



# Kitchener-Waterloo Oldtimers Newsletter

January, 2010

**Player Profile:** This month's player profile is that of **George Schertzer from B2**. He was born on November 20, 1943 (that makes you pretty old George!) in Birk, Romania and immigrated to Canada in 1950. George began his education at Victoria Public School and then on to KCI where he graduated in 1962. He married his high school sweetheart, Elaine Schaefer, on August 7, 1965 and they will be celebrating their 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.

They have 2 married children Laurie (Fred) and Gary (Shirley) and 4 grand children twin girls, Macey and Stella 4 ½ years old, Molly 14 and Adam 11 years old (Adam is like his grand father, a feisty defenseman playing in the Ottawa Minor Hockey System.)

George worked at the Dutch Boy stores, which later became Sobey's, for 42 years and retired in 2002. He loves to play golf and is a 20+ year member at the Galt Country Club. George also loves to garden. He grows tomatoes and sweet peas every year. They have a family tradition that when the sweet peas are ready, the children pick and eat them right off the vine.

Living only two blocks from Victoria Park, George started his hockey career at age 12 on the outdoor rink in the park. Because he lived so close to the park, George would lace up his skates at home, walk to Victoria Park, and play hockey with the many neighborhood kids for most of the day. He never played any minor hockey and his first organized games were in an industrial league. He has been in the Oldtimers League for 30 years (10 as a captain), and says he will continue to play as long as his legs hold out.

Playing in his early years of oldtimers, George says he was considered a little too aggressive. At that time Betty Smythe kept the stats for the league. He got to know Betty quite well as her daughter worked for him in his store. George always seemed to collect just enough penalty minutes each year that he would at some point receive a 3 game suspension and so as each hockey season came around Betty would come into his store holding an envelope and stating, "I have your letter here. I'm just waiting for the dates".

In closing George made the following statement, "I am very glad those days are over. We play for fun and recreation. All of us are still competitive in our own minds, but each of us must realize we are oldtimers and after hockey we do have to go home to our families and work. We have awesome volunteers who do an excellent job organizing our league and we should all respect and appreciate what we have in the K-W Oldtimers".

Great job, thanks for doing this George.



**OUA Men's Hockey**  
**K-W Oldtimers Night**  
**Laurier Golden Hawks vs Waterloo**  
**Warriors**  
**Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**  
**Waterloo Rec Complex**



The Laurier Golden Hawks Mens' Hockey Team is designating Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>'s game, as "K-W Oldtimers Night". All K-W Oldtimers (fulltime and pool players) and referees will be admitted free to the game. All you have to do is identify yourself at the Oldtimers' table in the lobby prior to the game to receive your free pass. It should be a great game so come out and see another "Battle of Waterloo".

**Don't Forget:** Our **K-W Oldtimers Tournament** is on the weekend of February 5-6-7, 2010. There are 44 teams this year and a total of 77 games. There are teams entered from Kincardine, Port Elgin, Coldwater, Fenelon Falls, Niagara Falls and St Catharines. The games will be played at Kitchener's Aud Complex all weekend, a few Friday night at Grand River and Albert McCormick in Waterloo on Friday night and Saturday till 6:00pm. We need your help. We are looking for hosts/score keepers and bar helpers. The bartenders schedule is being planned separately, as each individual requires Smart Serve training. In the event anyone is interested in tending bar contact **Mike Pollard (C3)**, at 576-9284, directly and speak with him. The hockey is good and the jobs are not difficult so if you can help us out, even for a couple of hours, see your captain. He has the sign up sheets for the shifts we need you to fill and together let's make this year's tournament another great success.

**K-W Oldtimer Heroes:** A note from **Don Culp (C3)** and the Health and Safety Committee with the results of the blood donor clinic held Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

To give blood, you had to make an appointment and sign their donor book. The oldtimers donor book was open for six weeks. During that six weeks there were twenty-seven donors with twelve of those donors attending the November 28<sup>th</sup> clinic. There were also six new donors giving blood for the first time and two people that had not donated since high school.

The total past and present donations of blood by these twenty-seven people totals nine hundred and thirteen times. This means this few donors have saved two thousand seven hundred and ninety-three lives. These are the true "Oldtimer Heroes". This is just another example of the K-W Oldtimers helping out in our community.

On behalf of the league, congratulations to the "twenty-seven heroes" and thanks to Don for his report. Maybe next time we can reach fifty donors.