



## FEBRUARY 2011 NEWSLETTER

### Player of the Month:

Congratulations:

**#30 Carissa Gordon**

Head Coach: Mike Bowser



**Reason Coach Bowser has nominated & The CHA POM committee has selected Carissa as the player of the month:**

I would like to nominate Carissa Gordon for player of the month. Last year was Carissa's first year playing hockey.

During last season, she skated out and rotated as goalie. Carissa's desire was to be a full time goalie. She attended goalie camps all summer long and came into this season with the Girls' U14 team as a force to be reckoned with. She has been solid in net helping her team rack up 12 wins out of 17 league games to date. With Carissa's positive attitude, dedication and enthusiasm to hockey and her team, the Chelmsford Girls' hockey program has been reinvigorated. I am proud to have Carissa as the net minder for the Girls' U14 Team. ~Coach Mike Bowser~

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**Honorable Mention to Runner up:**

**#6 Michael DiBacco ~ Squirt 4**

### Upcoming Events:

Board Meeting 2/9/2011

Try Hockey for Free Day 2/19/2011



## Fundraising Update

### Ice Breaker Social

Thank you to all for making the Ice Breaker a huge success. All of the teams donated creative and generous baskets! Thanks to all who attended and volunteered! We made over \$1500. Congratulations to Kristy Moulton who won the \$250 dues credit for her son Riley of the Mite team.

### CHA Drinking Glasses

We still have the drinking glasses for sale. They are \$5 each.

Please contact Diane Angwin at [Fundraising@ChelmsfordHockey.com](mailto:Fundraising@ChelmsfordHockey.com)



## **From the CHA Coaching Director: Joe Canniff**

Just a reminder that the Player Evaluation and Placement Process, including player try-outs, for the 2011-2012 season will be scheduled during later March and early April.

Additional information & details will follow. For detailed information regarding the Player Evaluation and Placement Process, please go to the CHA web-site at

<http://www.leagueathletics.com/Page.asp?n=19462&snid=kKJJS6N7V&org=chelmsfordhockey.com>.



## **Try Hockey For Free Day! Saturday, February 19, 2011 12:00pm-2:00pm Chelmsford Forum**

The Chelmsford Hockey Association is hosting another chance for boys and girls to play hockey, for free! Do you know someone who has always wanted a chance to give the game of hockey a try? Now's the time for them to do so, under the supervision of CHA instructors. All that is required is any kind of helmet, skates, and protective gloves. Spread the word about this event and help grow the great game of hockey in Chelmsford. Questions?

Contact Scott Millin at  
[president@chelmsfordhockey.com](mailto:president@chelmsfordhockey.com)

*Chelmsford Hockey Association wants to thank the following sponsors for donating the Player of Month prizes each month.*

*Center Sports ~ \$25.00*

*Play it Again Sports Chelmsford ~\$25.00*

*Sports Wash ~ 1 complete equipment wash*

*R&R Trophy & Awards ~ Player of the Month  
Plaque*

*Thanks Ralph DiBacco*

*[secretary@chelmsfordhockey.com](mailto:secretary@chelmsfordhockey.com)*

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[Secretary@chelmsfordhockey.com](mailto:Secretary@chelmsfordhockey.com)

# Chelmsford Team News

Pee Wee 1's Take First Place at Kittredge Tournament in Pittsfield.



The Pee Wee 1's traveled out to Pittsfield, MA over MLK weekend to play in the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Gib Kittredge Memorial Tournament, their fourth tournament of the season. After taking second place in their previous 2, the Lions were looking to bring home the 'big trophy' this time.

The PW 1's wasted no time getting things going. Taking on Nantucket, Nick Terrio scored on an Elliott McGuire feed on the game's first shift. A few minutes later Terrio returned the favor, taking a pass from Liam Gleason and setting up Elliott to give the Lions a 2-0 lead. Things got worse in a hurry for the Whalers, the large ice surface playing to the Lions advantage, and Andy Robinson (assist to Kevin Ames), Chris Lewis, (Terrio) and Charles McKelvey putting the Lions ahead 5-0 in the first period. Things were quiet until the third, until Gleason scored with Terrio completing the playmaker with his 3<sup>rd</sup> assist, McKelvey getting his second, and Patrick MacDonald taking a feed from Patrick White to complete the 8-1 barrage.

Game 2 pitted the Lions against the host Berkshire Bruins. The Bruins jumped to an early 1-0 lead 90 seconds in, but the Lions responded, with McKelvey scoring less than a minute later. The Bruins did not let up and scored again minutes later. This time Andy Robinson would answer 30 seconds later to tie it at 2. The Lions took their first lead 2 minutes later after Kevin Quinn fired a wrist shot past the stunned Bruins goalie. The Lions kept up the offense in the second period with Jimmy Connelly scoring on a breakaway, and Quinn notching his second of the game, to give the Lions the 5-2 lead. From there, Danny Millin lead the defensive unit, slamming the door on every Bruins scoring chance sealing the 5-2 victory.

Sat night, the Lions took on the Schenectady Chargers, picking up right where they left off, jumping out to a 5-1 lead midway through the game. The Chargers didn't give up though. Knowing they would face the Lions for the Championship the next morning, the Chargers took advantage of Lion penalties and rode the hot stick of Evan Maroney (3 goals and 1 assist) to earn a 5-5 tie. Looking at the reaction of both teams after the game, it was a game the Chargers felt as though they won, and the Lions felt as though they lost.

In the rematch on Sunday, the PW1's felt they had the better team, it was just a matter of staying in the game and finishing what they came to do. The two teams battled evenly on the tiny ice surface of the Pittsfield Boys Club (The only rink in the world on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, according to locals) before Lewis and Clarke sent Quinn in on an expedition to the net, putting

the Lions up 1-0 late in the first. The Chargers could not mount much of an attack with Cam Turner neutralizing out their big (only) scorer whenever he got near the Lions end. When he did manage to send someone else in or get a shot off, goalie Blake Alber rose to the challenge turning all 9 shots away for the shutout. Ames scored early in the third, and Connelly closed it out late. The Lions had finished what they set out to do, finishing off the Championship with a 3-0 victory.

The key to the PW1's win and their season, was the total team effort. Every Lion made huge contributions over the weekend. Balanced scoring – all 14 skaters recorded at least one point during the tournament - a shutout and 2.00 GAA from Blake, solid team defense, and five man fore-check led the Lions to the Championship.



## **Lady Lions were finalists in Christmas Tournament**

The Lady Lions participated in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Arlington Christmas Tournament in December. They battled and won their first game against a more experienced Arlington U14 team. Final score was 5-4. It was truly a joy to watch these girls work hard together and pull out the win especially against a team in a higher division than ours. In their second matchup, they faced Warwick, RI and lost 8-1. Although the girls skated hard, Warwick was a fierce team and a win was not to be. For the third game of the tournament, they faced Winchester and easily beat them 5-1. This win put our girls into the finals to play for the championship against Warwick,RI. Warwick went into the finals with a 3-0 record and ended up sweeping the tournament. Our Lady Lions finished as runners-up in the tournament. It was a great experience and the girls should be very proud of the way they played! Way to go girls.



**The Chelmsford Squirt 3 team is proud to be the District 9 Champions.**

Strong team play resulted in victories against Arlington, Waltham and the championship game against Burlington. We look forward to continued success in the states.



## **OTTAWA, UNLIMITED**

The “game plan” was to cram as much Canadian fun as possible into four days. Chelmsford’s Squirt Two team and families were very successful in Ottawa during their magical weekend tournament. Canal skating, 11 p.m. floor hockey in the hallways, a rocking junior hockey (Ottawa 67’s) game, outdoor hockey at -2 F, a steamy hotel pool, and tons of food at Tim Hortons and Harveys were just a few of the highlights. Romping around in their special Ottawa team shirts (sponsored by The Meat-House), the boys took a big bite out of life.

Oh, yes...they played tournament hockey versus squirt teams from Ottawa and Montreal. A loss and a win versus Ottawa teams sent them to a showdown game versus the Montreal Canadians, er Montreal squirts. Played in a noisy “Stanley Cup” atmosphere – complete with blaring horns, screams and drama – the game went into overtime thanks to a Chris Bungard wriester and Connor Walsh’s stunning strike with 10.7 seconds left to force overtime at 2-2. The bedlam and ecstasy of that moment was quickly followed by the agony of an overtime shootout loss. Overall, the team was “living large” in chilly Canada and loving every minute.

As guests of the impressive Lord Elgin hotel (efficient valet parking, bellhops, room service) – the 7 hour mini-van trip was well worth it. Cruising by Mount Mansfield (Stowe,

Vermont), crossing Lake Champlain on a car ferry and flashing passports at the border were highlights.

Friday night's highlight was the Ottawa 67 (topflight juniors) game in a rowdy, 8,000 seat arena. Seats close to the ice allowed the Squirrt Two players a close-up of future NHL stars. Red horns (noisy) and 67 hats and jerseys were key souvenirs.

Proudly wearing maroon and black Chelmsford jerseys on the Canadian rinks were: Patrick Wilson, Christian Gastonguay, Julia Maybury, Chris Bungard, Pete Dillman, Adam Haded, Chad Lizine, Mike Marchessault, Dylan McElhinney, John Ossif, Conor Quinn, Matt Ringdahl, John Roark and Connor Walsh.

Three games in Saturday's tournament created memories to last a lifetime. Chelmsford's Squirrt Twos were very competitive. Game one slipped away in the third period versus a tough Ottawa team. Gastonguay scored first with a nice deke move, 1-0 Lions. Three straight goals by Ottawa's top forward put them in a hole. Wilson (coast to coast) and Bungard responded with goals for the final 6-3 score.

The second game got the fireworks started!! Amid a cacophony of 67 horns and screaming Lion fans Chris Bungard got the party started with 2 goals. Patrick Wilson tied the game at 3-3 with 7:43 remaining as goalie McElhinney made clutch saves in the crease. Wilson scored the game winner with precisely 6.7 seconds left and bedlam ensued. This tournament was becoming Chelmsford's Stanley Cup.

Game three's showdown, as noted, was equal doses of ecstasy, lunacy, and agony. The loudest of the games, it will stand in the memory banks as the night we ALMOST beat the hated Montreal Canadians, er Squirts.

Sunday was a mix of canal skating and outdoor hockey. YES, the Canadians SKATE to work. A giant Zamboni cleans the ice every evening as families and commuters zip by on skates. Cold? Yes, it is usually about 2degrees but skaters adapt quickly in this LAND OF HOCKEY. TV offers dozens of junior and NHL games every night. The outdoor rinks are at every public school – in addition to a million or more indoor rinks. These people are serious about hockey!! Art museums, restaurants and casinos complete the Ottawa experience – one our kids will never forget!!

\*\*\*OTTAWA PHOTO GALERY – SEE BELOW!!

