

Greendell Park Community Centre Newsletter

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Greendell Mission Statement

Our goal is to provide affordable, quality programs for all ages; equal access and participation; and a safe enjoyable environment.

We will strive to be sensitive to the expectations of members and residents; and open and accountable in our administration.

We encourage active participation by our members as volunteers.

We advocate Fair Play.

The Falcon E-News

March Madness ...

It's Time For The Playoffs



As if our lives aren't busy enough ... along comes March and everything shifts into a higher gear. It's the pressure cooker we call playoffs. If your extremely lucky your child will bless you by participating in more than one sport. If your one of the super fortunate then you have more than one child playing in more than one sport.

March is that special time when spouses pass each other like ships in the night and dinners are often whatever the canteen has available.

It really doesn't matter whether your sport is indoor soccer, basketball, ringette or national pastime hockey, it's all the same thing. No firm schedule, impromptu practices and sports venues tucked away in parts of the city you never knew existed.

It is all too easy to get caught up in the excitement and drama that comes from "That New Season" the playoffs. The excitement can often make us lose sight of our original goals and winning suddenly becomes everything. So it might be timely to reflect on minor sports and why we encourage our children to participate.

First and foremost it's a game, and games are meant to be "FUN". It's a learning experience - learn the value of teamwork,

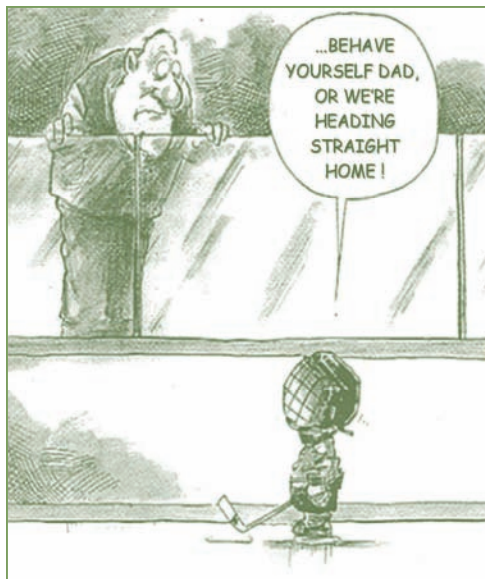
learn to win and lose (YES LOSE) graciously - learn to set goals, work hard and grow to become a better person - learn to respect for your coach, fellow teammates and officials.

Not everyone on the team has the same talent, not every coach is fair and not every official is perfect. But it takes a lot more than just talent to make a great team it takes heart. As for coaches why would anyone in right mind volunteer to coach. Well let's start with the police character checks, coaching certificates and respect in sport training, angry parents and kids that need a ride, out door practices and early morning games all with no pay - it just doesn't get any better. And what about those officials - great uniforms friendly spectators and adoring players all wrapped up in a no win situation - talk about fun.

So let's try a be a little more tolerant, remember win or lose the sun will rise

tomorrow . Without coaches and officials, good or bad, your son or daughter would have no sport in which to participate in.

So take a deep breath, slow down and enjoy the ride. Remember the majority of our truly great sports memories were more often than not in the journey to the finals and not always waiting for us at the Championship game.



Fair Play - Two Regular Contributors To The CBC Sports Webpage Give Their Views On Fair Play During The Playoffs

Brian Hancock Hockey Life, (article original appeared on the CBC Sports web page)

Throw away the regular season; nothing matters now that the playoffs have arrived. It's the oldest cliché in pro hockey, win now and the regular season is forgotten. Unfortunately the sentiment has carried over to minor hockey.

The "winning is everything" attitude has resulted in the loss of the true goals of playing the game.

The biggest issue that I see is ice time. During the year it's supposed to be "fair and equitable". During the playoffs it becomes "shut up and sit". Coaches play their best players more often and for longer shifts, they start matching lines, they pull their weaker goalie at the first chance they get. It's disgusting to watch.

Think back to seasons past, do you really remember who won in pre-novice, novice or even Atom for that matter?

Ask the kids what they remember from years gone by and chances are you'll hear funny stories about tournaments they went to, goals that were scored, saves that were made and who they played with. They will very rarely tell you about the wins and losses, standings or stats.

I believe a coach's job at the start of the year is to develop the individual skills and team skills of every one of his players. When playoffs start, if the coach has done his job, why would they need to shorten the bench?

I believe it's a clear message to the parents and players when the lengths of shifts change. In a coaches mind he has admitted that he has not done the best job of developing everyone. He never did believe in being fair and equitable and will use the playoffs as an excuse to follow his own agenda: winning at all costs.

When associations pick their coaches for the next season I hope they pay close attention to the playoffs, not in terms of winning and losing but in terms of ice time, behavior and attitude. The playoffs are a reflection of your team, not a time to resort to individual play.

Cal Botterill, is a sports psychologist at the University of Manitoba, (article original appeared on the CBC Sports web page)

"This is a tough situation for the parent, but unless there has been discussion about "playing time" *ahead of time*, I believe the best response is to help your child be a great "support player."

Support players play a critical role on championship teams. They should prepare as if they are playing, and mentally play the game on the bench in the skates of the player in their position. This can help your child stay ready if needed, and keep them developing as a player and a person.

Playing this role effectively can be an important experience for your child, and it can make a big difference to the team. Players on the team feel their teammates seeing/feeling solutions, being ready, and encouraging them.

These are important skills in sport, and in life. These skills have helped players and people go on to greatness.

On the other hand, every parent has the right to enquire about the program's philosophy and playing time *at the start of the season*. Even if the players are given input at the start of the season, they usually suggest fairly equal ice time during the season — but, it's coach's choice for playoffs.

In fairness to parents and kids, everyone should know the philosophy and plan at the start of the season.

Most importantly, be there for your child, to help them cope, feel part of things, and grow."

Message from our Newly Elected President

Hello all.

As the newbie President, I've been asked to put pen to paper (actually hand to keyboard on the computer) and share a few of my thoughts on the Club with you. So here goes. Greendell Park Community Centre is your Club. For the Club to be successful there are a few things that must occur. Everyone must contribute. This means stepping up and volunteering when help is needed, whether it be as a coach, manager, registration cashier, or whatever. Without VOLUNTEERS, the Club can't function. It also means letting the Club know what needs to be changed, added, deleted, or enhanced. This can be an activity, a policy, how we operate, whatever. Silence means everything is perfect, and we know that isn't fact. So don't be afraid to provide your 2 cents worth, positive or negative, we need to hear it. Use the contact list in the newsletter to get hold of a board member, or feel free to contact me via email, president@greendell.ca or phone, 257-2921 (evening before 9:30 PM). Take a number of areas that the Club will be addressing over the next year. Many of them will require your input and participation. Don't only be a spectator, be a participant and help to make Greendell Park OUR Community Centre.

Fred Schneider



Greendell Park Community Centre - Board of Directors

Greendell Executive 2009

POSITION	NAME	HOME NUMBER
President	Fred Schneider	257-2921
Treasurer	Gabrielle Marrin	255-2600
Vice Pres. (Facilities)	Dwayne Joseph	256-1933
Vice Pres. (Indoor)	Monika Carswell	254-7299
Vice Pres. (Publicity)	Kerri Sutherland	254-5854
Vice Pres. (Summer)	Dwayne Falk	253-7789
Vice Pres. (Winter)	Rene Poluyko	253-5274
Vice Pres. (Winter)	VACANT	

ACTIVITY

NAME

HOME NUMBER

Carnival	Committee	
Football	Yvonne Hansen	253-6713
Hockey (Female)	Roland Vercaigne	253-6966
Hockey (House)	Ken Sutherland	254-5854
Hockey (9 Yrs. & Up)	VACANT	
Hockey Equipment	Marc Arcand	255-7214
Magic Club	Carey Lauder	772-8837
Ringette	Kerry Green	255-8107
Soccer (Boys)	Linda Kozakewich	253-7601
Soccer (Girls)	VACANT	
Soccer (Mini)	Lorne Palmquist	254-6193
	Shellie Hatch	257-7128
Soccer (Tots)	Tracy Bertschinger	793-9660
Soccer Equipment	Stan Kern	257-3086
Softball	Glen Unryn	338-1967
Tae Kwon Do	Matthew Onyschak	256-0360
Tiny Tots	Julie Jacquet	257-2121
Tiny Tots Treasurer	Shelley Giesbrecht	669-4200
Sewing	Carol Williams	257-2921
Building Manager	Reg Bresch	269-8998
		799-5727 (Cell)
Administrator	Janis Desrochers	257-1211 (Office)
		257-6883 (Club)

Greendell Convenors/Contacts 2008/2009

ACTIVITY	NAME	HOME NUMBER
Badminton (Seniors)	Norman Remedios	253-9112
Baseball	Ken Goodwin	254-0760
Baseball Equipment	Joanne & Len Warelis	257-2379
Basketball	Fred Schneider	257-2921
Baton/Dance	Joyce Ormshaw	253-2737
Canteen	Laura Veitch	253-6526

Greendell March 2009 Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 <i>Monthly Board Meeting 7:00 PM Greendell Park CC</i>				

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Contact Information



Falcon Football Registration Dates

* Thursday May 7, 2008

6:30 - 9:00pm

* Friday May 8, 2008

6:30 - 9:00pm

* Saturday May 9, 2008

10:00am - 2:00pm

Greendell Park Community Centre

**Greendell Park Community Centre - Team of the Month
2008/09 Greendell Falcons Minor PeeWee 11A2**



Back Row (L to R) Dwayne Simon (Asst. Coach), Ron Rickard (Head Coach), Josh Harrow (Asst. Coach)
Middle Row (L to R): Drew Simon (A), Jeffery Taylor, Jacob McIvor, Adam Kriegl, Jordyn Pownall, Brock Haluik
Front Row: Evan Gergely (Goalie), Brad Warkentin, Adam Eng, Robert Harrow (C)