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# WELCOME TO THE 2014 ONTARIO MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE 6,901 MEMBER TEAMS OF THE OMHA JOIN IN CELEBRATING  
80 YEARS OF ORGANIZED HOCKEY FOR YOUTH IN ONTARIO.



## FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2014

### GOLF TOURNAMENT

8:00 AM Wooden Sticks Golf Club

### RESPECT IN SPORT ADMINISTRATOR SEMINAR

1:00 PM Markham Room

### PRESIDENTS' SYMPOSIUM

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Grand York Room

### HOMETOWN HOCKEY CONSUMER SHOW

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

### SPORT NGIN SUPPORT/INFORMATION

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM Victoria Square

### ASSOCIATION HEAD TRAINER SEMINAR

4:00 PM Stouffville Room

### REGISTRATION

4:30 PM - 7:00 PM Thornhill Room

### DINNER RECEPTION AND SILENT AUCTION

6:00 PM Grand York Room

### DINNER & AWARDS CELEBRATION

7:00 PM Grand York Room



## SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2014

### REGISTRATION

7:30 AM - 10:00 AM Thornhill Room

### SPORT NGIN SUPPORT/INFORMATION

7:30 PM - 3:30 PM Victoria Square

### HOMETOWN HOCKEY CONSUMER SHOW

7:30 AM - 3:30 PM Sheraton Lobbies/Grand Richmond Room

### AGM CALL TO ORDER

8:30 AM Grand York Room

### ASSOCIATION HEAD TRAINER SEMINAR

9:00 AM Stouffville Room

### PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

11:30 AM Grand York Room

### RESUMPTION OF BUSINESS (if necessary)

12:30 PM Grand York Room

### ADJOURNMENT

We hope that you will enjoy the proceedings



## THE ONTARIO MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SOUVENIR PROGRAM

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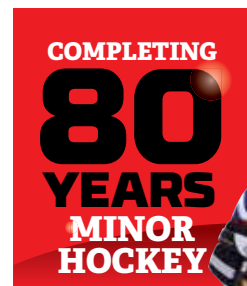
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The souvenir program committee members acknowledge with sincere thanks the various teams, leagues and officials who assisted so greatly in the preparation of this program by supplying write ups and photos. Many winning teams did not submit their photos this year for publication. If your winning team's photo should have appeared this year, contact the publishers at the address above. Have your team's photo ready next year. The deadline will be May 15, 2014. Many thanks.

**THE OMHA 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2015. MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO ATTEND.**





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**EFFECTING CHANGE**  
WORKING TOGETHER TO GROW OUR GAME



**OMHA ASSOCIATIONS**

# OMHA ASSOCIATIONS



THE OMHA CELEBRATES THE COMMUNITIES THAT MAKE UP **THE FABRIC OF HOMETOWN HOCKEY.** //////////////////////////////////////

**REGION ONE**

- AMHERSTBURG
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- ILDERTON
- KENT
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- LAMBTON SHORES
- LASALLE
- LUCAN
- MOORETOWN
- MOUNT BRYDGES
- NORTH MIDDLESEX
- PETROLIA
- POINT EDWARD
- PORT STANLEY
- RIVERSIDE
- SOUTH HURON
- SOUTH KENT
- SOUTHPOINT
- SOUTHWEST

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- ST. THOMAS
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- WEST LORNE
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- JORDAN
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- LINCOLN
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- CALEDON
- CENTRE WELLINGTON
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- FLAMBOROUGH
- GUELPH
- GUELPH ZONE
- HALTON HILLS
- HALTON ZONE
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- MILTON
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- ORANGEVILLE
- WOOLWICH

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- AURORA
- BARRIE





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NORWOOD  
ORONO  
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“SUCCESSFUL IS THE PERSON WHO HAS LIVED WELL,  
LAUGHED OFTEN, AND LOVED MUCH, WHO HAS GAINED THE RESPECT  
OF CHILDREN, WHO LEAVES THE WORLD BETTER THAN THEY FOUND IT,  
WHO HAS NEVER LACKED APPRECIATION FOR THE EARTH’S BEAUTY,  
WHONEVER FAILS TO LOOK FOR THE BEST IN OTHERS  
OR GIVE THE BEST OF THEMSELVES.”

*In Memory of...*

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**JAMES “JIM “ TROTT**

COLLINGWOOD  
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**SPENCER MCFADYEN**

ORANGEVILLE  
OMHA PLAYER  
AGE 6

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This publication is respectfully dedicated to the memory of the many  
dedicated Minor Hockey volunteers who passed away during the 2013-2014 season.  
Their tremendous contributions have left a legacy upon which to build.  
We are grateful for their commitment to hockey, our youth and the OMHA.



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# THANKS FOR A GREAT YEAR

THE OMHA IS A DEDICATED AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

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On behalf of the OMHA Board of Directors it is my pleasure to welcome all of our valued delegates, sponsors, trade show participants, and invited guests to the 80th OMHA Annual General Meeting.

Many of you have attended numerous OMHA AGMs, while others will be joining us for the first time. Without each and every one of you the OMHA wouldn't be as successful as we have been. As delegates representing your Centres and Zones, you will be expected to make tough decisions at this AGM, but the OMHA Board has confidence in each of you to make those decisions for the betterment of all the OMHA membership.

The entire AGM weekend is designed not only for business so I hope all of the attendees have been fortunate enough to attend the Dinner & Awards Celebration and visit with all the participating vendors involved in the Consumer Show.

One of the highlights of this weekend is always the "Parade of Champions".

We are sometimes too focused on the outcomes instead of enjoying the experience of participating in our nation sport. Yet, it is still important we celebrate and recognize the winners of our various championships. Each member of our championship teams have accomplished something that not many have experienced so each one of them deserve all the accolades they will receive this weekend; their achievements were enormous.

The OMHA Board strives to offer affordable programming to our participants and in conjunction with our many sponsors and Corporate Partners we have been able to achieve that. It is extremely difficult to keep the costs down for this quality programming and the OMHA greatly appreciates the support we receive from these fabulous people and businesses.

**EACH MEMBER OF OUR CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS HAVE ACCOMPLISHED SOMETHING THAT NOT MANY HAVE EXPERIENCED. EACH ONE OF THEM DESERVE ALL THE ACCOLADES THEY WILL RECEIVE THIS WEEKEND.**

I would like thank the OMHA Board, including the three Development Technical Directors, for the continuous support they have given me this past year. It hasn't always been easy and there have been many highs and lows, but because of their dedication and willingness to work as a team we

have been able to overcome the not so pleasant situations.

Special thanks to Richard Ropchan, the OMHA Executive Director, and our entire office staff. The OMHA administration staff is second to none and without these dedicated people the OMHA wouldn't be nearly as successful as it is. It is amazing the administrative workload that we put on our staff to make sure we offer the best programs available to our youth and our staff never lets us down.

On a personal note, my first term as the OMHA President concludes today; I can share with you that there have been times this past season that have been hectic and somewhat challenging, but because of the dedication and support I received from everyone I had the pleasure of working

with, this season has been very enjoyable. From time to time, we had to deal with unconstructive circumstances that occurred, but it was also imperative that we focused more on the positive ones and we fed off of them moving forward. Having said that, I am looking forward to bigger and better 2014-15.

**ROB RING**  
OMHA PRESIDENT





# HOCKEY FOR LIFE

OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE OUR PLAYERS WITH THE VERY BEST MINOR HOCKEY EXPERIENCE

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**2013 WAS AN OUTSTANDING YEAR** for the Ontario Minor Hockey Association. I have had the opportunity to travel throughout the province and see our programs and initiatives in action. The OMHA should continue to be proud of its leadership and commitment to growing grassroots participation in our great game. We as an organization must be responsive to the needs of our players who are in the game for fun, fitness and friendship and who truly want the hockey for life experience.

With over 100,000 active members participating in the OMHA, we face the challenge of how to ensure they are all learning the game, developing their skills and nurturing a love for the game. The OMHA's Hockey Development Programs work to provide development opportunities for players, coaches, officials, trainers, and parents. This continues to be a top priority, with the goal to provide our players with the very best minor hockey experience.

This season, the Ontario Minor Hockey will become a complete 'Respect' integrated association. This includes the appropriate 'Respect' education for all Team Officials, On-ice Volunteers, On-Ice Officials and Parents. The requirement for Parents to complete the Respect in Sport – Parent program re-enforces a parent's role by encouraging positive sport behaviors and

providing insight into other roles, including coaches and officials.

We are proud to recognize the success of ninety-six OMHA Champions from sixty associations. This great accomplishment will be celebrated at the 2014 Parade of Champions where teams will be paraded throughout the entire OMHA AGM. Sixteen OMHA teams were also successful in qualifying for their respective OHF Championships. Special congratulations to the Gold Medal winning entries Burlington Eagles (Atom A) and Amherstburg Stars (Bantam A and Midget A).

The Ontario Minor Hockey Association continues to succeed with the support of our corporate sponsors and partners, which enable us to make a significant impact in the community and deliver top quality programming and events. Valuable partnerships with corporate supporters including Chrysler Canada allow us to bring a jersey sponsorship program to over 400 Novice teams. We

**THIS SEASON, THE ONTARIO MINOR HOCKEY WILL BECOME A COMPLETE 'RESPECT' INTEGRATED ASSOCIATION.**

were able to expand our partnership once again to provide three Family Day Hockey Tournaments for teams throughout the OMHA. Another OMHA Partner, Insurance Brokers Association of Ontario, delivered over forty sets of goalie equipment to five to seven year old players in an effort to support children who have dreams of becoming a hockey goaltender. Our other valued partners include Under Armour, Pizza Pizza, Disney XD, Shoeless Joe's, Pro Hockey Life and CCM/Reebok.

Nothing occurs at the OMHA without the support of a numerous volunteers within our associations. With their hard work and dedication, we are able to provide programming to a player participant base of over 96,000. Our passionate volunteers lent their expertise as executives, convenors, ice schedulers, coaches, trainers, and team managers. The knowledge and expertise these dedicated people possess enable us to provide first class programs all season long.

It has certainly been a year I won't forget at the OMHA and one that I am extremely proud to have been part of. I would like to thank the Board of Directors who provided their time and leadership to make hockey a better game in Ontario. I am positive that the OMHA will continue to be recognized as one of the leading minor hockey organizations in Canada.

*Richard Ropchan*

**RICHARD ROPCHAN**  
OMHA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



# 365 DAYS IN REVIEW

THE OMHA LOOKS BACK AT THE SEASON OF 2013-14





# 2013-14 SEASON

**Disney XD Rink Rats Hockey Festival**



## **JUNE** **Respect in Hockey, OMHA Annual General Meeting**

- OMHA announces, effective the 2014-2015 hockey season it will become a complete “**Respect**” integrated association. In addition to Team Officials, On-Ice Volunteers, On-Ice Officials and Parents will be required to take the appropriate ‘Respect’ educations. At least one parent or guardian of each player registered in the OMHA will need to complete the online Respect in Sport Parent Program as a condition of participation.
- Every year delegates from across the OMHA meet in June to discuss the past year’s accomplishments, issues and initiatives. During these meetings, revisions to OMHA regulations, policies & procedures for the upcoming season are also addressed.
- Every OMHA Championship Team is invited to the **Parade of Champions**. Teams are paraded throughout the entire OMHA AGM and hotel in front of 4,500 people as Master of Ceremonies Andy Frost and Don Landry announce the teams.
- In addition to the Parade, teams and their families can

enjoy the **OMHA Consumer Show** where over 55 exhibitors including fundraisers, equipment manufacturers, hotel chains, memorabilia companies, etc. display their services and products!

- You can also kick start the OMHA AGM on the Friday morning by playing golf at the OMHA Golf Tournament.

## **JULY** **Matt Duchene Shootout Challenge Winner Announced**

• The winner of the 2013 OMHA Matt Duchene Shootout Challenge was Mathew Wilbee from Minden, ON who played with the Highland Storm Bantam B team. Matt scored a time of 7.11 defeating NHL Superstar Duchene’s time of 9:06 seconds.



**Mathew Wilbee with Matt Duchene**

## **AUGUST** **Development Seminar, Clinics Launch, OMHA Player’s Club**

- The **OMHA Development Seminar** unofficially begins efforts in the field and OMHA personnel are gathered to share best practices, update on the newest sport technical information available, and depart the event energized to support our Membership.
- The **OMHA delivered over 350 certification clinics for over 30,000 Coaches, Trainers and Referees** this past season who were seeking to certify or re-certify their credentials. Education is not a one-time occurrence for minor hockey volunteers. Coaches and Trainers in the OMHA are required to renew their certification every three years; Referees are required to renew annually.
- The **OMHA Player’s Club** was launched to provide players new and exciting challenges and



contests to help them celebrate their hockey skills and develop their game at home throughout the year.

## **SEPTEMBER** **Body Checking, Ref School, New Website Launch**

- Effective for this past hockey season, the age of introducing **Body Checking** moved from Peewee to Bantam, placing continued emphasis on body contact for the Peewee age group.
- The extremely successful and popular school format provides **NEW Officials** with an opportunity to acquire officiating skills and rule knowledge while completing OMHA and Hockey Canada certification requirements. The intensive, action-packed agenda features classroom instruction including audiovisual presentations, as well as on-ice training. In operation since 1995, the school program now encompasses 3 locations across the OMHA: Trenton [East] - Guelph [Central] - Windsor [West]
- The **website** redesign focused on reorganizing information and utilizing new technology to create the best possible experience for all stakeholders. A key advancement to the OMHA.net platform was the design integration of mobile and tablet applications. Members can now view all areas of the website on the go and on any available platform. The OMHA will continue to add features to the site and refine current areas to better serve the membership, amongst other things.



## **OCTOBER** **Goalie Assist Program, New Sponsorship – Disney XD, Reliance, Panera**

- The **OMHA IBAO Goalie Assist Program** is an effort to support children who have dreams of becoming a hockey goaltender, by providing a set of hockey goaltending equipment to 5-7 year old players interested in trying the position. In addition, IBAO provides minor hockey associations with goaltending resources to aid



coaches. Over forty sets of new equipment were distributed last season to young players across the province.

- The OMHA is pleased to announce new partnerships with **Disney XD, Panera Bread, and Reliance Home Energy.** Each of these companies worked together to provide athletic opportunities to local league teams, the two brands have aligned for a 2013/2014 team sponsorship program. The Disney XD Rink Rats, Reliance Home Energy and Panera Bread team sponsorship program provided 14 teams, 24 teams, and 3 teams, respectfully in all age groups with financial funding and access to a unique hockey experience throughout the season.

**NOVEMBER**  
**Events Team, Dodge Caravan Kids Program, IP Festivals**

- The **OMHA Events Team** is equipped with interactive games, promotional items and an energetic staff who travel across the OMHA supporting its Associations at Tournaments and other special events.
- This year, 407 Novice hockey teams received up to \$500 in funding from **Dodge Caravan Kids program.**
- The **OMHA IP Fun Festivals** were created as a venue to showcase the Initiation Program in communities and expose players, their parents and family, administrators and associations to the benefits of the program.

**DECEMBER**  
**ETA Showcase**

- The **ETA Minor Midget Showcase** event featured 14 teams competing in regular season games under one roof. The event was held at the Holly



**OMHA Initiation Program**

Community Centre in Barrie, ON.

- Many OMHA tournaments take place in the month of December. The Christmas holiday break hosts 15.7% of all OMHA Sanctioned Tournaments.

**JANUARY**  
**SCTA Showcase, Guelph Game Day Coaching Clinic, Storm the Centre**

- The **SCTA Minor Midget AAA Showcase** held at the Seymour Hannah Sports & Entertainment Centre in St. Catharines, ON and featured eleven teams competing in regular season games under one roof. The event also featured the SCTA Bantam AAA Prospects event and played host to the ETA vs SCTA Midget All-Star Game.
- Guelph Storm's Head Coach Scott Walker, and Assistants Bill Stewart & Todd Harvey lead sessions at their **Game Day Coaching Clinic** focused on various areas of player skill development followed by a Question and Answer Session for numerous OMHA coaches.
- **Storm the Centre Powered by Under Armour** gave Minor Hockey teams the chance to be the Toronto Maple Leafs for a day. 87 teams from across Ontario competed in online and on ice challenges over the course of a two month period. In the end two OMHA teams, the Aurora Tigers Bantam AA and Whitby Wildcats Bantam AAA teams prevailed amongst all the others and earned the right to be the Toronto Maple Leafs for a day.

**FEBRUARY**  
**Dodge Caravan Kids Family Hockey Days + Disney XD Festival, Olympics**

- Three **Dodge Caravan Kids Family Hockey Day Events** took place this past season in three different locations: Windsor, Brantford and Ottawa. Each event had 16 participating teams ranging from the OMHA, Alliance Hockey, HEO and OWHA.

**SCTA Showcase**



The objective of the day is to give House League and Local League Dodge Caravan Kids Hockey Teams an opportunity to compete against each other in a big league tournament setting. All three events were a great success.

- Saturday February 8th played host to the inaugural **Disney XD Rink Rats Hockey Festival**, which was held at the Magna Centre in Newmarket, ON. The festival featured 16 atom house league and local league teams who competed in a tournament for the Disney XD Cup. The event also featured an autograph session with Bradley Steven Parry and Jake Short the stars from the Disney XD hit show, *Mighty Med*.



**Dodge Caravan Kids**

- The OMHA was well represented at the **2014 Sochi Winter Olympics** in both the men's and women's hockey events. As well, five athletes who grew up playing hockey in the OMHA participated in the Sochi Olympics in a sport other than hockey. As these athletes (**Jesse Lumsden – Bobsled, Tim Randall – Bobsled, James McNaughton – Bobsled, Mitchell Islam – Figure Skating and Scott Moir – Figure Skating**) grew up they developed specific advanced skills in their sport while developing the crossover benefits that were generated by playing hockey.

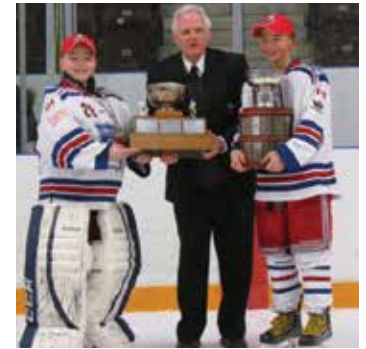
**MARCH**  
**AAA Championships**

- Nine **OMHA AAA Championships** were held this past season from the Novice – Midget age category. Each event featured exciting and fast paced hockey and nine teams

earned gold medals and the ever popular Champion Red Hats!

**APRIL**  
**OMHA Pizza Pizza Hockey Festival, OHF Championships, Champ Program**

- The **13th Annual OMHA Pizza Pizza Hockey Festival** featured 90 house and local league team from the Novice, Atom and Peewee age groups. Each team competed in three games and the focus of the event was on the love of the game, not medals, playoffs or championships. Off the ice, players and their families enjoyed the FUN-Zone filled with interactive games.



**Oakville Rangers**

- The Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) Championships are ten minor hockey events that take place annually on the second weekend in April across Ontario within the OHF branch. Hundreds of teams battle all season to make it to this coveted event.
- The official launch of the updated **OMHA Championship Program.** The program features newly designed championship and finalist gear from CCM/Reebok. This clothing is offered to all OMHA Championship and Finalist teams.

**MAY**  
**U16 Program of Excellence – OHL Gold Cup**

- The OMHA was proud to send two high skilled and balanced teams to the **OHL Gold Cup.** Both Team OMHA Black and Team OMHA White represented our organization with class and dignity. Team OMHA White had an excellent tournament and brought the championship back to the OMHA.



# INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY

The Oshawa Bantam team experienced a trip of a lifetime as this past season they headed across the pond to take part in international exhibition games. This photo was taken following a great game in Innsbruck, Austria. The team was a great ambassador for the Ontario Minor Hockey Association and Canada as a whole.

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# STORM THE CENTRE

Shane Bull from the Whitby Wildcats Bantam AAA team fires one from the point during a game on the Air Canada Centre Ice. The game was the end to a full day where two teams became the Toronto Maple Leafs for the day as part of the Storm the Centre Challenge powered by Under Armour and Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment.

George Poulis





# REGISTRATION

## IMPROVING AND STREAMLINING

**D**uring the 2013-2014 season, OMHA Registration oversaw the registration of 96287 players on 6901 teams within the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR). Overseeing the day to day participation of these players were 23290 registered bench staff. Thirty-two percent of all registered players participate in representative programming in categories from AAA to D; while 68 percent enjoy recreational hockey at the house league and local league levels.

Growing on the implementation of the OMHA Web Portal, which was officially launched in the 2012-2013 season, the OMHA has added access to forms, documents and applications for various processes that are used throughout the season by Administrators of OMHA Member Associations. These items can be updated in real time and having this ability has enabled the OMHA to ensure that the most current information is available to our Associations. In addition, Centre Mailings are now integrated into the Web Portal where they can be easily viewed by key positions within all Associations. Moving to the electronic circulation of Centre Mailings has not only proven to be effective but is an environmentally sound practice.

Several OMHA Associations have evaluated their programming over the past season and as a result have chosen to amalgamate in order to be able to deliver more impactful programming to their combined membership and streamline administration. Effective for the upcoming season there are four amalgamations approved by the OMHA Board of Directors.

The OMHA Registration Department enjoys working with the administrators of our Member Associations and wish to acknowledge them for their continued dedication, hard work and service to the OMHA as a whole and, more importantly, for their commitment to the players of the OMHA.



### BY THE NUMBERS

**6901** THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED TEAMS IN THE OMHA



# DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

## 7 HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES FROM THE 2013-2014 SEASON

**WITH OVER 100,000 PLAYERS** participating in Ontario Minor Hockey, the challenge we face is ensuring all participants learn the game, develop their skills and nurture a lifelong love of the game. This is where our hockey development programs play a critical role. Each year, we provide meaningful opportunities for players, coaches, officials, trainers, and parents, with the goal to provide our players with the very best minor hockey experience. Here are seven hockey development initiatives from the 2013-2014 season:

**1 RESPECT IN HOCKEY**  
Respect is a concept that generates a lot of discussion at rinks across Ontario and in community sport. We believe we need more Respect in the game and effective the 2014-2015 season will move to become a complete 'Respect Integrated Association', where all Team Officials, On-ice Volunteers, On-Ice Officials and Parents must take the appropriate 'Respect' education.

**2 PLAYERS CLUB SKILLS CHALLENGES**  
In an effort to provide our players with the opportunity to acquire and develop their skills at home, players across Ontario participated in the 5000 Puck and Dangle and Shoot Challenges this season as part of the OMHA Players Club.

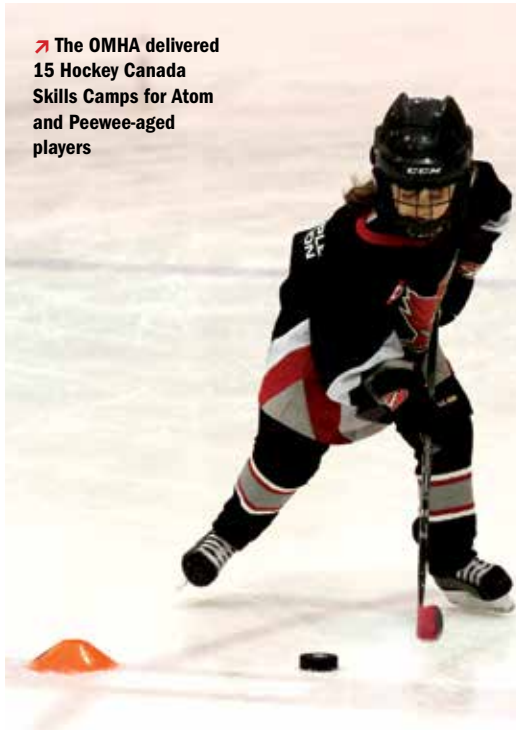
**3 BODY CHECKING INTRODUCTION AGE**  
This season, Hockey Canada changed the age of introducing Body Checking from Peewee to Bantam. This change was the result of recognizing changes in the game of hockey and included developing a national standard for definitions of Body Checking and Body Contact. Education remains a priority focusing on the 4-Step Checking Progression, which begins the first time a young player steps on the ice.

**4 ONLINE LEARNING**  
Online education programs for coaches, officials and trainers were designed to support volunteers with an effective, efficient and innovative method of completing much of their learning requirements online reducing classroom time and learning at their own pace and timetable.

**5 PLAYER-CENTRED DEVELOPMENT**  
We continue to promote the benefits of the Long-Term Player Development (LTPD) model in our clinics, and creation of resources for players, parents, coaches and minor hockey associations. The LTPD model provides a framework to maximize a player's potential and long term involvement in the sport. A key principle is Player-Centred Development - which ensures 'we are doing the right thing for the player at the right stage in their development.'

**6 SKILLS CAMPS & COMBINES**  
Consisting of on-ice skills and off-ice development, the OMHA delivered 15 Hockey Canada Skills Development Camps across the province for Atom and Peewee-aged players. Hockey Canada Skills Combines introduce Peewee & Bantam players to on & off-ice testing as well as on-ice skill development as they progress through the player development pathway.

**7 CHANGES TO PROGRAM OF EXCELLENCE**  
The 2014 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge was the last to feature five regional Canadian teams - Atlantic, Ontario, Pacific, Quebec and West. Beginning in 2015, Canada will be represented by three national teams - Black, Red and White. Players will be identified for participation through the Under 16 OHL Gold Cup which was won by the OMHA this May.



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### SNEAK PEAK INTO 2014-2015

Check out some of the new initiatives as we look forward into the coming season!

**1. MORE RESPECT!**  
The 'Respect in Hockey' initiative will continue to be a major focus moving forward. Our efforts are always focused on the values of respect, fun, safety and teamwork to ensure a quality hockey experience for everyone involved in the game.

**2. UPDATES TO NCCP**  
Working with Hockey Canada and the Coaches Association of Canada, we will see significant changes to Coach Education impacting clinic delivery, terminology, qualification requirements, and certification maintenance.

**3. GROWING THE GAME**  
Attracting new players to the game and ensuring a meaningful experience for current players is central to growing the game of hockey. Providing new opportunities to try the game, flexible seasons and non-traditional programming will form discussion moving forward.

**4. WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
With the IIHF Under 20 World Championships coming to Toronto and Montreal in 2015 and 2017 will include hockey development opportunities that will engage our membership.



## GOLD CUP

Team OMHA White were crowned the 2014 Under-16 OHL Gold Cup Champions after defeating Team GTHL Blue in the finals. The four day tournament featured 8 teams representing the ALLIANCE, GTHL, HNO, NOHA, HEO and OMHA stacked with the top 160 Under-16 players in Ontario.

The event serves as an annual evaluation and selection process for the Hockey Canada Program of Excellence. The top players selected from this event will be among the 108 players invited from across Canada to attend the national Under-17 Development Camp. From the camp, 66 players will be selected to represent Canada at the World Under-17 Hockey Challenge.





**PATRICIA HARTLEY ADMINISTRATORS AWARD**

# BETH HILL

## - FLESHERTON MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

A PASSION FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

**B**eth Hill has been a member of the Flesherton Minor Hockey Association executive for twenty years and has served the roles of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Director and is currently fulfilling her tenth year as OMHA Rep. Beth also serves on the Grey-Bruce Highlanders AAA Executive, and has been a member of that group for many years. Her passion for community involvement was sparked by her own sons passion for hockey but Beth has continued volunteering despite no longer having a child involved in the sport. She continues to dedicate a great deal of time, effort and concern toward the betterment of

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both organizations to ensure all children in the area that want to play hockey are offered the chance.

Beth always demonstrates the importance of upholding the policies, regulations and guidelines of the OMHA within meetings, and more so, within our entire organization. She does all that is possible to ensure parents and coaches understand the roles they play in their child's development and enjoyment of hockey while working within the organization in any capacities that ensure the smooth operation of the Flesherton Minor Hockey Association.



**PATRICIA HARTLEY ADMINISTRATORS AWARD**

The Patricia Hartley Administrators Award is given in recognition of exemplary service in the field of sports administration. This award reflects the achievements of a local executive board member or volunteer staff person who worked toward the efficient operation of an association and the betterment of hockey. Recipients of this award will be selected for outstanding leadership within their own association, commitment to their organization and overall involvement in minor hockey.

**RECENT RECIPIENTS**

**2007**  
**FRED FOOTE**  
*Oshawa NASC*

**2008**  
**KRISTINE PERROTTA**  
*Dundas Minor Hockey Association*

**2009**  
**HEATHER BLACK**  
*Honeywood Minor Hockey Association*

**2010**  
**BARBARA DOWNEY**  
*Owen Sound Minor Hockey Association*

**2011**  
**CARLOA PYKE**  
*Lincoln Minor Hockey Association*

**2012**  
**DEAN LAPIERRE**  
*Windsor Minor Hockey Association*



➤ Beth Hill receives the award from OMHA Executive Mike Hammond



**GEORGE H. CARVER MEDIA AWARD**

# DARRYL KNIGHT - DURHAM SPORTS EDITOR

CONTINUING A PROUD FAMILY TRADITION OF VOLUNTEERISM

**T**hroughout the hockey season, Darryl Knight is a constant presence in arenas in the Durham Region and provides excellent coverage of all teams in the local newspaper. Darryl's coverage is not limited to one team or association as he covers Port Perry Minor Hockey, Uxbridge Minor Hockey, Central Ontario Wolves AAA, the Uxbridge Tigers high school team, and Junior C teams in Uxbridge, Little Britain and Port Perry.

Darryl routinely goes beyond simply what appears on the game sheet and highlights notable examples of sound defensive play and great teamwork amongst players. He frequently notes achievements like back checking and unselfish play that can only be spotted by someone watching the game live, instead of reading a game report.

Uxbridge Minor Hockey hosted an OHL exhibition game between the Oshawa Generals and the Belleville Bulls. Darryl helped provide outstanding coverage not only leading up to the event but also following the game which helped aide in making the event very successful for the

organization.

Darryl served three years with Port Perry Minor Hockey, helping with the Peeewe A team from 2005 until 2008, before deciding to step away to better devote his time to all member teams rather than just the Peeewe's. Darryl is also one of the

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youngest people to ever sit on the Board of Directors of the Port Perry Minor Hocket Association, having served when he was 22 years old.

Darryl is carrying on a proud family tradition of volunteerism in the community. His grandfather founded Uxbridge Minor Hockey and his grandmother was an outstanding volunteer for many years.



**GEORGE H. CARVER MEDIA AWARD**

The George H. Carver Media Award is designed to show appreciation for the invaluable coverage of minor hockey in the Ontario Minor Hockey Association provided by local media outlets and their reporters. During the course of any minor hockey season, players and their parents rely on local media for coverage of their teams and leagues. For this reason the OMHA has elected to profile one print media outlet or specific reporter for their excellent coverage of minor hockey during the season.

**RECENT RECIPIENTS**

**2007**  
**GENE PERIERA**  
*The Barrie Examiner*

**2008**  
**DOUG JAMES**  
*Port Hope Evening Guide*

**2009**  
**BILL WHITBREAD**  
*Caledon Enterprise*

**2010**  
**DALE WEST**  
*The Peak 95.1 FM Collingwood*

**2011**  
**RICK LOWES**  
*Moose FM 93.5*

**2012**  
**STEVE LEBLANC**  
*Milton Champion*



➤ Darryl (right) proudly receives his award from OMHA Executive Tom Leathong



WALLY SCOTT BURSARY

# PAUL BOYADJIAN - THE UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

AN ATHLETE, SCHOLAR AND A PUBLIC SPEAKER

**P**aul has participated in minor hockey for 10 years and has really cherished his time. He started playing in Kincardine where he played for 8 years ending in Bantam. Paul was the goaltender for many successful teams during his time playing, winning the regional Silver Stick Tournament, WOAA championship, International Silver Stick Championship and an OMHA Championship. For his Midget years Paul played with the AAA Grey-Bruce Highlanders. Paul had the honour of winning the Michael O'Hara memorial award for his community involvement and leadership within hockey.

**HE HAS VOLUNTEERED FOR THE AUTISM SPEAKS FUNDRAISER, KINCARDINE SCOTTISH FESTIVAL, AND REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY.**

During the 2011-2012 season, Paul signed with the Kincardine Bulldogs Jr. C Hockey club, but half way through the year was called up and signed with the Owen Sound Greys Jr. B Hockey club. Paul played his final year for the Mount Forest Patriots Jr. C hockey club and was a significant contributor to the team having their best season in over 10 years.

Paul began volunteering during his time with the Highlanders, helping out with weekly goaltender clinics

in Kincardine whenever possible. He eventually became the goalie coach for the novice rep team and continued on with the team to the atom level. Paul doesn't limit his volunteering to athletic events. He has volunteered for the

Autism Speaks fundraiser, Kindcardine Scottish Festival, and Remembrance Day Ceremony.

Paul's academics are very important to him. Throughout his high school years he always achieved at least an 80% in all of his classes. In grade 12 he finished with a 95% average in his 6 grade 12 university courses. Paul was selected as Valedictorian by his classmates in grades 8 and 12. He now attends the University of Waterloo studying Chemical Engineering.

**ABOUT THE MINOR HOCKEY FOUNDATION ONTARIO**

In 2000, the Minor Hockey Foundation Ontario (MHF) was created to support minor hockey players in the Province of Ontario. The Foundation assists players seeking post-secondary education, players who require financial assistance in order to play minor hockey, and the Let's Learn Hockey Program.

The Financial Subsidy Program provides financial subsidy to minor hockey players who are currently experiencing difficulty raising enough funds to participate in the game through subsidized registration fees.

The Let's Learn Hockey Program provides children who are currently experiencing difficulty raising enough funds to participate in the game of ice hockey by assisting in obtaining new or upgraded equipment. The Foundation also organizes a one-day hockey Orientation Camp and provides financial assistance towards their minor hockey registration fee for the season.



**WALLY SCOTT BURSARY**

The Wally Scott Bursary is given in recognition of outstanding commitment to community service, athletics, and academics. This bursary reflects the achievements of a young hockey player who is committed to his or her community, athletic ability, and academic achievement. Each recipient can receive up to \$2,500 towards his or her post-secondary education.

**RECENT RECIPIENTS**

**2007**  
**GREG BOWERS**  
*Brussels Minor Hockey Association*

**SYDNEY MCMURTER**  
*Barrie Women's Hockey Association*

**2008**  
**CAMERON BERKO**  
*Coldwater Minor Hockey Association*

**JOSHUA BREEDYK**  
*Port Dover Minor Hockey Association*

**2009**  
**ADAM MCDOWALL**  
*Belle River Minor Hockey Association*

**DILLON PARNELL**  
*Garden City Minor Hockey Association*

**2010**  
**KEVIN COOK**  
*Ilberton Minor Hockey Association*

**2011**  
**LUKE ANDERSON**  
*York Simcoe Express*

**2012**  
**DAVEY WATSON**  
*Staples*



➔ Paul (left) accepts his award with OMHA Executive John Archibald.



**OMHA HONOUR AWARD**

# MURRAY SHANKS

MURRAY SHANKS IS AN INSPIRATION TO OTHERS TO BE THE BEST

**M**urray Shanks has held numerous roles over the past eleven years such as Team Trainer, House League convener, Vice-President of House League and President with the Barrie Minor Hockey Association. Throughout his eleven years of volunteer service, Murray has assisted with three annual tournaments, created a comprehensive in-house manual and volunteer training program, introduced the House League Select program, special needs hockey and player development programs. The annual registration for both representative and house league programs have grown to 127 teams in 2012 and the Barrie Minor Hockey Association anticipates further growth in the 2013-2014 season. The annual equipment swap, sponsorship program and NHL/BMHA Alumni Game have become community wide events anticipated each season and growing each year. The Barrie Minor Hockey Association has also been nominated for the Barrie Chamber of Commerce Community Award in 2011 and 2012 which has sparked partnerships with other local sport organizations including the Barrie Minor Lacrosse Association.

Murray's son has long since gone from Barrie Minor

**TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION HAS INCREASED IN THE AREA WHILE BARRIE HAS BEEN A CONSTANT CONTENTED IN OMHA CHAMPIONSHIPS UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP.**

or Rep game. His approachable nature makes it easy for parents to chat and he has made every effort to introduce himself to parents and teams. As a quiet leader, Murray encourages others with their ideas and the association has adopted a number of new concepts over the past years as a direct result. Tournament registration has increased in the area while Barrie has been a constant contended in OMHA Championships under his leadership.

Hockey but the passion for this association is still strong. Murray has agreed to run as President for another two year term. His integrity, honesty and dedication are truly inspirational to others. Murray can often be found on a Friday or Saturday evening at the arena close to his home engaging in conversation while watching a House League

### THE OMHA HONOUR AWARD

This award is set up to honour a person who has made an outstanding voluntary contribution to minor hockey for a considerable period of time, doing so of his, or her, own free will and not as part of a job or position for which they receive monetary consideration.

Any services performed by recreation directors, arena managers, etc. in performance of their duties shall not count as service in regard to this award.

The recipient of the OMHA Honour Award receives an engraved silver tray bearing his name, which he/she retains for permanent possession.

### PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS

**2009**  
**IVAN LOCKE**  
*Oshawa Minor Hockey Association*

**2010**  
**BARRY WILSON**  
*Stirling Minor Hockey Association*

**2011**  
**COLIN MCCALLUM**  
*Delhi Minor Hockey Association*

**2012**  
**DARRIN ROBERTSON**  
*Elmvale Minor Hockey Association*



➤ Murray (left) accepts his award with OMHA Executive Joe Rudnick.



# HOMETOWN EXCELLENCE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

TEAMWORK ON AND OFF THE ICE



## **YORK SIMCOE EXPRESS BANTAM AAA**

A main theme for this year's Express was giving back to the community. This was the start of the second Annual Christmas Tree decorating at a local nursing home and helping the residents put up decorations. The boys sang Christmas carols and some even danced with the residents. The Express participated in November through sporting "fake" moustaches and selling them for a donation at home games. The team raised \$3565.00 and was ranked in 9th place for the Face-Off Canadian Hockey Challenge. The Express was incredibly proud to host this year's OMHA Championship weekend in March 2014. Playing host and welcoming all of other fellow hockey players and their families was an honour for the Express.

## **AWARD OF HOMETOWN EXCELLENCE RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

The Award of Hometown Excellence Program has been created to recognize minor hockey teams for their teamwork both on and off the ice. The recognized teams will have displayed excellence in one or both of the following areas.

- Excellence in the Community (fundraising, social causes, volunteerism, community service)
- Excellence on the Ice (league-play, tournaments, playoffs)



## **MIDLAND BOURGEOIS MOTORS ATOM REP**

Aside from their hockey accomplishments the team organized and ran a highly successful team fundraiser and donated \$456 back to Midland Minor Hockey. They also supported the association in their Tag Day fundraiser with 50% of the proceeds going back to the organization.

The Midland Bourgeois Motors Atom Rep team had a very successful year. On the ice the Bourgeois Motors Bay A Playoffs going undefeated and were also OMHA Atom BB Champions.



## **BURLINGTON EAGLES ATOM A**

The Eagles Atom A team was made up of 17 great boys who embraced the team concept and who have incredible passion for the game. They embraced the team motto "Believe in the Team" throughout the whole year. The Eagles committed to sportsmanship and respect towards teammates, opponents, coaches and officials. The boys collected over 13,000 pounds of food in the annual "Gift of Giving Back" Eagles Food Drive and participated in the annual Carpenter Hospice Fundraising Gala.





## ON GUARD!

Belmont Minor Hockey Atom players formed a guard of honour as their Novice Rep team skated onto the ice for Game 2 of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association West championship series against Hagersville in late March. The Novice team would go on to win the OMHA Championship on home ice.

# OHL DRAFT RECAP

104 OMHA PLAYERS FROM 21 TEAMS DRAFTED

**T**he OHL draft is a weekend where minor hockey player's dreams of making the NHL start. In this year's draft the Ontario Minor Hockey Association had 104 players selected from 21 different teams including 14 players from the Hamilton Jr. Bulldogs, followed by 9 players from both the OMHA Champions Whitby Wildcats and the Halton Hurricanes. The OMHA had 3 players selected in the 1st round being Brandon Saigeon of the Hamilton Jr. Bulldogs who went 4th overall to the Belleville Bulls followed by Jonathan Ang of the Markham Waxers who went 9th overall to the Peterborough Petes, and Matthew Hotchkiss who went 20th overall to the Guelph Storm.

**BRANDON SAIGEON**  
HAMILTON JR. BULLDOGS  
4TH OVERALL  
BELLEVILLE BULLS

Height: 6'1    Weight: 185  
Age: 6/14/98    Shoots: Left



The best player on one of the best teams in the OMHA, Saigeon has all the tools to be an elite level OHL player, he has size, high-end skill, and a great shot and understands the game well. More importantly he makes the players around him better and looks to make a difference whenever he is on the ice.





**JONATHAN ANG**  
MARKHAM WAXERS  
9TH OVERALL  
PETERBOROUGH PETES



**Height:** 5'10    **Weight:** 150  
**Age:** 1/31/98    **Shoots:** Right

Ang is a very skilled offensive player that has the ability to change a game in a single shift. One of the best skates in the draft with perhaps the best three-steps and acceleration, he can beat a defender with his speed and puck skills. Competes well every shift and is a very smart hockey player.



**MATTHEW HOTCHKISS**  
WHITBY WILDCATS  
20TH OVERALL  
GUELPH STORM



**Height:** 6'2    **Weight:** 195  
**Age:** 2/6/98    **Shoots:** Left

In a game that has had a shift from big and brawn to speed and skill, finding players with both size and skill can be difficult. Having a high size-to-skill ratio is a sought after commodity for OHL Teams. Hotchkiss has one of the higher size-to-skill ratio. At 6'2 and 195 lbs. he has an OHL ready body. Just give him the puck and he will dazzle with his elite level hands and a lethal shot that he gets away quickly. When he is on his game, he dominates and has a propensity to score highlight real goals.

Overall Draft Pick	OHL Team	Name	Pos.	Hometown	OMHA Team
4	Belleville	Brandon Saigeon	Centre	Grimsby, Ont.	HamBdogs
9	Peterborough	Jonathan Ang	Centre	Markham, Ont.	Markham Waxers
20	Guelph	Matthew Hotchkiss	Centre	Whitby, Ont	Whitby
21	Peterborough	Dylan Wells	Goaltender	St. Catharines, Ont.	Niagara North
22	Peterborough	Matthew Timms	Left Defence	Dundas, Ont.	HamBdogs
27	Plymouth	Nicholas Caamano	Right Wing	Ancaster, Ont.	HamBdogs
28	Erie	Jake Lawr	Goaltender	Caledon, Ont.	Halton
30	Niagara	Christopher Paquette	Centre	Kingston, Ont.	Greater Kingston
31	Kitchener	Connor Bunnaman	Centre	Guelph, Ont.	Guelph
39	Owen Sound	Jonah Gadjovich	Left Wing	Whitby, Ont.	Whitby
41	Kitchener	Sean Allen	Left Defence	Puslinch, Ont	Guelph
44	North Bay	Cameron Morrison	Left Wing	Aurora, Ont.	York Simcoe
46	Barrie	Sam Dunn	Right Defence	Bewdley, Ont.	Central Ont.
51	Sudbury	Trenton Bourque	Defence	Burlington, Ont.	HamBdogs
57	Ottawa	Olivier Lafreniere	Goaltender	Bradford, Ont.	York Simcoe
58	London	Tyler Nother	Right Defence	Orangeville, Ont.	Halton
61	Sarnia	Jacob O'Donnell	Right Defence	Bowmanville, Ont.	Clarington
63	Oshawa	Riley Stillman	Left Defence	Peterborough, Ont.	Peterborough
64	Belleville	Jack Hanley	Left Defence	Whitby, Ont.	Whitby
69	Belleville	Nicholas Prestia	Right Wing	Thorold, Ont.	Southern Tier
76	Niagara	Kyle Langdon	Centre	Thorold, Ont.	Southern Tier
77	Barrie	Matt Brassard	Right Defence	Barrie, Ont.	Barrie
78	Barrie	James Allen	Centre	Ennismore, Ont.	Peterborough
79	S.S. Marie	Conor Timmins	Right Defence	Thorold, Ont	Southern Tier
84	Belleville	Mitchell Mendonca	Centre	Thorold, Ont.	Southern Tier
89	Peterborough	Eddie Schulz	Centre	Erin, Ont.	Halton
93	Oshawa	Luke Keenan	Centre	Courtice, Ont.	Clarington
95	London	Jacob Buch	Centre	Stoney Creek, Ont.	HamBdogs
98	London	Dakota Miskolczi	Left Wing	Fort Erie, Ont	Niagara Falls
103	Ottawa	David Pearce	Left Wing	Barrie, Ont.	South Central
107	Plymouth	Rylee St. Onge	Left Wing	St. Catharines, Ont.	Niagara North
111	Sudbury	Cameron Searles	Centre	Markham, Ont.	South Central
114	Niagara	Jonathon Schaefer	Defence	Stoney Creek, Ont.	HamBdogs
115	Kingston	Zach Moore	Goaltender	St. Catharines, Ont	Southern Tier
116	Sarnia	Shayne Battler	Goaltender	Oshawa, Ont.	Clarington
117	S.S. Marie	Ryan Da Silva	Right Defence	Newmarket, Ont.	York Simcoe
120	Guelph	Luke Burghardt	Centre	Bowmanville, Ont.	Clarington
121	Sarnia	Ryan Porter	Right Defence	Whitby, Ont.	Whitby
122	Kitchener	Mitchell Rooney	Left Wing	Carlisle, Ont.	HamBdogs
123	London	Nicholas Stuckless	Centre	Orangeville, Ont.	Halton
129	Ottawa	Travis Brown	Right Wing	Orangeville, Ont	Halton
130	Erie	Riley MacRae	Left Wing	Dundas, Ont.	HamBdogs
131	Sudbury	Matthew Menna	Goaltender	Aurora, Ont.	Barrie
133	S.S. Marie	Owen Burnell	Centre	Caledonia, Ont.	HamBdogs
134	North Bay	Nathan Ellis	Left Defence	Fonthill, Ont.	Southern Tier

Visit [OMHA.net](http://OMHA.net) for a complete list.



Novice AAA Champs – Oakville Rangers

# NINE TEAMS CROWNED OMHA AAA CHAMPIONS

**DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH**, the OMHA crowned nine new champions in the highest level of hockey that we deliver, the OMHA AAA Championships.

Qualifying for the AAA Championships is no easy feat as only the top two teams from both the Eastern AAA League and South Central AAA League along with the previous year's Champion qualify to compete for the OMHA's biggest prize.

Each Championship is held over the course of one weekend. The round robin tournament style championship tests each player both physically and mentally in the pursuit of the ultimate prize. These annual events are one in a lifetime experiences and provide a lifetime of memories for all participants.

In 2014 Oakville was the only centre to capture 2 AAA Championships. They included the Novice and Minor Pee wee Divisions. The Niagara North Stars Minor Atom's continued their winning ways from the novice championship last year and were able to repeat as champions. The York Simcoe Minor Bantam also repeated as champions as they won the pee wee division last year.

The OMHA would like to thank the host associations for all their time and energy spent to make these events memorable for all involved. The OMHA would also like to thank its generous corporate partners who support the AAA Championship and minor hockey across Ontario.



## 2013-2014 OMHA AAA CHAMPIONS

DIVISION	HOST	CHAMPION
Novice	Whitby	Oakville
Minor Atom	Niagara North	Niagara North
Atom	Whitby	Burlington
Minor Pee wee	Niagara North	Oakville
Pee wee	Whitby	Markham
Minor Bantam	York Simcoe	York Simcoe
Bantam	York Simcoe	Quinte
Minor Midget	Southern Tier	Whitby
Midget	Oakville	Ajax-Pickering



# GOLDEN VICTORIES



THREE OMHA TEAMS CAPTURE GOLD AT OHF CHAMPIONSHIPS

**W**hat better way to end the minor hockey season than a week of exciting action as teams from across Ontario came together to represent their respective association in hopes of bringing home an OHF championship. Seventeen teams representing the OMHA took part in thirteen Ontario Hockey Federation Championships across five age divisions. OMHA teams won three championships to go along with five other finalist appearances and one bronze medal.

The Burlington Eagles represented the OMHA in the Atom A division, which was hosted in Vaughan. The round-robin portion saw Burlington go undefeated to lock up first place overall. They would make quick work of their opponents in the semi-finals, winning six to two, to secure a berth in the finals. The Eagles easily took care of their opponents in the finals which saw them defeat the host Vaughn Rangers 5-2, giving them their OHF Championship.

In the Bantam A division it was the Amherstburg Stars who traveled to Woodstock to represent the OMHA. After finishing an up and down round robin with a record of 1-3, the Stars came out flying for the semi finals, defeating the host team 7-3 to clinch a berth in the finals. After scoring only four goals in their four round robin games, the offense came alive once again in the finals against Clarkson, again winning by a score of 7-3 to capture the OHF Championship.

The Amherstburg Stars represented the OMHA in the OHF Midget A Championships in Mississauga. The Stars would breeze

through the round robin winning all 4 games scoring a total of 23 goals and only allowing 7. The OMHA Champions would make short work of their opponent in the semi-finals winning 9-1 to advance. The final game was their toughest test of the tournament against formidable opponents from London. The Stars would prevail however, winning 3-1 and capturing the town's second OHF Championships of the year.

The Atom AA Burlington Eagles, Pee wee AAA Markham Waxers, Bantam AA Burlington Eagles, Bantam AAA Quinte Red Devils,

**THE OMHA WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE HOST COMMITTEES OF HAMILTON [ATOM AAA], GRIMSBY [PEEWEE A], WINDSOR [BANTAM AA] AND MARKHAM [MIDGET AAA] FOR PUTTING ON AN EXPERIENCE THOSE PARTICIPANTS WILL REMEMBER FOR A LIFETIME.**

and the Juvenile Ajax Knights would all take home a silver medal for their performance within their respective OHF Championship divisions. The Midget AAA Ajax-Pickering Raiders would leave the OHF Championships with a Bronze Medal.

The OMHA would like to acknowledge the Host Committees of Hamilton [Atom AAA], Grimsby [Pee wee A], Windsor [Bantam AA] and Markham [Midget AAA] for putting on an experience those participants will remember for a lifetime.

**Bantam AA Burlington Eagles**





## STANDING WITH THE PROS

OMHA official, Connor Laviolette thought he was dreaming. As part of the Toronto Maple Leaf's celebration of Hockey Day in Canada, Hockey Canada invited the level two referee from Ajax to the game to suit up with the officiating crew.

"I was shaking, I was nervous, but I was so excited at the same time!" said Laviolette when he was interviewed by fellow Ajax resident and CBC reporter, David Amber.

Connor was able to walk through a game day routine before heading to the ice for the warm up and national anthem with a veteran NHL officiating crew that included Linesmen Scott Cherrey and Steve Miller as well as Referees Francis Charron and Dennis LaRue.







# 2013 - 14 OMHA CHAMPIONS



**JUVENILE AAA - AA** AJAX KNIGHTS



**JUVENILE A** QUINTE WEST HAWKS



**JUVENILE BB - B** ENNISMORE EAGLES



**JUVENILE CC - C** BEVERLY BANDITS



**JUVENILE DD - D** RIDGETOWN REBELS



**MIDGET AAA** AJAX-PICKERING RAIDERS



# 2013 - 14 OMHA CHAMPIONS



**MIDGET AA ORANGEVILLE FLYERS**



**MIDGET A AMHERSTBURG STARS**



**MIDGET BB SOUTH MUSKOKA BEARS**



**MIDGET B ENNISMORE EAGLES**



**OMHA CHAMPIONS  
2013-2014**

Front Row - Left to Right:  
Brennan Head, David Mills Trainer, Joshua Phibbs, Jeremy Sharpe Coach, Joshua Meewase,  
Drew Moody Coach, Mitch Hatednich, Ryan Risher Coach, Jordan Phibbs

Back Row - Left to Right:  
Teresa Hannigan Parent Rep, Evan Humphries, Matthew Balgros, Mitchell Hart, JT Crumb, Connor Hennigan,  
Tanner Vallee, Aaron Krajcik, Brandon Dear, Brock Parker, Brody Case, Callum Smith, Mark Topp

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**MIDGET CC DUNNVILLE MUDCATS**



**MIDGET C NORWOOD HORNETS**



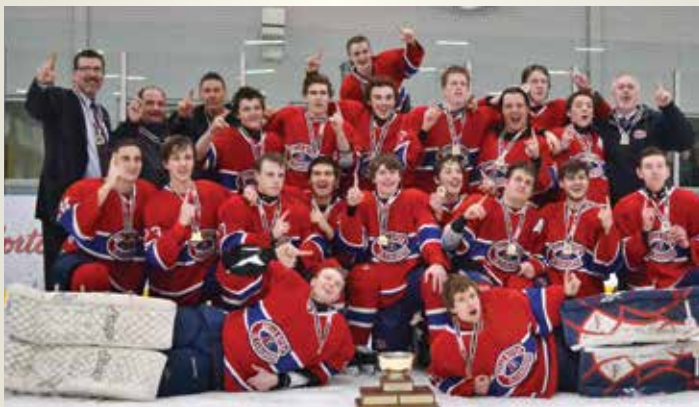
# 2013 - 14 OMHA CHAMPIONS



**MIDGET DD DOURO DUKES**



**MIDGET D ESSA EAGLES**



**MIDGET AE 1 BELLE RIVER JR. CANADIENS**



**MIDGET AE 2 AJAX KNIGHTS**



**MIDGET AE 3 ST MARY'S ROCK**



**MIDGET AE 4&5 CALEDONIA THUNDER**



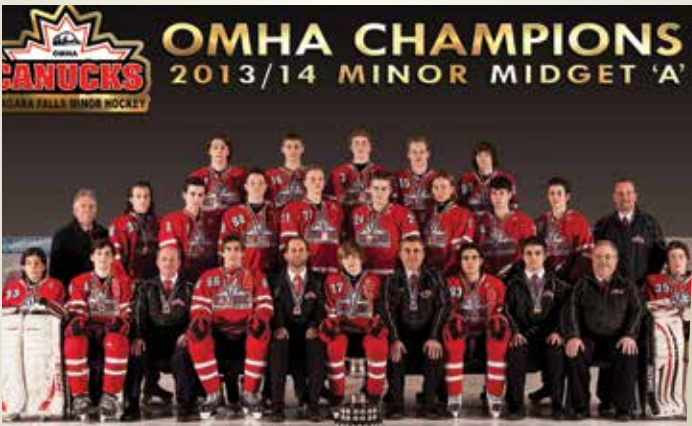
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**MINOR MIDGET AAA WHITBY WILDCATS**



**MINOR MIDGET AA WHITBY WILDCATS**



**MINOR MIDGET A NIAGARA FALLS CANUCKS**



**MINOR MIDGET BB-C HUNTSVILLE OTTERS**



**MINOR MIDGET AE 1&2&3 AJAX KNIGHTS**



**BANTAM AAA QUNITE RED DEVILS**



# 2013-14 OMHA CHAMPIONS



**BANTAM AA BURLINGTON EAGLES**



**BANTAM A AMHERSTBURG STARS**



**BANTAM BB COLLINGWOOD BLACKHAWKS**



**BANTAM B HIGHLAND STORM**



**BANTAM CC ILBERTON JETS**



**BANTAM C SOUTH BRUCE**



# 2013 - 14 OMHA CHAMPIONS



**BANTAM DD RIDGETOWN REBELS**



**BANTAM D CREEMORE VALLEY HAWKS**



**BANTAM AE 1 ORANGEVILLE FLYERS**



**BANTAM AE 2 GUELPH JR. GRYPHONS**



**BANTAM AE 3 COLLINGWOOD BLACKHAWKS**



**BANTAM AE 4&5 ILBERTON JETS**



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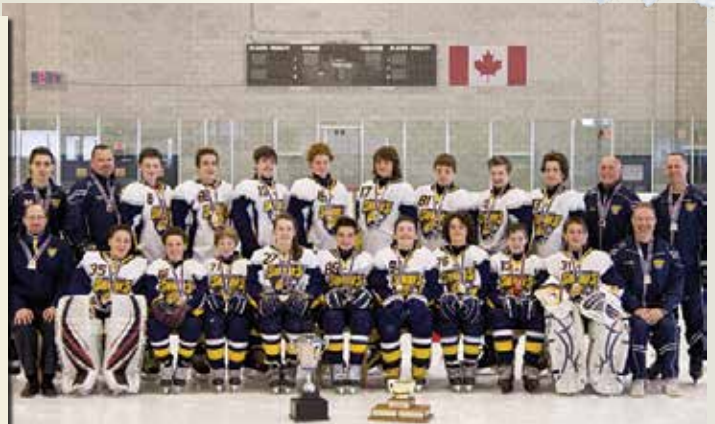
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**MINOR BANTAM AA CLARINGTON TOROS**



**MINOR BANTAM A KINGSTON CANADIANS**



**MINOR BANTAM AE 1&2 FLAMBOROUGH SABERS**



**PEEWEE AAA MARKHAM WAXERS**



**PEEWEE AA BARRIE JR. COLTS**



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**PEEWEE A BARRIE JR. COLTS**



**PEEWEE BB COLLINGWOOD BLACKHAWKS**



**PEEWEE B PETROLIA OILERS**



**PEEWEE CC MITCHELL METEORS**



**PEEWEE C BELMONT RANGERS**



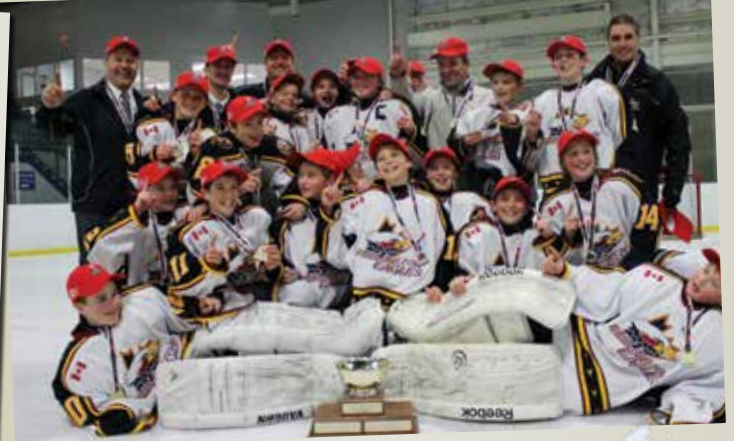
**PEEWEE DD PLATTSVILLE RAGE**



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**PEEWEE D WOODVILLE HURRICANES**



**PEEWEE AE 1 BURLINGTON EAGLES**



**PEEWEE AE 2 BARRIE COLTS**



**PEEWEE AE 3 MOUNT BRYDGES COUGARS**



**PEEWEE AE 4&5 DURHAM CRUSADERS**



**MINOR PEEWEE AAA OAKVILLE RANGERS**



# 2013 - 14 OMHA CHAMPIONS



**MINOR PEEWEE AA LASALLE SABERS**



**GRIMSBY PEACH KINGS**

**OMHA MINOR PEEWEE 'A' CHAMPIONS**

**MINOR PEEWEE A GRIMSBY PEACH KINGS**



**MINOR PEEWEE AE 1&2 AURORA TIGERS**



**ATOM AAA BURLINGTON EAGLES**



**ATOM AA BURLINGTON EAGLES**



**ATOM A BURLINGTON EAGLES**



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**ATOM BB MIDLAND CENTENNIALS**



**ATOM B LISTOWL CYCLONES**



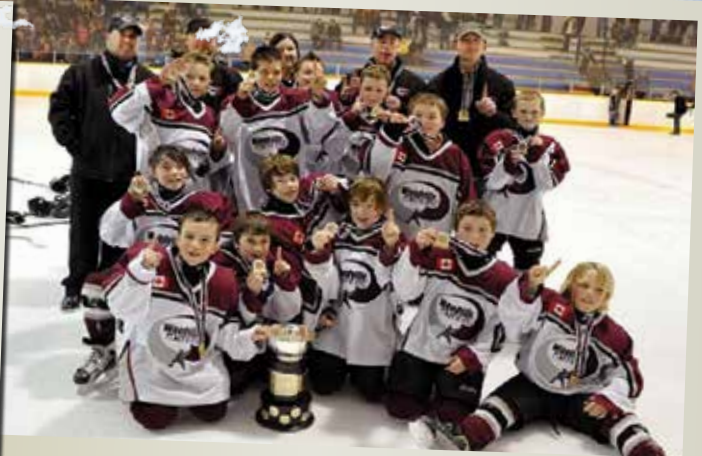
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**ATOM C M'NTO MAD DOGS**



**ATOM DD CENTRE HASTINGS GRIZZLIES**



**ATOM D WOODVILLE HURRICANES**



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**ATOM AE 1 BURLINGTON EAGLES**



**ATOM AE 2 AURORA TIGERS**



**ATOM AE 3 MIDLAND CENTENNIALS**



**ATOM AE 4&5 NORTH MIDDLESEX JR. STARS**



**MINOR ATOM AAA NIAGARA NORTH STARS**



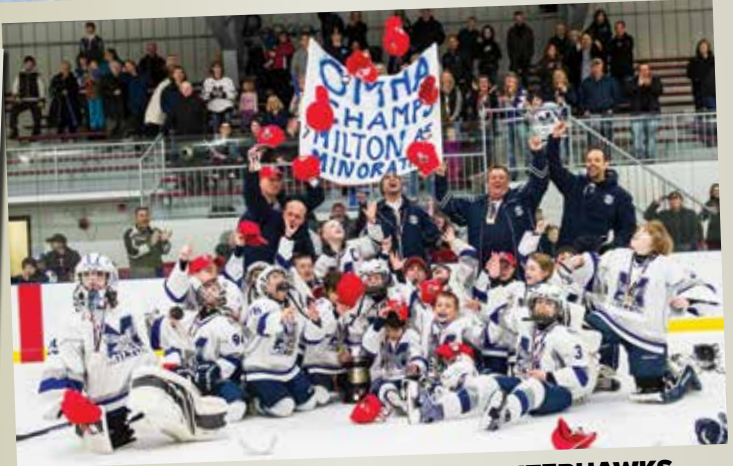
**MINOR ATOM AA CLARINGTON TOROS**



# 2013-14 OMHA CHAMPIONS



**MINOR ATOM A ORILLIA TERRIERS**



**MINOR ATOM AE 1&2 MILTON WINTERHAWKS**



**NOVICE AAA OAKVILLE RANGERS**



**NOVICE CENTRAL AA OAKVILLE RANGERS**



**NOVICE CENTRAL A NEW HAMBURG HUSKIES**



**NOVICE CENTRAL AE 1 HALTON HILLS THUNDER**



# 2013-14 OMHA CHAMPIONS



**NOVICE EAST AA KINGSTON CANADIANS**



**NOVICE EAST A NAPANEE STARS**



**NOVICE EAST BB-B COLLINGWOOD BLACKHAWKS**



**NOVICE EAST CC-C NEWCASTLE STARS**



**NOVICE EAST DD-D CENTRE HASTINGS GRIZZLIES**



**NOVICE EAST AE 1&2&3 WHITBY WILDCATS**



# 2013-14 OMHA CHAMPIONS



**NOVICE WEST AA** TECUMSEH-SHORLINE EAGLES



**NOVICE WEST A** AMHERSTBURG STARS



**NOVICE WEST BB** DORCHESTER DRAGONS



**NOVICE WEST B** LAMBETH LANCERS



**NOVICE WEST CC** BLENHEIM BLADES



**NOVICE WEST C** BELMONT RANGERS



# 2013-14 OMHA CHAMPIONS



**NOVICE WEST DD THAMESFORD ATTACK**



**NOVICE WEST AE 1&2&3&4 BELL RIVER JR. CANADIENS**



**NOVICE WOAA JACOBI MITCHELL METEORS**



**NOVICE WOAA HODGES TCDMHA REBELS**



**NOVICE WOAA TWOLAN BCH ICE DOGS**



**NOVICE WOAA MCCLURE GODERICH SAILORS**



# REMEMBER ALUMNI

The South Central Coyotes and Richmond Hill Stars were deeply saddened by the sudden passing of alumnus Robert Dunsmuir, along with parents Kevin and Jennifer in late March. A fire broke out in the family home at the Dunsmuir home in East Gwillmbury.

Robert backstopped the Coyotes for six years before being drafted in the 7th Round to the Owen Sound Attack of the Ontario Hockey League. Robert saw action in the OJHL with Aurora and Newmarket before heading to British Columbia last season where he was the starting Goaltender for the Grand Forks Border Bruins of the KIJHL.

Robert's number 38 was painted inside the home net at the Elgin Barrow Arena in Richmond Hill as a symbol of remembrance.

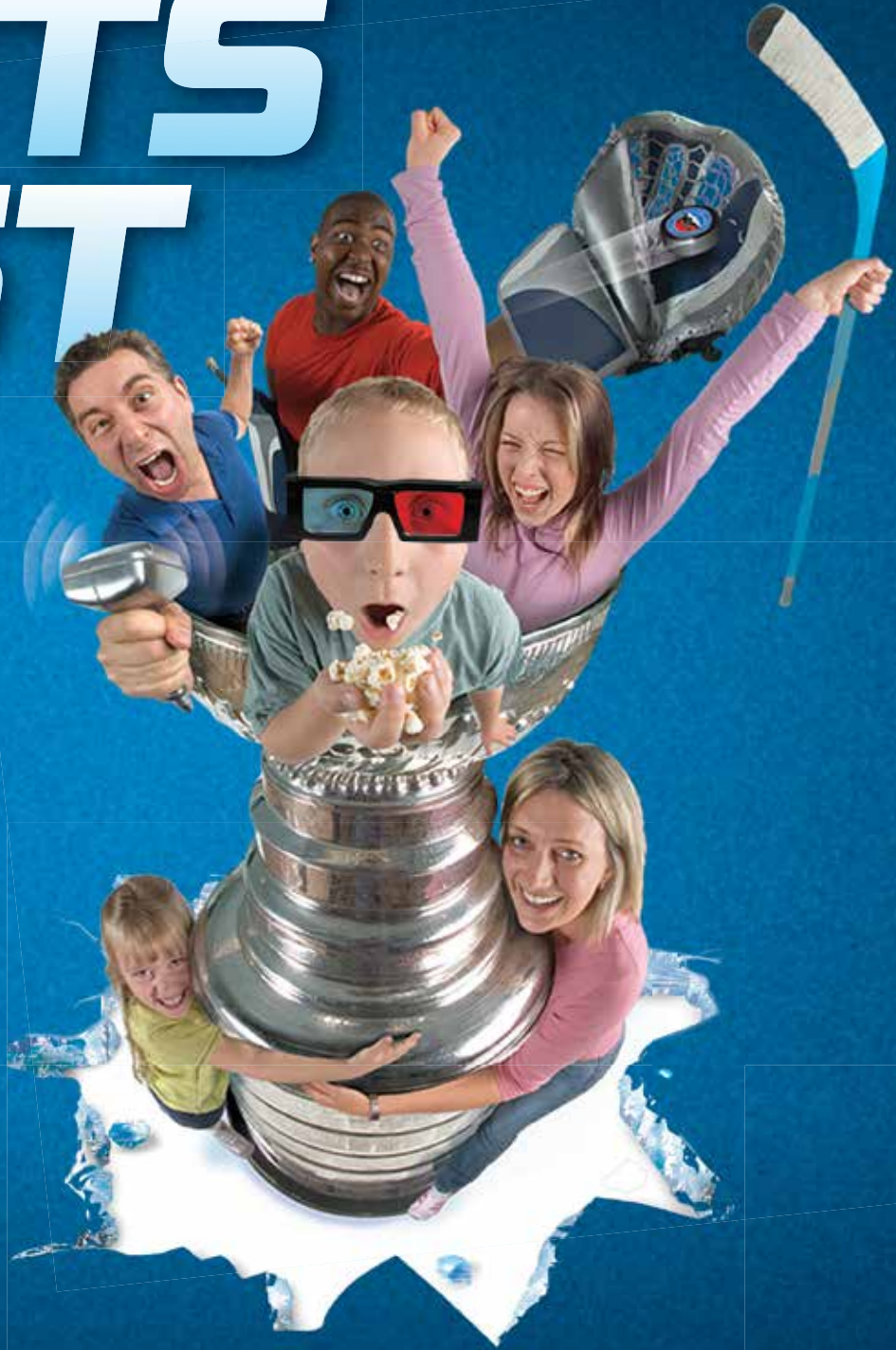
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