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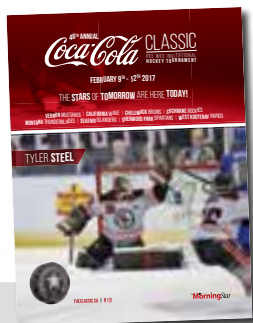
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Welcome to the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Coca-Cola Classic Invitational Pee Wee Hockey Tournament, February 9- 12, 2017.

The Organizing Committee has once again worked diligently to bring players and visitors to Vernon to participate in this fun Winter Carnival tournament. While every Winter Carnival is special, this year's event is particularly auspicious as Vernon celebrates its 125<sup>th</sup> birthday. We are pleased to have you celebrate this occasion with us.

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!

Akbal Mund  
Mayor

## 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 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Coca-Cola Classic Invitational Peewee Hockey Tournament!

This tournament has become a proud tradition in Vernon, and a highlight of the Vernon Winter Carnival. The countless hours that are dedicated by the coaches, officials, administrators and hockey moms and dads, is truly heroic. It is through world class tournaments such as this, that all your efforts are rewarded by the smiles on our kids' faces.

As an Association, we embrace the principles of Respect in Sport, which reminds us to respect our coaches, officials, volunteers and perhaps most importantly, our opponents. The history of this tournament is a proud one, and we are honoured you have chosen Vernon and the Coca-Cola Classic Peewee hockey tournament as a place to build positive memories for your team and its supporters.

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Vernon's 56<sup>th</sup> Winter Carnival Queen Silver Star Madison Catt (right) and Princess Silver Star Sneha Suniara are hands on for the official opening faceoff between Jackson Howell of the Idaho Steelheads and Jacob Boden of the Vernon Watkin Motors Mustangs at the 45<sup>th</sup> Coca-Cola Pee Wee Invitational Hockey Tournament in Civic Arena.



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The Vernon Watkin Motors Mustangs gather around the Amy Myles trophy after winning 5-3 over the Idaho Jr. Steelheads at the 45<sup>th</sup> annual Coca-Cola Invitational Pee Wee Hockey Tournament.



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PLAYER	PEE WEE TEAM	YEAR	DRAFTED BY	YEAR
Errol Rausse	Quesnel	1972	Washington	1979
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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Mike Needham.....	Ft. Sask. ....	1983.....	Pittsburgh .....	1989
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 Relly.....	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
Mathew Barzal .....	Burnaby Winter Club.....	2009.....	NY Islanders .....	2015



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PLAYER	DRAFTED BY	YEAR
Rudy Poeschek .....	New York Rangers.....	1985
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
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
Jerred Smithson.....	Free Agent NHL .....	1999
Ryan Kakoske .....	UBC CIS.....	2001
Stefan Schneider .....	Chicago Wolves AHL .....	2003
Matt Schneider .....	Calgary Flames.....	2004
Curtis Lazar .....	Ottawa Senators.....	2013
Jedd Soleway .....	Phoenix Coyotes .....	2013



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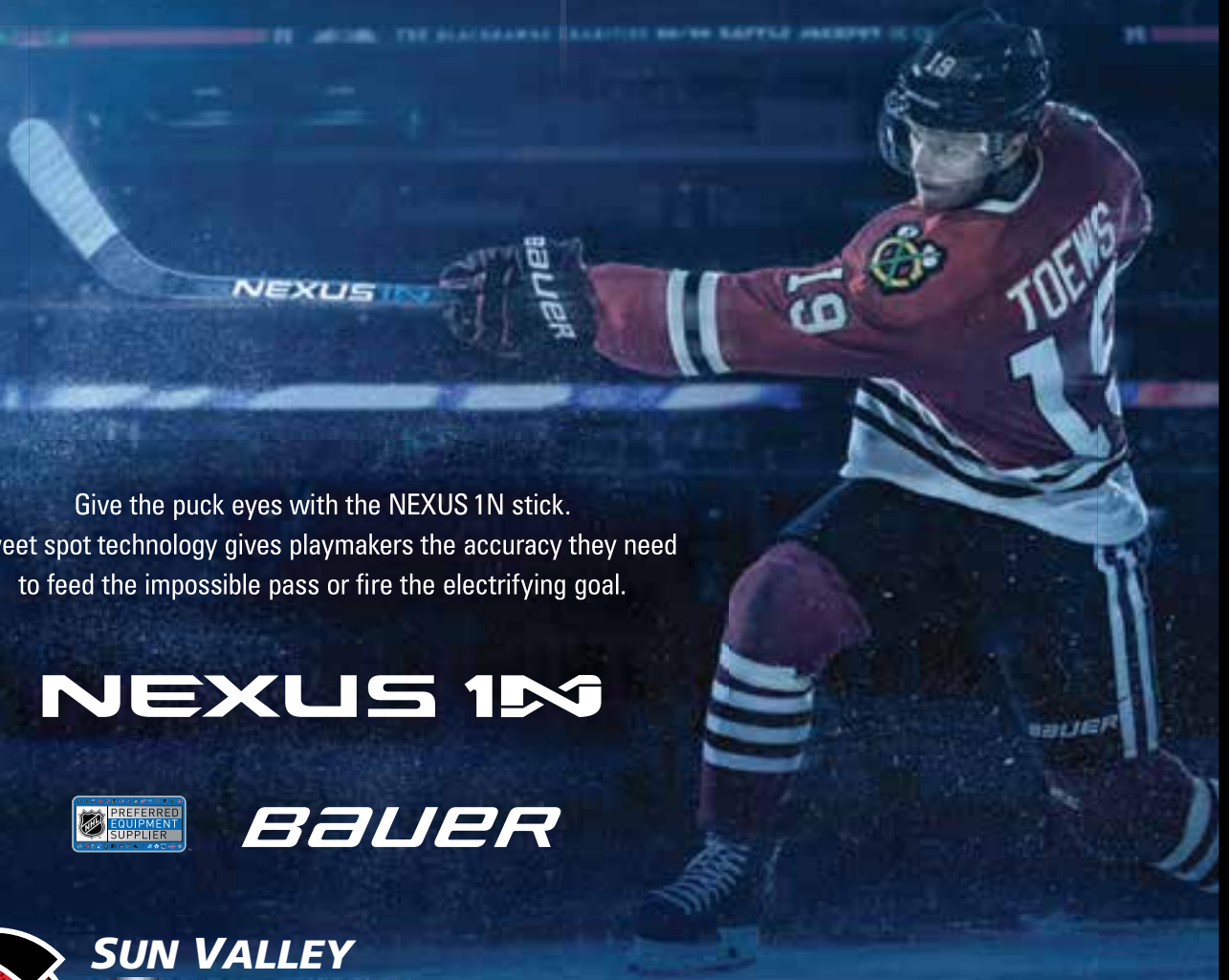
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Committee member Tyler Willan presents the Alaska Fairbanks the Alex Kuly trophy after winning the 45<sup>th</sup> "B" Event Final at the annual Coca-Cola Invitational Pee Wee Hockey Tournament over the St. Albert Sabres.

# VERNON WATKIN MOTORS MUSTANGS



**Front Row (L-R):** #35 Austin Seibel, #11 Jarred Feist, #14 Austin Roest, #8 Jace Weir, #30 Matthew Kuhnlein  
**Middle Row (L-R):** Stacy Roest (Asst. Coach), #19 Nick Noren, #17 Cash Anderson, #7 Kyle Wheeler, #4 Riley Cormier, #5 Tyler Burke, #16 Erik Pastro, Mark Pastro (Asst. Coach)  
**Back Row (L-R):** Trevor Seibel (Head Coach), #3 Cosmo Wilson, #10 Deagan McMillan, #6 Braden Schmiegelt, #15 Brock Holliday, #9 JJ Milne, Mike Weir (Asst. Coach)  
**Not Pictured:** #12 Bennett Kuhnlein

The Watkin Motors Mustangs play out of the Greater Vernon Minor Hockey Association. They are affiliated with the Okanagan Mainline Amateur Hockey Association (OMAHA) Tier 2 division along with 5 other teams. The team is comprised of nine (9) 2004 born players and (8) 2005 born players with 4 returning players from last year's Provincial Pee Wee Tier 2 Championship team. The Mustangs are 1st in league play with a record of 11 wins, 1 loss and 2 ties.

The Mustangs play an up tempo game with a focus on puck possession and passing. They compete hard every shift and have a goal of out working every team they play. The team has improved greatly in the 1st half of the season and aim to improve even more heading into the final weeks of the regular season and playoffs

The Mustangs have made the finals of both tournaments they have played in - finishing 2nd in Penticton and winning the Kamloops tournament. The Mustangs are excited to play new teams and look forward to the strong level of competition at the Coca-Cola Classic tournament. The team hopes all participants have an enjoyable tournament.

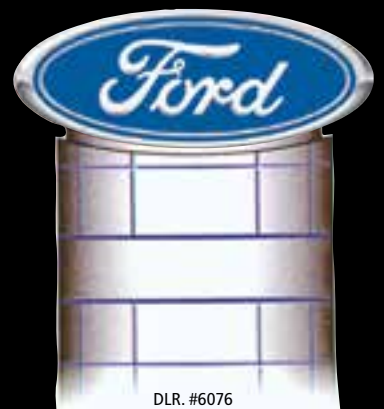
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# CALIFORNIA WAVE




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**Back Row (L-R):** Anthony Tibaldi (Asst. Coach), #8 Sal Frausto, #20 Luke Anthony, #77 Yovanni Flores, #9 Austin Kluksdahl, #66 Caiden Mech, #97 Eli Hull, #91 Will Rassier, Steve Phillips (Asst. Coach), Trevor Wada (Head Coach)

The California Wave Pee wee AA Tier 2 team is a member of the California Amateur Hockey Association consisting of 18 teams for the 2016-17 season. Out of our 18 player roster, 17 of them are 2004 birth year and are playing at the tier level for the first time. The CA Wave is currently the second largest club in the Southwestern U.S. Their home arena is located in Artesia, CA, which is 20 minutes southeast of downtown Los Angeles.

This particular group has a lot of very offensively skilled players as well as some heavy shooters on the blue line. Their goal is to continue working hard and to develop a strong passion for the game and learn valuable life-lesson that carry over into their daily lives. All of these players feel fortunate to not only be able to play the greatest sport on the planet, but also to be able to travel around the world and compete against other young athletes like those who will be participating in this year's Coca Cola Classic. Best of luck to everyone.



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# CHILLIWACK BRUINS



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**Middle Row (L-R):** Pat Anderson (Asst. Coach), #9 Grege Rampton, #20 James Raack, #2 Carter Anderson, #12 Owen Hopcott, #16 Nolan Clarke, Scott Lindhout (Asst. Coach)

**Back Row (L-R):** Crosby Rampton (Head Coach), #4 Brayden Crampton, #19 Logan McCallum, #8 Jackson Hardy, #18 Ethan Harder, #11 Riley Kostering, Shawn Crampton (Asst. Coach)

The Chilliwack Bruins play out of the Chilliwack Minor Hockey Association which plays inside the Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey Association. They are in the Top Flight in PCHA. This year's team is made up of 13 players born in 2004 and 3 players born in 2005. Chilliwack has 4 players returning from last year's team.

The Chilliwack Bruins are striving to be a quick, puck moving team with a great emphasis on communication, anticipation and speed. The team is encouraged to play with creativity and to play with confidence. The team realizes that they need to compete every single shift to be successful this season.

The players themselves came up with 3 goals at the beginning of the season: Move up to Flight 1, defend the Chilliwack Pee Wee Jamboree title, and make the final four. The players were able to realize goal 1 by finishing their placement round 6-1-1 and were moved up to Flight 1. During this time they also performed well in a Tier 1 tournament coming up just short in the final. Goals 2 and 3 are next!

The Bruins and their families are excited to be part of such a great tournament as well as the Vernon Carnival!

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**Middle Row (L-R):** #11 Jacob Matiece, #15 Max Sauter, #2 Anjali Simms, #18 Braiden Eichinger, #20 Evan Devost, #8 Alyssa McCassey, #9 Connor Ceuric, #13 Garren Dumanowski

**Back Row (L-R):** Owen Mayuk (Asst. Coach), Barkley Sauter (Asst. Coach), Russ Duffee (Head Coach), Jason Hager (Asst. Coach)

**Not Pictured:** #14 Aiden Wood, #7 Ethan Neutens, Jonathan Neutens (Asst. Coach), Howie Kroon (Asst. Coach), Stephen Simms (Manager)

The Town of Cochrane with its roughly 20,000 residents, sits to the west of the City of Calgary, nestled in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains of Alberta.

The Cochrane Rockies Pee Wee T1 play in the Central Alberta Hockey League. The team is composed of 5 first year and 12 second years. Our coaching philosophy is to focus on intensity, drive and poise with the puck. Early in the season our group has enjoyed some success, through speed, determination and hard work. Coach Russ believes if we continue to develop our fundamental skills and work hard, we will continue to realize our goals.

While the roster is a mixture of 1st and 2nd years the predominance of the second years were together last year as a Pee Wee T2 team achieving a modicum of success placing third in their division before being eliminated in the 2nd round of playoffs, the 1st years saw similar results with their respective teams.

We have an enthusiastic group this year and the coaching staff feels that speed and agility will provide our path to success this year.



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  - (b) If 2 teams have the same goal average, the team with the better goal differential will be placed higher.
  - (c) Coin flip if necessary.

## COCA-COLA DIVISION

Vernon Watkin Motors Mustangs  
 California Wave  
 Chilliwack Bruins  
 Cochrane Rockies

### STANDINGS

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GAME	TIME	DAY	DIVISION	HOME	VISITOR	SCORE
1	8:00 AM	Thur	CC	Chilliwack	Vernon	
2	10:15 AM	Thur	CC	California	Cochrane	
3	12:30 PM	Thur	SV	Sherwood Park	Seafair	
4	2:45 PM	Thur	SV	West Kootenay	Montana	
<b>5:30PM THURSDAY OPENING CEREMONIES</b>						
5	6:00 PM	Thur	CC	Vernon	California	
6	8:00 PM	Thur	CC	Cochrane	Chilliwack	

GAME	TIME	DAY	DIVISION	HOME	VISITOR	SCORE
7	8:00 AM	Fri	SV	Montana	Sherwood Park	
8	10:15 AM	Fri	SV	Seafair	West Kootenay	
9	12:30 PM	Fri	CC	California	Chilliwack	
10	3:00 PM	Fri	SV	West Kootenay	Sherwood Park	
11	5:30 PM	Fri	CC	Vernon	Cochrane	
12	8:00 PM	Fri	SV	Seafair	Montana	



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# EVENT SCHEDULE

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## SUN VALLEY DIVISION

Montana Thunderblades  
 Seafair Islanders  
 Sherwood Park Spartans  
 West Kootenay Rapids

## STANDINGS

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3. \_\_\_\_\_
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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	10:00 AM	Sun	Losers of Games #13 and #14			
<b>"C" EVENT FINAL</b>						
18	12:30 PM	Sun	Winners of Games #13 and #14			
<b>"B" EVENT FINAL</b>						
19	3:15 PM	Sun	Losers of Games #15 and #16			
<b>"A" EVENT FINAL</b>						
20	5:30 PM	Sun	Winners of Games #15 and #16			
<b>WINNERS</b>						
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<b>"B" EVENT</b>						

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**Front Row (L-R):** #3 Cole Moser, #6 Adam Jones, #24 Sawyer Rogers, #39 Dominik Griessmer, #26 Westin Weisenberger, #72 Carter Bartz, #8 Cade Holland, #31 Zach White

**Back Row (L-R):** Mike Cox (Asst. Coach), Lanny McDonald (Head. Coach), #47 Brad Cox, #18 Alex Neibauer, #22 Clarence Beltz, #87 Colter Barnett, #58 Brayden Hindman, #2 Easton Leadbetter, #9 Calder Townsley, #19 Wes Innes, #20 Simon Wilson, Evans Innes (Asst. Coach)

The Montana Thunderblades is a team made up of the most elite 2004/2005 birth year players in the state of Montana. Players are from all around the state. We are a second year AA team.

Our head coach is NHL Hall of Famer, Lanny McDonald. We hold three 2005 birth year players and 12 2004 birth year players. Our team record from last year (as a first year team) was 10-25.

We played in multiple tournaments all around the country, including Boise Idaho, Salt Lake City, Denver, Colorado Springs, and Park City, Utah, where we took second place.

This year we plan on playing 50 or more games before possibly attending the Coca Cola Classic Tournament, and as a second year team with an outstanding coach, we expect to do well.

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**Middle Row (L-R):** Kon Tsakumis (Manager), #8 Hayden Deamer, #19 Daphene Meng, #9 Makayla Kusch, #16 Yushi Sakamoto, #2 Kyle Hill, #10 Owen Stuart, Stefan Greiner (Head Coach), Cody Kusch (Asst. Coach)  
**Back Row (L-R):** John Prendergast (Asst. Coach), #3 Bicky Gunarah, #12 Mason Reid, #6 Chris Samson, #18 Brayden Lingham, #15 Koen Brusse, Phil Brusse (Safety)  
**Not Pictured:** Elaine Tung (Safety)

The Seafair Islanders Pee Wee A2, Tier 2 team are part of the Seafair Minor Hockey Association, Richmond, B.C. They are in Flight 3 of the Pacific Coast Hockey Association. The team is made up of 10 second years and 7 first year players. This group have worked hard to be competitive in a very challenging division, while at the same time improving on their play.

They have strong team etiquette, focussing on defensive play, hard fore-checking and back-checking, and attacking the opponents net. They have worked hard in recent tournament play, allowing them to gel as a team and deal with different situations and game play. They all bring their own point of difference to the team and together work hard for the same goal.

The team, coaching staff and parents are looking forward to the Coca Cola Classic Tournament and leaving it all on the ice!

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**Back Row (L-R):** #19 Adam Lang, #16 Blake Davis, #17 Odin George, #18 Ethan Kozicki, #15 Kai Belcourt, #12 David Heinze, #6 Drew Cook, #5 Elliot Boudreau

**Not Pictured:** #13 Ben Simpson, Rob Davis (Head coach), Jim Fehr (Asst. Coach), Brad Ashcroft (Asst. Coach), David Kozicki (Asst. Coach), Rob Cootes (Asst. Coach), Tim Heinze (Asst. Coach), Brad Cyca (Asst. Coach)

The Sherwood Park Pee Wee A Spartans are part of the Sherwood Park Minor Hockey Association. Sherwood Park Minor Hockey is the 4th largest minor hockey association in Alberta, and are part of the Edmonton Hockey Federation. The Spartans play out of Hockey Edmonton's Pee Wee A-Dutchak division. This year's team of 17 players is made up of 8 second year players and 9 first year players. The team's success this year will not only be measured by wins and losses, but by the lasting relationships the boys will be fortunate to make, and the continued growth they strive to achieve as both hockey players and people.

The Spartans have shown tremendous growth in the first half of the season. The team prides itself on a strong commitment to team play, and hard work as the foundation to their game. Sherwood Park is excited to be back after several years at this tremendous event. We would like to thank the organizing committee for all their hard work, and look forward to a great weekend of hockey.



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**Back Row (L-R):** #5 Dakoda Fizzard, #15 Dylan Watts, #8 Simon Forrester, #9 Koby Upper, # 6 Alexander Andersen, #10 Ethan Bennett, #16 Mason Ouchi

**Not Pictured:** Geoff Watts (Head Coach), Craig Upper (Asst. Coach), Mike Gerrand (HCSP) and Lisa Upper (Manager)

The West Kootenay Rapids Pee Wee Tier 2 team play in the West Kootenay Minor Hockey Association league along with Greater Trail and Spokane. This team plays at the highest level available in this region for their age group. The Rapids are also participating in exhibition play with Vernon, Kelowna, Penticton, Kamloops and Salmon Arm in the OMAHA league.

The Rapids have 14 players from Nelson Minor Hockey Association and Castlegar Minor Hockey Association, 13 - 2004 and 1 - 2005. Total Pee Wee numbers in the combined associations are 60. The team has great success due to their focus on team play, dedication to skill development, high caliber of skating and of course their love of the game!

The Rapids are looking forward to the challenge of competing against other high level teams and appreciate the opportunity to participate in the Coca Cola Classic.

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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.



After many years of volunteering during the Coca Cola Invitational Pee Wee Hockey Tournament, Heather Bell-Savitsky finds herself on the receiving end this year as committee members Trevor Keenan (left) and John Doorman present a cheque to Heather for \$1,000. Heather has had some significant health issues over the past few years and when you watch her drop off her cane at the gondola, grab the 50/50 buckets and head out into the crowd to sell tickets unaided, it's truly inspiring.

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Committee members Mike Burke (left) and Tyler Willan handed over a cheque for \$2,000 to 2016 Mustangs' d-man Isaac Thomas and team manager Diane Thomas to help with the costs of travelling such a long way to compete. Vernon won the Tier 2 Pee Wee provincial championship after downing North Delta 6-2 in Fort St. John. Committee Chair Keith Green said "We run this tournament and volunteer hundreds of hours to be able to help out in situations like this."



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Left: Committee member Trevor Keenan presents the Mickey McMahon "C" Division trophy to the Nelson Leafs' captain Kaleb Percival. Right: Committee Member Rolf Staudhammer presents Glenlake Hawks' captain Rory Dame with the Mickey Ogasawara "D" division trophy during the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Coca-Cola Classic Invitational Pee Wee Hockey Tournament.



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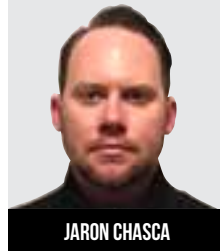
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## DAN OXNARD MEMORIAL AWARD



Left: Mathew Crerar (right) presents the Dan Oxnard Trophy (Most Sportsmanlike Team) for the 45<sup>th</sup> annual tournament to Glenlake Hawks' captain Rory Dame at the 2016 tournament banquet.

## ERNIE KOWAL MEMORIAL AWARD



Assistant Coach Mike VanSickle of the Alaska Fairbanks Arctic Lions receives the Ernie Kowal Memorial Trophy as Top Coach of the tournament from Ben Morin, Kowal's grandson.



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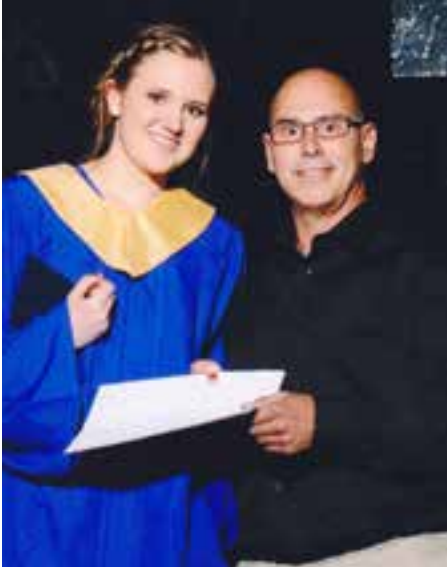
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# 2016 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



Left: Glenn Mitchell presents Kalamalka Secondary student Taylor Cousins a \$500 bursary for her exceptional work for the year.

Middle: Jaron Chasca presents a \$500 bursary to Vernon Secondary student Cailee Baumi.

Right: Jaron Chasca presents a \$500 bursary to Vernon Secondary student Gage Kopp.



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John Doorman (left) & Jaron Chasca of the tournament committee, present bags to Vernon Watkin Motor Mustangs captain Austin Roest (middle) & alternates Jace Weir (left) and Jarred Feist.

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# HISTORY OF THE PEE WEE COCA-COLA CLASSIC TOURNAMENT



## A EVENT FINAL

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

## B EVENT FINAL

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



# 2016 TOURNAMENT ACTION



Top left: Vernon's Jacob Boden puts one past Glenlake Hawks goaltender Benjamin Schlesinger.

Top right: Dawsons Creek's Layton Fiest tries to deke out Mustang's Teja Sheldrake.

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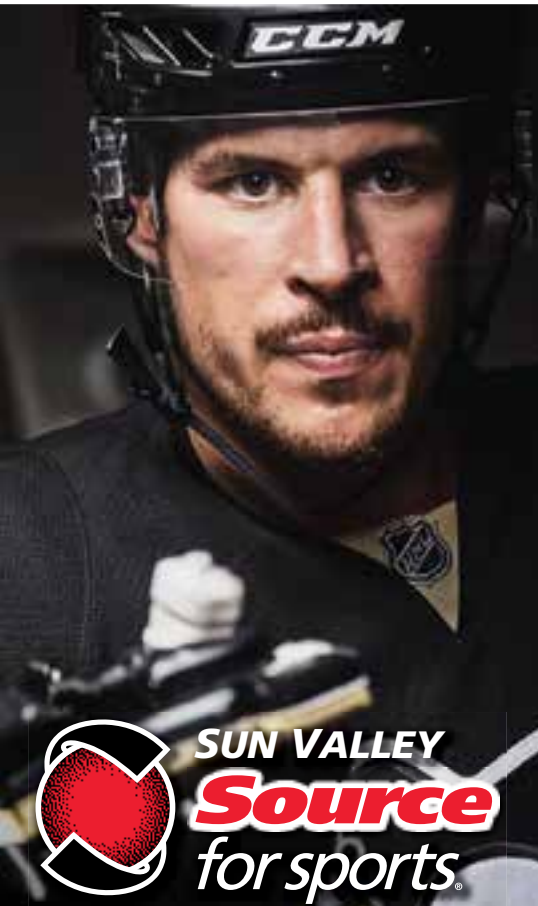
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