

Oshawa Storm Ringette Association



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Summer Newsletter for 2011! Hopefully you are enjoying the summer weather while we start gearing up for another exciting season. Please take a moment to read over the following pages and send this information onto anyone else that may benefit from reading it.

Provincial Petites Score First Silver at Summerfest!



The OSRA U12A team got a great start to the season, during the hottest days of July, by hitting the ice in the Owen Sound Summerfest. Playing four games, over two days, the weekend featured a shutout versus the Markham Bears and a hard fought final against the host Owen Sound Attack. The team finished with a silver medal on the ice and won the best Summerfest cheer competition for the tournament.



Got a photo from your team you'd like to share? Email it to publicity@oshawaringette.ca for the website and the next newsletter!

Oshawa Storm Is On Twitter!

You can now follow the Oshawa Storm on Twitter. To follow, link to <http://twitter.com/oshawastorm> - updates on what is going on around the Association will be posted here.



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REGISTER ONLINE TODAY

www.oshawaringette.ca

Complete online pay by credit card, or print confirmation email and mail with cheque to:

Oshawa Storm Ringette Association,
1300 King St E, Unit 27, Suite 216
Oshawa, ON L1H 8J4

IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

9-11th – Oshawa Rotary Ribfest
 10th – Practice ice at Legends begins
 17th – Come Try Ringette at Legends
 22nd – 2011 Clarington Sport and Leisure Fair
 26th – 5th Annual Golf Tournament

Visit us at www.oshawaringette.ca for updates and more information about all these events!

OCTOBER

5th – Practice ice at Harman Park begins

NOVEMBER

4th – 6th – OSRA Tournament



UPCOMING EVENTS

ROTARY RIBFEST – September 9 – 11th

Oshawa Storm will be participating again at this year's Oshawa Rotary Ribfest, taking place at Lakeview Park, Oshawa, starting Friday, September 9th to Sunday, September 11th. All teams will be allotted timeslots to man the booth – look for an email from your coach with your team's time.



COME TRY RINGETTE

Oshawa will be hosting Come Try Ringette on Saturday, September 17th at 2:15pm at Legends. Come Try Ringette is a **FREE** event where prospective players can get out on the ice and try the game by working with coaches and players. As a reminder, any new players that register are eligible for a new Ringette player discount of \$100.00. Please help support the Association by encouraging friends and family to come out to the any of these events.

Please contact Colin Deans at 905-723-5240 or firstvicepresident@oshawaringette.ca for more information and register.

5TH ANNUAL OSHAWA STORM RINGETTE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday, September 25th, 2011 • Carruther's Creek Golf and Country Club. 650 Lake Ridge Rd, Ajax

This year's event caters to both the avid golfer and enthusiastic beginner, all in support of the Oshawa Storm!

For the seasoned golfer, Carruther's Creek offers the **Lake Breeze Championship course**. It is a 9 hole, par 36, that will be played as 18 holes on for the tournament. For **\$100/golfer**, you get 18 holes of golf, a cart and lunch. Shotgun start at 7:30 am. For those occasional/first time golfer's that want to get out for some fun with friends, Carruther's Creek provides the **Whistling Wind Par 3** course. It is a 9 hole course. For **\$50/golfer**, you get 9 holes of golf, a cart and lunch. Shotgun start at 10:30 am. *More details on the courses can be found at <http://www.carrutherscreekgolf.ca/courses.htm>.* The day will also feature many contests and prizes. Best ball format

Bring your friends and family. This fundraiser helps to keep players registration costs down. To reserve your spot, email Colin Deans at firstvicepresident@oshawaringette.ca or call (905) 723-5240.

Oshawa Storm Ringette Tournament – November 2011

The November tournament is fast approaching, and we will have a very busy schedule. Over 60 teams will participate this year, and we will be utilizing 2 different arenas to host this event over the course of the weekend of November 4th to 6th: Legends and Campus Ice. For more information see our website or contact Greg Finlay at tournament@oshawaringette.ca.

*** REGISTER ONLINE TODAY ***

All players are required to register online through the Oshawa Storm website. The link can be found in the Registration section of www.oshawaringette.ca. Payment can be made by credit card, cash or cheque. If you prefer to pay by Cash or Cheque, please register online, print off a completed form and bring it, along with payment to the 1st icetime in September or mail the form and cheque to Oshawa Storm Ringette Association, 1300 King St E, Unit 27, Suite 216, Oshawa, ON L1H 8J4. **PLEASE REGISTER ASAP so we can plan our teams!**

Registration fees must be paid in full by October 1, 2011. Special circumstances must be submitted to Debbie Findlay (registrar@oshawaringette.ca) in writing addressed to the Oshawa Storm Ringette Association Executive and Board of Directors before September 15, 2011. Cancellations after Oct. 1/11 will be subject to a \$50 non-refundable fee.

PLAYERS WANTED FOR 18+ OPEN TEAM

The 2010/11 season brought back many former players along with the addition of new players to form Oshawa's 2nd 18+ Open Team. More players are needed this season. We are looking for a goalie along with skaters. If you are interested please call Debbie Findlay at 905-436-1774.

Meet the Executive Committee and Board Members

The Annual General Meeting was held in April 2011. Listed below is your new Executive and New Board Members for 2011-2012.

Executive

<u>Role</u>	<u>Name</u>
President	Carol Collier
First VP	Colin Deans
Second VP	Greg Finlay
Secretary	Christine Noel
Treasurer	Janet Int'veldt
Registrar	Deborah Findlay

Board Member

<u>Role</u>	<u>Name</u>
Ice Convener	Colin Deans
Tournament Coordinator	Greg Finlay
Publicity/Sponsorship	Michelle Drew
Referee-In-Chief	Tara Armstrong
Equipment Manager/ Sr HL Coordinator	Gordon Drew
Jr Houseleague Coordinator	Tim Simms
Webmaster	Melissa Langworth
Bingo Chair	Henrietta Gradwell
Adult Development	Kari Pallister
Trilliam Grant Coordinator	Todd Ramsey
Central Region Rep	Cindy Deans
Fundraising	Lori Hambley
Social Coordinators	Janine LeBlanc/Kathy Brown

Meet the Coaches

During April/May 2011 applications were received, reviewed and confirmed, for the Head Coaching Positions. Listed below is your 2011-2012 Head Coaches

<u>Role</u>	<u>Name</u>
U9 (Major Bunny)	Mark Ainsworth
U10B (Novice)	Sue Shantz
U12A (Petite)	Colin Deans
U12B (Petite)	Tim Simms
U14B (Tween)	Mike Cawker
U16B (Junior)	Todd Ramsey
U19A (Belle)	Warren Munro
U19B (Belle)	Ted Emmorey
18+ (Open)	Kari Pallister

We are looking for bench staff (coaches, assistant coaches, trainers and managers) for both House League and Regional teams. If you are interested, please contact Tim Simms or Gordon Drew for more information on how to become involved.





Oshawa Storm Ringette Association relies on volunteers to drive all aspects of our association. Do you have some time you can give us? A special talent or skill to share? We will start posting "Help Wanted" ads for volunteer (or paid) positions we really need help with. If you are interested in getting involved with the amazing group of volunteers already in place, please email Carol Collier at president@oshawaringette.ca to find out about how we can work together. These opportunities are available to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, players, siblings and friends.

Interested in Learning to Referee?

Our association is recruiting new referees for this upcoming season. Adults and high school students are invited to apply. Referees need to be strong skaters, and have a general knowledge of Ringette. Females and males are encouraged to apply! If you or you know someone who is interested **please contact Tara Armstrong** <tara.armstrong@rogers.com> **no later than September 1st**. All applicants will be required to complete a small application, and participate in a short interview. Please note these are paid positions.

Come Try Ringette Coordinator

OSRA is looking for a Come Try Ringette Coordinator for the coming 2011-2012 season.

You will play a critical role in the growth and delivery of the Come Try Ringette Program for the OSRA. Following successful completion of the course offered by Ringette Canada, you will be certified to lead future Come Try Ringette events in Oshawa. Every Come Try Ringette event held in Ontario must be managed by a certified Come Try Ringette Coordinator.

A Come Try Ringette Coordinator facilitates the execution of both the event and volunteers. This individual should:

- Be passionate about Ringette and want to see it grow and develop;
- Have some experience in Ringette administration and/or working with volunteers; and
- Be comfortable working closely with the on ice coaches and volunteers to ensure that it is a fun and engaging event for the participants.

Suitable candidates must be available to attend an upcoming Ringette Canada training session and be willing to commit to organizing events in both September and April of this coming year. This position will be appointed by the board of directors. If you are interested in this challenging and rewarding position, please contact Colin Deans at firstvicepresident@oshawaringette.ca or call (905) 723-5240 for more information. Please note this is a volunteer position.



Volunteer Coordinator

Enjoy working with people, leading, organizing and motivating a fantastic team of individuals and having fun at the same time? You may be just the person we are looking for. OSRA needs a strong, organized individual to help gather and lead a team of volunteers for our various functions throughout the season. Duties include soliciting volunteers from our membership, explaining roles that need to be filled, scheduling, supervising and motivating volunteers so everyone has fun while learning new skills and working together to enhance the Oshawa Storm Ringette Association. For more information and to apply for this very rewarding position, please contact Carol Collier at president@oshawaringette.ca. This position will be appointed by the board of directors. Please note this is a volunteer position.



Specific Event Volunteers Needed

Oshawa Rotary Ribfest – September 9 – 11th – We need helpers starting at 12 pm Friday to help set up the tent and display, Saturday between 11 am to 9 pm to man our booth, talk to people about Ringette and circulate the event grounds handing out flyers. Sunday we will need help between 11 am and 8 pm to man the booth, talk to people about Ringette and tear down the tent and put stuff away. For more information and to volunteer, please contact Colin Deans at firstvicepresident@oshawaringette.ca or call (905) 723-5240. Teams will be allotted timeslots to fill during this weekend, extra help always welcome! This event qualifies for High School student volunteer hours.



Come Try Ringette – Saturday, September 17th – We need helpers at Legends Arena from 1 pm to set up the booth and organize the material, register participants, hand out jerseys and talk to parents about Ringette. We will also require assistance on the ice as well. For more information and to volunteer, please contact Colin Deans at firstvicepresident@oshawaringette.ca or call (905) 723-5240. This event qualifies for High School student volunteer hours.

2011 Clarington Sport and Leisure Fair - Thursday, September 22nd – we will be participating in the Clarington Sport and Leisure Fair at Garnet B Rickard Recreation Complex from 6:00- 9:00pm. They are hosting a free skate from 6 to 7 pm, followed by pizza from Boston Pizza. This is a great opportunity to showcase Ringette to the community and register new players. We need help from about 4:30 pm to 9 pm, setting up CTR display, manning the table and talking to folks about Ringette. We need approximately 2 – 3 people to help spread the word about Ringette. For more information, please contact Michelle Drew at publicity@oshawaringette.ca.

Golf Tournament – Sunday, September 25th - We need helpers from 7 am until about 2 pm to assist with various duties – registration, putting up signs, organizing prizes, supervising prize holes, selling tickets. This event qualifies for High School student volunteer hours. For more information and to volunteer, please contact Colin Deans at firstvicepresident@oshawaringette.ca or call (905) 723-5240.

Storm Ringette Tournament – November 4 – 6th – We need helpers in the following areas: fundraising – circulating thru the facility to sell tickets, manning the prize table. For more information please contact Greg Finlay, tournament@oshawaringette.ca.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

The Oshawa Storm Ringette Association is excited to announce that sponsorship opportunities are now available. Check out all the details at www.oshawaringette.ca under Sponsorship. What a great way to support our physically active youth and increase brand awareness!

Association Partner



Quality Hotel & Conference Centre Oshawa Supports OSRA with a Dining Program

Dine in Harper's Restaurant in the Quality Inn & Suites Oshawa, tell them you are an Oshawa Storm Ringette Association Member and 10% of your bill (before taxes, food only) will go back to the Oshawa Storm Ringette Association.

Plus, each time you dine at Harper's your name will be entered into a draw to win a "One Night" Stay at the Quality Inn & Suites Oshawa. Get a great meal for the whole family, and support your local Oshawa Storm Ringette Association.

ICE SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

(please be sure to check website for updates)

Day	Date	Time	Arena	Pad	Event	Home Team	Visiting Team
Sat	10-Sep	2:15	Legends	3	Practice	U9 (Ainsworth)	House League (Simms)
Sat	10-Sep	3:15	Legends	3	Practice	U12B (Simms)	U12A (Deans)
Sat	10-Sep	4:15	Legends	3	Practice	U10B Tryouts	
Sun	11-Sep	2:15	Legends	3	Practice	U14B (Cawker)	U16 (Ramsey)
Sun	11-Sep	3:15	Legends	3	Practice	U19B (Emmorey)	U19A (Munro)
Sun	11-Sep	4:15	Legends	3	Practice	U10B Tryouts	
Sat	17-Sep	2:15	Legends	3	Practice	Come Try Ringette	
Sat	17-Sep	3:15	Legends	3	Practice	U9 (Ainsworth)	House League (Simms)
Sat	17-Sep	4:15	Legends	3	Practice	U12B (Simms)	U12A (Deans)
Sun	18-Sep	2:15	Legends	3	Practice	U10B (Shantz)	U14B (Cawker)
Sun	18-Sep	3:15	Legends	3	Practice	U16B (Ramsey)	U19B (Emmorey)
Sun	18-Sep	4:15	Legends	3	Practice	U19A (Munro)	Open Teams
Sun	25-Sep	4:15	Legends	3	Practice	House League (Simms)	U10B (Shantz)
Sun	25-Sep	5:15	Legends	3	Practice	U12A (Deans)	U12B (Simms)
Sun	25-Sep	6:15	Legends	3	Practice	U16B (Ramsey)	U14B (Cawker)
Sun	25-Sep	7:15	Legends	3	Practice	U19A (Munro)	U19B (Emmorey)

REGISTRATION IN PERSON will be available Saturday, September 10th from 2:15 pm to 5 pm, Sunday, September 11th from 2:15 pm to 5 pm.

EQUIPMENT UPDATE

Ringette Equipment Yard Sale

We will be running an equipment 'yard sale' at Legends Arena on Saturday, September 17th in the Activity Room near Pad 3 from noon until 4 pm. If you have any equipment you would like to sell or trade, please bring it during this time. This will be a great time to pick up a deal on equipment for the coming season.



Donate Old Ringette Sticks!!!

We are also looking for old Ringette sticks your children may have outgrown to use during our Come Try Ringette events. Please be sure to bring them to your first practice on September 10th or 11th.

Any questions on either of these items, please call Gordon Drew, Equipment Manager at 289-314-5168.



Offers 10% discount for Oshawa Storm Ringette players who purchase Ringette equipment. Just let them know your with the OSRA. Their stores are located at Kendalwood Plaza, Hwy 2 and Kendalwood, and in Courtice at 1414 King Street E Unit 29 (near Townline)

Did you know.....that many universities in Canada now offer Ringette teams AND scholarship opportunities? Now you don't have to hang up your skates when you head to university. For more information, check out www.canadianuniversityringette.ca.

Ringette sticks and rings available call or drop by for details and pricing.

