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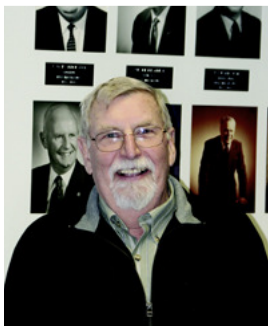
## OHA Blueline E-Newsletter

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### Chairman's Message



The last 24 months have been busy for many of us.

With the assistance of the membership, we have created combed through numerous recommendations, that will ultimately shape the future of Junior hockey within the OHA, and the OHF.

The direction provided to the Board at the 2009 AGM, has kept the Board members busy working on the specifics of the Tomorrow' Game project.

There are challenges, but the majority of the work has been rewarding, enlightening, and encouraging.

On December 16th, the OHA Board approved the final version of the Premier League application which was distributed to all the Junior A and B teams.

Apart from the Tomorrow's game project, there has been a great deal of additional accomplishments that have been achieved within this new hockey season.

Twelve players from our Junior A program, both the OPJHL and the CCHL, were named to Team Canada East for this year's World Junior A Challenge, two players were named to the Provincial U-17 team which will compete in Timmins for the World U-17 title, six officials from the OHA program were selected to work in major International events throughout the world.

A number of our 08-09 graduates are cutting their teeth for their first year in the Ontario Hockey League and still others in CIS and NCAA, competition.

We have a lot to be proud of.

On a sadder note, it was only a year ago, that we lost one of our senior players Donald Sanderson ( Whitby Dunlops ) in an on ice accident during a game in Brantford. I would ask hat you continue to remember his family in your prayers, during this holiday season.

As we move into the Christmas season, on behalf of the Board, I want to express our best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season, to all our members, their volunteers, and their families.

Merry Christmas.



Dick Woods  
Chairman

### OHA Crystal Puck Awards



The Crystal Puck Award was developed in 2009 as a way to recognize those volunteers in the OHA who have dedicated their free time to helping in the game of hockey.

This years Crystal Puck Award winners are; Ron Park (Glanbrook Rangers), Charlie Lennox (OHA Referee Coordinator), Murray Parliament (Port Perry Mojacks) and Art Field (Little Britain Merchants).

### Upcoming Events

The OHA is proud to announce it's upcoming events for the 2009-2010 season.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a complete listing.

### Game Cancellation Procedures

A notice was sent out last week from the OHA Office detailing the process for cancelling games. In case you missed it, you can view the procedure document [HERE](#).

### Marketing Seminar

The OHA marketing seminar for Junior C and D teams will be held on January 9<sup>th</sup> at the Lions Arena in Kitchener, ON.



Junior C and D teams are encouraged to have people within their infra structure who have a particular interest in this area attend, to develop upon new ideas and discuss marketing strategies, in mall market environments.

### OHA Office Christmas Hours

During the Christmas season our office will be closed beginning on Thursday December 24<sup>th</sup> and we will reopen on Monday January 4<sup>th</sup>.



During that time period, all employees will be monitoring their email and voice mail, in case you have needs that have to be attended to.

On behalf of all of us, our best wishes for a safe, happy, and enjoyable Christmas and New Years.

### OHA Bauer Player of the Month Awards

# BAUER

The OHA Player of the Month Award is given each month to a player from each league and division within the leagues.

In order for a player to be selected a criteria must be followed. Please insure the proper presentation criteria is followed; month the player was selected, who submitted the player, the league the player is from, the division/conference the player is apart of, players name, team he plays for, date of birth, height, weight, position. Achievements that the player has made are also included, these can be throughout the season or the month. A section detailing why he was selected for player of the month must also be included in submission. A section entitled "Months Stats" and "Total Stats" should be filled out by the league convener and be included with the submission form. Along with the form a "head shot" photo of the player should be included.

Once the form is submitted to the OHA office, a write up is done on the player with the head shot included. The players write up and head shot are accompanied by a link in which the viewer of the website can click and check updated stats on that individual player provided by Pointstreak.

Submissions for Player of the Month should be sent into the OHA office the first of the month for the previous month's nominee.

Jim Rooney will coordinate the seminar with the assistance of OHL marketing representatives, who will include Theo Bet, Sarnia Sting, OHL and Matt Newby of the Guelph Storm, OHL.

### Business Evaluation Committee

We indicated at the OHA AGM last June that we would be assembling a Business Evaluation Committee to examine and evaluate presentations from outside commercial interests wishing to do business within the OHA.



Representatives from each of our categories have been appointed to our committee, and the committee is assembling for their first meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

The first meeting will examine various opportunities available for streaming OHA games.

In subsequent meetings, sweater manufacturers, web hosting, and other related hockey product providers will be given an opportunity to present.

The Committee hopes to conclude its meetings and file a report with the OHA Board on behalf of the membership, by the end of March, and their recommendations in each area.

### OHA / Hockey Canada Adult Recreation Program

Hockey Canada has always had an interest in improving the game across all levels in Canada. The OHA is now offering a variety of services for adult recreational hockey leagues.

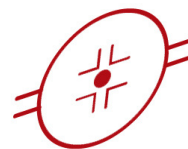


For more information visit the OHA Website at [www.ohahockey.org](http://www.ohahockey.org).

For complete listings [CLICK HERE!](#)

### Cumulative Fighting Penalties

We have been monitoring individual player fighting statistics on your behalf, but as individual teams, you also have a responsibility to do so.



Preseason games do count, and players acquired from other teams do bring their personal statistics to their new team.

Therefore, it is important that you are aware of their statistics as it relates to individual fights, aggressor and instigator penalties, and those fights where an instigator penalty has been assessed to a player fighting with one of your players, as that fight would not count against your player.

If you require additional assistance in this area, please contact Scott Stevens in our office.

### OHA High Performance Program Sweden Tournament

The Ontario Hockey Association has received via Hockey Canada an invitation to participate in the Under 20 Three Nations Tournament which takes place April 14-18, 2010 in Norrtalje Sweden.



This is an incredible opportunity for O.H.A. players and Coaches to represent their country as part of Team Canada at this prestigious international event. Team Canada will compete against the top junior level teams representing European nations of Sweden and Finland.

For more information visit the OHA Website at [www.ohahockey.org](http://www.ohahockey.org).

### Credit Card Payments Now Accepted

The Ontario Hockey Association has entered into an agreement with Chase Paymentech that allows for members of the Association to make any payments such as annual fees and fines etc. to the O.H.A using Master Card, Visa or American Express. Chase Paymentech is the world's largest financial transaction processor for accepting credit card payments.





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