

Kitchener-Waterloo Oldtimers Newsletter

March, 2010

Well here we are, the final week of the season. Time has flown by very quickly. I hope everyone had an enjoyable season and good luck in the playoff round. Don't forget that all the final games will be held at Rim Park on Thursday, March 25th and there will be a bar upstairs to meet with your teammates and friends to rehash the season over a pint or two.



Tournament Recap: The 31st annual Kitchener-Waterloo Oldtimers Tournament was held on the weekend of February 5-7, 2010 (see attached pictures). There were 44 teams in 11 divisions. Nineteen of the 44 teams were from Kitchener-Waterloo and the other 25 teams were from around Southern Ontario. Eleven local teams made the finals and 6 of the 11 won their division. Congratulations to all the teams and thanks for supporting our tournament.

After all the revenues were counted and the bills paid the tournament made a respectable \$8,162.81. This included the entry fees from the teams, the 50/50 draw and the revenues from the bar. Thirty-eight of the 44 teams entered the 50/50 draw which meant the winner would receive \$950.00. This year's winners were the Rusty Nuts from Ripley, Ontario (the Rusty Nuts entered the tournament as a replacement for a team that had to withdraw just days before the games started). Congratulations guys and by the way they also won their division with a 4-3 overtime victory.

I have been asked where the tournament surplus goes. Contrary to what some people think the money does not go into the league's operating budget. Instead the monies go into our Donations Committee Fund to be used to help finance projects in our community. Some that come to mind are \$25,000 over 5 years for the City of Kitchener for the Activa facility, some of you may remember the monies given to the cardiac care unit at St Mary's Hospital for a new tread mill, (\$2,400), St John's Ambulance \$1,000/year and the Waterloo Rec Centre \$25,000 to purchase an ice resurfacers.



Last but not least I want to thank all the league members who gave a few hours of their weekend to help make sure the tournament was a success. Unfortunately Saturday we had a problem at one rink when the players from one division signed up to help out but only 3 of the group showed up which meant that 12 of 18 spots were not filled. Thanks again to all those who

did help out and a special thanks to Ernie Kuenzler and Mike Pollard and their families for all their hard work in making OUR tournament another success.

Applications for Next Season: As we did last year, the Applications for the 2010-2011 season will be handed out by your captain at the beginning of the playoffs. The league requests that as many as possible be returned, with your cheque, to the captains on or before our last night at Rim Park, Thursday, March 25th. There is a slight increase in costs for next season due mainly to the new government tax.

Also attached to your application and waiver form will be an information / directory sheet. Vice President Ron Walder wants to know how you feel the league is doing. He has several questions he would like you to answer. He will also be producing a new Member Directory which is a good way to advertise your job or yourself. It is great to be able to check in the book for a plumber, accountant, carpenter, etc. and know the person you are dealing with. You are not obliged to fill out this sheet. This is a voluntary program and the information received is meant for the private use of our membership only. Many of you will remember the last directory produced in 1999-2000 and how handy they can be.



Volunteers Needed: The league is looking for volunteers to fill some executive positions for next year. At this time we need a Statistician, Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee and a Chairman for the Donations Committee. If you are interested or know someone who would be interested in one of these positions or if you require more information please contact either President John Gerger or Vice President Ron Walder. Contact information as well as phone numbers is listed in the handbook.

Another One: For the third time this season a member of the “D Division” of our league has gone down with a broken bone. Mark Froats of D6 broke an ankle a couple of weeks back. Mark is done for the season. In December’s newsletter we reported on two other D Division players who had run ins with the end boards, Paul Thompson of D2 broke his leg and Jim Hayes of D3 broke an ankle. Hopefully all are on the mend and will be back on the ice in the fall.

Passing: I must also sadly report the passing of a long time member of the K-W Oldtimers, Fraser Ross. Fraser passed away Monday, March 1st after a 10 month battle with Mesothelioma. Our condolences go out to Heidi his wife, the rest of his family and to Jim Ironside, his friend and partner at Ironross. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT
KW OLDTIMERS HOCKEY LEAGUE

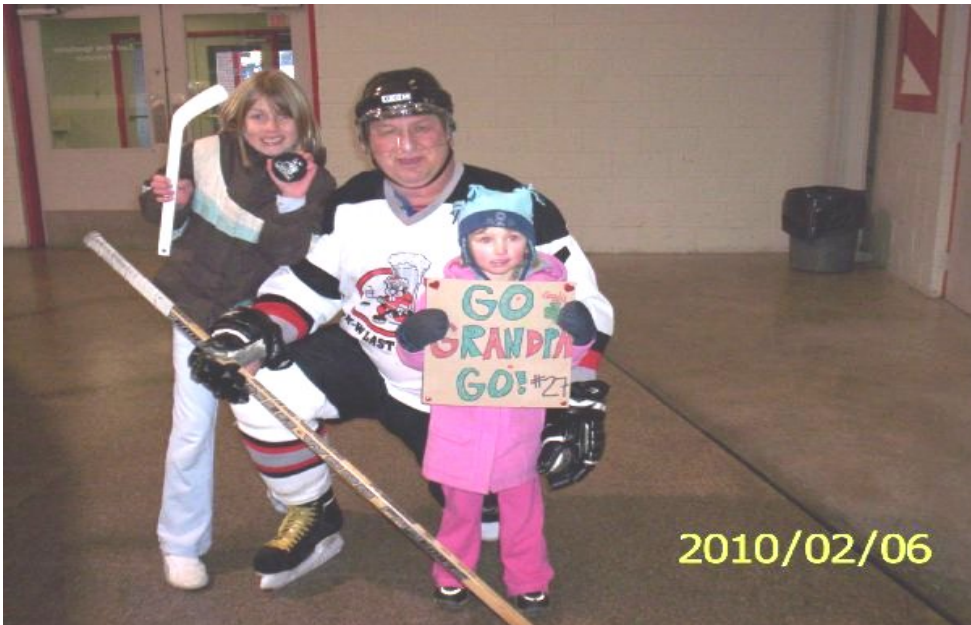
Another season is coming to a close, playoffs are starting and it has been another successful season, thanks to all of our members. Remember, this is a gentleman's league and sportsmanship and friendship is what the league is all about.

You will soon be receiving your applications for the 2010-2011 season, from your captains. We encourage you to return as soon as possible with your payment so we can be prepared for the draft in all divisions.

Our general membership meeting will be held on May 18, 2010, at Angies Kitchen in St Agatha. As always, everyone is invited to attend and we hope to see a really good turnout. I ask that if you have a topic for discussion, that you email it to www.kwoldtimers.ca with a short message and I will forward to the committee to have it added to the agenda.

In closing, I would like to thank all of our directors, committee chairs, coordinators and captains for a very positive and successful season. I look forward to seeing everyone on our final night, upstairs at RIM Park and at our general membership meeting in May.

John Gerger
President



"Grandpa" and the girls.

President John with his grand-daughters taken at this year's K-W Oldtimers Tournament.

As this will be our last newsletter for this season, I would like to thank everyone who contributed stories and articles for use in this year's newsletter.

Again I would like to wish all 30 teams good luck in this year's playoffs. Play hard but have fun.

Have a safe and happy summer and we'll see you on the ice in the fall.