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Heff — A Grandravine Icon

by Mary Seguin

Selby Hefford. Equipment manager. Coach. "Heff" to the players of Grandravine. The first person everybody saw in the morning, one of the last to leave. By the time the first players rolled in for their nine o'clock practice, he had the coffee on the boil, the equipment cart rolled out, and a joke on the back burner.

His love of hockey and for his son Gord, brought him to Grandravine over 15 years ago. A woman he coached with told him about Grandravine and he decided to come and check it out. From that day on, he knew he had found the right place. He had coached for over 25 years with Special Olympics in floor hockey and softball. He had played hockey himself for many years through work, but now, for the first time, he had a chance to see his son Gord actually skate. He started coaching, getting great satisfaction from helping the new players learn. He patiently



taught them, giving them confidence, and encouraging them to simply have fun and play hockey.

Heff travelled everywhere with the

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SAVE THE DATE

- SHI Tournament
Apr. 15 - 17, 2010
- Year End Banquet
April 24, 2010
- Annual General Meeting
June 6, 2010
- Grandravine Golf Tournament
July 23, 2010

A Day at the Marlies Game

Sunday March 21 was not a typical spring day. It was warm and sunny but for dozens of Grandravine players and their parents and friends it was still hockey day at the Ricoh Centre. In an exciting, close fought game, the Marlies trailed 1-0 with 48 seconds to go when Ryan Hamilton brought the crowd to its feet with the tying goal. Then, with the Marlies short-handed in overtime, Ryan bagged the winning goal to send everyone home smiling. Special thanks go out to the good people of Centreplate, caterers of the Ricoh Centre and Direct Energy Centre, who generously donated the tickets.



Heff

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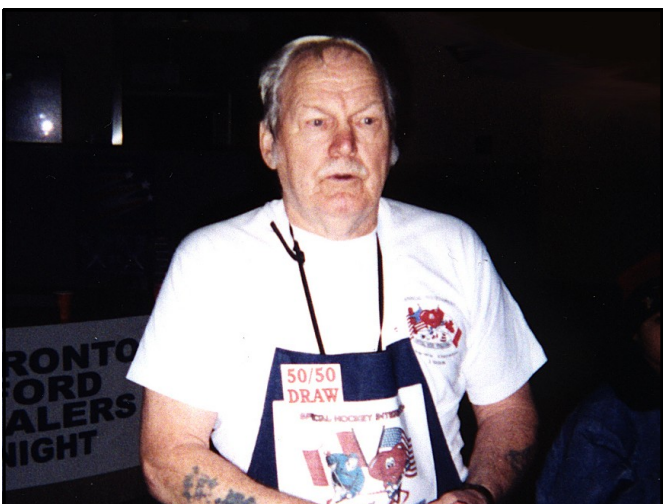
team, handing out snacks during long bus rides, checking equipment, helping in whatever way he could. It was during his first tournament in Ottawa that he started his famous red pin hat, collecting pins from every team at every tournament.

As he stepped off the on-ice coaching, he stayed close to the players. During tournaments, he stayed with the team as they played. At home, he became the one they all went to when they needed something fixed or found - "take it to Heff". He rented the ice for all the players and their families for a family skate during the Christmas holidays.

He was a war veteran, spending 9 years in the merchant marines and one year in the Korean war. He was a husband, father, and grandfather. He cared deeply for his family. For his son, Gord. For his wife, Flora, who suffered from Alzheimers. For his other children and grandchildren, who rallied around him when he had his stroke in October of 2008.

He'd like people to know that he truly enjoyed being involved and misses it very much. Coming to hockey on Saturdays was the highlight of his week. He couldn't wait to get there and help in any way he could. He still helps out financially with donations of coffee and donations to the golf tournament and fundraising.

Special Hockey not only has special players. They have special coaches.



PLAYERS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS

April:

Ryan Hird, Michael Carcasole, Todd Nagle, Samson Lee, Alex Tse, Joshua Gardner, Joaquim Santos, John Furlong, Jasper Cho, Eric Seguin, Jake Kravitz

May:

Bowie Siu, Michael Stanco, Martin Tam, Gianpaolo Villani, Sertaj Wohab, Mark Rizzuto, Nicholas Wong, Steven Kilipouris, Eric Free, Ryan Inwood

June:

Norman Cleland, Sean Hillier, Matthew Cortese, Sunny Bhandal

July:

Mohamed Hamza, Gilberto Santos, Benjamin Chung, Liev Hurtig, Mark Liotta, Kirk Ross, Ben Lohr, Michael Jolly, Tony Cheung, Robert Marrella

August:

Tye Connor, Yonathan Shchukovsky, Gordon Hefford, Frank Evola, Jeffrey Vanier, Gary Freeman, Brendon Anderson, Jonathan Tedesco, Mehul Selarka, Henry Yu -Seto

September:

Andy Chen, Calvin Zhu, John Elbe, Biagi no Iamascia, Kurtis Ruan, Shawn Salas,

Announcements

Annual General Meeting

The annual General meeting will be held on Sunday June 6, at 1:00PM at Grandravine Arena. All Grandravine members are strongly encouraged to attend. Any member wishing to stand for election to the board of directors for the positions of Vice President(Fundraising), or Director of Coaching should submit their name, in writing, to the current board by May 16, 2010 at the following address:

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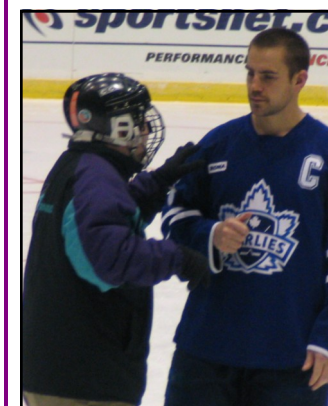
Annual Grandravine Golf Tournament

The Grandravine annual Golf Tournament will be held on July 23 at Cardinal Golf Club. Registration is \$175 per golfer which includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, prizes, lunch and dinner. For more information and registration forms go to www.grandravinetornadoes.org.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Please call Carmelina Corvinelli at 905 832-0864 or email at carmelinac@rogers.com.

Come on out for a great day of golf and bring your friends.

Skating With The Marlies



The Tornado Times Goes Electronic

This will be the last issue of the Tornado times to be printed on paper. There are many reasons for this, not the least of which is our own small effort to reduce the amount paper used and its related impact on the ecology. The new paperless editions will be distributed by email to all our members and sponsors. It will also continue to be available on our website. There, in addition to our members, anyone at all can sign up to receive our newsletter, making it available to a wider range of people.

There also many announcements that cannot wait till an issue is printed and distributed. By using email we can send out an issue at any time without having to wait till a specified publication date or until there are enough articles to fill an issue. Other non time critical stories can also be released whenever it is appropriate.

For those very few members of our organization that do not have email access we will make the issues available on paper but in a very limited way. And for our sponsors and advertisers they will still get increased exposure as the newsletters will go out more often and to more people than before.