

MEMBER NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2017

Get your tickets for 'The Frosty Mug'

"The Frosty Mug" refers to the Gryphons' annual men's varsity hockey game which is played at the Sleeman Centre. This event has been labelled the Gryphons Winter Homecoming and is a chance for students, alumni, families, faculty, staff and corporate partners to re-connect with the University of Guelph.

This year's event will take place on Thursday January 19th at 7pm when the Gryphons take on the Laurier Golden Hawks.

Tickets are available [online](#): Adults—\$15
University of Guelph students—\$10



First Shift—Winter Session

Registration is now open

The GGHA will be offering a Winter Session of 'The First Shift', the learn-to-play program which allows kids aged 6-10 years old to easily try the sport in a convenient, affordable and fun way.

Registration includes enrollment, 6 conveniently scheduled sessions and head-to-toe BAUER equipment (which players get to keep!) for only \$199. The focus of the on ice sessions is fun, teaching kids basic skating and fundamental hockey skills through play.

The 'Welcome Event' for the Winter Session (equipment pick-up), will be held on Saturday, January 21st at Parkview Church, 89 Speedvale Ave E. [Register online](#)—spaces are limited.



Rogers Hometown Hockey Update

Rogers will be broadcasting *Hometown Hockey* from Guelph on April 1st and 2nd and your stories, photos and videos can be part of the show! Here's how:

The broadcast producers are looking for community input to identify the stories—and people—that capture the essence of the Guelph hockey community and convey what makes it special and unique. For example: rising stars, local heroes, sport historians, hockey stars and local community stories of triumph and/or tragedy that highlight the hockey culture and history in Guelph.

Photographs or high-resolution video are also being collected to forward to Rogers for their consideration as they develop the event. Photographs should be in TIF or JPEG format at a minimum 300 dpi resolution.

Have your say—show the country our Hometown Hockey pride! Submit your ideas, stories, photos and videos by January 31st to Sandra Pitts at spitts@rogers.com.



Photo Day Update

Team and individual photos are expected from High Five Photography towards the end of January. Your coach or team manager will distribute the photographs as soon as possible after delivery.

House League News

GGHA DS Invitational Tournament

The GGHA's DS Invitational Tournament on January 7th and 8th was a great success! An unprecedented number of teams participated in the two day event, and our own GGHA PeeWee DS team brought home the gold medal for their division—well done team!

Congratulations to the Gold Medal winners in each division:
Novice DS: Leaside Wildcats Red
Atom DS: Leaside Wildcats White
PeeWee DS: Guelph Jr Gryphons
Bantam DS: Flamborough Falcons
Midget DS: Waterloo Ravens

PeeWee DS wins Gold at the GGHA Invitational!

The Guelph Jr. Gryphons PeeWee beat the Kitchener Rangers 3-2 to win the GGHA's DS Invitational Tournament in a shootout after a solid team effort. After falling behind 1-0, Damara M. scored to tie the game. The Kitchener Rangers scored again to make it 2-1. Angelina G. made a beautiful pass to Marigold H, who then skated around the defence and scored to tie the game. Nothing was solved after two overtime periods. Gryphons goalie Adrianna G. was outstanding during the game and then stopped 2 of the 3 shots in the shootout. Goals by Samantha S. and Mackenzie L. in the shootout sealed the win for the Gryphons. Goalie Adrianna G. was awarded the player of the game.



2016-2017 GGHA/atoMc Hockey Partner Program



Antolin Enterprises / McDonald's Restaurants of Guelph are proud supporters of minor hockey in our community and have partnered with the GGHA to sponsor two of our Atom House League teams.

In addition to their generous team sponsorship, Anatolin Enterprises / McDonald's Restaurants of Guelph are offering the following promotions to the atoMc teams as they look forward to celebrating the players' "Golden Moments" throughout the season.

- ◆ Any GGHA atoMc player to visit a Guelph McDonald's restaurant wearing their team jersey will receive a complimentary medium fries OR an ice-cream sundae. *
- ◆ Any "Golden Moment" jersey winner who wears their gold jersey to the restaurant will receive one free Extra Value Meal during their golden week. And maybe even a round of applause from the crew! *
- ◆ Each of the two GGHA atoMc teams can arrange to pick up a complimentary carafe of hot and fresh McCafé coffee along with a selection of baked goods to take to a game or practice for parents and fans to enjoy. Please arrange a minimum of two days in advance by contacting Trevor at trevor.mcdonaldsguelph@gmail.com

*in restaurant only

Another successful year for the GGHA Winter Classic Tournament!

The annual GGHA Winter Classic was held from December 9th through December 11th at various rinks throughout the city and was a resounding success. A number of visiting teams expressed their appreciation to tournament organizers for a well-run and enjoyable tournament—many plan to return next year!

The addition of a 'Food Bank Challenge' to the tournament was a huge success. Participating teams collected a total of 1534 pounds, which was donated to the Guelph Food Bank. Our own Bantam B and PeeWee B teams were the proud winners of the challenge, contributing 246.9 and 232.0 pounds respectively. The GGHA thanks both Boston Pizza and Shoeless Joe's for the generous prizes supplied for our top collecting teams.

Our GGHA teams had strong showings at all levels with 8 teams progressing to the semi-finals and 3 teams proudly representing the Association in their respective Championship games. Congratulations to the Novice B, Atom A and Midget A teams for their Silver Medal wins!



Guelph Jr Gryphons—Novice B



Guelph Jr Gryphons—Atom A



Guelph Jr Gryphons—Midget A

Call for coaches for the 2017-2018 season

GGHA is currently accepting coaching applications for the following teams: Intermediate A, Midget A, Bantam BB, Bantam B, PeeWee B, Atom B and Novice B.

Please complete the [online team application form](#) by January 20, 2016. If you have any questions, please email our Rep Director at Rep@ggha.com.

2017-2018 Rep Coach Selections

Having completed the interview process for a number of 2017-2018 Rep teams, the GGHA is pleased to announce the following coach selections for the upcoming season:

Midget AA - Rachael Hanna and Shawn Camp (Associate Coaches)
Bantam A - Kevin Lomax
PeeWee A - Brett Smith
Atom A - Randy Meredith

The GGHA would like to thank each of the candidates who submitted applications for the above teams. A second call for coaches for a number of other teams is posted above.

Board News and Accomplishments

Congratulations to Darcy Breakey

Darcy Breakey, GGHA’s Director of Hockey Operations, current head coach of our Midget AA team and the GGHA’s Rep Coach of the year for the 2015-2016 season, has been named next year’s associate coach of the PWHL’s Oakville JR Hornets. Please join us in congratulating Darcy on this exciting achievement.

Thank you, Darcy, on behalf of the GGHA, for your service and dedication to the Association throughout the years.

Welcome to our newest Board Member!

Please join the GGHA board in welcoming Matt Peters to the role of ‘Member at Large’.

For a complete list of board positions and members, please visit: board@ggha.com

Save the date—Gryphon Day is coming soon!

Plans are well underway for this year’s Gryphon Day, to be held Sunday February 19th.

There will be a number of exciting and entertaining events happening in and around the University of Guelph, including a Women’s Varsity hockey game with the Guelph Gryphons taking on the Nipissing Lakers at 2pm.

Save the date and make plans to be a part of this special day celebrating our partnership with the University of Guelph and where we will have the opportunity to share our Gryphon pride!

Stay tuned to ggha.com—further event details will be posted as they become available.

Mission & Vision

The GGHA is dedicated to providing a fun environment for females to develop self-esteem and confidence through hockey, by promoting team work, a strong work ethic and athletic commitment, which develops all members to be the best they can be as players, team mates, and leaders for now and for the future.

If you have comments, suggestions or accomplishments for our upcoming issues, please email: communications@ggha.com



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