can get them for you at a reasonable price and put the lettering on them too.

Barry has other interests outside hockey. He enjoys photography, traveling and is an excellent slo-pitch player. His position with the executive is that of equipment manager. When asked how long he has been doing this his reply was, "I'm not quite sure. I took over when Ramsay MacDonald passed away. I found out I was on the executive when I received the minutes of a meeting and I was marked as absent."

Barry had this humorous story to pass along. “The funniest thing was the year I was on a team with **Tim Walker** and **Ernie Kuenzler** (that name is associated with trouble). My wife couldn’t understand why no matter what time the game was, I always got home at 2:00 AM. Ernie always told her that we had to discuss strategy for the next game. He tried to make up for it by calling her from the bar on our anniversary (that made things worse) and of course I was with him. I reciprocated by calling his wife on their anniversary.

In conclusion Barry had the following comment “I’ve been a member of the Aging Bulls for 16 years. My oldtimers’ career has been a wonderful experience filled with lots of laughs and good times and a source of many great friendships. I hope all the players in the league appreciate what we have, remember it’s OUR league and it’s meant to be fun. The referees are volunteers helping us do that”.

Thanks for sharing this with us Barry.

**AEDs:** I know we have discussed this subject in a past issue but it is such an important topic and it has already saved the life of one of our members.

### **AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS SAVE LIVES**

Do you know where they are located?

**RIM PARK** – On the wall by the registration/information desk just inside the main arena entrance.

**KINSMEN ARENA** – On the wall near the elevator at ice level between the Kinsmen and Kiwanis rinks.

**WILSON/DOHERTY ARENA** – On the wall just inside the main entrance across from the office. Just below the room assignment board.

**SPORTSWORLD ARENA** – At the very end of the dressing room hallway, on the wall beside dressing room #9.

**CONESTOGA COLLEGE** – TBA.

**Related Matter:** The next proposed CPR/AED training is set for Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from 9:00 am until noon at the St John Ambulance building on Gage Street. A minimum of 10 students is required while the maximum is 20. There is no charge to league members.

We have already seen how this training can save lives so register today. All registrations for this session are to be forwarded to Bob Jordan by E-mail to [boobj@kwsja.com](mailto:boobj@kwsja.com).

**KW Oldtimers Tournament:** Our tournament was held last weekend and we received many good comments. As usual **Dandy Don Herner** and his staff did an excellent job in making the weekend enjoyable for all the participants. The number of teams was down this year as the tournament was run two weeks later than usual. The reason for that was a Ranger game scheduled for Friday night and another for Saturday afternoon and the Harlem Globetrotters performing Sunday afternoon. The parking is bad with only one event so it would have been horrendous for that whole weekend. Don received calls from 8-10 teams saying they wouldn’t be coming because of the date change they were already committed to other tournaments but would be back next year. Once again well done Don.