

September 2003

**TORNADO**

**TIMES**

**WELCOME BACK EVERYBODY!!**  
Hope you had a great summer!!

**Grab that Calendar!**

Here are some events planned for this coming season. Get out your calendar and plan ahead!

**2003**

- Oct. 4 Registrations, Parent Meeting  
Grand Ravine Arena
- Oct. 18 First Practice, both teams
- Oct. 18 Bus to Casino Rama
- Nov. 8 Annual Skate-a-thon
- Nov. 15 Bus to Casino Rama
- Dec. 6 Bus to Casino Rama
- Dec. 13 Family Skating
- Dec. 20 Game (tentative)
- Dec. 27 Heff's Invitational Skate

**2004**

- Jan. 17 Bus to Casino Rama
- Feb. 13 Dinner Dance
- Feb. 21 Bus to Casino Rama
- Mar. 31 (to April 4) Washington Tournament

**Trivia Contest**

The trivia contest will start up again in the October issue and the rules will be reprinted then. Entry forms will be available at the front desk each week. Keep your eye out and remember to enter.

**Special Events**

**Parent Meeting and Registrations  
Grandravine Arena (October 4)**

Parent meeting from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Registrations from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Annual Skate-a-thon (November 8)**

Entry forms will be available on registration day.

**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW . . . about**



- Family Skating and Party
- Heff's Invitational Skate

**REMEMBER THIS???**

They're rolling again!!!



Thanks to everyone who participated last season and made our trips such a success.

First bus to Casino Rama leaves September 20 (Saturday evenings, departure 5:00 p.m., return 1:00 a.m.) The bus loads at North York Sheridan Mall (northwest corner of Jane Street and Wilson Avenue). The trip includes a buffet dinner. Registration goes in support of team activities. Keep watching the newsletter for scheduled trips. Register with Mary Lou Elbe (telephone: 416-243-3262).

## NEW THIS SEASON!!!

### Lotto 649 50/50 Bingo—Season's Ticket

This year, we are going to add a new twist to our game. It's called the **Season's Ticket**.

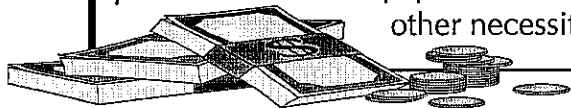
In the past, many people missed the deadline for entering the draw. This gives you a chance to enter all 6 draws in advance. You can always change your number during the year and, as a bonus, you will get one extra number to play.

Here's how it works. You pick your number for the monthly games, pay for the 6 games in advance, and your number will be automatically entered each month (November, December, January, February, March and April). You can change your number at any time as long as you do so by the entry deadline for that month. As a bonus, you will get an extra number to enter in any **one** of the monthly games. Simply pick your bonus number and the month in which you would like to play it.

The Season's Ticket number is played on a different sheet. This sheet will be given to everybody at registration and will be available until October 25, 2003. You will not be able to enter a Season's Ticket after this date but you will still be able to play by entering monthly.

**Good Luck!!!**

We are still accepting deposits of **Canadian Tire Money** at the front desk to be invested in our team. This new fund-raiser will be applied toward the purchase of team equipment and other necessities.



## Newsletter Contributions

Is there anything that you'd like to put into the newsletter—great news to share with the team? Let Harold Leduc know and we'll include it in our next issue.

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**2003 Grandravine Fundraising Survey**

by Mike Liotta

Following are the results of the survey conducted at the year-end banquet.  
Thirty-two surveys were returned.

	More	Less	Same
<b>How much fundraising should we be doing?</b>	12	0	20
	37.50%	0.00%	62.50%

	Yes	No	No Response
<b>Should we raise registration fees rather than fundraise?</b>	10	22	0
	31.25%	68.75%	0.00%

<b>Which of the following events should we continue or end?</b>	Yes	No	No Response
Skatathon	28	3	1
	87.50%	9.38%	3.13%
Chocolate Bar Sales	25	5	2
	78.13%	15.63%	6.25%
Loto 649 50/50 Bingo	26	3	3
	81.25%	9.38%	9.38%
Casino Rama Trips	26	3	3
	81.25%	9.38%	9.38%
Dinner Dance Fundraiser	28	1	3
	87.50%	3.13%	9.38%
St. Mike's Game & 50/50 draw	25	3	4
	78.13%	9.38%	12.50%
Canadian Tire Money Jar	29	1	2
	90.63%	3.13%	6.25%
<b>Would you like to participate in a Fantasy Hockey League?</b>	12	14	6
	37.50%	43.75%	18.75%

In fact there were many suggestions for other fundraising activities, such as.

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| Silent auction | Craft and bake sale  |
| Garage sale    | Sell poinsettias     |
| BBQ            | Yearbook or calendar |
| Car wash       | Movie night          |

These were all good suggestions but, when I look at the survey results, I take that to mean that we should be fundraising for the same amount of money and not necessarily more events. Many of these often have very little return for the amount of work involved. And since a large majority wants to keep the events that we do have, we are not planning to change much in our fundraising program. However we may include a silent auction as part of our dinner dance.

For the same reason, we are not going to start a fantasy hockey league. There were only 12 people who were interested. Even if this went up to 20 people with a \$20 entry fee and \$5 trade fee we would only generate a maximum of \$500 over the course of a year. Given the amount of work involved and that the beginning and end would have to be done outside of our season, I don't think it is worth pursuing at this time.

What I would like to see is a big push for the annual dinner dance. Last year, while the attendance wasn't as big as we had hoped for, the event was a huge success with everyone having a wonderful time. This year's dance will be on Friday, February 13, 2004. (This is bound to be good luck for us.) This event could be the focal point of our fundraising and we could possibly eliminate some other less popular or less profitable events. I would like everyone to keep the date open and start planning for this now. Prices will again be \$50 and \$25 for players. And I think it being the day before Valentine's Day is perfect because after all we are known as the "Heart League".

The following is the fundraising income for 2002 / 2003. The amounts are approximate but are a very close indication.

Item	Amount
Casino Rama	\$ 8,000.00
Lotto 649 Bingo	1,200.00
Chocolate Bar Sales	2,500.00
St. Mike's Games 50/50 Draw	320.00
Sponsors and Donations	6,800.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
Skatathon	2,000.00
Dinner Dance	3,000.00
TOTAL:	\$ 24,020.00

All in all, I think we had a very successful year even though our fundraising sources are changing. And while the amount raised may seem like a lot of money, our expenses are also high. The tracksuits alone were over \$5,000. Then there is insurance, trophies, year-end banquet, travel, photos, ice time. Ice time will probably be over \$10,000 this year if the city keeps raising as they have been. Even seemingly little things like the pins we took to the tournament to exchange cost over \$500. This coming year will also include a big trip to the Washington SHI tournament. Costs are high but we can keep registration fees down by continuing to fundraise.

I want to extend a very big and heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our fundraising events this past season a big success and encourage everyone to continue the good work in the upcoming season. Remember that there is no paid staff in this organization to do the work. It is through the generosity and the hard work of volunteers that keeps things running. I encourage everyone to participate in the events, because it not only helps raise money but it is also an opportunity to make new friends and have some fun in the process. I want to extend a special invitation to the newcomers to become more involved. I know that when you are new to a group it can sometimes be hard, but remember, we were all newcomers at one point.

Thanks everybody, for a great year, and let's have an even better one!