



December 2011 Newsletter

A Note from the Executive

It's hard to believe, but we are already at the half way point in our 2011-2012 Ringette season! This Newsletter contains information on a number of topics including our tournament, the remainder of the season, the playoffs and Provincials. We hope you'll find this information timely and helpful.

As always, we are happy to hear from you. Please feel free to contact any of the Executive if you have any questions, concerns, kudos, advice, anything at all. You can find our contact information on the West Ottawa website (www.westottawaringette.com) under Contacts, in the top menu bar, or under "Executive Contacts" on the Quick Links bar. On behalf of the Executive, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the Association all the best this holiday season and in the New Year. Please take care during this season of celebration and enjoy a bit of a breather from "all that Ringette". ☺

Happy
Holidays!

Rich Wyatt
President
On behalf of the Executive of the West Ottawa Ringette Association

Some Important Dates to Remember

- **January 8th, 2012** – last date to make changes to your team rosters (TRFs) and all bench staff need have the proper qualifications
- **February 12th, 2012** – NCRRL regular season ends
- **February 17th-19th, 2012** – West Ottawa Ringette Association Tournament
- **February 18th, 2012** – NCRRL playoffs begin and go to March 30th
- **March 1st-4th, 2012** – AA Provincials in Whitby – good luck to our U14 Tween AA and U16 Junior AA teams
- **March 6th, 2012** – Power Skating Program with the Goulbourn Skating Club finishes
- **March 15th-18th, 2012** – A Provincials hosted by Us! – good luck to our U14 Tween A, U16 Junior A, U19 Belle A and Open A teams
- **March 31st-April 1st, 2012** – NCRRL Bunny Fest, U8 Novice Final Games and NCRRL Championship Weekend
- **April 12th-15th, 2012** – U12 Petite Provincials in North Bay – good luck to our U12 PP1/Blue and U12 PP2/Red teams

Thank You to our Team Sponsors!

The West Ottawa Ringette Association would like to thank all of our 2011-2012 team sponsors for their generous contribution to the growth and development of our young athletes and the exciting sport of ringette. Our team sponsors are:

- Accurate Building Inspections
- Back on Track Physiotherapy – Carleton Place
- B.G. Gorham Construction
- C&M Electric
- Cut Rite Construction
- Ernest & Young
- Gary's Automotive
- Shears Hair Salon
- Holitzner Homes
- itex.ca
- KCS
- Myers Hyundai
- Rutley Homes
- TedWilsonTeam.com
- The Co-operators (Wes Zacharuk)
- Thunderbird Sports Centre

A special thank you goes out to **McIntosh Perry Consulting Engineers** for their generous purchase of a set of team jerseys proudly being worn by the Tween C team.

West Ottawa Annual Tournament

The 9th annual West Ottawa Tournament (February 17-19th 2012) is fast approaching. It promises to be the largest yet, as we currently have 75 teams registered, and we anticipate hosting all recreational divisions and most 'A' divisions. Your tournament committee is working hard to ensure we host a successful event, but we are counting on your help too.

We ask that every family provide a donation to the prize table (\$10 value) and contribute 2 to 3 hours of volunteer duties over the course of the tournament weekend as timekeepers, scorekeepers and arena hosts.

Our tournament is the main fundraiser for our association, raising more than \$8,000 each year, and we rely on our members to help make this event a success. Thank you all in advance for your time and effort.



2012 Provincial 'A' Championships in West Ottawa

As many of you know, we have the privilege of hosting the 2012 Provincial 'A' Championships from March 15 – 18, 2012. Fifty-six teams from all over the province will take part in four days of exciting competition.

The event kicks off with a coaches' information meeting on the Wednesday evening. Games begin on Thursday morning, followed by what we hope will be a fantastic Opening Ceremonies on Thursday evening at Carleton University's Raven's Nest. Games will be held at the Kanata Rec Centre, Walter Baker and the Nepean Sportsplex.

A dedicated group of volunteers representing the majority of our provincial level teams are already hard at work organizing this event. We held a contest to design our own unique Provincials logo and we thank all those who made submissions. Congratulations to contest finalists Laura Albert, Clare Chatigny, Lisa Silliker and the Junior B team. Two co-winning designs submitted by Bernice Henessey are now with the graphic artists who will develop the final logo.

To help cover the costs of the Opening Ceremonies, and to hopefully make some money for our association, one of our fundraisers will be an on-line silent auction which will run for a number of weeks prior to the event. We are looking for as many items as possible to auction off. If you, or someone you know, is willing to donate an item for auction we would be very grateful. It takes many volunteers to run an event of this magnitude. Parents on Petite Provincial, 'A' and 'AA' teams please note that you will be expected to assist with scorekeeping, timekeeping and arena trouble shooting during the event. In return, volunteers in other communities are performing these tasks for your teams when you attend the Petite Provincial Event or the 'AA' Championships. If you would like to be involved with the planning of the 'A' Provincials or have an item to donate to the silent auction, please contact Kathy McCaw, Provincials Committee Co-Chair, at mccawkathy@gmail.com.

Coach Feedback Forms

By now, you should have received an email from your manager in regards to providing feedback on the coaching staff (head coach and assistants). It is important in developing and improving our Coaches that you take a few minutes to fill out the Coach Assessment form. This is an opportunity to share any concerns you may have as well as to provide positive feedback to the coaching staff. These forms are not shared with the Coaches but the information is discussed with the Coaches in a discreet manner. You can also access the form on the website through the Documents link, which is under "Association" in the top menu bar. Forms should be emailed by Jan 8th to provide ample time to give feedback prior to the end of the season.

Thank you from the Competitive and Recreational Coordinators.

Regional and Provincial Award Nominations

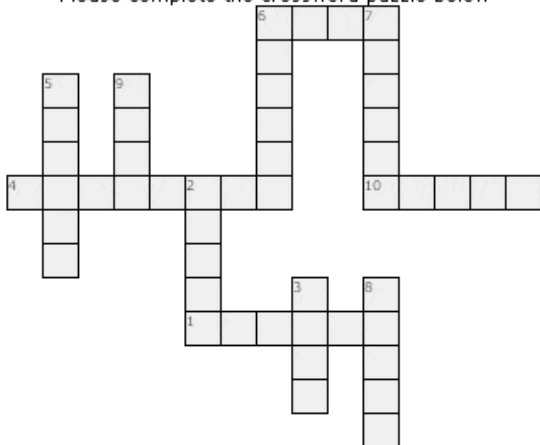
Annually, the region (ERRA – Eastern Region Ringette Association) and the province (ORA – Ontario Ringette Association) give out awards to recognize outstanding players, coaches and more. Here are some of the awards distributed...

- Regional Coach of the Year
- Regional Official of the Year
- Regional Player Recognition Award
- Provincial Offensive Player Award
- Provincial Defensive Player Award
- Provincial Goaltender Award

There are many worthy candidates in our Association! Please check out the Ontario Ringette Association website under Membership Services, in the Membership Services Manual, for more information. Nominate that worthy candidate!

Ringette Crossword

Please complete the crossword puzzle below



Across:

1. U8/9/10
4. Our sport!
6. Spear that <blank>
10. Keep your <blank> down

Down:

2. U14
3. We are the West Ottawa <blank>
5. U16
6. U12
7. She <blank>, she scores!
8. U19
9. It's blue and round

