



TORNADO TIMES

London Edition

The 12th Annual Special Hockey International Tournament

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By Mary Seguin

England, here we come! After years of anticipation, months of preparation, not to mention the lack of sleep, we finally arrived in London in a sea of purple and teal to board a bus for Butlins Resort at Bognor Regis. It didn't take the kids long to discover the huge indoor pavilion filled with video games, shows,

bowling, go-carts, and food. Not to forget the indoor pool complex that rivaled our own water parks. And for those who didn't mind the cold, a bracing walk along the sea did wonders to clear the head. By the time we all met up with the other teams at the "Meet and Greet" that night, most of us were fading, but excitement was high. We were off to tour London the next day.

Two buses left Bognor Regis early the next morning and we had our first glimpse of London. Our first stop was the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, and then it was off to Covent Gardens for lunch. In the afternoon, we saw St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Big Ben and the houses of parliament, Trafalgar square, Picca-

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Important Dates

- Annual Meeting—
May 28, 2006 —
1:00 P.M.
Grandravine Arena
- Golf Tournament—
July 20, 2006—
Nottawasaga Inn
- Thanks to Mary Seguin for her report on London
- Thanks to Frank Nagle our photographer.



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Pierrette and Jimmy opening one of their many baby gifts.



The happy, expectant couple cut the "Pink and Blue" cake.

Jimmy and Pierrette Graziano were showered with a beautiful array of baby gifts for their little bundle which is expected in July. Our best wishes for good health, happiness and joy go out to the expectant couple and we cannot wait to meet our newest Grandravine Tornado member.

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Fundraising

I would like to congratulate everyone at Grandravine Special Program for a very successful year of fundraising. Specifically I want to mention Stefania Morgillo, Carmelina Corvinelli and Mathew Ciccotelli for the Golf Tournament, Mary Lou Elbe for the Casino Rama Trips and Lisa Rizzuto for the Valentine Dance. I would like to thank all those of you who brought in sponsors and donations and who helped with the various events. And I also want to acknowledge a major new sponsor this year, The Leafs Fund.

Fundraising is one of those things that can sometimes turn people off. You know what I mean - 'another organization with their hand out again'. While we do have our hand out, I think it's fair to say that through the efforts of the people mentioned above, our fundraising events are more like FUN-raising events. Everyone always has such a good time.

And it is because of this fundraising that we can provide our program at an affordable level. This year we sent 2 teams to the SHI tournament, bought new uniforms and new shirts for the whole team. And as well the money went towards our many ongoing expenses. That is our fundraising objective.

Thanks again to all of you who contributed in so many ways.

Mike Liotta

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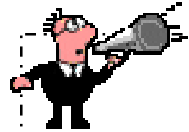
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Website News

A new forum is being added to our website. It is open to players, coaches and any other interested parties. This forum is a place where you can stay in touch or exchange information. It should be up and running by the time you read this. So, check it out.

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