Grandravine Special Program TORNADO TIMES

Virginia hosts Special Hockey International 2007

April 17-April 22, 2007

Around midnight, a sleepy group of hockey players and their families descended upon the Grandravine arena. Three buses were filled with hockey bags, sticks, suitcases and snacks for the journey which would take them through the night to their destination.—Virginia.

The trip was long...very long but calm and uneventful. Arriving at their destination—The Virginian Suites, they made their way to their rooms—which were spacious, comfortable and clean. Everyone was ready for a quick nap before dinner and then a good night's sleep.

Our first games were Thursday afternoon where Grandravine I faced off against Colorado; Grandravine II played the Nova Cool Cats and Grandravine III faced the team from London. Everyone played a hard and had their game face on.

Friday at noon, opening ceremonies were held at the ice rink. Each organization was represented by two players who marched on the ice with their team's banner. 644 athletes from the U.S. , Canada and United Kingdom were very proud and excited to be attending this event.



Saturday we enjoyed touring Washington, DC. We visited Arlington cemetery and the Iwo Jima Memorial; climbed the stairs to the

Lincoln Memorial, drove past the White House, visited the Capitol Building and had lunch at Union Station.

Then we were off to the arena where Team II played New York, Team III played New Jersey and Team I played Michigan. Everyone played great and we really enjoyed the games.

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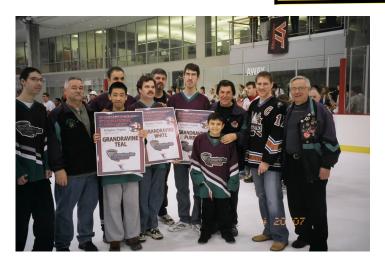
SAVE THE DATE

- Golf Tournament July 27, 2007
- May 17, 2007

Baseball

Registration

See details inside



Grandravine Players with Chris Clark the team captain of the Washington Capitals

Arlington welcomes the Grandravine Tornadoes

The Closing ceremonies were held Saturday evening where all the teams and their coaches were honoured for their sportsmanship and accomplishments. There was lots of good food and partying in the food court.

Later that evening, we watched a thrilling game where our Canadian coaches scored against the US team and made us proud with their victory.

We must mention the wonderful service we received from our bus drivers: Mark, Steve and David. They were really outstanding in their participation with our teams and their excellent driving skills getting us to Virginia and back home safely. A special thank you to all our coaches who contribute so much of their time and efforts to our athletes. We are lucky to have such fine people as part of our organization.

Our heartfelt thanks to Joe and Silvia for working so hard to make this tournament run so smoothly and successfully.

We really thank you for caring so much and making this tournament a wonderful experience for all of us. Not only do you deal with a mountain of paperwork, emails and stress but you also take on the responsibility of the well being of our athletes.

On behalf of all the athletes and their families our sincere thanks for all you do.

See you next season!

P.S. Honourable mention to Paul Cohen for recommending The Cheescake Factory as the hit restaurant of the trip!



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS

Karout, Alex	March 3	Inwood, Ryan	May 29	Santos, Gilbert	July 8
Schonrock, Hans	March 7	Tam, Martin	May 15	Liotta, Mark	July 15
Scott, David	March 15	Rizzuto, Mark	May 22	Ross, Kirk	July 17
Graziano, Jim	March 16	Kilipouris, Steven	May 23	Cleland, David	July 25
Kay, Vern	March 18	Hollowell, Jason	May 25	Lohr, Ben	July 26
Seguin, Eric	April 7	Free, Eric	May 24	Jolly, Michael	July 29
Hird, Ryan	April 12	Morgillo, Stefania	May 28	Vanier, Jeffrey	Aug 2
Elbe, Eddie	April 14	Reid, Colin	June 11	Selarka, Mehul	Aug 7
Batt, Bob	April 15	Parisien, Frank	June 12	Yu-Seto, Henry	Aug 7
Mogford, Jonathan	April 17	Cleland, Norman	June 14	Shchukovsky, Yonath	an Aug 13
Nagle, Todd	April 18	Hillier, Sean	June 16	Leah, David (new)	Aug 15
Rizzuto, Joe	April 25	Rizzuto, Lisa	June 21	Hefford, Gordon	Aug 15
Furlong, John	April 26	Bhandal, Sunny	June 26	Evola, Frank	Aug 18
Santos, Joaquim	April 26	Cheung, Tony	July 5	Buffan, Stephanie	Aug 21
Pivato, Peter	April 27	Marrella, Robert	July 7	Vo, Ryan	Aug 25
		Hamza, Mohamed	July 7	Tedesco, Jonathan	Aug 30

JUST A REMINDER Our last Casino Rama Bus Trip for this season Saturday, May 5, 2007 Please contact Mary Lou 416-243-3262

Golf Tournament

Friday, July 27 Cardinal Golf Course Please contact Carmelina 905-832-0864 SPECIAL OLYMPICS ONTARIO GRANDRAVINE WOLVES 2007 BASEBALL REGISTRATION THURSDAY, MAY 17th 6:30 to 8:30 GRANDRAVINE COMMUNITY CENTRE 23 Grandravine Drive REGISTRATION FEE IS \$40.00 SEASON BEGINS THURSDAY MAY 24th at 6:30 PM "LET'S PLAY BALL!!"

