

a regular basis. Talented defencemen include Ian Coventry and Gary Whitfield who are excellent at breaking up their opponents' plays. Relative newcomers Kate Arnott and Johnathon Hakkers of Goderich (who had a great tournament this past summer, earning nine points) are showing a lot of

promise and have further increased the competition in our Division. We even have a Division/Team Mascot - Linda Dubé's service dog and "rufferee" Timbit! These are just a few of the people who make our Division a fun place to be and there are many more!

Our sport is not expensive to play. Lightweight plastic sticks are used and a small fee is charged for the season. We are always looking for new players and anyone who is interested can call Amanda at (519) 472-1435 or email at ajudge@isp.ca. I am happy to answer any questions or to put you in touch with one of our coaches.

Games are played at Ashley Oaks Public School on Ashley Crescent in London on Friday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00pm. Spectators are welcome and admission is free. Come and check us out!

London Devilettes Girls' Hockey Association

Submitted by Andrea Chisholm, London Devilettes Girls' Hockey Association

The London Devilettes Girls' Hockey Association (LDGHA) has proudly been the place for girls age five to 20-plus to play hockey in London for more than 25 years! The association was formed in the fall of 1986. During the first season, the Devilettes had a single team of approximately 20 PeeWee age players. One of the largest girls' hockey associations in southwestern Ontario, the Devilettes currently has both house league and competitive teams with over 700 girls registered!

The driving force behind the formation of the Devilettes, Jim Martin, wanted a uniform for the girls that looked good and would be different. He liked the New Jersey Devils colours, red, green and white, and the feminine version of Devils became Devilettes. He designed the logo and thus the association officially became known as the London Devilettes Girls' Hockey Association. The uniform has undergone several changes over the years, which have helped show the evolution and growth of girls' hockey in London. This year, the Devilettes introduced a new logo that modernized the look of the players' uniforms and is also quite distinctive. For the players, the logo is likely secondary to getting on the ice to play, but they do have a sense of pride in wearing uniforms that represent both their club and their city. For the organization, the new logo breathes a freshness into an already well-established program.

Over the years, the house league and competitive teams have played in a number of city-owned rinks across London. This year, the London Sports Park officially became the home of the Devilettes, with the new logo featured at centre ice, as well as a dedicated dressing room and a coaches room for the Junior team.

The association was formed so that every female, regardless of age or skill, could have a place to play hockey, and always emphasizes fun, Continued on page 17



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