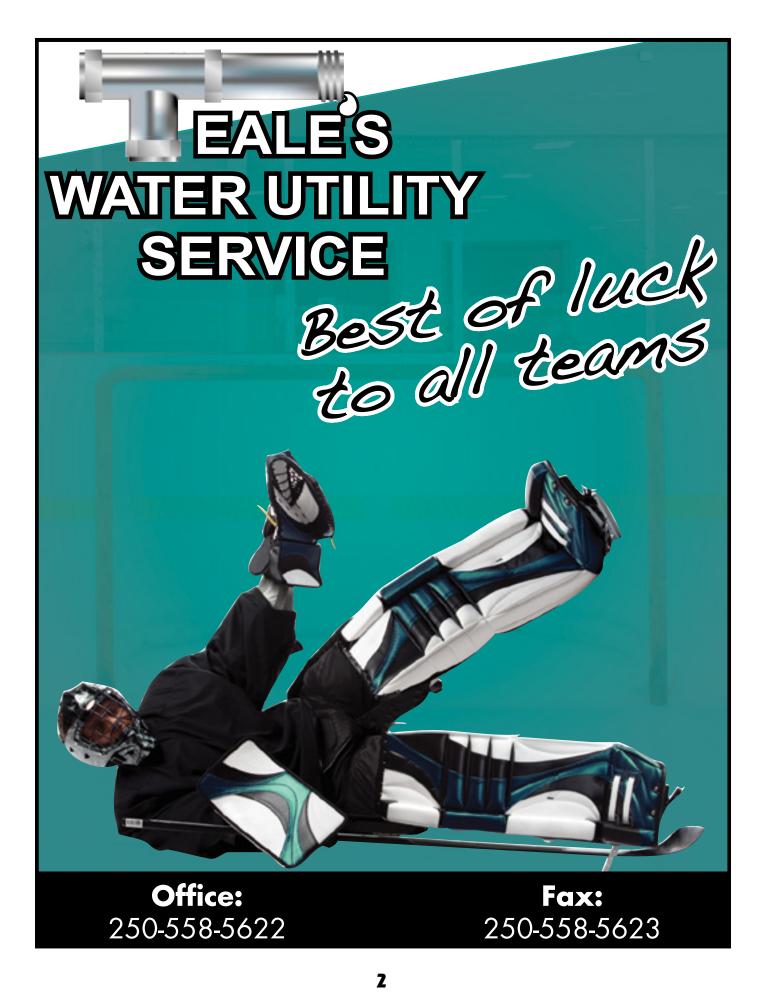


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## **Hockey still the law for Arkell**

By Kevin Mitchell Vernon Morning Star

He played junior A and college hockey, but Tom Arkell's sports memory bank has a special place for his days as captain of the Watkin Motors Pee Wee Mustangs.

"One of the highlights of my hockey career was carrying the Canadian flag as captain during the opening ceremony of the Winter Carnival tournament," said Arkell.

The towering winger/defenceman translated a successful hockey career into a law practice in Bloomington, III. Arkell's Christmas break included a seat at the Champs Sports Bowl game in Orlando with his alma mater Notre Dame Fighting Irish battling the Florida State Seminoles.

He attended some Notre Dame Monogram Club meetings with a few former NFL and NBA players, leaving the board room "still feeling like a kid from Vernon, which will always be home."

The 41-year-old father of three volunteers as a youth travel hockey coach and is on the board of directors of a youth hockey association.

After graduating in 1994, Arkell earned his law degree from Notre Dame in 1997. His father, Ken, who played 20 games as a 6-foot-8 linebacker with the B.C. Lions in 1956-57, is a retired Supreme Court Judge, while his older brother Jim, a former litigation attorney in Texas, is now a professor of law in China. Tom has two sisters, Karyn and Kathryn.

Arkell first learned how to juggle books and hockey with the Nanaimo Clippers of the then B.C. Junior Hockey League.

"It was pretty dirty back then," laughed Arkell, who earned rookie of the year. "I went to Nanaimo because I played (for Vernon) against a team



coached by Bill Bestwick at the North Shore Winter Club and fortunately I played well enough to make the all star team.

"Junior hockey forced me to become much tougher both physically and mentally. The entire team slept on an old school bus at the ferry terminal after road games on the mainland. We were not coddled like many players are todav.

"The junior game was very physical in the late '80s. My dad taught me how to box at a young age so I knew how to fight and ended up with over 250 PIMs in junior, but I started to spend too much time worrving about fighting and not enough time concentrating on skills."

He was a defenceman from '90-94 at Notre Dame and became the firstever monogram winner from B.C. after earning a letter his freshman season. He received the team's academic excellence award for the 1992-93 season the same season the team traveled to Switzerland.

Aside from rehab time with some major injuries, Arkell learned many wise lessons at Notre Dame.

"NCAA hockey taught me the importance of discipline and time management. The training and travel schedule was rigorous and you had to use your time wisely to study and train. It also taught me the importance of having an education because I was injured often and realized my hockey career was going nowhere if I could not stay healthy for any extended period of time."

As a coach, Arkell definitely uses philosophies he picked up along his hockey journey.

"I believe in hard work, the importance of team work and discipline. I focus on skating and skill development. I also incorporate something fun in every practice because the game has to be fun for the kids. You want to keep them coming to the rink."





**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** On behalf of the Greater Vernon Minor Hockey

Association Executive, staff, volunteers and

members, I would like to welcome all the players, coaches and families to the 41<sup>st</sup> Pee Wee Tier 1

Everyone has been looking forward to this year's tournament. Some of the best hockey

memories for our players and coaches are

annual tournaments like this. Being surrounded by friends and teammates, and the feeling of belonging to something bigger is what it is all about. I am happy to be a part of the

As an Association, we embrace the philosophy of "Team First", which reminds us all to respect

the other team, the officials, the other fans and



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



volunteers. Experience has shown us, that this tournament brings out both local and visiting hockey fans from all over for the best Pee Wee hockey around. Best of Luck to all the teams! Robert Kehler

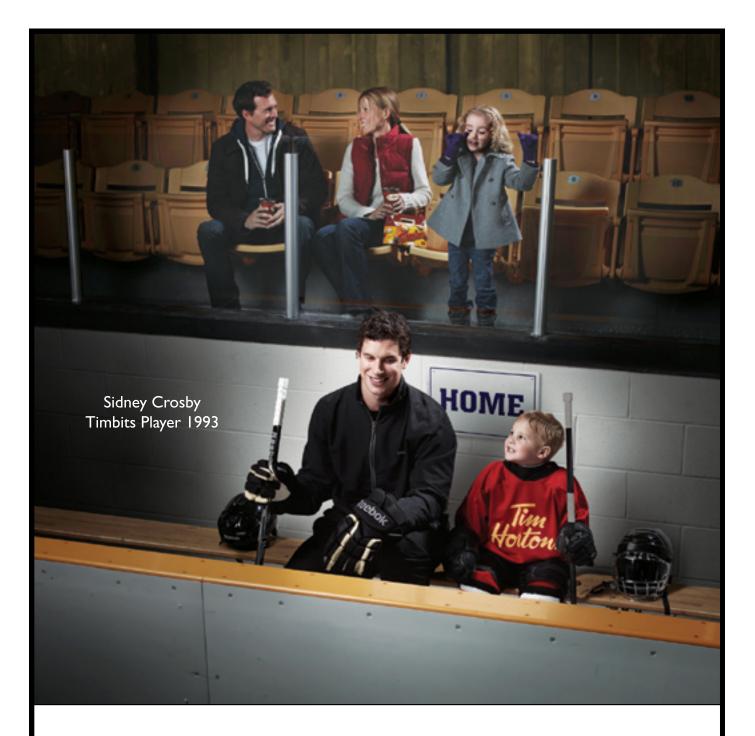
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The Vernon Mustangs celebrate a goal while Anchorage North Stars netminder Ronan Klancher tries to keep the puck on the other side of the line during the 2011 Coca-Cola Classic Pee Wee Hockey Tournament.





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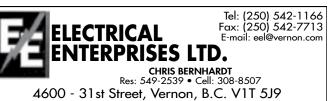
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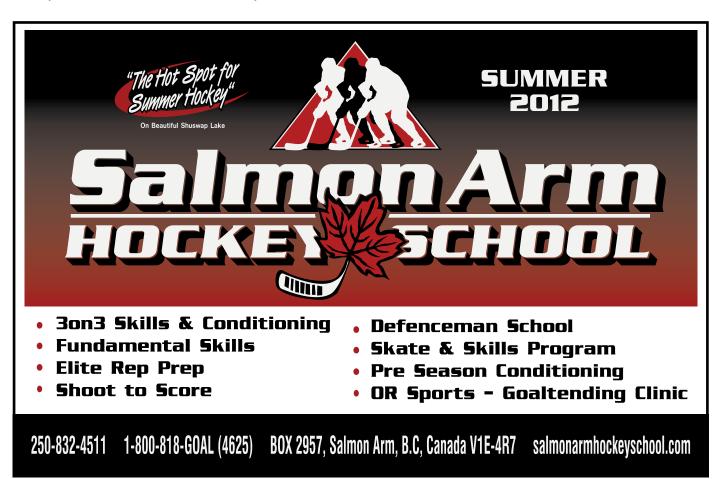
Vernon Mustangs' Jagger Williamson and Juan de Fuca Grizzlies' Cam Coutre take the opening faceoff from Queen Silver Star Aksana Skrinnikoff (right) and Princess Silver Star Kaitlyn Chirkoff during the opening ceremonies for the 40th Annual Coca-Cola Classic Pee Wee Invitational Hockey Tournament at the Civic Arena.







St. Albert Sabres assistant captains Sean Richards and Josh Mahura (right) hoist the championship trophy after winning the 40th annual Coca-Cola Invitational Pee Wee Hockey Tournament over the Simons Valley Rebels.





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### **VERNON WATKIN MOTORS MUSTANGS**



Front Row (L-R): #18 Samuel Eggert, #30 Shane Meadahl, #19 Connor Johnston "A", #11 Matthew Kowalski "A", #17 Austin Caldwell "A", #35 Connor Webb, #8 Dean Whitcomb.

Middle Row (L-R): Scott Kowalski (Asst. Coach), #12 Grady Caton, #14 Levi Danbrook, #9 Riley Swiscoski, Jason Danbrook (Head Coach), #15 Reed Cashato "C", #4 Brady Marzocco, #6 Jason Shaigec.

**Back Row** (L-R): #2 Powell Connor, #3 Owen Beliveau, #5 Ethan King, #7 Dylan Sedlacek, #10 Reece Schroeder, [Not Pictured, Murray Caton (Asst. Coach), Prentice Swiscoski (Goalie Coach)].

The Watkin Motors Pee Wee Mustangs play out of the Greater Vernon Minor Hockey Association. The GVMHA is one of the smallest Tier 1 associations in B.C by registration numbers. The Mustangs play in the OMAHA Tier 1 division with top ranked teams Kelowna and Kamloops, and a strong team from Prince George.

The team is made up of 15 players born in 1999, 2 of which are returning from last season, and 3 players born in 2000. The Mustangs have good team speed, and exceptional goaltending. The boys are a committed and hard working group that have been exposed to a variety of training methods with the goal of "getting better everyday."

The Mustangs have worked hard to close the gap between themselves and their league opponents. Vernon has managed to tie the No. 2 ranked in BC, Kelowna, and have had 1 goal games with No. 5 ranked in BC, Kamloops. Vernon has also split the last 4 games with Prince George. The boys had success up north, winning the tournament in Williams Lake, and making it to the A final game in Prince George by beating highly ranked Seafair from Richmond.



#### **BOW VALLEY FLAMES**



Front Row (L-R): #31 Logan Dyck, #19 Dylan Anhorn "C", #11 Scott McKenzie, #20 Maximus Giangualano, #10 Ryan Crisalli, #2 Jakob Jefferies, #13 Cameron Braun "A", #1 Nick Ewanchuk.
 Back Row (L-R): #6 Tyler Witzke "A", #8 Andrew Viggars, #4 Noah Smith "A", #14 Zachary Anderson, #9 Jordan Hirsch, #15 Jarrod Gourley "C', #12 Jeremy Brigham , #18 Carter Coles [Not Pictured, #17 Thomas Holowatuk, Terry Braun (Head Coach), Edwin Ewanchuk (Asst. Coach), Scott Witzke (Asst. Coach), Kathie Anhorn & Cindy Crisalli (Managers)].

The Bow Valley Flames play in Division 1 of the Calgary Minor Hockey Association. There are 11 teams in Division 1 in Calgary. Our team, which is comprised of 12 second-year players and five first-year players, is currently in second place. The Flames have participated in three tournaments during the 2011-12 season to date. During the Christmas holidays, our team hosted the Blackfoot Chiefs, Wheatland Braves and Shaw Meadows Storm at Bow Valley's annual "Christmas in the Valley" tournament. The team went undefeated in the round robin portion of the tournament and capped it off with an exciting victory over the rival Chiefs. The team's coaching staff is focussed on continuous development throughout the season, and expects to compete for the city championship in March 2012. They are developing a hard-working team where every player contributes to team success.



#### EDMONTON NWZ RAIDERS



Front Row (L-R): #31 Jack Holan, #1 Ricky Mallet.

Middle Row (L-R): #5 Joshua Bell, #22 Mitchell Babbik, #2 Brett Gammer, #8 Trey Fix-Wolansky, #19 Ryan Hughes, #16 Ethan Beattie. Back Row (L-R): Dallas Wolansky (Asst. Coach), #12 Reid Parker, #9 Anthony Cuglietta, #18 Briar Whyte, Wayne Troock (Head Coach), #11 Troy Dudley, #6 Ryley Appelt, #4 Liam Kelly, #21 Nathan Lefebvre, #7 Izaak Fersovich, Derek Troock (Asst. Coach).

We are the NWZ Raiders and we play in Edmonton Minor Hockey Association in the Tier 1 Division. We represent the North West Zone of Edmonton which consists of players from the west and northwest part of Edmonton. The League consists of 11 Pee Wee tier 1 teams and we have a overall league record of 11 wins and 4 losses.

The team has a good mix of second-year and first-year players with 12 second years and four first years. The coaching staff is led by Wayne Troock along with assistants Dallas Wolansky, Derek Troock, and Kelly Rissling. The staff brings along a lot of experience and a wealth of knowledge to the team and has instilled and demanded strong team play along with a strong work ethic.

This team is built around speed, skill, and transition but never gets too far away from taking care of their own end first.



#### **JUAN DE FUCA GRIZZLIES**



Front Row (L-R): #33 Bryce Schiebel, #1 Jordan Smith. Middle Row (L-R): #44 Jared Rossander, #8 Drew Coughlin, #17 Zach Piercey, #7 Lach Hadley, #5 Mattson Haggard, #87 Connor Nawosad, #6 Keegan Durrance, #9 Brady Lynn. Back Row (L-R): Bill Sidaway (Head Coach), #27 Caleb Kueber, #77 Tanner Sidaway, #16 Tyler Preziuso, #89 Brayden Noullette, #18 Sam Bradshaw, #10 Deaglan Jakob, #21 Jordan Guiney, Chris Kueber. (Asst. Coach).

Our regular season just ended and we finished atop the standings with 12 wins and 0 losses with 87GF and 18GA. We have travelled to 3 tournaments this season, finishing 4th at Burnaby Winter Club, 7th in Langley, and 1st at the Chilliwack tournament over the Christmas break. The team is focused on having a great showing in Vernon and looking forward to the entire Coca-Cola Winter Classic experience. We found out that one of our goalies (Bryce Schiebel's) father Brian won this tournament 3 years in a row with Cowichan in 1984-1986, and he is hoping to follow in his father's footsteps at the tournament.



Game	Time	Day	Division	Home	Visitor	Score	
1	8:00 AM	Thur	СС	Vancouver	Vernon		
2	10:15 AM	Thur	CC	Spokane	Edmonton		
3	12:30 PM	Thur	SV	Bow Valley	Juan De Fuca		
4	2:45 PM	Thur	SV	South Delta	Seattle		

#### 5:30pm THURSDAY OPENING CEREMONIES

Game	Time	Day	Division	Home	Visitor	Score
5	6:00 PM	Thur	СС	Vernon	Spokane	
6	8:00 PM	Thur	CC	Edmonton	Vancouver	
7	8:00 AM	Fri	SV	Seattle	Bow Valley	
8	10:15 AM	Fri	SV	Juan De Fuca	South Delta	
9	12:30 PM	Fri	СС	Spokane	Vancouver	
10	3:00 PM	Fri	CC	Vernon	Edmonton	
11	5:30 PM	Fri	SV	Juan De Fuca	Seattle	
12	8:00 PM	Fri	SV	South Delta	Bow Valley	



(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

Vernon Watkin Motors Mustangs Spokane Jr. Chiefs

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Bow Valley Flames Juan De Fuca Grizzlies Seattle Sno Kings South Delta Storm

#### **STANDINGS**

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## Sasha (Flash) Kuzmicz Position: Centre Seasons played: 2 Season High: 5 goals, 7 assists Long-term goal: To tie his own skates Short-term goal: to find a straw

	PLAYOFF FORMAT						
GAME	TIME	DAY	НОМЕ	VS	VISITOR	SCO	DRE
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		
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18	12:30 PM	Sun	Winners of Games #13 and #14				
			"B" EVENT	F	INAL		
19	3:15 PM	Sun	Losers of G	am	es #15 and #16		
			"A" EVENT	F	INAL		
20	5:30 PM	Sun	Winners of	Gan	nes #15 and #16		
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#### **SEATTLE SNO KINGS**



Front Row (L-R): #35 Ben Colvin, #1 Dominik Vlaha.

Middle Row (L-R): #12 Trey Belmont, #7 Matt Houston, #9 Michael Morrison, #11 Brady Mistler, #17 Eric Possa, #2 Thomas Pollon, #20 Kieran Walton, #5 Harrison Clark.

Back Row (L-R): Buddy Bender (Coach) ,#15 Alex Leski, #4 Emily Atkins, #21 Wyatte Wylie, #16 Calen Randall, #22 Ian Doner, #19 Brendan Studioso, #14 Luke Ormsby, #8 Patrick Norman, Bryan Whelan (Coach).

Seattle has a great hockey tradition going back to 1915 with the Seattle Metropolitans - the first American team to win the Stanley Cup. Over the years the city has fielded great professional and junior teams and today are supported by the Seattle Thunderbirds and Everett Silvertips. Team Seattle is a program for Pee Wee through Midget players that provides top development and exposure for players in the Puget Sound Area.

Our team Seattle '99 Pee Wees play league games in PCHL flight 2 and boast a 14-6-4 record. This year the team placed 4th in a Super Series Tournament in the U.S. and finished as Runner up in the Abbotsford Ice Breaker Tournament.

Team Seattle is coached by Bryan Whelan. Coach Whelan brings over 15 years of coaching experience to Team Seattle. He has coached at the Bantam and Midget levels and has also participated in rookie camp activities with Everett Silvertip coaching staff. Whelan brings an impressive record of success to Team Seattle having won over 6 State and Regional championships over the years. Coach Whelan grew up and played his youth hockey in Buffalo, N.Y. Coach Whelan is joined on the bench by Rodney Clark, Chris Studioso and Buddy Bender. Clark has been behind the bench for almost 20 years with playing experience in the USHL, BCHL and 6 years with the Fresno Falcons of the ECHL, Buddy has coached for 13 years. Played at CAA hockey at University of Alaska and Atlantic Junior Hockey League - Philadelphia Jr. Flyers USHL - Waterloo Blackhawks.

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The Spokane Jr. Chiefs are part of the Spokane Americans Youth Hockey Association (SAYHA). The Jr. Chiefs are playing their league games as part of the west Kootenay Hockey League, including Castlegar, Nelson, Trail and Grand Forks. The Jr. Chiefs are also competing in the Pacific Northwest Amateur Hockey Association as a non-league team in order to qualify for the Washington State Tournament in March. The winner of that tournament will go on to the USA Hockey National Tournament the first week of April, 2012.

The Jr. Chiefs' record between league and tournaments as of Jan. 25th is 33-5-2. The team consists of 13 players born in 1999 and 4 players born in 2000. The team's record last year was 60-10-4. The plans for the team this season is to compete in the Washington State Tournament and hopefully go on to the USA Hockey National Tournament. The coaching staff is made of Nathan Pichette, head coach, Delwyn Dick, assistant coach, Mike Mitchell, assistant coach, John Gallagher, assistant coach and Steve Clark, manager.



#### SOUTH DELTA STORM



Front Row (L-R): #1 Justin Smith, #16 Noah Kelly "A", #9 Eric Bourhill "A", #2 Nicholas Watson "C", #3 Matthew Salas "A", #31 Tyler McLennan. Middle Row (L-R): Ryan Schram (Asst. Coach), #17 Brennan Gaytmenn, #11 Jordan Bogress, #8 Aiden Hansen-Bukata, #13 Zefan Pighin, #18 Jake Mallard, #10 Wyatt Elmer, Owen Pighin (Head Coach).

Back Row (L-R); #14 Nathan Kelly, #12 Ethan MacLellan, #6 Jacob Kennedy, #7 Mike Matson, #5 Vaughan Bamford, #15 Thomas Garey,

The A1 Storm proudly represents the South Delta Minor Hockey Association. We play in a 9-team league, which includes elite hockey programs like North Shore Winter Club A1 and Burnaby Winter Club A1. We had a very good showing in our first tournament (AAA Challenge) where we tied BWC A1 and had victories over Semiahmoo A1 and Seafair A1.

The 2011/12 Peewee A1 Storm consists of 15-second year and third-first year players. Our two goaltenders are both second years and are capable of stealing games for us on their own. We have 7 defencemen on our roster that move the puck very well and can play in all different situations. Up front we have three solid lines that provide us both scoring and tenacious defence that has contributed to our success on the power play and penalty kill this season. They are a fast, hard working group that play a sound team game and are very disciplined.

The Storm is coached by Owen Pighin who has over 28 years experience behind the bench from the grassroots level all the way up to provincial and national levels. Our team manager is Kellie Elmer and our team trainer is Garret Gaytmenn. The assistant coaches are Rob Bogress and Ryan Schram. Ryan played in the Winter Carnival Tournament, for the host team back in 1994. Ryan says "It's an experience like no other.

This years coaching staff has put together a well composed, hard working and entertaining hockey team that would provide great competition for any teams that have the privilege of being selected for this prestigious tournament.



#### VANCOUVER THUNDERBIRDS



Front Row (L-R): #1 Michael Davidson, #33 Matteo Paler-Chow. Middle Row (L-R): #4 Leah Bishop, #6 Liam Watson-Brawn, #11 Quinn Litherland, #14 Nicholas Varabioff, #19 Greyson Valente, #12 Ben Poisson, #9 Harrison Siemens.

Back Row (L-R): Jeremy Poirier (Head Coach), #3 Ian Walker, #8 Jamie Ambrose, #2 Cort Armstrong, #10 Tyson Lin, #5 Ante Mustapic, #7 Martin Prchal, #17 Liam Lytton, #13 Ryan Watt, Curtis Vickers (Asst. Coach).

The Vancouver Thunderbirds is the largest minor hockey association in the City of Vancouver with approximately 1000 kids playing at different levels. The 1999s and 2000s are a strong group and have played together through Atom & Pee Wee. In their first year Atom, these players won the "Gretzky Foundation" award for community excellence for the western region. At the Atom level 2 years ago, our A1 team finished 2nd in Tier 1 in the playoffs behind the Burnaby Winter Club's Atom A1 team. To start this season, we won the Burnaby Winter Club tournament beating Burnaby Winter Club 4-2 in the final. Last year our team finished middle of tier 1. Hopes for this year is to be final four in tier 1. We have 14 second-year and 3 first-year players. My coaching philosophy is to play a wide open, clean brand of hockey.



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### **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 Esso's of the B.C. Junior Hockey League.

A volunteer firefighter and former member of the RCMP Auxiliary Force, Ernie died Dec. 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.









Dan Holden of the Spokane Jr. Chiefs receives the Ernie Kowal Memorial Trophy as Top Coach of the tournament from Ben Morin. Kowal's grandson.





Simons Valley Rebels' goalie Brady Newton attempts to poke check the puck as St. Albert Sabres' Sean Richards breaks in on net during the 40th annual Coca-Cola Invitational Pee Wee Hockey Tournament at the Vernon Civic Arena.



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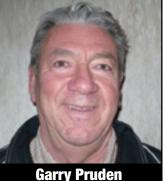


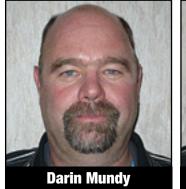


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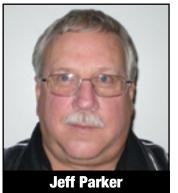
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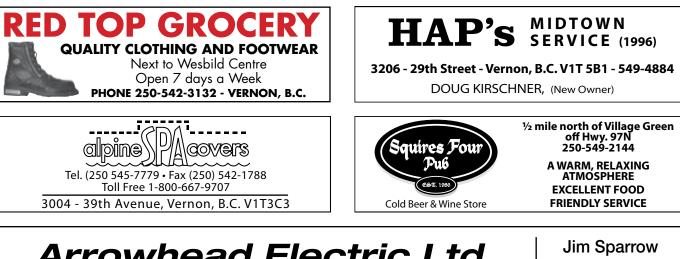






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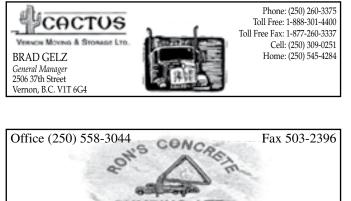


Vernon Watkin Motors Mustangs' goalies Conor Webb (left) and Shane Meadahl receive complimentary equipment bags from Coca-Cola Pee Wee Hockey Classic directors Darin Mundy (left) and Mike Kakoske in preparation of the 41st annual tournament.

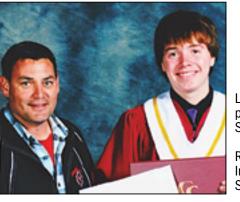
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Left: (Committee Member) Keith Green presents a bursary to Clarence Fulton Secondary Student Ward Mercer.

Right: (Committee Member) Corey Inglis presents a bursary to Kalamalka Secondary Student Hayden Grant.



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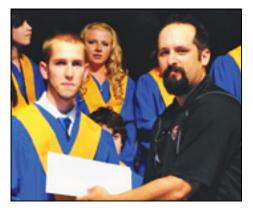
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#### **A EVENT FINAL**

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



#### **B EVENT FINAL**

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





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