

Slave Lake Rotary Club poker tournament. Sawridge Banquet Room March 20

Sports

Midget 'A' provincial hockey tournament March 26 - 28 in Slave Lake



The fearsome foursome

Lyle Ruecker's Silvertip rink won the 46th annual Slave Lake Oilmen's Bonspiel on the weekend. Right to left are Ruecker, Third Randy Boisvert, Second Allan Ruecker and Lead Brad Pollard. Ruecker's team defeated Richard Schultz's Weatherford rink 5 - 4 in the 'A' Event final. Schultz needed two to tie with the hammer in the eighth, but could only manage a single. In the 'B' Event, Chad Doepker's Flint #1 rink took care of Warren Thera's CCS/Hazco rink 6 - 1 in a game that was conceded after six ends. The Reward team from Valleyview, skipped by Dan Clough had the right stuff to win the 'C' Event, beating Mike Skrynyk's Diamond S. Team 6 - 3. And in the 'D' Event, Great Northern, skipped by Gary Evernden, defeated Seguin Construction, skipped by Dan Gorham.

Midgets hosting 'A' provincials Mar. 26 - 28

Joe McWilliams
Lakeside Leader

The Arctic Ice Centre will be a busy place the last weekend of March. That's when seven Midget hockey teams visit town to battle each other for Midget 'A' supremacy. As hosts, the local Thunder got a bye into the tournament, which means the northwest zone will have two teams. Grande Prairie is that other Zone 1 team, and the Thunder just got finished beating them 15 - 10 in a two-game, total-goal series.

The roster of teams had not been completed by the time this article went to press, but it looked as if Hanna, Rocky Mountain House and Vermilion would be three of the contenders, and either Morinville or Whitecourt another.

In any case, the Slave Lake Thunder will have their work cut out for them.

Each team plays a minimum of three games, with the semi-final and final happening on the Sunday for those teams that survive the round robin portion of the previous two days.

The games get underway at 8:00 a.m. both the Friday and the Saturday. Saturday night there's a supper at the curling rink, which fans can also attend for an outlay of \$15.

Sunday things kick off in fine fashion with a \$5 breakfast from 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., also upstairs at the curling rink.

The tournament should provide a nice little boost for the hotels in town for the duration, with seven visiting teams, times at least 20 people per team, plus however many fans come along for the ride. Go Thunder!

Michigan snowmobilers sled through en route to Alaska



MichCanSka riders pose for a post-Tim Horton's photo on their stop in Slave Lake on Feb. 26. They arrived just in the nick of time, because the snow was melting pretty fast.

Caezer Ng
Lakeside Leader

Twenty-eight American snowmobile riders from Michigan rode through the town of Slave Lake for diabetes research, on Friday, Feb. 26.

Organizer for the fundraiser trip, Bill Bradfield, stressed that MichCanSka's main goal was to raise money for diabetes research. Bradfield said they have raised \$60,000 so far.

Those who travelled along Highway 2 on that afternoon would have noticed 28 riders congregating by the Tim Horton's drive-through for lunch in their coffee stop. Their rest area for that day was High Prairie.

These riders started their engines in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan and left on Feb. 15. They want to cover about 200 miles each day.

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