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## HOCKEY NEWS

The first SYHL hockey tournament was held January 14-17 and was a great success. Thirty five teams competed in eight different age groups. There will be more on the tournament in the Select section of the newsletter. The second SYHL tournament will be held from February 4-7. Please get out and cheer the teams on. The games will be fast paced and exciting.

The long awaited picture day is almost here. The final schedule is almost completed with pictures expected to happen at Scarborough Village on February 5 and 6 and at Don Montgomery on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Any teams not playing at these arenas on these dates should be scheduled for that week. Coaches and division coordinators will have the picture day schedules this weekend and confirm the date for your team.

## HOCKEY SPOTLIGHT

The best part of writing the newsletter is sharing the firsts that the players achieve and the thoughts of the parents who enthusiastically follow the exploits of their children. Recently the Red team in the Atom West division had an incredibly exciting evening as **Jackson L**, **Jason W** and **Rahul R** all scored their first ever goals. **Kyle S** from the White team scored the ever critical tying goal as he banged in his first. **Matthew H** of the West Atom Pirates completed his first ever hat trick. Hat tricks were also recorded by **Lucas C** in the Atom East Division and **Joseph C** in Novice 8.



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*Thought of the month:*

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## HOCKEY SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to the Novice 8 players who scored their first ever goals. **Ronan B., Quinton W., Alizar L, Abid H** and **Connor H.** We sometimes forget that the playmaker is as important as the goal scorer. **Jada** and **Jake C** recorded their first ever assists. **We would love to hear about the older age groups. Send us your story!!!**

Parents and players always have that first special moment but in the busy environment of today, we sometimes miss the occasion and are told the story when we get home. The telling of the story can be as exciting as the moment itself. **Lonnie** shares their moment.

This is Quintin's first year playing hockey. It may have been more Dads' decision than his own to play, as he really was not sure about the whole thing. Quintin is quickly improving and got to the point that he really wanted that first goal. We joke about the one that went in but didn't count. I happened to be away on a business trip when it happened, but in hearing his description I can honestly say I can see the goal. His excitement can match no other I have seen. He describes the goal as "getting the pass on my blue line, I skated down the ice, two of their defensemen were catching me, I skated around to the right and around one of the defenseman, I shot the puck, and it went over the goalies pad." Yes I wish I could have been there, but his excitement more than compensates for what I did not see. This is what house league hockey is all about. On behalf of Quintin, thank you SYHL for giving him a memory that will stay forever.

Crestex ('West' ATOM Division) coach Bob Turley became critically ill in mid-December and has been hospitalized since. However, Bob's condition has since improved and he surprised his team and many at the arena with a visit this past Saturday while on a day pass. If you know Bob and see him at the rink, be sure to say "Hi" and wish him well. The Turley family appreciates and thanks everyone for their help and support.

Every year there is a team that struggles at the beginning of the year. They battle hard but the puck never seems to bounce their way. Then it happens, the odd bounce, a player unexpectedly blooms, the first win and the team starts to roll. Are you this year's team? Send in your story.



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### HOCKEY TRIVIA

Name the team and goalie that Wayne Gretzky scored his 500 goal against?

Name the only 3 players to perform this milestone achievement in the same manner as Wayne?

Clue: Is the glass half full or \_\_\_\_?

### Last Months Answers:

1. Bobby Orr-Boston Bruins-1969/70

2. Maurice "Rocket" Richard-Montreal Canadiens 1944/45

## SELECT TOURNAMENT & NEWS

The SYHL tournament was fun and exciting. The Novice 8 and Midget teams made the championship game. The **Novice** team lost 4-3 in a shootout. The game was an absolute barn burner. Congratulations to **Connor R** who garnered the tournament MVP award. **Christian** and **Jacob** provided solid goaltending.

The **Midget** team was down by two goals when they scored with a couple minutes to play. A very enthusiastic crowd cheered on the team as they pulled the goalie and had great chances to tie the game in the last minute before losing 3-2. The entire team played solid hockey throughout the tournament. **Alex D** and defenseman **Tyler D** were among the standouts on this strong team.

The **Minor Peewee** team played very competitively against some very good teams. **Katrina S.** was the dominant defenseman for the team with special mention to **Calvin E**, **Nicholas O**, and **Matthew D** for the hard work they did on each and every shift. Solid team efforts were put forth by the Bantam and Minor midget teams. The **Major Peewee** team has gotten off to a great start in Tier 4 of the NYHL with 4 wins and no losses to start the season. Goaltender **Stephan** has played great after **Ian** was injured in an early season game.

The coaches and players should be proud of the preparation and the effort put forth by all the teams in representing the SYHL in tournaments and the North York Hockey League. Keep up the great work and good luck!

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The playoffs are fast approaching and I would like to thank everyone for their contributions in this first SYHL season. Please remember the most important rules. House league hockey is about fun, fair play and teaching the players the skills needed to be good hockey players. Winning is great but it is not the most important thing at this level. As the year is winding down we start planning for 2010/2011. Next year will have single divisions (no east no west) which will make for more teams per division. We will need people to step up and help to organize each division. Each division will require approximately 6 or 7 people. Further details will be in the next news letter.

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President



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