



Words for Wildcats

Spring 2012
Woolwich Minor
Hockey Association
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From the President

I would like to take this time to thank all of our coaches, managers, trainers and executive who volunteer an enormous amount of time to make this Association a great place for kids to play. Volunteers are the heart of any not-for-profit Organization. We are always looking for volunteers. To gain some benefit from your organization, you must contribute to it as well. Give something that is priceless: your time. Help our children experience the joy of organized sports. Speaking from many years of experience, seeing a child wearing a jersey, sitting on a bench, and being part of a team is something that is also priceless!

There are many positions available on the Executive this year. Executive Secretary, Player/Coach Development Assistant, Webmaster, Sponsorship Director, Fundraising Director are just some of the spots open for this coming season. Please plan to attend our AGM on Monday April 23 at 8 p.m in the Woolwich Community Centre (in the Elmira Arena). We want to fill this room with members. There will be a draw for a \$100 Gift Certificate for one person that is in attendance.

The Association introduced two teams into a higher category this year. The Minor Atom and Major Atom teams competed in the AA loop. Both teams had an extremely successful season. I am proud to announce that the Major Atom AA team are OMHA champs, again! In the 2011 Newsletter, I mentioned that winning an OMHA championship is tough. It is even tougher to win it two years in a row. Thanks to the Major Atoms for proving me wrong while also competing in a higher level! Well Done! This team will now be competing in the OHF finals in Kitchener on April 14 / 15. Let's have a large Woolwich Fan base to cheer them on. Many other Rep and Local League teams made it to their league finals as well. Well Done.

As our Association grows, so does our budget and costs. Your executive has worked very hard this year to keep registrations as low as we can. We were faced with enormous ice rate increases this year. Your Executive spent countless hours with the Township and Council to ensure the massive increases did not happen. Recruiting sponsorship, and the many fundraisers that were held, all help keep everyone's costs down. We thank you for your efforts and contributions this year and hope you continue to support all of these efforts to enable us to make hockey affordable for everyone.

See you in the rink!

Steve Hanley
President



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Rep Hockey 2011-2012

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Once again this year it has been a pleasure to be your VP of Rep hockey watching countless number of games and watching how our Woolwich teams play and represent our association both at home and away. I believe that coaches and parents can be as proud as I am with these young players to young gentlemen. Well done.

This year we did have some exceptional achievements from our teams not only did our two teams that played in the AA loop this year play well they both finished at the top of their leagues with the Major Atom AA team winning the OMHA title and advancing to the OHF Championships well done.

For teams that came back to Tri County Championships we had three teams

- Major Pee wee- Finalists
- Major Midget - Finalists
- Minor Bantam- Finalists

Congratulations to all teams on the success as the above are only a few highlights of our many accomplishments for this season.

Looking back over this year we had the introduction of the NRP player movement rule which saw Woolwich welcome 6 players to different teams for the season. I believe this was a win / win for both the incoming players and the Woolwich teams.

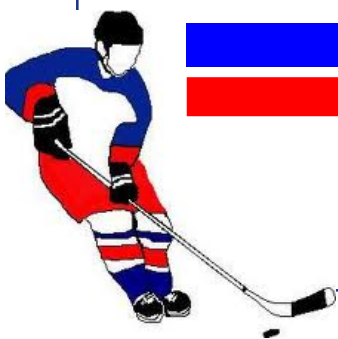
To help clarify the AAA tryouts will be in the spring this year for Guelph and Waterloo which you will need a permission to skate form.

With Center Wellington now moved to AA for their association this will most likely be the NRP option for most Woolwich players wishing to tryout for an AA team, Guelph will still be an option depending on mileage between our center point and theirs. An NRP passport form will be required for this movement.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you have on this and I will help clarify any questions you have.

Enjoy your summer and I will see you next year at the rink.

Paul Wilson
VP Rep Hockey



What's up at the Hockey Office!

Hello Everyone!

I can't believe my first year at the hockey office has gone by so quickly. It has been a lot of fun learning what it takes to run a successful minor hockey association and I am very happy to have met many fantastic people (including players, parents, coaches and members of the executive). Please let me know if you have any suggestions to help things run a little smoother as I am always looking for ways to improve. As you know our teams are just wrapping up for this season and we are well underway in the preparations for registration for the 2012-13 season. Keep an eye on the website as the registration information will be posted very soon.

Have a wonderful summer and all the best with the 2012-13 Season!

Yours in hockey,

Jodi Young

Woolwich Hockey Academy

Woolwich Hockey Academy Summer Camps 2012 (2 weeks)

August 20-24 & August 27-August 31, 2012

Woolwich Hockey Academy provide a full day hockey focused camp with (2) 1.5hr on-ice and 2 off-ice sessions a day. The School is located at the beautiful Woolwich Memorial Recreation Centre in Elmira.

Day Camps:

- **Tyke/Novice –*New Group for 2012!***
- **Atom Program**
- **Pee Wee Program**

Evening Camp:

- **Bantam/Midget Program-** John Lunney and Joe Amlinger, current coaches of the Woolwich Major Bantam A team will be running 1.5hr on ice & 1.5hr off ice conditioning to prepare players for tryouts.

Register soon as space is filling up quickly.

To register go to www.woolwichhockeyacademy.com or email Tony Code @ tonycodewha@gmail.com

Local League 2011-2012

It's been another exciting year at the rink, it is great to see the kids out there playing the great game of hockey, having fun and enjoying time with their friends. Hockey, like all sports is a great tool to teach kids (and sometimes us parents too) about winning and losing, the rewards working hard can bring, coping with the ups and downs life throws at us, and the value of working together to accomplish a goal. We hope that continues to be our focus moving forward.

Big thanks go out to all the coaches, assistants, trainers and managers without whom we could not make this work. We understand the commitment it takes, and the thankless vacuum you sometimes work in, so again, a huge THANK-YOU from the executive, and I'm sure the kids and parents.

We continued to use conveners for each age group, and without them we would not have been able to make Local League work. A big thanks to Gerry Beard, Todd Schell and Chad Nichols for all their help and support in keeping this league on the tracks.

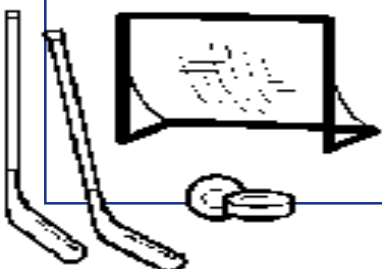
We've had a pretty good year in terms of on-ice success, with 7 out of 16 teams making an appearance in the championship rounds. It is great to see our program staying competitive with those around us. Congratulations to Novice 1 for winning the B championship, Novice 4 the D, Atom 2 the B, Bantam 2 the B, and Midget 4 the C.

I want to encourage each of you to look for opportunities to volunteer your time. Giving of our time is what makes WMHA the great organization it is. In only a few months we will again be looking for coaches, trainers, managers and conveners willing to help at all levels. There are also opportunities to help run tournaments or assist in fundraisers that could have helped reduce our fees.

In May, the Grand River LL executive will be voting on whether or not to continue with contact in our league. Each centre will receive one vote and a simple majority will determine the outcome. Results of the vote will be posted on the LL webpage.

Enjoy the summer everyone and we look forward to seeing you at the rink again in the fall.

Tom Arndt, Dave Baker.



Fundraising

Thank you to all the Woolwich Wildcats who contributed to fundraising. Without your hard work and dedication we would not have surpassed our goal of \$10,000 this season.

We raised \$11, 439.00 through the pepperette and cash calendar campaigns.

Our pepperette campaign was very successful once again! This year we sold 3253 packages for a profit of \$6506! The team who sold the most pepperettes this year was the Novice AE team. Congratulations to you all on a job well done!

The Cash Calendar campaign was also a huge success. Woolwich Minor Hockey sold 469 calendars. \$4690 went to your Woolwich Minor Hockey Association and \$2345 went back to the teams.

Thanks to the team representatives for sharing all fundraising events with your teams. There was a great increase in participation this year. Next year I'm sure we can achieve 100% involvement.

“Whether you believe you can or you can't, you are right!” – Henry Ford

See you in September!

Diane

FROM THE EQUIPMENT ROOM

Reminder to all coaches, managers and goalies – it is time to return ALL equipment.

I will be in the equipment room at the Woolwich Memorial Centre for the following schedule.

April 11, 5pm ~ 7pm for Initiation, Pre-Novice, Novice and Atom teams

April 13, 5pm ~ 7pm for all PeeWee, Bantam and Midget teams

April 15, one hour before each of the banquet times for any teams

April 23, from 6pm till 7pm will be the final time that I have planned for returns.

May 1st, I start to cash the deposit checks for equipment that has not been returned. Please make sure all jerseys are washed prior to returning them and if any equipment is in need of repairs, let me know so we get that done prior to someone using them next season.

Thank you
Garry Mayberry



1st Annual Dan Snyder Day

The Dan Snyder Foundation is proud to partner with the Woolwich Minor Hockey Association. Annual Hockey Banquet to bring the 1st Annual Dan Snyder Day at the Woolwich Memorial Recreation Centre.

Bring your hockey stick as there will be many fun events coordinated at the WMC for the entire community to enjoy. Events such as Hardest shot, Shooting Accuracy and an Obstacle course will take place on the McLeod pad from 9-1 & on ice games will be played by WMHA junior groups (Mini-Novice) on the Snyder Pad.

Other fun events are also planned at the WMC: Elmira Sugar King Dressing Room Tours, Public swimming & Public skating will be offered for the community to participate in this fun filled event. Also, Keith Primeau's stopconcussions.com group will be set up in the community room to spread the education and awareness of concussions and concussion management for everyone to learn more on how to keep players safe while playing sports

The Annual Hockey Banquets

Sunday April 15, 2011 Lions Hall

Sr. Banquet: Minor Peewee – Major Midget 12:00pm-1:30PM

Jr. Banquet: Mini's-Major Atom 2:00PM - 3:30PM

***Lunch/Supper will be served!**

***ESSO Awards will be awarded!**

Coaches' Corner

After another successful season for Woolwich Minor Hockey, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all coaches, trainers, and managers for their dedications and commitment towards the plays of Woolwich Minor Hockey Association. Without your tireless efforts, we would not have such an outstanding Association. Coach applications for the 2012-13 season are available on our website or at the hockey office. **The deadline for all rep applications has been extended to April 16, 2012 to the address indicated on the application.**

Mandatory credentials required to Coach, Train or Manage for the 2012-13 season:

Coach:

- 1) Coaching Certificate Level #1 or greater
- 2) Speak Out Certificate (also called Prevention Services)
- 3) Police Check
- 4) C.H.I.P.S Certified (Novice Level and Lower)

Trainer

- 1) Trainers Certificate Level # 1 or greater
- 2) Speak Out Certificate (also called Prevention Services)
- 3) Police Check

Manager

- 1) Speak Out Certificate (also called Prevention Services)
- 2) Police Check

For more information on upcoming clinics please check the Woolwich Minor Hockey website as we will posting our local clinics shortly. All expired certificates must be up dated prior to August 31. I encourage everyone who had considered being involved with a team to apply.

Coaching Evaluations

Thank you to those who completed the 2012-13 Coach Evaluation. We received some great constructive feedback and once again we have improved participation of the evaluations, which will help us improve our organization. If you did not have an opportunity to complete an evaluation, they are available on the website.

Thanks again to our coaches and the time and effort they have put into the season

Rob Waters
V.P Coaching

Woolwich Minor Hockey Association

2012-13 Registration Information

Register Online Avoid the paperwork and register online for the 2012-13 season. Please follow the link to the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) on the registration page. If you are unable to register online, please use the attached registration form.

Level	Birth Year	Early Registration (before May 31 st , 2012)	Late Registration (after May31st, 2012)
Initiation (Once/week)	2009-2008-2007	\$308	\$383
Pre-Novice (Twice/week)	2006	\$447	\$522
Novice	2005-2004	\$476	\$551
Atom	2003-2002	\$512	\$587
Peewee	2001-2000	\$544	\$619
Bantam	1999-1998	\$555	\$630
Midget	1997-1996-1995	\$565	\$640
Juvenile	1994-1993-1992	\$500	\$575

- Be sure to register and drop off or mail your cheque to the hockey office by May 31st, 2012 to avoid the late registration fee.
- Cheques can be made payable to Woolwich Minor Hockey and may be post dated for no later than August 1st, 2012.
- Please send completed registration to: WMHA PO Box 204, Elmira ON N3B 2Z6 or drop off at the hockey office.
- First time registrants must provide a copy of the player's birth certificate to WMHA and will always receive the early registration rate.
- A 10% discount applies to families with 3 or more participants.
- There is an additional fee of \$75 for all non Woolwich residents.

New to Woolwich? If you have just moved to Woolwich and you have previously played hockey with another association you will need to contact the hockey office for details on the transfer process.

Note: If your child decides not to play hockey in the fall you will be eligible for a refund. This refund will be pro-rated based on the date of withdrawal and a \$20 administration fee will be charged.

If you have any questions please contact:
 Jodi Young - WMHA Office Administrator/Registrar
 Phone: 519-669-2789 or Email: hockeyoffice@woolwichminorchockey.ca

2012 Annual General Meeting

Date: Monday April 23, 2012

Start Time: 8:00pm Sharp

Woolwich Memorial Community Centre
Executive opportunities for next year!

Calling all Timekeepers and Doorkeepers!!

Would you like to earn some extra spending money this upcoming hockey season?! If yes we have the perfect opportunity for you! Come watch our Wildcat players play hockey and be right in the action, all while keeping score of the game and making some money!

If you are 12 or over and interested in timekeeping please provide us with an email address. We will do up a schedule for timekeepers each month and email it out.

Make sure to watch for monthly times to collect your cheque and your schedule, which will be posted on our website.

Hope to see you in September!!

Any questions call Deb Good 519-669-8430 or email at debragood@live.ca

Upcoming Coaches Clinics

- Remember to register early as spots fill up quickly and we are only allowed a maximum of 40 persons for Coach D1 and 35 persons for the other Coach/Trainer's clinics.
- The registration form is also posted on our web-site, please fill out and mail into the hockey office along with your payment or send me an email.
- If you know of any one who is considering to help out in the 2012-2013 Hockey Season, please encourage them to take our **Speak Out** clinic - it is mandatory for all person(s) who are helping out with any of the teams.
- Speak Out/Respect in Sport can now be taken online at omha.net



WOOLWICH MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION 2012 COACHES CLINICS – REGISTRATION FORM

EMAIL: hockeyoffice@woolwichminorhockey.ca

WEB: www.woolwichminorhockey.ca

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ CENTRE: _____

LEVEL/AGE COACHING: _____ PAYMENT AMOUNT: \$ _____

✓ CLINIC	CLINIC	CLINIC DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COST	Woolwich Minor Hockey
	Coaches D1 Refresher (4 hrs)	Tues., August 21st	6pm - 10pm	St. Jacobs Fire hall 3 Water St, St Jacobs	\$75	\$37.50
	Coach D1 Clinic (18 hours/2hrs ice)	Sat., August 25 th Sun., August 26 th	8 am Class starts! (Registration 7:30AM)	St. Jacobs Fire Hall 3 Water St, St Jacobs	\$180	\$90

WOOLWICH MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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****CHEQUES** CAN BE MADE PAYABLE TO **WOOLWICH MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION** AND BE MAILED TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS OR BE DROPPED OFF DIRECTLY AT THE HOCKEY OFFICE. CLINIC SPACES ARE LIMITED AND WILL BE FILLED ON A FIRST COME FIRST **PAID** BASIS. 48 HOUR NOTICE REQUESTED IF UNABLE TO ATTEND OR FEE WILL BE KEPT, NO EXCEPTIONS.

RESPECT IN SPORT/SPEAK OUT & TRAINER/TRAINER REFRESHER
ARE NOW AVAILABLE AS ONLINE CLINICS.

VISIT OMHA WEBSITE: WWW.OMHA.NET LOOK UNDER CLINICS FOR INFO.

OFFICE USE ONLY:

PAYMENT RECEIVED: \$ _____ DATE: _____ CHQ# _____

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Assistance for Hockey Families is Available!

Friends of Hockey want to give all children the opportunity to play the game of hockey regardless of their family's economic state. Friends of Hockey are here to support families in need of assistance in the form of registration costs or providing new equipment for your child.

Please visit www.friendsofhockey.ca for information on how to apply. Please note that all emails are strictly confidential.



Whenever a team wants to use either the Cougar rep logo or the Woolwich Minor Hockey logo **written authorization must be obtained**. Contact the hockey office for further details.

Want to ensure you are included in the distribution database to receive WMH newsletters? Please sign up and we will automatically email these out via the website: <http://www.woolwichminorhockey.ca/newsletter.php>

Team Sponsorships

Do you know of a company, or are the owner of a business, who is interested in sponsoring a WMHA team. Summer will soon be over and we need to get jersey orders placed in time for the season.

Please read the sponsorship brochure located on the Sponsorship tab of the WMHA website: www.woolwichminorhockey.ca

Please Contact Chris Williams who is our Sponsorship Director

Email: sponsorship@woolwichminorhockey.ca

Phone: 519-669-1737

To learn about the teams who need sponsorship for the upcoming 2012/2013 season.

Thank You Sponsors!

	Rep Sponsors	
Major Midget A M&G Millwrights Limited	Minor Midget A RMW Exteriors	Midget AE Trylon TSF
Major Bantam A Elmira Pet Products	Minor Bantam A SportCo Source for Sports RBC	Bantam AE Foodland
Major PeeWee A Calla Studios	Minor PeeWee A Elmira Insurance Brokers LTD.	PeeWee AE Mike Bender Roofing
Major Atom AA Lions International	Minor Atom AA Melloul Blamey Construction	Atom AE Ayr Welding
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	Local League Sponsors	
Midget LL#1 Chemtura	Midget LL#2 Leyroys Auto Care	Midget LL#3 Sportzone
Midget LL#2 Guys and Dolls	Bantam LL#1 Scotiabank	Bantam LL#2 Fife and Associates, Trial Lawyers
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Atom LL#2 Go Energy	Atom LL#3 Advanced Masonry	Atom LL#4 Rosendale Farms Limited
Novice LL#3 First Choice Haircutters	Novice LL#4 Martin's Garage	Pre Novice #1 Total Health Pharmacy
Pre Novice #2 Total Health Pharmacy	Initiation #1 – Goods Carquest	Initiation #2 – Waters Waters and Hastings

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2012 Woolwich NHL Alumni Hockey Challenge



VS.



Saturday, April 28th, 2012

Puck drop at 1:45 pm - Door open at 12:00pm

WOOLWICH MEMORIAL CENTRE

24 Snyder Ave. S., Elmira, Ontario

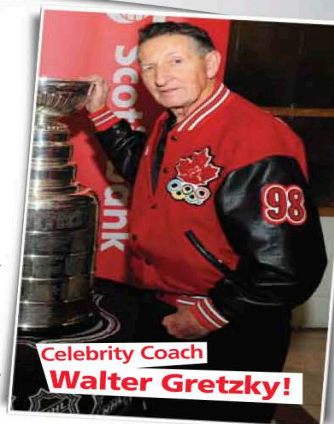
For More Information and Tickets \$10:

Go To: www.woolwichnhlhockeychallenge.com

Advance Ticket Outlets:

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Breslau Community Centre
Woolwich Township Office
Scotia Bank - Linwood
5201 Ament Line, Linwood, ON
Scotia Bank - St. Jacobs
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