

WOODVIEW PARK NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Woodview Park Newsletter, Fall 2008 Edition. We strive to provide with this newsletter, park news, sports and team announcements and updates and information for Woodview Park residents and their children. We have much to tell you about, so let's get started!

NEW YEARS EVE DANCE @ WOODVIEW CLUBHOUSE

December 31st, 9 pm – 2 am. \$60 per person. ALL INCLUSIVE (food & drinks). Contact Kevin Knapp for tickets and further information, 905-434-2514.

HOCKEY:

The Oshawa NASC hockey season is fast approaching. If you have not signed up yet and want to do so, registration can now be completed directly on the NASC hockey website <http://www.naschockeyoshawa.org/home.htm>, or you can contact Kathy Babin at 905-721-1362.

Woodview is always in need of volunteers to help with the various teams. If you are interested or just have questions about volunteering, contact our Hockey Chairman, Ernie Martin at hockeychair@woodviewpark.org or call 905-720-1500.

SOCCER:

The end of the soccer season is fast approaching and we hope everyone had an enjoyable summer, in spite of the rain. The Tots and Micros finished their season off with a festival at Lakeview Park. The U19 girls, whose season ends August 26th, finished first in the B division and won their first playoff game. Great job girls! And coaching staff! Playoffs for the remaining teams (U8 girls, U10 girls, U12 girls, U14 girls, U16 girls, U8 boys, U10 boys, U12 boys, U14 boys and U16 boys) begin the first week of September with the finals being held on the September 13/14 weekend. Good luck to all our Woodview teams in their playoffs!

Keep Sunday September 28th open on your calendar for our Season End/Uniform Return Party. More details will follow from your coach.

SOFTBALL:

The Woodview teams had a fun and successful season with the playoffs recently coming to an end. More details to follow in our next edition.

HOCKEY (2007 – 2008 Season):

The summary for last season's Woodview teams got missed on the last newsletter, so here it is now for your enjoyment.

Woodview Park had a very successful 2007 – 2008 hockey season, with four teams in various age groupings. Congratulations to all the kids who took part and thank you to the team management of each of these four teams for their time, effort and teachings. Our youngest team was in the 4/5 Division, which concentrates on teaching skating and skills, then blends in games the last half of the season. The kids improved greatly and had tons of fun! A pizza and trophy party after their last game finished out a great season!

Next age level was the Pee wee team (11 & 12) who had a fantastic season. They really came together as a team and it showed by making it to the finals in the Cobourg tournament, losing the championship to Guelph 7 – 5. The team finished their season with a heartbreaking "A" championship, losing in a shootout, which was required with a tie score still after overtime in the final game. The boys had a great time and are extremely proud of their accomplishments.

The Bantams (13 & 14) capped off a phenomenal season where they only lost only two games all season and won the "A" championship in a hard fought 2 – 0 victory. This Bantam team stayed as top team all season while the opposition tried to beat them any way possible but these kids presented their talent, class and maturity all season long and the results show for it!

The Midgets (15, 16 & 17) had a trying but learning and successful season. The team that started out the season and was battling for first place wasn't the team that ended the season as players left the team due to a league issue and other personal commitments. Add in school and work requirements at this age and the shortened bench took it's toll come playoff time. However, these young men had a great season with lots of ice time, friendships made or strengthened and successes accomplished.

Again, thank you to all the volunteers involved with these teams. These few volunteers give so much and affect so many children's lives, it is not measurable what your volunteer time and effort accomplishes and means to so many.

PARK OPENING 2009

It's quite a ways off but we want to get the word out and improve the attendance. Woodview's Park Opening for 2009 will be on Saturday May 30th and note the new time of 10 am – 2:30 pm. Come out for a great time! There will be fun for all ages!

LOOKING GOOD!

Ian Barkwell and Charlie Formosa have been working hard and doing a great job in arranging for the needed repairs and cosmetic work to our Woodview clubhouse. Come check out the paint job (outdoors and indoors), the new flooring and more.

In each newsletter we are now profiling Woodview Park athletes. In this edition, we profile 5 young ladies who played Woodview team sports over the years. One is still active on a Woodview team and all are now giving back by helping coach or volunteering with current Woodview teams and events.

These young adults are excellent examples of why we place our children into team sports.

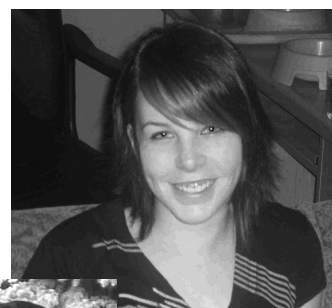
NICOLE and DANIELLE PANETHERE

Nicole and Danielle have enjoyed playing softball with the Woodview team since the Minor Mite level. The girls have learned from many excellent coaches over the years and have had their Dad (John) as coach for the last eight years. Both girls are pitchers and play a strong first base as well.

Nicole is a graduate of O'Neill Collegiate. She is presently enrolled in her second year at Wilfrid Laurier University working towards a Kinesiology degree with a minor in Psychology. She is hoping to pursue a career in Physiotherapy. Nicole has participated in a variety of sports including gymnastics, hockey, and swimming, but her true love is softball. She has pitched for both for O'Neill and Woodview, and hopes to play for the Laurier team this season.

Danielle is presently entering grade eleven at O'Neill Collegiate. She is hoping to pursue a career in athletics as a teacher or coach. She has participated in gymnastics, swimming, dance and hockey, as well as plays basketball, volleyball and softball for O'Neill. Danielle enjoys pitching, first base and catching when playing for the Woodview team.

Nicole and Danielle have experienced their first year as coaches for the Woodview Minor Mite team. They have enjoyed working with the boys and girls and have been fortunate to have a fantastic group of parents to support them. This has proven to be a very positive experience for both girls, and they look forward to continuing their coaching experience in the future.



CRYSTAL MCDONALD, LAUREN STEVENSON, and CHELSEY SPEARS

These three girls have been a part of the Woodview girls' softball team since they were very young. They have all added great skill contributions along with lots of team spirit and humour. All three girls have proven to be considerable assets to the Woodview team over the years. With Crystal behind the plate as catcher, Lauren at third base and Chelsey at second, the team has been very successful over the years.

Crystal is presently beginning her first year at Wilfrid Laurier University in the Kinesiology program. She is continuing to develop her athletic skills as she pursues her career as a physical education teacher. Crystal is fluent in French having graduated from the French Immersion program at McLaughlin Collegiate. Crystal has played badminton, lacrosse, field hockey and softball for the McLaughlin team, as well as hockey with the OGHA. She has also been involved with the leadership program and has led the Woodview girls both in spirit and skill. In any situation, she is always there to support her teammates. Crystal has also enjoyed having her Dad (Jim) as coach for many years as well.

Lauren is presently beginning her first year at Sheridan College where she will develop her many artistic talents. Lauren is a graduate of O'Neill Collegiate where she was a member of the Performing Arts program. Many enjoyed Lauren's beautiful singing voice as she participated in the O'Neill choir. Lauren was also involved in the Visual Arts at O'Neill. She has played hockey as a forward with the OGHA for many years as well.

Chelsey is presently attending Sir Sandford Fleming College in Peterborough where she is beginning her second year in the Police Services program. Chelsey hopes to continue her education at UOIT in Criminology. Chelsey is a graduate of Eastdale Collegiate and has also played hockey with the OGHA as both goalie and defense.

We wish all three girls continued success as they continue their education. They have been major contributions to the Woodview team and there is no doubt that they will be successful in all of their future endeavors.

DID YOU KNOW?

Woodview has monthly volunteer meetings every second Sunday. The Sports Committee meets at 6:30 pm and the Park Executive meets at 8 pm. Meetings are in the basement and are canceled for July and August. Please feel free to attend these meetings to see the organization that goes into your Woodview Park and your children's sports and events.

ELECTIONS

The running of Woodview Park with its clubhouse, sports teams and all it is associated with is very similar to a well-run business. Volunteer positions overlook the requirements of running said clubhouse and teams. The elections for these positions are being held at the September monthly meetings mentioned above. Feel free to join us if looking to get involved or just to have a better understanding of what goes on.