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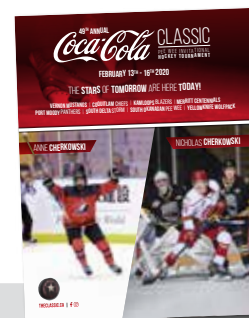
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Vernon's Anne & Nicholas Cherkowski both played in the tournament, Nicholas in 2013 and Anne in 2014.  
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## CHERKOWSKI'S CHERISH COCA-COLA CLASSIC

BY BRENDAN SHYKORA

VERNON MORNING STAR

Having made great strides since skating in the Vernon Classic Pee Wee Hockey Tournament, Nick and Anne Cherkowski now stand as examples of what today's crop of young local players can achieve in the sport.

The 2020 Classic takes place Feb. 13-16, and as the cover athletes for the tournament, the two local siblings have nothing but fond recollections of playing on the biggest stage in town for Pee Wee players.

“Growing up in Vernon it's just a cool tournament to be a part of, and to play in it is still something I'll never forget,” said Nick, who played in the tournament in 2013.

Playing for the Junior A Vipers was the dream of Nick's growing up in the city - a dream he realized when he played his first game with the big team in the 2017/18 BCHL season.

The 23-year-old went on to play his first full season with the Vipers the following year, notching two goals and 13 points in 54 games.

This year has been one of changes for Nick. He was traded two the Wenatchee Wild three games into the season, and then again to the Chilliwack Chiefs 24 games later.

“It's definitely been kind of a whirlwind season for sure, but I've enjoyed kind of getting used to new towns, new hockey markets and living away from home,” he said.

Next year will require an even bigger adjustment, as he has committed to Merrimack College in the U.S.

“About middle of October I went down to Boston to tour the campus and see how the school works and the hockey program that they have there,” Nick explained. “I just kind of fell in love and I knew it was the spot for me.”

As he prepares himself for the next stage of his hockey career, Nick still remembers the feeling he had at the Classic, which more many young players is the first taste of the hockey spotlight.

“There's a little bit of buzz around the tournament and it's fun, you kind of feel like a superstar,” he said.

His advice to this year's players is simple: “Just take it all in.”

Meanwhile, younger sister Anne Cherkowski was busy soaking up the buzz at the Women's World Under 18 Hockey Championships in Slovakia from late December to early January. It was her second year competing with Canada at the international showcase, and the 17-year-old left with a silver medal around her neck.

“That was definitely something I will never forget,” Anne said of the experience. “Even just travelling around and seeing a whole new part of the world and being able to do it while playing hockey is something that I think is really special.”

Anne, like her brother, is college-bound having committed to the University of Minnesota - a hockey school through and through.

“I always wanted to be in a spot that had the best facilities, best team, best environment to grow and so I think Minnesota really fit that for me,” she said.

Anne won't be eligible for next year's World Under-18s, but she's not finished vying for a spot with Team Canada.

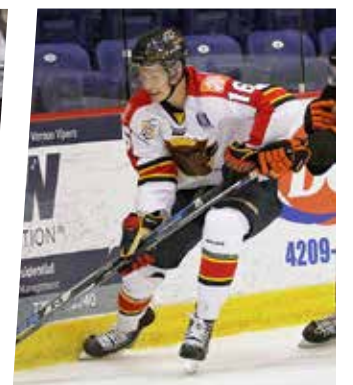
“Think definitely the Olympics is a huge (goal) for me. I've always dreamed of that as a little kid.”

As a kid she also spent countless hours playing ball hockey with her brother in their basement, and well beyond those formative years Nick continues to guide her by example.

“He definitely had a huge impact on my hockey career,” Anne said. he's super dedicated, super driven, the most hard-working person ever, so I think that is something I just look up to every day.”

Anne says she never expected to one day represent the Classic, but she knows it wouldn't have happened without a deep passion for the sport from an early age.

“We didn't really think things would turn out like this, we just kind of played the sport because we love the sport, and I guess growing up having each other to push each other and build off of that ... really drove us to be where we are now.”





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Welcome to the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Coca-Cola Classic Invitational Pee Wee Hockey Tournament, February 13 - 16, 2020.

The Organizing Committee has once again worked diligently to bring players and visitors to Vernon to participate in this fun Winter Carnival tournament.

For our out of town guests, I hope you will enjoy your stay in Vernon and take time to explore the scenic sites and tourist attractions in Vernon and the surrounding communities.

Good luck to all the players and coaches - let the games begin!

Victor I. Cumming  
Mayor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Greater Vernon Minor Hockey Association, welcome players, coaches, officials and hockey fans to the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Coca Cola Classic Peewee Hockey Tournament.

As hockey is our passion please keep good sportsmanship alive on the ice, on the bench and in the stands. Let's all keep the positive spirit of hockey alive.

Enjoy the tournament experience and remember that a small army of passionate volunteers have worked extremely hard and long hours to make the experience fun for all. One you will remember for a lifetime! Please take a moment to thank a volunteer during the tournament as I cannot emphasize enough how hard they have worked.

Thank you to all coaches, officials and parents, your countless hours do not go unnoticed. Finally thank you players, you are the reason we are all here. You fill us with pride, anticipation and excitement and we look forward to seeing you play some great hockey. Play fair, play your best and enjoy the tournament.

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Vernon's 59<sup>th</sup> Winter Carnival Princess Silver Star Madison Barrett (left) & Queen Silver Star Hayley Rakos drop the puck for the official opening faceoff between Noah Jimbo of the Los Angeles Kings and Hudson Watkin Motors Mustangs at the opening ceremonies of the 48<sup>th</sup> Coca-Cola Classic Pee Wee Invitational Hockey Tournament in the Kal Tire Place - North.



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For 47 years the Coca-Cola Classic Pee Wee Hockey Tournament was played in Vernon's Civic Arena (left). Built in 1938, it was one of the interiors first hockey arenas and held a lot of history. 2019 was the first year in the newly built Kal Tire Place - North.

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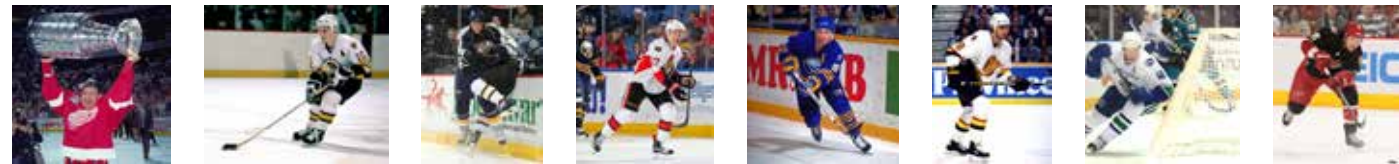
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Ray Allsion	Cranbrook	1972	Hartford	1979
Len Dawes	Nanaimo	1974	Chicago	1979
Tony Feltrin	Nanaimo	1974	Pittsburgh	1979
Barry Pederson	Nanaimo	1974	Boston	1980
Steve Tsijiura	Lethbridge	1974	Philadelphia	1981
Mike Winther	Prince George	1974	Edmonton	1979
Rick Chernomaz	Port Alberni	1975	Colorado	1981
John Newberry	Port Alberni	1975	Montreal	1981
Paul Cyr	Port Alberni	1975	Buffalo	1982
Mike Kaszycki	Spokane	1975	NY Islanders	1980
Chris Jensen	Fort St. John	1975	Philadelphia	1981
Greg Adams	Nelson	1976	New Jersey	1984
Gord Kluzak	Swift Current	1977	Boston	1983
Lane Lambert	Swift Current	1977	Detroit	1983
Brian Curran	Red Deer	1977	Buffalo	1982
Mark Lamb	Swift Current	1978	Calgary	1982
Doug Quinn	Red Deer	1978	Vancouver	1983
Mark Tinordi	Red Deer	1978	Buffalo	1987
Rocky Trottier	Swift Current	1978	New Jersey	1983
Emmanuel Viveiros	St. Albert	1978	Edmonton	1984
Doug Bodger	Fuller Lake	1979	Pittsburgh	1984
Robin Bawa	Fuller Lake	1979	Washington	1984
Mike Berger	Ft. Sask.	1979	Minnesota	1985
Robin Shudra	Ft. Sask.	1979	Edmonton	1986
Jeff Sharples	Terrace	1980	Detroit	1985
Matt Pesklewis	St. Albert	1980	Boston	1986
Wade Flaherty	Terrace	1980	Buffalo	1987
Greg Hawgood	St. Albert	1980	Boston	1986
Frank Furlan	Nanaimo	1980	Winnipeg	1986
Mark Pedersen	Medicine Hat	1981	Montreal	1986
Craig Endean	Prince George	1981	Winnipeg	1986
Ryan McGill	Sherwood Park	1982	Chicago	1987
Peter Soberlak	Kamloops	1982	Edmonton	1988
Chris Joseph	Burnaby	1982	Pittsburgh	1988
Kerry Russell	Kamloops	1982	Hartford	1987
Russ Romanik	St. Boniface	1982	Winnipeg	1988



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Murray Duval	Ft. Sask.	1983	NY Rangers	1988
Collin Bauer	Ft. Sask.	1983	Edmonton	1988
Jason Marshall	Cranbrook	1984	St. Louis	1989
Lee J. Leslie	Prince George	1986	St. Louis	1992
Richard Matvichuk	Ft. Sask.	1986	Minnesota	1991
Ray Whitney	Ft. Sask.	1986	San Jose	1991
Joaquin Gage	Coquitlam	1987	Edmonton	1992
Jarrett Deuling	Whitehorse	1987	NY Islanders	1992
Daymond Langkow	Sherwood Park	1990	Tampa Bay	1995
Mike Dubinsky	Sherwood Park	1990	Vancouver	1994
Randy Petruk	Cranbrook	1991	Colorado	1996
Kevin Swanson	Prince George	1993	Vancouver	1999
Steve McCarthy	Trail/Rossland	1994	Chicago	1999
Darrell Hay	Kamloops	1994	Vancouver	1999
Matt Ellison	Cowichan	1997	Chicago	2004
Derek Meech	Winnipeg	1997	Detroit	2002
Ben Walter	Semiahmoo	1998	Boston	2004
Adam Courchaine	Winnipeg	1998	Minnesota	2004
Shawn Belle	Edmonton	1999	Dallas	2004
Mitch Fadden	Victoria	2001	Tampa Bay	2007
Dan Gendur	Victoria	2001	Vancouver	2007
Casey Pierro-Zabotel	Kamloops	2002	Pittsburgh	2007
Riley Nash	Kamloops	2002	Edmonton	2007
Zach Hamill	Port Coquitlam	2002	Boston	2007
Landon Ferraro	Burnaby Winter Club	2003	Detroit	2009
Brett Bulmer	Prince George	2004	Minnesota	2010
Brett Connolly	Prince George	2005	Tampa Bay	2010
Morgan Rielly	Hollyburn	2006	Toronto	2012
Mathew Dumba	Calgary Crowchild	2006	Minnesota	2012
Griffin Reinhart	Hollyburn	2006	NY Islanders	2012
Josh Morrissey	Springbank Extreme	2008	Winnipeg	2013
Reid Duke	Trailswest Blades	2009	Minnesota	2014
Jake Virtanen	Abbotsford Hawks	2009	Vancouver	2014
Mathew Barzal	Burnaby Winter Club	2009	NY Islanders	2015
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Brent Gilchrist.....	Montreal Canadiens.....	1986
Jeff Finley .....	New York Islanders .....	1986
Bruce Major.....	Quebec Nordiques .....	1986
Jay Stark .....	Detroit Red Wings.....	1986
Dennis Holland .....	Detroit Red Wings.....	1987
Troy Mick .....	Pittsburgh Penguins .....	1988
Layne Roland .....	Chicago Blackhawks .....	1992
Lance Leslie .....	Ottawa Senators.....	1993
Duane Dennis.....	Acadia University .....	1993
Jeff Lank .....	Montreal Canadiens.....	1993
Jason Podollan.....	Florida Panthers .....	1994
Brad Larsen.....	Ottawa Senators.....	1995
Matt Higgins .....	Montreal Canadiens.....	1996
Chris Ovington .....	Florida Panthers .....	1998
Josh Reed .....	Vancouver Canucks.....	1999
Ryan Kakoske .....	UBC CIS.....	2001
Jerred Smithson.....	Free Agent Los Angeles Kings.....	2002
Stefan Schneider .....	Chicago Wolves AHL .....	2003
Matt Schneider .....	Calgary Flames.....	2004
Andrew Ebbett.....	Free Agent Anaheim Ducks.....	2007
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Jedd Soleway.....	Phoenix Coyotes.....	2013

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## RIENIE HOLLAND MEMORIAL AWARD



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Committee member Mike Burke, Dennis Holland and Committee member Jaron Chasca (far right) present the Rienie Holland Memorial Award to Dave Straughan for his longtime service to the Coca-Cola Classic Pee Wee Invitational Hockey Tournament.

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## GENUINE HOCKEY MOM 'WAS A PRETTY SPECIAL LADY'

BY ROGER KNOX

AS WRITTEN IN THE VERNON MORNING STAR

Fantastic baker. Green-thumb goddess. Grandma on the go. Hockey mom extraordinaire.

Tributes are pouring in for the matriarch of one of Vernon's best-known hockey families.

Adeline Victoria Holland - who went by Lee or Lena - died Friday at age 87.

Her late husband, Rienie, was a fixture in the scorekeeper's box at the old Vernon Civic Arena during Vernon Lakers' games.

He was also the founder of the annual Coca Cola Classic Vernon Winter Carnival Pee Wee Hockey Tournament, with a volunteer award presented in his name at each tournament.

Her oldest son, Ken, is the general manager of the NHL's Edmonton Oilers, and youngest son Dennis is an NHL scout for the Dallas Stars.

"Our mom was a pretty special lady," said middle child Diane Bowers, who, like her parents, spent many hours at the Civic Arena helping out or watching her brothers play.

"Her health had really declined so we're happy she is at peace now and pain-free."

Born on March 21, 1932, at Mabel Lake, Holland met her future husband at a baseball field by the lake.

They married June 20, 1953, and lived in Golden at a logging camp where Holland worked as a cook and Rienie was a logger.

When Rienie got a job with BC Hydro, the couple moved to Vernon.



Predominantly a stay-at-home mom, Holland was a cook at the Vernon Army Camp in the summer months.

She also volunteered at and helped run the Civic Arena concession for the City of Vernon, worked for a jewelry store and picked apples at local farms.

"At home, she was an amazing baker and cook, and a fantastic gardener," said Holland's granddaughter Karlee Bowers, one of Holland's eight grandchildren as well as five great-grandkids (two more on the way in 2020).

"Grandma literally never sat down. She was always on the go, trying to get more food for others or cleaning something.

"Often at dinner, she would say

to us, 'Do you need anything?' And we'd say, 'We just need you to sit down.'"

It wasn't only the grandkids who lived for Holland's baking but her kids' friends as well. Besides her legendary cinnamon buns, brownies, pies and cinnamon bread, Karlee called Holland "the absolute best hostess - you literally couldn't walk into her house without her offering some food she had made."

Troy Mick, long-time best friend of Dennis Holland - the pair starred in Vernon Minor Hockey together and with the Western Hockey League's Portland Winter Hawks - said his heart was broken over the death of a woman he called "a second mom."

"Heaven gained a beautiful soul," Mick said. "Words cannot describe

how important of a role model she was to me growing up. She was just an amazing human being.

"She was always driving Dennis and I to all of the sports we played and made the best damn cookies ever. I thank her for the unconditional love she gave me always."

Karlee Bowers said that even though she and her sister never lived in the same city as their beloved grandmother, Holland had a special way of building a solid and supportive relationship with them.

"She called us all the time, sent us letters and cards and gift cards for every occasion," Karlee said. "Grandma had such a fantastic sense of humour, she was always up for a good laugh."

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## 2019 TOURNAMENT BANQUET



The 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Coca-Cola Classic banquet featured former NHLer Jason Podollan. There were some inspirational words, trivia questions, a couple Q & A's. The captains called the coin flip for jersey colour in the final games and followed by a handshake.



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**Middle (L-R):** #7 Max Reed, #2 Noah Frick, #9 Lyndon Tung, #15 Mario Reda, #5 Caden Oliver, #19 Ollie Reid  
**Back (L-R):** Joe Dolling (Asst. Coach), #17 Oliver Murray, #6 Brayden Fernley, #14 Vinny Nagy, #11 Evan Kashuba, #4 Gavin Dolling, Steve Nagy (Asst. Coach)  
**Not Pictured:** Ed Patterson (Head Coach), Jaydon Agar (Asst. Coach), #30 Bryce Cormier

Your host team the Watkin Motors Mustangs play out of the Greater Vernon Minor Hockey Association with players hailing from Lumby, Lavington and Vernon. The Mustangs who have 3 returning players from last years squad are comprised of ten 2007, 6 2008 and one 2009 aged athletes. They play in the tier 2 division within the Okanagan Mainline Amateur Hockey Association along with 9 other highly competitive teams.

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**Middle (L-R):** #6 Maximilian Aysslinger, #8 Luca D'Addabbo, #10 Nathan Lefrancois, #2 Taiyo Shirahama, #16 Ben Leduc, #14 Nicholas Morin  
**Back (L-R):** Jordan Gould (Head Coach), #7 Kai Hartley, #17 Alexander Jacques, #18 Mateo Prexler, #9 Lucas Biros  
**Not Pictured:** Ty Babych (Asst. Coach)

The A1 Chiefs are multisport kids playing for CMHA in Coquitlam (140,000) who demonstrate a strong passion & talent for hockey. The team's foundation is built on teamwork, fanatical effort, hard work, and genuine respect for the game. The Coaches are CMHA alumni & include head coach Jordan Gould (SD43 Teacher), Asst. Tyler Martin, goalie coach Justin Mulholland, & junior assistants. Haley Chang & Ryan Waterhouse. This dynamic coaching staff's main focus is keeping the game fun so the kids continue to enjoy playing Canada's favourite sport.

The Chiefs are made up of 16 2nd years & 1 feisty first year. Many players have competed in AAA hockey tournaments nationally and internationally. Stats 4-3-1 This team is ready to play fast, fun hockey & compete in the Coca Cola Classic.

The A1 Chiefs goalie coach Justin played in this tournament for CMHA back in 2000, 20 years ago! Coach Jordan also had the privilege of bringing a team two years ago to this tournament and unfortunately, during a round-robin game against Vernon a defenseman was injured and the game was a bust, so was his collar bone! Coach Gould would like an opportunity for a rematch against the home team! Fun fact: junior assistant Haley Chang was there watching her brother play for Coach Jordan in the Coca Cola Classic 2 years ago.

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**Front (L-R):** #1 Jerreck Hluschyk, #30 Akilllease Bodenham  
**Middle (L-R):** #2 Christopher Feely, #18 Eli Munegatto, #8 Keegan Fretz, #17 Luca Cupello, #19 Aaron Zulinick, #16 Carter Biggs, #10 Kieran Milne, #12 Sami Turenen, #9 Noah Paulsen  
**Back (L-R):** Randy Zulinick (Head Coach), #3 Riddick Feely, #6 Ezra Siemens, #14 Jack Smith, Darren Paulsen (Asst. Coach), #4 Jayla Bottle  
**Not Pictured:** Robb Munegatto (Asst. Coach), #5 Jayce Matkowski, #7 Tayo Jackson

The Kamloops Pee Wee Blazers tier 2 play in the Kamloops Minor hockey association and represent the city of Kamloops, BC (population 90,000 in the Pee Wee tier 2 league.

The league is comprised of roughly 10 very competitive teams at this level. So far this season we have played some exhibition games that have put us at a high level to compete. The coaching staff is lead by Randy Zulinick along with assistant coaches Darren Paulsen and Robb Munegatto. The coaching staff brings this team together and emphasizes working together and playing as a team, the knowledge that the coaches have together has brought the team to have an exponential strong work ethic and sportsmanship at the top of their list.

More than half of our Kamloops Pee Wee Blazers tier 2 team have had the opportunity to play along with their teammates from earlier divisions of hockey right to this current year. They not only work together as a team they work together as a family, but they also have all shared laughter and tears from those tough and great games and they always pull together to persevere. It's hard to find such great teamwork and sportsmanship like this particular group has.

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## MERRITT CENTENNIALS



**Front (L-R):** #16 Gavin Moulund, #8 Andrew Denton, #17 Carson Moulund, #1 Evan Sterling, #19 Cayden Bergstrom, #9 Luke Sowpal, #14 Cooper Harrington  
**Back (L-R):** Mike Moulund (Head Coach), Tom Harrington (Asst. Coach), #13 Will Hubbard, #6 Asia Munro, #10 Soren Anderson, Brad Denton (Asst. Coach), #2 Hunter Hewton, Darren Bergstrom (Trainer)  
**Not Pictured:** #7 Landon Weimer

The Merritt Jr. Cents Pee Wee Rep team is honoured to represent the City of Merritt at the 2020 Coca Cola Pee Wee Invitational Tournament. Our team is comprised of 12 players and 4 coaching staff.

Being from a small town, some of our players have been on the ice together since the age of two. They are motivated by a love for the game, fuelled by pure determination, and driven by tenacity.

Our coaching staff have a combined total of over 25 years experience coaching minor hockey at various levels. The team is lead by head coach Mike Moulund, assistant coaches Tom Harrington and Brad Denton, and our HSCP Darren Bergstrom. Our coaching team focusses on skill development, sportsmanship, and building team camaraderie.

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2	10:15 AM	THUR	CC	YELLOWKNIFE	KAMLOOPS	
3	12:30 PM	THUR	SV	COQUITLAM	PORT MOODY	
4	2:45 PM	THUR	SV	SOUTH OKANAGAN	MERRITT	
<b>5:30PM THURSDAY OPENING CEREMONIES</b>						
5	5:45 PM	THUR	CC	VERNON	YELLOWKNIFE	
6	8:00 PM	THUR	CC	KAMLOOPS	SOUTH DELTA	

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7	8:00 AM	FRI	SV	MERRITT	COQUITLAM	
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9	12:30 PM	FRI	CC	YELLOWKNIFE	SOUTH DELTA	
10	2:45 PM	FRI	SV	SOUTH OKANAGAN	COQUITLAM	
11	5:00 PM	FRI	CC	VERNON	KAMLOOPS	
12	7:15 PM	FRI	SV	PORT MOODY	MERRITT	

## 2020 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

- (1) All games shall be regulation stop time, no ties, sudden death overtime.
- (2) In the event 2 teams are tied for points, the team defeating the other shall be placed higher.
- (3) In the event 3 teams are tied for points, the standings will be determined using the following formula.
  - (a) The team with the best goal average will be placed higher.  
Example: Goals for 10; Goals against 4; percentage is  $10/14 = .714$
  - (b) If 2 teams have the same goal average, the team defeating the other will be placed higher.
  - (c) Coin flip if necessary.

### COCA-COLA DIVISION

VERNON WATKIN MOTORS **MUSTANGS**  
 KAMLOOPS **BLAZERS**  
 SOUTH DELTA **STORM**  
 YELLOWKNIFE **WOLFPACK**

#### STANDINGS

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### SUN VALLEY DIVISION

COQUITLAM **CHIEFS**  
 MERRITT **CENTENNIALS**  
 PORT MOODY **PANTHERS**  
 SOUTH OKANAGAN **PEE WEE**

#### STANDINGS

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## PLAYOFF FORMAT

GAME	TIME	DAY	HOME	VS	VISITOR	SCORE
13	8:00 AM	SAT	3 <sup>RD</sup> IN SUN VALLEY	VS	4 <sup>TH</sup> IN COCA-COLA	
14	10:15 AM	SAT	3 <sup>RD</sup> IN COCA-COLA	VS	4 <sup>TH</sup> IN SUN VALLEY	
15	12:30 PM	SAT	1 <sup>ST</sup> IN COCA-COLA	VS	2 <sup>ND</sup> IN SUN VALLEY	
16	2:45 PM	SAT	1 <sup>ST</sup> IN SUN VALLEY	VS	2 <sup>ND</sup> IN COCA-COLA	
<b>"D" EVENT FINAL</b>						
17	9:00 AM	SUN	LOSERS OF GAMES #13 AND #14			
<b>"C" EVENT FINAL</b>						
18	11:30 PM	SUN	WINNERS OF GAMES #13 AND #14			
<b>"B" EVENT FINAL</b>						
19	2:00 PM	SUN	LOSERS OF GAMES #15 AND #16			
<b>"A" EVENT FINAL</b>						
20	4:30 PM	SUN	WINNERS OF GAMES #15 AND #16			
<b>WINNERS</b>						
<b>"A" EVENT -</b>			<b>"B" EVENT -</b>			
<b>"C" EVENT -</b>			<b>"D" EVENT -</b>			



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## PORT MOODY PANTHERS



**Front (L-R):** #33 Beckham Brossard, #13 Kai Massullo, #8 Braiden Duncan, #4 Jesse Watt, #6 Brayden Yee, #10 Dayton Killam, #1 Nathaniel Mossey

**Middle (L-R):** Travis Moss (Asst. Coach), #16 Liam Steacy, #14 Andreas Chan, #11 Liam Dungey, #7 Jonas McConville, Derek Doucette (Head Coach)

**Back (L-R):** Stephan Brossard (Asst. Coach), #5 Dylan Wallace, #3 Cole Blanchet, #9 Tyson Moss

**Not Pictured:** #17 Tyler Bembenek, #22 Nicholas Ferraro-Howling, Chris Howling (Asst Coach), Keara Killam (Manager)

The City of Port Moody is located on the east end of Burrard Inlet and borders Coquitlam and Burnaby. Located on the ocean and in the mountains, Port Moody is a desirable city with a population of 34,000.

The Port Moody Panthers Pee Wee A1 play in flight 2 of the PCAHA Pee Wee Rep division. This division is comprised of 8 teams from the Lower Mainland. Port Moody Minor Hockey Association is a small Tier 2 association consisting of just over 400 players from ages 5-19.

The team is comprised of 15 players born in 2007 and 1 born in 2008. The coaching staff is led by Derek Doucette and assistants Travis Moss, Chris Howling and Stephan Brossard. Working together, the goal is to create a positive, safe, environment where each player can develop their individual and team skills.

Recently, the Pee Wee A1 Panthers were Champions, winning the Port Moody Remembrance Day Tournament. Competing versus Tier 1 A1 Associations in League play has forced the players to work hard and think the game.

The team and coaching staff are excited to be a part of this years Annual Vernon Coca-Cola Pee Wee Invitational Tournament.

## SOUTH DELTA STORM



**Front (L-R):** #14 Tommy Cowan, #17 Alex Garagan, #8 Blair Pashak, #12 Nolan Stewart, #18 Drezden Bertsch, #9 Connely Parker, #10 Dominic Dumas, #15 Dylan Lappin, #16 Noah Hettinga

**Back (L-R):** Tom Garagan (Asst. Coach), Marty Pashak (Manger), #6 Kayden Meyer, #4 Miller Burckshaw, #13 Tommy Denney, #11 Damian Kravcak, #31 Armaan Kaila, #2 Owen Cooper, #7 Jack Ferguson, #1 Marcus Taylor, Scott Stewart (Asst. Coach), Cyle Lappin (Head Coach)

We are the South Delta Storm Pee Wee A1 Tier 2 team. We are located in the lower mainland and have a population of approximately 45,000 and we play in the PCAHA Association Flight 1 Division, which consists of ten teams throughout the lower mainland. As a Tier 2 team, we are competitive within our Flight which consists of eight Tier 1 teams. This will be our fourth tournament of the year.

The coaching staff is led by Cyle Lappin, along with assistant coaches Scott Stewart and Tom Garagan. The coaching staff has numerous coaching years between them and offer a wealth of knowledge and experience for our kids.

South Delta Storm has 15 second year players and two first year players and are a dedicated group of kids that strive to compete at all times. We are honored to be asked to join this tournament and we are looking forward to the Vernon Coca Cola Classic.



## SOUTH OKANAGAN PEE WEE



**Front (L-R):** #31 Blake Aldridge, Sam Ross (Asst. Coach), #22 Danica Maynard, #19 Markus Ruck, #10 Liam Ruck, Steve Harrison (Head Coach), #1 Luke Tarasoff

**Middle (L-R):** #16 Jackson Vrabel, #15 Torin Bernier, #17 Nolan Vieira, #5 Jackson Gush, #7 Cole Hough, #8 Chase Ferrier, #18 Brody McLean

**Back (L-R):** Jim Liebel (Asst. Coach), Tyler Loura (Asst. Coach), #11 Josh Hanson, #9 Cooper Jahn, #21 Drayden Ross, #4 Jaxon Unruh-Ross, #23 Rocco Cavallari, Derek Ruck (Asst. Coach)

The South Okanagan Pee Wee Rep play in the South Okanagan Minor Hockey Association and represent the Town of Osoyoos and Oliver this year with some players from Princeton and 1 from GrandForks as well. The population in Osoyoos is approx. 5000 people. We are a small town with only a tiny Tier 3 hockey association which includes only 200 players. The majority of this team has played together for 2 years and have been very competitive and play up in the Tier 2 Thompson Okanagan League and are currently in first place. This league is comprised of 9 teams in the Tier 2 division. Recently this team hosted a home Pee Wee Rep Classic in Osoyoos, playing against teams across BC and the USA and placed 1st overall.

The coaching staff is led by Steve Harrison along with assistant coaches Jim Liebel, Sam Ross, Derek Ruck and Tyler Loura. The coaching staff brings great hockey knowledge and development for these players. We have a goalie coach, a power skating and skills specialists and some who work with systems. They stress the importance of teamwork, commitment, focus, work ethic and keep expectations high.

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## YELLOWKNIFE WOLFPACK



**Front (L-R):** #7 Tucker Beck, #9 Hayden Murray, #10 Ryder Wicks, #1 Vincent Hottin, #11 Blake Remo, #5 Corwin Simmons, #3 Mario Hernandez

**Middle (L-R):** #2 Peter Staples, #13 Evan Power, #4 Matthew MacKay, #15 Callum MacLean, #16 Wesley Lizotte, #20 Ryan Clark, #8 Rylan Scarfe, #18 Nolan Dusome, #6 Blake Rose

**Back (L-R):** Darren Wicks (Head Coach), Andrew MacKay (Asst. Coach)

**Not Pictured:** Shaun Murray (Asst. Coach), #14 Thomas Noyce

The Yellowknife Pee Wee Wolfpack is a group of 11 second year and 6 first-year boys who love playing competitive hockey. There is an unmatched level of commitment in these kids, who are on the ice 5-6 times a week, also participating in yoga, conditioning and many are multi-sport athletes.

As the only Pee Wee Development team in Yellowknife, they play in the Bantam Division of the YKMHA. Last year's team represented Yellowknife at a variety of southern tournaments, where they placed 1st in the Camrose Pee Wee A and the Richmond Classic Pee Wee AA tournaments.

In last year's Coca Cola Classic Tournament not only were they D Division Champs, but they were also named Most Sportsmanlike team when they joined forces and swapped jerseys to allow the California Wave an opportunity to play in their final game. This year's group of kids are the most genuinely kind, hard-working kids you will ever meet. Under the direction of head coach Darren Wicks, they are role models both on and off the ice.

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# HISTORY OF TROPHIES



## "A" DIVISION TROPHY - AMY MYLES TROPHY

Best known for her untiring work with the Vernon & District Minor Hockey Association, Mrs. Myles was a familiar figure around the arena for over 15 years. She was one of the first mothers to start the "Mothers' Auxiliary to Minor Hockey". In April 1965, Minor Hockey said "thank you" to Mrs. Myles by presenting her with a Life Membership in the association. In 1968 the CAHA presented her with a Scroll of Merit in recognition of her outstanding service and dedication to hockey and to the physical and mental development of young Canadians.

Born in Ontario, she moved to Vernon with her husband Dan after the Second World War. She is survived by her husband Dan and one son and daughter.

Amy Myles was a true and great friend to all who knew her.



## "B" DIVISION TROPHY - ALEX KULY TROPHY

Born and raised in Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, Alex Kuly played some of his Junior Hockey with Portage La Prairie Terriers. He then moved to the Flin Flon Bombers defence.

During the war he served in the Air Force as a physical education instructor and later returned to play defence for the Flin Flon Bombers. He moved to play defence for Kamloops, and to Vernon where he coached for one season.

He was the head referee for the Okanagan Mainline Minor Hockey Association until he was transferred to Quesnel as the Forest Ranger.

While in Quesnel he coached the Quesnel Kangaroos. He returned to Vernon in 1961 where he was a strong supporter of Minor Hockey.



## "C" DIVISION TROPHY - MICKEY MCMAHON TROPHY

Born in Nelson, raised in Revelstoke, Mickey McMahon came to Vernon in 1951, where he was employed as a Telegrapher for the CPR.

His avid interest in sports and a love of hockey, along with his enthusiasm for the younger players started his involvement with Minor Hockey in 1968. He managed the pup division and Pee Wee rep teams. Along with coach Walt Trentini, he took the team to win the "A" Division in 1973 and "B" Division in 1974.

Mickey held various positions in Minor Hockey including President, 1975-76. He was presented with a Scroll of Merit in 1972 by the Canadian Legion for his contribution to Minor Hockey. In 1977 he was honoured by the Mother's Auxiliary and was also presented with a Life Membership in the Vernon Minor Hockey Association. He is survived by his wife, one son and a daughter.



## "D" DIVISION TROPHY - MICKEY OGASAWARA TROPHY

Michael Barton "Mickey" Ogasawara was born in Vernon July 22, 1936. Mickey started playing hockey as a Pee Wee, then played with the bantam and midget rep teams who won valley titles.

In 1952, he helped the Vernon Juveniles Hockey Club to win the B.C. Championship in Trail. In 1953, he played for the Juvenile Lacrosse team, coached by the late Ben Douglas and they won the B.C. Juvenile Championship, defeating New Westminster at the coast. In 1954, he was catcher for Nick's Aces softball team (fastpitch) and won the B.C. Senior "B" Championship in Aldergrove. In 1956, the Vernon Junior Hockey team won the B.C. Championship in Victoria with Mickey as a team member. He was head referee for the North Okanagan Hockey League and in the summer he umpired senior baseball games throughout the valley. His two daughters are carrying on his athletic traditions. Mickey passed away October 18, 1981.



## DAN OXNARD TROPHY - MOST SPORTSMANLIKE TEAM

Dan Oxnard was born in Lytton, B.C. August 1944 and moved to Vernon in 1966. He was a professional firefighter for the Vernon Fire Department for 28 years. Dan gave a great deal of his time off helping raise money for Muscular Dystrophy and the B.C. Burn Unit. He got involved in Minor Hockey in 1975 where he spent 12 years coaching, managing teams or holding down executive positions as Director, Vice President and President.

If there was a job to be done Dan was always there to help. Dan joined the Pee Wee Hockey tournament committee in 1985, spending the next 8 years making it the success it is today.

Dan died in a skiing accident in January 1995. Dan is survived by his wife Darlene, daughter Tanis and son Dano. He is missed by all who knew him.



## ERNIE KOWAL TROPHY - COACH'S AWARD

Ernie Kowal was active in Junior A and minor hockey in Vernon since moving to the city in 1958. 'Esso Ernie' served as a coach, manager, vice-president and president in the Vernon Minor Hockey Association and was an owner with the Vernon Essos of the B.C. Junior Hockey League.

A volunteer firefighter and former member of the RCMP Auxiliary force, Ernie died December 12, 1997 at the age of 63. He is survived by his wife Viv, son Tom (now an NHL referee) and daughter Sue. Ernie and his brother-in-law, Vern Dye, ran the Junior A franchise in Vernon for more than 20 years and the two men used their own vehicles to transport players on road trips.

Ernie coached the juvenile Reps in 1983 and made national headlines with a no swearing policy on the team. He was named provincial coach-of-the-year in 1985 after he and Tom led the Vernon Atom Reps to the Okanagan title.



## RIENIE HOLLAND TROPHY - VOLUNTEER AWARD

Rienie joined the committee three years after the tournament began. He serviced as the ice ambassador for minor hockey, was a division manager as well as serving on the executive board. He was also a fixture in the scorekeeper's box at the old Vernon Civic Arena during Vernon Lakers' games.

He was involved with minor Baseball and served as a umpire and division manager.

Rienie's oldest son, Ken, is the general manager of the NHL's Edmonton Oilers and is one of the most successful general managers in league history winning the Stanley Cup four times with the Detroit Red Wings. Rienie's youngest son Dennis, is an NHL scout for the Dallas Stars. In the 1978 NHL Entry Draft, Dennis was drafted by the Detroit Red Wings in round 3 #52 overall.

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## ERNIE KOWAL MEMORIAL AWARD



Committee members John Doorman (left), Keith Green and Sue Morin (Ernie Kowal's Daughter), present Head coach Paul Pulver of the Vancouver Thunderbirds the Ernie Kowal Memorial Trophy as Top Coach of the tournament.

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(From top left to right) Committee member Jaron Chasca gives Charlie Swartz of the Vernon Mustangs, Brady Andrews of the California Wave, Matthew Wickens of the Port Moody Panthers and Louie Sim of the Vancouver Thunderbirds Composite Sticks, compliments of Mike Melbourne - Owner of Sun Valley Source for Sports and long time supporter of the tournament.



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## DAN OXNARD MEMORIAL AWARD



Committee members Keith Green (Left) and Jaron Chasca congratulate Ethan Carr of the Yellowknife Wolfpack for being the recipients of the Dan Oxnard Trophy (Most Sportsmanlike Team).



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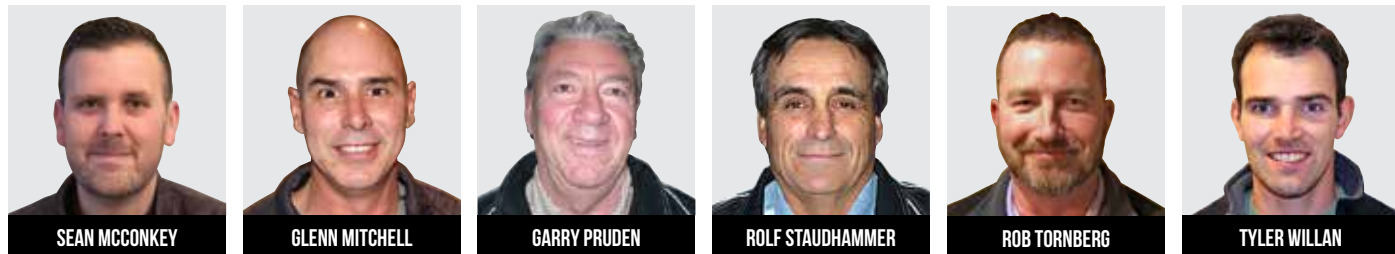
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# HISTORY OF THE PEE WEE COCA-COLA CLASSIC TOURNAMENT



## A EVENT FINAL

- |                                      |  |                                       |                                      |
|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1972 Saanich 9 - Hollyburn 3         | 1984 Cowichan 5 - Kamloops 1           | 1996 Cranbrook 6 - Semiahmoo 3        | 2008 Vernon 6 - Swift Current 0      |
| 1973 Vernon 4 - Saanich 2            | 1985 Cowichan 3 - Red Deer 2 (OT)      | 1997 Prince George 4 - Cranbrook 1    | 2009 Calgary 9 - Burnaby 8           |
| 1974 Fort St. John 10 - Lethbridge 4 | 1986 Cowichan 8 - Fort Sask. 5         | 1998 Semiahmoo 3 - Winnipeg 2 (OT)    | 2010 Kent Valley 6 - Edmonton 5 (OT) |
| 1975 Port Alberni 13 - Vernon 4      | 1987 Winnipeg 11 - Richmond 2          | 1999 Edmonton 5 - Penticton 1         | 2011 St. Albert 8 - Simons Valley 5  |
| 1976 Red Deer 6 - Seattle 3          | 1988 Winnipeg 9 - Kamloops 8 (OT)      | 2000 Kamloops 7 - St. Albert 6        | 2012 Vancouver 6 - Edmonton 3        |
| 1977 Swift Current 7 - Coquitlam 5   | 1989 Sherwood Park 3 - Winnipeg 2 (OT) | 2001 Barrie 5 - Edmonton 1            | 2013 Springbank 1 - Vancouver 0      |
| 1978 North Shore 10 - Vernon 4       | 1990 Winnipeg 6 - Cowichan 5 (OT)      | 2002 Port Coquitlam 4 - Barrie 3 (OT) | 2014 Calgary 3 - Warman 2            |
| 1979 North Shore 10 - Vernon 4       | 1991 Winnipeg 9 - Vernon 4             | 2003 Burnaby 8 - Prince George 3      | 2015 Seafair 10 - Langley 0          |
| 1980 Vernon 6 - St. Albert 3         | 1992 Kamloops 12 - South Delta 3       | 2004 Nanaimo 6 - Prince George 4      | 2016 Vernon 5 - Idaho 3              |
| 1981 Richmond 8 - Nanaimo 4          | 1993 Vernon 6 - Prince George 3        | 2005 Prince George 5 - Abbotsford 2   | 2017 Vernon 4 - Chilliwack 1         |
| 1982 Richmond 6 - Kamloops 5         | 1994 Edmonton 6 - Trail 1              | 2006 Vernon 6 - Fairbanks 5 (2 OT)    | 2018 Vernon 9 - Yellowknife 5        |
| 1983 Fort Sask. 6 - Richmond 5 (OT)  | 1995 Edmonton 5 - Cowichan 4           | 2007 Vernon 5 - Calgary 3             | 2019 Port Moody 7 - Vancouver 9      |

## B EVENT FINAL

- |  |                                   |                                     |                                      |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1972 Quesnel 4 - Penticton 3           | 1984 Vernon 9 - Nanaimo 8         | 1996 Lambton 10 - Vernon 1          | 2008 Edmonton 4 - Richmond Hill 3    |
| 1973 Riley Park 6 - Jasper 1           | 1985 North Delta 3 - Winnipeg 1   | 1997 Coquitlam 5 - Cowichan 3       | 2009 Abbotsford 10 - Prince George 0 |
| 1974 Vernon 3 - Kamloops 1             | 1986 Prince George 8 - Winnipeg 7 | 1998 Kamloops 5 - Surrey 3          | 2010 Vernon 3 - Prince George 1      |
| 1975 Coquitlam 13 - Fort St. John 5    | 1987 Coquitlam 7 - Seattle 1      | 1999 Edmonton 13 - Vancouver 5      | 2011 Surrey 5 - Vernon 2             |
| 1976 Port Alberni 6 - Vernon 4         | 1988 Vernon 12 - Victoria 4       | 2000 Barrie 10 - Vernon 3           | 2012 South Delta 3 - Bow Valley 2    |
| 1977 Fort St. John 5 - Red Deer 4      | 1989 Winnipeg 6 - Burbaby 5 (OT)  | 2001 Vernon 5 - Cowichan 4          | 2013 Vernon 5 - Nanaimo 2            |
| 1978 Red Deer 6 - Swift Current 2      | 1990 Sherwood Park 10 - Vernon 1  | 2002 Edmonton 5 - Kamloops 4        | 2014 Edmonton 7 - Vernon 3           |
| 1979 Saskatoon 8 - Brandon 3           | 1991 Cowichan 9 - Victoria 7      | 2003 St. Albert 4 - Richmond 3 (OT) | 2015 Chilliwack 7 - Kelowna 6        |
| 1980 Terrace 7 - North Shore 4         | 1992 Victoria 10 - North Delta 3  | 2004 Cranbrook 7 - Saanich 4        | 2016 Alaska 7 - St. Albert 4         |
| 1981 Vernon 5 - Prince George 3        | 1993 Nanaimo 6 - Cowichan 3       | 2005 Fairbanks 5 - Anchorage 3      | 2017 West Kootenay 8 - Seafair 3     |
| 1982 Prince George 5 - Sherwood Park 3 | 1994 Edmonton 7 - Vernon 6 (OT)   | 2006 Hollyburn 3 - Abbotsford 2     | 2018 Coquitlam 6 - South Delta 8     |
| 1983 St. Boniface 12 - Trail 2         | 1995 Coquitlam 13 - Nanaimo 8     | 2007 Victoria 5 - Sherwood Park 4   | 2019 Edmonton 3 - Los Angeles 6      |

## C EVENT FINAL

- |                                   |                                  |                                |                               |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2009 Edmonton 5 - Seattle 2       | 2012 Seattle 3 - Juan De Fuca 6  | 2015 Vernon 6 - Bow Valley 4   | 2018 San Diego 2 - Edmonton 3 |
| 2010 Spokane 2 - Calgary 9        | 2013 Seera 3 - Hollyburn 2       | 2016 Nelson 4 - Dawson Creek 3 | 2019 St. Albert 17 - Vernon 3 |
| 2011 Spokane 3 - Campbell River 2 | 2014 Nanaimo 3 - Prince George 2 | 2017 Cochrane 2 - California 6 |                               |

## D EVENT FINAL

- |  |                               |                                   |                                   |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2009 Nanaimo 7 - Vernon 1                  | 2012 Vernon 8 - Spokane 4     | 2015 Seattle 1 - Spokane 12       | 2018 Sherwood Park 2 - Calgary 7  |
| 2010 Chilliwack 4 - Cowichan Valley 5 (OT) | 2013 Southland 8 - Spokane 2  | 2016 Fort St. John 4 - Glenlake 5 | 2019 Yellowknife 4 - California 2 |
| 2011 Juan De Fuca 7 - Anchorage 1          | 2014 Seattle 4 - Strathcona 5 | 2017 Montana 2 - Sherwood Park 4  |                                   |



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## 2019 D DIVISION - CLASSIC CREATES CROSS-BORDER FRIENDSHIPS

BY ROGER KNOX

AS WRITTEN IN THE VERNON MORNING STAR

Brayden Hickling had no problem being part of an impromptu North American Free Trade Agreement Sunday morning in Vernon.

Hickling, a 12-year-old forward with the California Wave pee wee hockey team, in the North Okanagan for the 48th annual Vernon Winter Carnival Coca Cola Classic Pee Wee Hockey tournament, was dealt by the Wave, along with two teammates, including a goalie, to Canada's Yellowknife Wolfpack right before the D Event battle for the Mickey Ogasawara Trophy.

Why? A scheduling snafu, as explained by Wave coach Trevor Wada.

"Back home, the California Amateur Hockey Association basically forced us to play in a game that was not scheduled when we were accepted for the Vernon tournament," said Wada. "We weren't allowed to forfeit the game, so we had to send seven kids and a goalie back and leave seven here. We weren't able to reschedule the game."

The Wave had played four games before their players (and their families) had to return to California, leaving them with just eight players for the D final.

The Wolfpack, who lost last year's A Event Amy Myles Trophy final to the host Watkin Motors Mustangs, said, "No problem. We'll play a fun game."

Hence the trading of players. There was the white-jerseyed Wolfpack, with the Wave additions, wearing Yellowknife jerseys but California team socks, playing the dark-jerseyed Wave, with Yellowknife additions wearing their road jerseys.



"It was awesome to meet all of those (Yellowknife) kids. They're really nice," said a beaming Hickling, from Anaheim, Cal., post-shower. "They were all welcoming. It was amazing."

And speaking of amazing, that was the exact word Hickling's Wave teammate Matt Duggan used to describe a team outing while in Vernon: a little shinny on the outdoor rink at the Vernon Recreation Centre. Something that's pretty much impossible to do in Southern California.

"That was pretty awesome. It was snowing, cold, just amazing," said Duggan, who's been to Canada once before with his dad to visit the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto. The closest thing the Wave have to outdoor shinny is a roller hockey rink by the beach.

"I didn't want to come off (at the outdoor rink). We were there for almost three hours," added Hickling, who has been to the Okanagan before, taking part in the Okanagan Hockey School in Penticton in the summer. "My face

was freakin' frozen. I couldn't feel my face. But it was so awesome."

(California Wave, from near Orange County, Cal., skate at Vernon's Centennial Outdoor Rink - video courtesy of Kristina Duggan)

So, in what turned out to be the fun D Event final Sunday at Kal Tire Place North Arena, the newly named California Moosemeat defeated the Yellowknife Surfers 7-5.

There were smiles, hugs and handshakes everywhere as both teams gathered for a group picture.

The Wolfpack, really, are the tournament's (and possibly pee wee hockey) goodwill ambassadors. A year ago at the Classic, they became fast friends with another California visiting team, the San Diego Saints.

"We developed a really good friendship with the team last year and, in the spirit of friendship and hockey, we invited them up to Yellowknife last March," said Wolfpack team manager Sarah Dennis.

"We did a whole bunch of different activities with them from dog sledding to ice fishing, snowmobiling, a night of traditional games, took them out to see the Aurora Village (viewing the Northern Lights), then we had some exhibition games, about four of them, between Yellowknife and San Diego. At the last game we mixed up the teams similar to what happened here today."

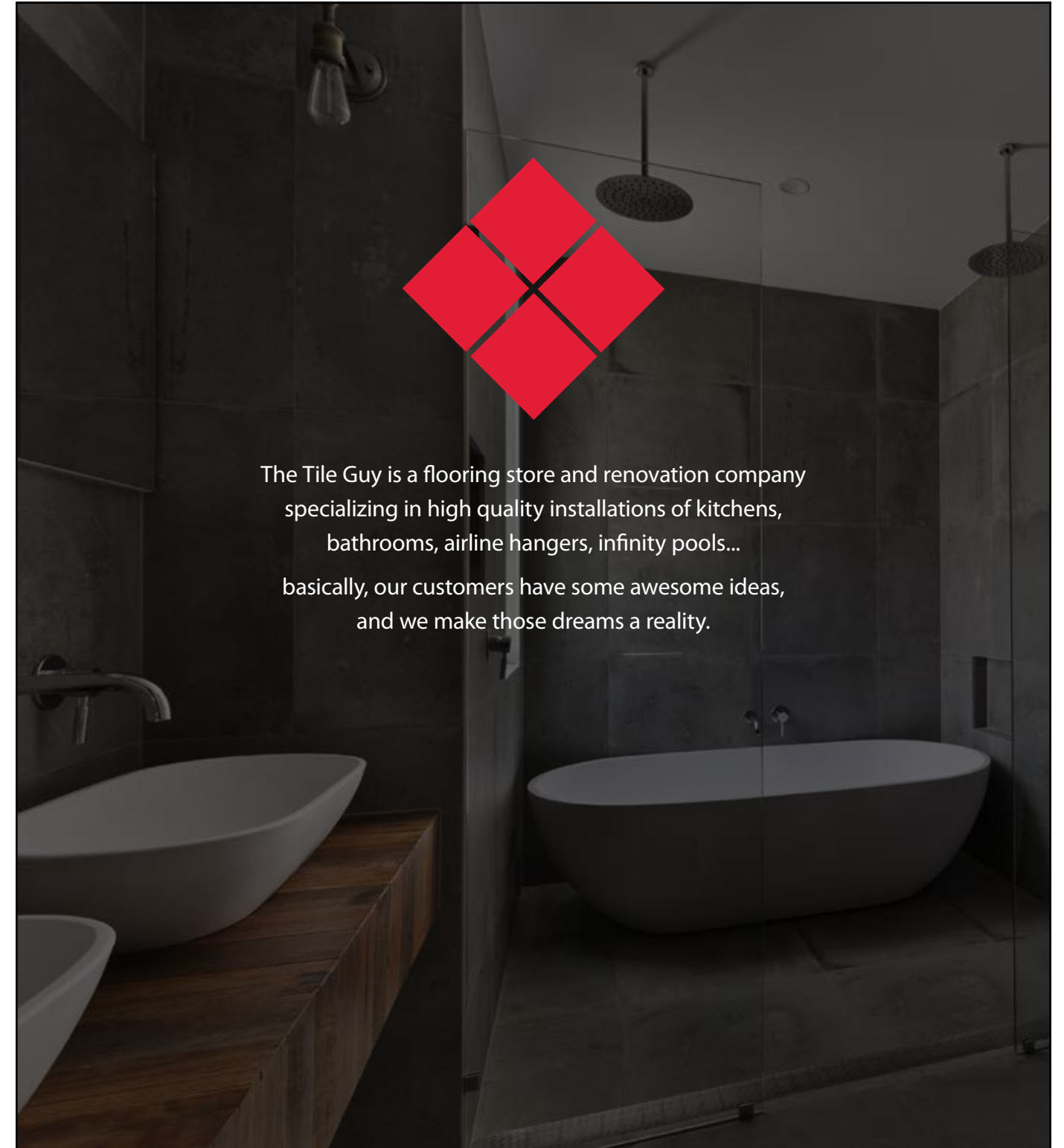
For Wada, attending his second Coca Cola Classic, Sunday's experience just adds to why the Vernon tournament is one of his favourites.

"It's one of the greatest tournaments I've ever been to, playing, coaching, it doesn't matter," he said. "It's such a well-run tournament. The committee's great. The town is great. I want to come back for a vacation here in the summer."

The Wolfpack, at the conclusion of the tournament, were awarded the Dan Oxnard Memorial Trophy as the tournament's most sportsmanlike team.

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# 2019 C & B DIVISION CUP PRESENTATIONS



Committee members Jay Inglis (left) and Trevor Keenan present St. Albert Star's captain Owen Prohar the Mickey McMahon trophy after winning the 48<sup>th</sup> "C" Final over the Vernon Mustangs.



Committee members Jay Inglis (left) and Murray Cayton present Los Angeles Kings's Trevor Fessenden the Alex Kuly trophy after winning the 48<sup>th</sup> "B" Event Final over the Edmonton Canadians.

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## 2019 A DIVISION CUP PRESENTATION



Committee members Rob Tornberg (left) and Tyler Willan present the Amy Myles "A" division trophy to Vancouver's Thunderbird's William McIsaac at the 48<sup>th</sup> annual Coca Cola Classic.



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Vernon Winter Carnival Coca Cola Classic Pee Wee Hockey Tournament director Jaron Chasca (left) presents \$1,000 from the 2019 tournament to Greater Vernon KidSport funding allocator Becky Birbilis. (Roger Knox - Morning Star)



Committee Member Sean Matile (right) presents a cheque from the 2019 tournament to Cops For Kids, graciously accepted by Const. Kelly Brett (left) and Courtney King with Cops For Kids. (Roger Knox - Morning Star)



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