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**WESTMEATH & DISTRICT
RECREATION ASSOCIATION**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Every 2nd Tuesday—upstairs hall

Making Melodies with Miss Erica -10 am

May 7th Big Breakfast /Yard Sale

May 8th Mother's Day

May 21st Festival of Small Halls

June 18th Golf Tournament

July 1st Canada Day in planning stages—
chicken dinner and fireworks

MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

To rent Community Centre Hall :

613-587-4559/613-587-4838 or email wdra@nrtco.net

Ice bookings: arenas@whitewaterregion.ca;

or call Township office M-F, 8:30 am - 4 pm , ask for Debbie

For Newsletter inquiries:

Email: wdranewsletter@nrtco.net or call 613-587-4438

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Big Buffet Breakfast/Yard Sale

On **May 7th** from 7:30 am to 10:30 am the WDRA will be hosting a **Big Buffet Breakfast** at the Westmeath Hall - 119 Synton St. Breakfast will be \$11.00 for adults, children 12 and under \$7.00 and children under 4 are free. We will also have a yard sale in our community where the public is invited to purchase a table on the ice surface for \$ 20.00 a table or we can help to advertise your yard sale at your home for \$5.00. The yard sale at the arena will run from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm.

To book a table at the arena please contact Bob at 613-587-4560, or send a message to wdra@nrtco.net.

SAVE THE DATE!

Golf Tournament - Saturday, June 18th

WDRA Fundraiser at Oaks of Cobden

4 person/best ball - needing hole sponsors and prizes - no prize is too small.

Father's Day Weekend - perfect opportunity to hit the links with dad, family and friends

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Delta Bingo

We have two bingos per month Friday nights from 5:30 - 7:30 pm and from 7:30 - 9:30 pm, once a month. It is very easy, we just have to call back numbers, pick up cards and wipe off tables. The money we get from Delta Bingo, helps us with programming and events. This is important, as it gives us funds every month, to help keep our hall up and running. Delta Bingo is starting back up, and we need to start volunteering again now. We have lost all our bingo volunteers. The volunteers need to take a short training. We are desperately looking for volunteers to help us so that we do not lose this very valuable source of revenue.

Volunteer to Coordinator Table Set-up at the Westmeath Hall for events.

Volunteers are need to help set-up tables and chairs for events at the Westmeath Hall, as well as a coordinator to contact the volunteers to advise the date and time they are needed.

Golf Tournament – June 18th at Oaks of Cobden

We are looking for volunteers to work at various holes on the golf course during the tournament. The jobs could include selling raffle tickets, recording putting scores or asking trivia questions. The hours would be from approximately 12:00 – 5:00 pm. If you have family that are taking part in the golf tournament and you do not golf, this is a way for you to be involved as well. **For more information please contact Beth at 613-587-4294.**

For more information on any of these events please contact any member of the board, or wdra@nrtco.net.



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**Harrow Fair with
The Redhill Valleys**

Westmeath District and Recreation Centre

119 Synton Street

SATURDAY, MAY 21st at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets : \$35. (PURCHASE ON LINE)

[2022 Spring Schedule - Ontario Festival of Small Halls \(ontariosmallhalls.com\)](https://www.ontariosmallhalls.com)

Choose Westmeath and purchase your tickets.



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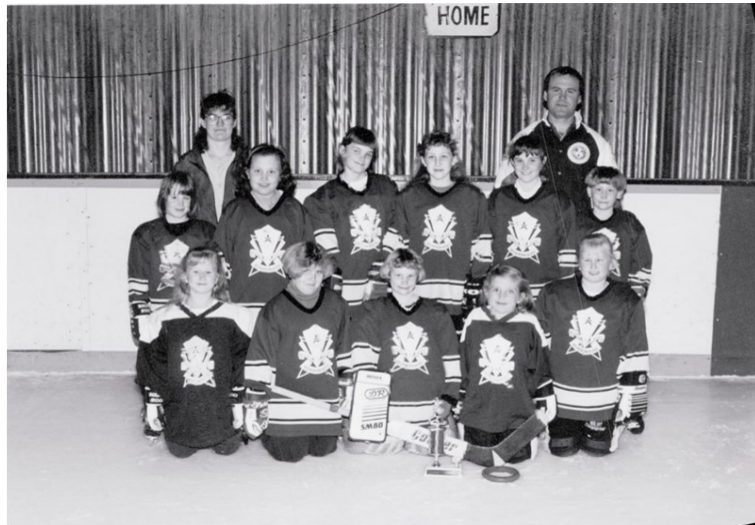
THE LA PASSE AND WESTMEATH GIRLS WIN WITH RINGETTE IN THE MID 1980'S & 90'S!!

Part Three of a Four Part Series

We saw in Part 1&2 how the young girls in La Passe and Westmeath, including my three daughters, pushed through the macho hockey culture of the 1980's & 90's and established Ringette, Hockey's Sister Sport, first in La Passe/Westmeath and how gradually it caught on in many of the other Valley Communities!

These athletic girls exchanged their figure skates for tube skates and learned quickly to play Ringette with speed and skill! Volunteer coaches, referees and team managers came on board to help establish this new game for girls. Even parents, like Art & Maggie Plume, with minimal coaching experience and, with the assistance of Greg Spotswood as their Trainer, volunteered as Coaches to keep Ringette going in the area for their girls well into the 90's!

Owners of local companies, such as Gord Laverty of the Sugar Shack in the Pembroke Mall, provided the White Ringette "Sugar Shack Pack" Jerseys. John Norlock & Sons of the Norlock Siding & Roofing Company provided the "Grey Jerseys!" The Ringette Girls bought their own Jackets.



WESTMEATH RINGETTE NOVICE 1994-95

Back Row: Left to Right:

Louise Norlock, Lyle Dupuis—Coaches

Centre Row: Left to Right

Shannon Laderoute, Emily Bertrand, Ashley Watson

Jessica Nicolai, Jennifer Dupuis, Rebecca Nicolai

Front Row: Left to Right:

Joanna Wassing, Michelle Ladouceur, Candace Nicolai,

Ashley Bertrand, Christine Wassing

A major highlight in those early years of Ringette in the Upper Ottawa Valley Ringette Association (UOVRA) chapter was the hosting of the Eastern Ontario B & C Championships in April 1989 by the Pembroke-Petawawa Ringette Association. Fifty-nine teams participated and the games were played at arenas in Pembroke, Petawawa and Cobden. It certainly had an impact on raising the awareness of Ringette in the area!

Since we didn't have enough girls the right age to form competitive level tournament teams, many of our players who demonstrated competitive level skills were picked up by the Pembroke, Cobden and Beachburg competitive teams and had the opportunity to play in the Tournament. Following are some of the local girls who were "drafted:" Leanna Gervais, Paula Spotswood, Mary Lynn Ethier, Tina Leblanc, Jennifer Marleau played on the Beachburg Upper Ottawa Valley Belles B Division (ages 16-17). The Upper Ottawa Valley Junior C Division (ages 14-15) picked up Samantha Gervais, Paula Kenny, Louise Norlock, Tracey O'Brien with Nancy White as Team Manager. Upper Ottawa Valley Petite C Division had Patricia Shields on that team. Heidi Robinson played on the Cobden Tween C Division (ages 12-13) which won the gold medal in that Division!

Mike Klatt, Bob Schreader, Walter Benson, Muriel & Abby Morrow and Nancy White were among the key organizers, with Mayor Terry McCann welcoming and congratulating all players and volunteers for a 'fine effort.' King Sports were the key sponsors.

Many of the Westmeath girls, like girls from the other Valley Towns, quickly learned the game, gained experience playing for different communities and progressed from the House League level to the Competitive Levels, sometimes referred to as the Travelling Teams, under the banner of the UOVRA. The following are but a few of the local girls who got their start in Westmeath House League and ended up playing at the UOVRA Rep Levels, Provincials and even National Competitive A, AA & AAA Levels: Heidi Robinson, Katie Robinson, Jennifer Marleau, Joanna Wassing, Christine Wassing, Jessica Nicolai, Rebecca Nicolai, Candice Nicolai. These girls were on winning provincial teams on several occasions! For example, Katie Robinson played for UOVRA, Cumberland and Gloucester. She won several Provincial and National titles, for example, Gold at the 1998 and 2000 Canada Winter Games! The Wassing girls played AA Competitive for UOVRA and for the Gloucester AA Level and at the Provincials. The Nicolai girls played both Rep Ringette and Hockey throughout Ontario! Some of these players are now Coaches, Trainers, Referees and serve on the UOVRA Executive. Others play for Ottawa Leagues and even at the Provincial Level! Many, like Katie Robinson and the ladies are still playing Ringette today on the Open Women's' teams! Heidi Robinson, was quick to share that she had lots of really good memories playing Ringette!

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Ringette Cont'd

Two other girls- Jenna and Alexis McBride played their Ringette in Montreal and Ottawa. However, with parental family ties to Westmeath, they were supported by extended family members including grandma Nellie Bromley and Aunt Emma Desjardins. They followed them around to the Provincials and Grandma Nellie even went to Finland to watch Jenna play at the international level!

Grandma Nellie Bromley with granddaughter Alexis and great granddaughter Autumn watching granddaughter Jenna play at the World Ringette Championships in Finland.



Please feel free to contact me (Vince Gervais) by phone (613-587-4838)

E-Mail vgervais@nrtco.net.

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LIFETIME VOLUNTEER

We are looking for someone who has been involved in the community for 20 years plus; someone who contributes in multiple behind the scenes activities, available to help when called upon and low key person.

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WHITEWATER SENIORS MAY 2022

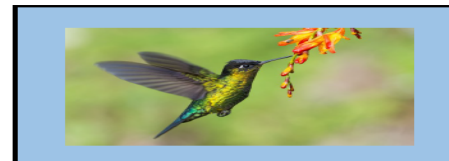
Seniors from all Whitewater Township communities are welcome to attend any event listed. Require transportation? If so, be sure to ask when you register.

Tue May 3rd
Cobden
St Paul's Anglican Church Hall
27 Crawford Street
11:30—1:00pm
Lunch
Catered by Cobden's
The Little Coffee Shop

Wed May 4th
Westmeath
Westmeath Recreation Centre
119 Synton Street
1:00—2:30pm
Snacks and Refreshments
Event: t.b.d.

Mon May 9th
Beachburg
Whitewater Seniors
1765 Beachburg Road
1:00—2:30pm
Snacks and Refreshments
Magician and Mentalism
Abbey Lane Magic

Fri May 13th
Haley Station
Haley United Church
760 Calvin Road
1:00—2:30pm
Snacks and Refreshments
Event: t.b.d.



Tue May 17th
Cobden
St Paul's Anglican Church Hall
27 Crawford Street
1:00—2:30pm
Snacks & Refreshments
Event: t.b.d.

Wed May 25th
Westmeath
Westmeath Recreation Centre
119 Synton Street
11:30—1:00pm
Lunch Catered by
Westmeath District
Recreation Association

Fri May 27th
Haley Station
Haley United Church
760 Calvin Road
11:30—1:00pm
Soup & Sandwich
Catered by:
United Church Women

Mon May 30th
Beachburg
Whitewater Seniors
1765 Beachburg Road
1:00—2:30pm
Event: t.b.d.



REGISTRATION REQUIRED (unless otherwise stated).
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