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This merger will be in place for the upcoming 2016-2017 hockey season.

Both Associations are extremely excited about this agreement and believe that it will provide a stronger, more stable organization for growth and allow players to progress through all skill levels without having to change Associations.

A transition team has been put in place led by Adam Schmidt and Shawn Sandink which will be holding meetings with various stakeholders to communicate the details of this transition.

With the amalgamation of Credit Valley and Applewood timed for the same period, the MHL will become 6 stronger Associations.

By combining to create larger associations, there will be more opportunity for players to compete at the appropriate skill level in their community and allow for proper development at all skill levels. We will have a stronger league offering fun hockey and good competition for everyone.

## New!

There are big changes coming to the MHL.

The Mississauga Hockey League is pleased to report that an agreement in principle has been reached for the merger of the Lorne Park Hockey Association and the Clarkson Hockey Association.

## MHL Challenge Tournament

The MHL is looking for teams in the following divisions to participate in this tournament to be held at the Hershey Centre from April 7-10:

- Minor Novice House League
- Minor Atom House League
- Minor Atom and Atom Select (Red)
- Minor Pee wee and Pee wee Select (Red)

It's a great way to end your season. Please go to the MHL website, under Promotions and Events for more information.

# PORT CREDIT FILLS THE ARENA FOR CHARITY GAME



On January 23rd, the PCHA hosted their 19th annual Michael Newnham Memorial Coaches vs Coaches game benefitting the Port Credit Player Assist Program and the MHL Play More Program. The event is especially looked forward to by the Port Credit players who get to come out and cheer on their own coaches. Thirty-six Port Credit Association coaches from Paperweight to Midget took part in an exciting hockey game which resulted in a 4-3 win for the "blue team" in overtime!

1290 tickets were sold with the Port Credit Arena at capacity. The evening was organized by Tom Fatsis, Port Credit's Paperweight convener. (Tom also served as one of the goalies in the game!) Funds raised will go towards helping families who financially may not have had the opportunity to play this great sport.

The PCHA would like to thank all the volunteers who helped out during the event. It would not have been a successful night without you!

*Amanda Lariviere, Port Credit Communications Director*



## MINOR ATOM A ERINDALE SPITFIRES WIN THE MHL PRESIDENT'S TROPHY (Sponsored by Boston Pizza)

MHL President Brian Webster presented the President's Cup Trophy to Erindale President Ted Varty and the Minor Atom A Spitfires.

The Spitfires finished the regular season with a record of 32-3-0 and 64 points.

Congratulations to players and team officials on a great season!



*So, it's a whole new season. Anything does and will happen in playoffs – it's hockey, after all. First place teams will lose to last place teams; teams who have few wins will pull it together for a championship run. This is what makes the game exciting and fun.*

*So please remember, sport brings out passion, and hockey fans are known for their enthusiasm for a great game. Don't lose sight of the fact that these are children playing for fun, led by volunteers who love the game. Respect the coaches, game officials and hockey volunteers. Together we can provide your children with positive life experiences that will serve them well.*



# ***IT'S PLAYOFF TIME!***

Relax, it's just a game.



[hockeycanada.ca](http://hockeycanada.ca)

# Champs!



## ME080 Meadowvale Mohawks Minor Bantam "A" win at North York

3rd time is a charm...

The Minor Bantam A Meadowvale Mohawks have won their 3rd tournament of the season....

Undeclared throughout the tournament, they won in the North York Knights Challenge 2016, in the final game against the Duffield Devils by a score of 6-1. Congratulations!



## Meadowvale Hawks Tyke Select win at Hillcrest

The Meadowvale Minor Hockey Select 6 team won gold this past weekend at the 3rd Annual Hillcrest Summits Select Hockey Tournament.

Congratulations to coaches Darcy, Mitch, Ryan, Gary, Ryan, manager Ryan and to all the players for a job well done !!



## Applewood Novice Red Coyotes win at London

Congratulations to the Applewood Coyotes Novice Red team (Coach Chris Robbins) on winning the Neil Barker Memorial Tournament hosted by the London Bandits January 15th-17th, 2016. The Coyotes finished with a perfect 5 and 0 record, finishing it off with a solid 4-0 victory in the final.

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## Referee's Corner

### It's Playoff time.

**We understand you are excited and concerned for player safety. So are we!!!**

The passion that makes hockey fun can lead to something said in the heat of the moment that is not appropriate!



Please don't yell at the referees! You may think you'll feel better, but you won't change the outcome of the game and you will upset the game officials, coaches, players and your fellow spectators.

Be positive , supportive and respectful to all participants.

And remember - the rules as called by the game officials do not change from the regular season to the playoffs. That applies to everything from penalties to running the clock with a five-goal differential.

## ERINDALE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



### TO HOST ANNUAL



### ONTARIO HOCKEY FEDERATION (OHF) CHAMPIONSHIP FOR PEEWEE "A" DIVISION

The weekend of April 8 through 10 marks the annual Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) championships. This year the Pee wee A division will be hosted by the Erindale Spitfires Hockey Association of the Mississauga Hockey League (MHL).

This prestigious minor hockey event will see the top 5 Teams of 12 and 13 year old hockey players from across Ontario visit the city of Mississauga with their families to compete for the title of Provincial Champions. Participants are expected to enjoy an unforgettable experience. All tournament games will be played at Vic Johnston Community Arena in Streetsville. With the help of our sponsors, volunteers and the community support, we are committed to providing a first class event and will be making lasting memories that these kids will never forget.

A Gala event will be held on Thursday April 7th, 6pm at the Hilton Mississauga Hotel with two time Canadian Women's Hockey Olympic Gold Medallist Cheryl Pounder addressing the audience as guest speaker. Opening Ceremonies will take place Friday April 8th, 6:15PM at Vic Johnson Arena followed by a game with our very own Mississauga team from Erindale. All are encouraged to come out and support the event by purchasing a weekend Pass for \$25 or a day pass for \$10 adult/\$5 senior/child.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available and more information, such as the schedule of games, can be found on:

our webpage – <http://ohf2016peewee.com/>

or emailing: [2016peeweeahf@gmail.com](mailto:2016peeweeahf@gmail.com),

Facebook page: 2016 OHF Pee wee A Finals.



## Canlan 3on3 Youth Hockey League

### Registration NOW OPEN!

**New for 2016!\*** Wednesday Night Midget Division & 1997-1999 Juvenile Leagues.

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- 2 full-time dedicated league management staff on-site
- Games WILL be played May long weekend but WILL NOT be played Friday, Saturday, Sunday of the July or August long weekends
- Coaches must submit background check prior to coaching in the league

[Register now to secure your division and night of play!](#)

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### Thank You Coaches!

As with all youth sports, volunteer coaches are the true heroes who make it possible for our children to play and enjoy sports at all levels. The 3on3 Youth Hockey League is no different, and in 2016 all Head Coaches will receive:

- Free piece of coaches apparel
- All Head Coaches of Tyke - Pee wee teams will receive a free week of summer camp at their facility\*
- All Head Coaches of Bantam, Midget and Juvenile teams will receive a free hour of ice at their facility\*\*

\* Free camp must be redeemed in a July camp.

\*\* Ice time is subject to availability and is for one hour, non-prime to be used before December 31, 2016. The hour is for the coach to thank him/her for their time, the league will not require coaches to use for a team practice.

Season begins on April 25th - [Check out our website](#) for season details and registration information, or give us a call at 905-845-6989 today!

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# Team Talk!

## David & Hunter - A story of kindness & courage

Meadowvale's Atom Red [ME51] player David Boddy's act of kindness has spread far and wide. Who would imagine that kids David & Hunter would get support from the NHL's Drew Doughty on twitter?

David Boddy cheered up Hunter Barnhardt, a 9 year old Cambridge player who was crying in the dressing room of a skills competition during a recent January tournament in Oakville. Hunter did great in the hardest shot competition coming 3rd, but came dead last in the relay event, and felt that he had let his team down. Little did David know that Hunter really needed someone in his corner. Hunter Barnhardt, a former rep player, was diagnosed with a rare disease that had left him in a wheelchair and struggling to get back to normal. In the last two years Hunter has undergone 4 hip surgeries. It was Hunter's love of hockey that brought him back to the ice, and is helping his recovery. It turns out that a simple act of kindness meant a lot to Hunter, and to his whole family.

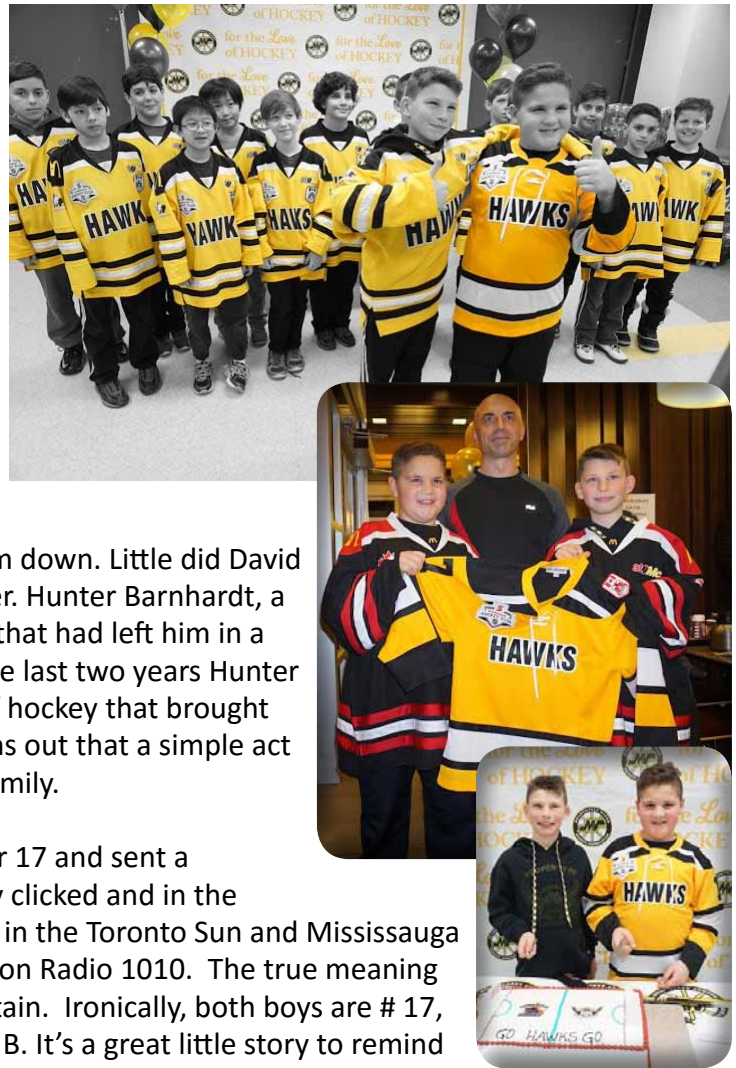
Hunter's Mom Tiffany wanted to find the kind number 17 and sent a touching email to Meadowvale Hockey. Things quickly clicked and in the blink of an eye David and Hunter's story was featured in the Toronto Sun and Mississauga News. David's coach Joe Couto was even interviewed on Radio 1010. The true meaning of hockey - courageous comeback kid meets kind captain. Ironically, both boys are # 17, both are the Hawks and both last names begin with a B. It's a great little story to remind everyone about what really matters: health, kindness, courage and friendship.

David and Hunter reunited on Friday, Feb 5th as Meadowvale 51 hosted a Meet & Greet in their honour. David's team and Hunter were treated to dinner at McDonalds, followed by a media reception at the Hershey Centre. Councillor Pat Saito, the MHL's Brian Webster and several Meadowvale Directors attended and congratulated both boys on being outstanding role models for their peers. The boys hit the ice and after practice they enjoyed pizza, cake and drinks compliments of Gino's Pizza, San Remo Bakery and Pepsi. It was a fun night for all! You just never know what an act of kindness will lead to! :)

**Read the full story in this Toronto Sun link.**

**<http://www.torontosun.com/2016/02/07/of-heroes-and-hawks>**

*Liz Wilson-Ciconte, Publicity Director, Meadowvale Hockey*





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