

A Salute to Minor Hockey Week

Esso Minor Hockey week is a prime example year after year of how hockey is such a prominent part of our Canadian identity. During this year's hockey season the event will run from January 8th to January 16th, 2016. This event is recognized as the largest ice hockey tournament in the world. The tournament is prestigious in the minds of so many Canadian kids across our great country. It's a chance for players from novice to junior levels to get together for fun and friendly competition.

In the City of Calgary, the tournament has brought teams together for over 40 years and this year will be Esso's 36th year as title sponsor. Kudos to Esso for their continued support. For Hockey Calgary, the tournament's opening ceremonies are taking place at the Max Bell Arena 1 on Friday, January 8th, 2016.

No event of this magnitude could run so well and for so long without a dedicated group of volunteers, coaches, officials and parents year after year. So hats off to the countless number of volunteers each year who provide the kids in Calgary and across Canada with the opportunity to play the game they love. Throughout the week in Calgary, more than 600 teams and 12,000 players ranging in age from 7 to 21 will take to the ice for this annual tournament. In addition 2,500 coaches and 4,000 volunteers will be involved to make sure the event runs smoothly.

Make sure you get out to the local arenas and experience the passion and excitement of grass roots hockey! Feel the love of the game from our youth and remember...

RESPECT

Everyone in the rink deserves it!

Tucker Hockey - National *Back to the Homeland Again*

An exclusive "Annual" weekend with Tucker Hockey endorsed by Springdale & District Minor Hockey came to the Town of Springdale, Newfoundland again this Fall.

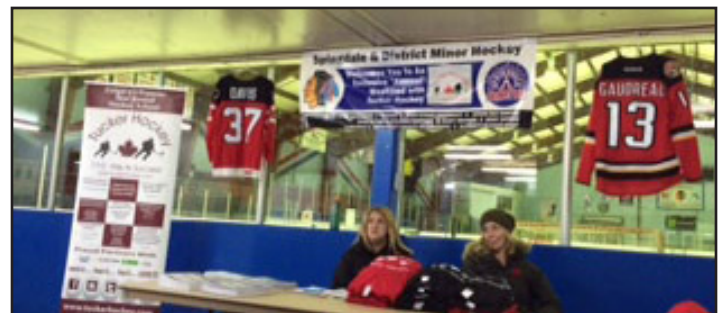
Coach Rex had the pleasure to return to his native province of Newfoundland and Labrador in November, 2015. Tucker Hockey held a 3 day mini camp from November 6th to 8th, 2015. This power skating and puck control camp was operated at the local arena in the Town of Springdale, app: population 2700 situated within the Green Bay District Area just 12 miles from Little Bay Islands where I grew up and played hockey as a young boy. The camp consisted of 70 skaters within 3 age groups.

Special thanks are extended to Jamie Tizzard for his dedication and endorsement of Tucker Hockey which provided Coach Rex with an opportunity to visit his homeland again and run a camp. It was truly a special experience to return to the Green Bay Area where I was raised and help give back to the local players. It felt gratifying to work with keen players and their coaches whose sole purpose was to help give the local

kids an opportunity to develop their skills and have fun!

The volunteer minor hockey coaches were very amicable, eager to help on the ice and learn. Thanks to minor hockey coaches - Jamie Tizzard, Doug Keough, Jason Sparkes, Trenton Johanson, Bill Adams, Peter Lilly, Mark Lawlor, Sherman McKay, Jordan Snow, Roger Jacobs, Dave Edison, Darryl Robinson and Stephen Earle. Thanks to Heather Saunders for taking care of the camp registrations and to her helpers for their assistance to make the camp a success.

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Registration Desk - Heather Saunders & Friend

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Players in the camp ranged in age from Squirt to Girls under 20 levels and were a joy to instruct. The players really watched, listened and worked hard throughout the weekend camp. Congratulations to Cole Williams winner of the Johnny Gaudreau Calgary Flames autograph jersey and Kira Clarke winner of the Sarah Davis Canadian National Team (Davis is the only Newfoundlander to date to play on the Canadian Women's National Team) autograph jersey giveaways. It was great to see so many big smiles from the two players who won the giveaway camp jerseys and the 24 players who won Team Canada giveaway hats awarded to the 2 hardest workers in each on ice sessions.



for the players and coaches while having fun on the ice. Also, to pass on a few new skating and puck control drills, including teaching points and coaching methods to the local minor hockey coaches from the pre camp coaches 4 hour classroom & on ice workshop and from a full weekend of on ice instruction.

Conclusion, Tucker Hockey salutes the many minor hockey coaches and volunteers within the Springdale & District Minor Hockey Association for stepping up, being enthusiastic and dedicated to help the kids play, develop and enjoy their hockey throughout the season! Several of the coaches are involved in coaching 3 different teams this season so the kids can play and enjoy their hockey! They are certainly to be commended for their efforts!



Rex Tucker, Cole Williams, Kira Clarke, Jamie Tizzard

Coach Rex is looking forward to an opportunity to visit again in the fall of 2016 for some more fun times on the ice. Best wishes to Bill Adams, the President of Springdale & District Hockey and his fellow executive members for an enjoyable Minor Hockey Week and many successes this hockey season. Go Springdale Braves Go!! Go Springdale Bravettes Go!!

**To play the game is good
To win is better
But to love the game is best of all.**



Tucker Hockey's mission was to instil the love of the game, improve on the skating and puck control skills and