



Cobourg Regional Silver Stick Qualifier



**Minor "A" – Atom, Peewee, Bantam, Midget
Dec 27-30-2007**

COBOURG LANDS PRESTIGIOUS ANNUAL HOCKEY EVENT!

COBOURG – (June 25/2007) The esteemed Silver Stick hockey tournament is coming to Cobourg December 27th to 30th! Our town has been chosen to host the Silver Stick Minor A Qualifier tournament for Eastern Ontario by the event's Board of Directors at their annual general meeting earlier this month in Whitby. It will be an annual event held every year between Christmas & New Years!

The tournament will encompass the age groups of minor Atom, minor Peewee, minor Bantam & minor Midgets with 32 teams or more expected to participate. Local businessmen and longtime Cobourg hockey supporters Gary Oliver and Peter Lorenz have volunteered to take on the monumental task as tournament directors and they couldn't be more excited!

"This is a big shot in the arm for the Cobourg Community Hockey League (CCHL) and the town of Cobourg as it will be a great revenue stream for both," explains Lorenz. "The exposure for our town and all of the businesses in the community is immeasurable as well. We hope that all the hockey fans in the Cobourg area will come out and watch the action!"

The beauty of the Silver Stick format is that there is a real incentive to come out on top of your division. **The winners of the tournament get to go on and play in the North American Silver Stick Finals** which puts them up against other regional champions from all over North America including representatives from Maryland, Texas, Indiana, Illinois, Alabama, Nevada, Michigan, California, Pennsylvania, Colorado and Ontario.

All of the finals champion's team names will then go on display at the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto.

Scholarships will be made available to players from Cobourg for post secondary education.

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The Silver Stick Story – A backgrounder!

The founder of the International Silver Stick Association, Mr. Jack Kinsella, was born in Regina, Sask., April 8, 1908. He moved to Ottawa, Ontario as a child and it was in the city that the idea of Silver Stick originated in 1957. The purpose of the venture was to further International relations between Peewee and Bantam age players from Ottawa area and New York State, immediately south of Canada's capital. The theme of the entire program is to promote citizenship and goodwill through the medium of Silver Stick Hockey, and to foster sportsmanship through International competition for youth of all nations. A trophy was needed for the tournament and one of the founders, Mr. Ernie Temple, is credited with the idea of using a long stick instead of a trophy to present the winners. The stick, made of silver and donated by the Ottawa Citizen newspaper, was used at the first Silver Stick Tournament in 1958, in Richmond, Ontario. Relative replicas of the Original Silver Stick Trophy are used in North American Finals.

In 1961, Mr. Kinsella contacted the late Mr. Fred Lamelein of Port Huron, Michigan who then visited with Mr. Kinsella in Ottawa. Following that meeting, Silver Stick Hockey was introduced to southwestern Ontario with a tournament in Watford. Mr. Roy Caley of Watford was responsible for organizing and promoting this event.

In January of 1963, the first North American Finals Tournament took place in Port Huron, Michigan. On May 19, 1963, a Constitution and Bylaws were adopted and an International Board elected. Port Huron was chosen as the permanent "home" of Silver Stick Hockey and the site of the Pee wee and Bantam Finals each year.

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