



Spur of the Moment

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Tis the Season!

Thank you to the CNN families that have volunteered their time to make this season a success till the end of 2016. Bring on 2017 and wishing all of our teams and families success, development and good health.

Message from the President

With the Christmas season fast approaching I would like to say a special "Thank You" to Candice Ginter and Terra Pattison, as well as the numerous volunteers of our annual CNN Fundraiser. This year was a huge success and more importantly we provided our local food bank with 2 full car loads of clothes, food & gift cards. Everyone that I have talked to loved the new format and overwhelmingly supported the Christmas Tree decorating idea helping people in our community that are in need. It's important to give back to the community as we ask the community to support us as an organization and on a team basis.

Recently, CNN Spurs Minor Hockey Association was awarded **the Provincial C Bantam Tournament** on March 17-19. Bantam teams from all over Alberta will be ascending on Bon Accord & Gibbons to play for the right of being the provincial champions. Yes, our very own Bantam team will be there representing CNN. We are going to need lots of help with this undertaking, please if you want to help or know of a company that can provide sponsorship send me an email. This tournament is not only good for YOUR local minor hockey organization but this supports to community in so many ways.

I also have to thank Gail and Shelley our ice allocators. 1660's new inter league format has had many issues but Gail and Shelley have been on top of this and have done a fantastic job getting everything scheduled and organized. Their work never stops because in the New Year provincials, playoffs and the newly awarded provincial tournament are starting. Please be respectful and have patience with any communications with our ice allocators. There are many things at play and you can be assured that your best interests are always taken into consideration.

See below for the Christmas Schedule:

Dec 19 – Dec 23 Practice as normal.

Dec 24 – Jan 1 (inclusive) Gibbons Arena is CLOSED.

Dec 24,25,26,27 & 31 Bon Accord Arena is CLOSED.

Bon Accord is open Dec 28, 29 & 30 for only practices and games as booked through Gail – not the usual practices.

All scheduled practices resume Jan 2 as normal.

Have a Merry Christmas.

Jason Berry



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Initiation 2 – Coach Jeff Sinnott

Dynamics: The group has been a great group of players with lots of different hard working and fun loving personalities.

Coaches: With 4 returning coaches, we have seen consistency from last year while our 2 new coaches provide new viewpoints and instruction. We are also added junior coach Koehan Currie to our staff who provides great leadership and fun to our young players. Our greatest asset is our returning manager Suzanne!

Highlight: We have only played one game but it was definitely a highlight for us this season. It was difficult to see who was having the most fun- the players, the coaches or the parents! We are all looking forward to our upcoming tournaments.

For the LOVE of the game: Hockey has been a part of my life since I was initiation age and having the opportunity to be involved in coaching these kids as they begin their lifetime of hockey has been a great experience.

Favorite PUMP UP song: We will rock you! CNN Initiation players taught us it's the ONLY hockey song. (No offence Stompin' Tom)

Favorite Quote: "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take" Wayne Gretzky

Goal for 2016-17: 2016/17 goals consist of having fun, working hard, and improving skills.

Midget – Coach Pat Mahoney

The Coaches: The Midget coaches this year are Roland Kugler, Bib Stefanik, Taeren Panchyshyn & myself Pat Mahoney. Roland, Bob & I have been involved in coaching with CNN for a number of years at various levels, for me this is my 14th season as either head coach or assistant. Taeren is experiencing his 1st year as an assistant.

Dynamics: This years Midget team is a younger group than last years team. Most of the players are beginning to feel more comfortable and are finding their stride at this level. One dynamic for this years team that stands out for me is our overall team speed.

Highlights: This year thus far we have had good success overall going 2-2 in tieing and our record in regular season thus far is 5-2 as of Nov 28.

LOVE of the game: Hockey for me has always been about the kids, I believe team sports and the interaction amongst players helps them to learn to work together, get along and be better people.

Goal for the 2016-17 season: Certainly playing well and competing for the championship in our Tier, Tier II in 1660. As well competing and having a good showing in the Provincial playdowns with the goal of winning our zone.



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Congrats to the following winners of the CNN Raffle prizes!

AND the winners are.....

- Prize #1 \$1000 Cash -Krista Chorney #2230
- Prize #2 Spirit Liquor Basket - Tom Phillips #1943
- Prize #3 Spirit Liquor Basket - Tonya McLean #2100
- Prize #4 Wine Basket - Marilyn Thompson #0009
- Prize #5 \$250 Cash - Jamie Bruchal #0415
- Prize #6 \$500 Cash - Meghan Woytenko #2738



Candice Ginter the Fundraising Coordinator will be contacting the winners to make arrangements to pick up their prizes.

Thanks to everyone that helped organize this fundraiser for our Association!

"My coaches are nice + it's fun"
Initiation

"Because it's fun. I like to skate + my dad used to play"
(Novice)

"Cause girls can play too"
Initiation

"I love playing with the pylons + skating on the ice. I love skating + shooting + practicing + I love playing with Dad. I love zig zagging + scoring + playing goalie"
Initiation



"Being just like my brothers"
Initiation

"Playing with my friends. Watching the big hits + how loud it gets"
Atom

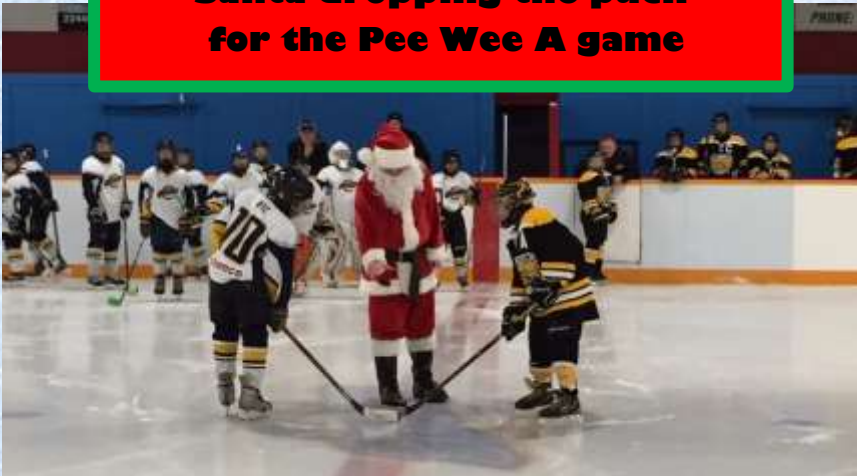
"The feeling of being part of a something, part of a team. They take the wins + losses as one never just one persons fault"
Atom

"The drive I get being out on the ice with all my friends"
Novice

"Skating backwards + crossovers!"
Novice

"You get medals + pucks go in net"
Initiation

**Santa dropping the puck
for the Pee Wee A game**



ATC Goalie Camp



**Initiation 2 with Britney Millar
Power Skating**



**Pee Wee A Bronze win in
the Morinville
Tournament**



Santa visits

