

Oshawa Storm Ringette Association



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Fall Newsletter for 2010! The season is just getting into full swing now so please take a minute to read over the following pages and send this information onto anyone else who may benefit from reading it.

**** BE SURE TO CHECK OUT TEAM CANADA ****



The World Championship Games will be played in Tampere November 1 – 6, 2010 at the legendary Hakametsä Ice Rink in Tampere, Finland. We extended best wishes for team Canada as they compete in the World Championships.

Schedule:

| DAY | TIME | MATCH |
|----------------|-------|----------------------------|
| MON 1.11.2010 | 15.30 | Finland - USA |
| | 18.30 | Sweden - Canada |
| TUE 2.11.2010 | 15.30 | USA - Sweden |
| | 18.30 | Canada - Finland |
| WED 3.11.2010 | 13.00 | Canada - USA |
| | 16.00 | Finland - Sweden |
| THUR 4.11.2010 | 15.00 | 1. Bronze match RR3-RR4 |
| | 18.30 | 1. Final mach RR1-RR2 |
| FRI 5.11.2010 | 15.00 | 2. Bronze match RR4-RR3 |
| | 18.30 | 2. Final match RR2-RR1 |
| SAT 6.11.2010 | 11.00 | 3. Bronze match, if needed |
| | 14.30 | 3. Final, if needed |



IMPORTANT DATES!

NOVEMBER

1st – 7th – Ringette Week
2nd – Wear Your Jersey Day
5th – 7th – Oshawa Ringette Tournament



DECEMBER

5th – Rotary Skate-a-thon
19th – Skate with Santa
20th – 23rd – Ringette Skills Clinic

The Ringette Store has generously donated a Limited Edition Ring Jet Ringette stick, signed by the entire Team Canada team. This stick will be raffled during OSRA Annual Ringette Tournament on November 5th – 7th. The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday, November 6th.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 or 7 for \$10. Purchase \$10 in tickets and you will be entered into a free raffle for a Got2b Wireless Hands-free Car Kit (retail value \$199)



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



Let's all celebrate Ringette Week, November 1st to 7th. On **Tuesday November 2nd** wear your jersey to school, to work, to the grocery store or any place you plan on going that day!

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Ringette sticks and rings available

Holiday Inn Oshawa Supports OSRA with a Dining Program

Dine in Harper's Restaurant in the Holiday Inn 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 Holiday Inn Oshawa. Get a great meal for the whole family, and support your local Oshawa Storm Ringette Association.

Rotary Skate-a-thon

This year, the Rotary Club of Oshawa-Parkwood is hosting their 31st annual Skate-a-thon on Sunday, December 5th at the GM Centre from 12 noon to 3 pm. Pledge forms are available from your coaching team. It's a great opportunity to get out and support both your community and your team.



Great weekend at Ribfest

Thank you to all our coaches, parents, players, and families who participated in the Oshawa Rotary Ribfest during the weekend of September 10th to 12th at Lakeview Park. Visitors to the ribfest were able to test out their ringette skills on our shooting lane and learn more about the sport and Oshawa Storm. The weekend is important for our organization towards community involvement and ringette awareness.



Pancake Breakfast on September 26th

The 1st annual Pancake Breakfast was held on Sunday, September 26th at the Holiday Inn Oshawa. Thank you so much to the Holiday Inn Oshawa for sponsoring this breakfast. It was a huge success in that we had a number of our Ringette families join us. A raffle was held for a breakfast basket created by Cindy Deans and raised \$115 for the Association. Everyone brought a book (or many!) for the November Tournament book sale, as well as food for the Simcoe Hall Settlement House Thanksgiving Food Drive. Thank you for joining us and making this a very worthwhile event!

November Tournament Update

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! The November tournament is less than 2 weeks away, and we will have a very busy schedule. 71 teams will participate this year, and we will be utilizing 5 different arenas to host this event over the course of the weekend of November 5TH to 7th: Legends, Campus Ice, McKinney, Canlan Ice Sports, and Harman Park. Even if you only have a few hours available, we would really appreciate the help. Please contact either Michelle Drew at publicity@oshawaringette.ca or Greg Finlay at greg.finlay@rogers.com for more information. For students in high school, volunteering during this event qualifies for community hours.

WE NEED BOOKS for the Book sale at the Tournament. If you can bring either paperback or hardcover adult and children's books to the arena that weekend or beforehand it would be greatly appreciated! Please contact Cindy Deans deans5240@rogers.com to arrange drop-off. Thank you!!

Registration

We currently have 145 players registered with the association. Additional players can be added to the Junior House League teams at anytime throughout the season. As an association we invested more on advertising this year; however the best form of advertising is word of mouth. If you refer a friend that registers for the full season you will receive a 'friend referral discount' on your 2011/12 registration fee.

Please contact Debbie Findlay at 905-436-1774 if you have any questions or concerns regarding registration.

Fundraising Ideas!

'Tis the season for fundraising drives by all our teams. In order to raise funds to pay for tournaments, etc., our teams are participating in a number of activities, such as:

- ✓ Bottle Drives
- ✓ Hockey Pools
- ✓ Rama Fun Bus
- ✓ 50/50 Draws
- ✓ FundScrip gift cards
- ✓ Basket draws

There are a number of ways to raise funds and have fun at the same time. Do you have a great idea to share with the other teams? Search the internet – lots of great ideas out there, such as Yuk Yuks comedy nights, Epicure Selections Fundraising, chocolate bars and so many more. If you'd like some information on some of these ideas, please contact Michelle Drew at publicity@oshawaringette.ca.

Oshawa Storm celebrates Christmas

Santa will visit the Oshawa Storm Ringette players and families during a special skate on Sunday, December 19th at Legends Arena. Stay tuned for more details on this fun family event.



Coming Up In Our Next Issue

Is there something you would like to see in our next issue? If so, please let us know! We are working on the following for the next issue:

- Tournament Results
- Coaching Clinic Update
- Our Teams Scores and Stats
- Our Volunteers: Deborah Findlay
- In the News

Christmas Camp

The Association will be hosting a Christmas Ringette Clinic once again this year. Please watch the website for more information on this free event for Oshawa Storm players.

4th Fourth Annual Golf Tournament

Our Golf Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010 at Winchester Golf Club was a great success. We had 35 Golfers out for a brisk morning of golf, lunch, prizes and silent auction items. Thank you to our sponsors: Algoma Orchards, Holiday Inn Oshawa, MADD Canada, DMS Duncan Deans and CCC Barry Catherwood and all the others that donated to the silent auction table. Special thanks to Cindy and Colin Deans for organizing this event again this year.

Note about Arena Safety

The board of directors of the OSRA wants to remind parents about keeping our children safe in the arena. As many of you have probably already heard, a young girl was assaulted in Woodville at their arena. An excerpt from the article is below along with the link for more information:

Police and emergency crews were called to the Woodville/Eldon Community Centre on Union St. after it was reported that a child had been taken from a washroom at an arena.

Police are reminding the public to be aware of their personal safety and that of their children at all times.

"You can never be too cautious with kids in a public setting," Boileau said.

The OPP's website, www.opp.ca, has several useful resources, tips and links.