

# Archie's Articles



----- April 2018 -----

The McCreary Recreation Commission has a **vacant board position**. If you are interested in our community, and would like to share your ideas and volunteer at our events, please send a letter to the McCreary Recreation Commission at Box 317, McCreary, MB R0J 1B0.

The **Hunter's Safety Course** set for April 14 is now full. If you have registered but still have to pay, please mail your payment to Box 317, McCreary, R0J 1B0, or you can drop it off at the Rec Office weekdays until 4 p.m. We accept cash or cheque.

**Soccer** registration forms have been sent home with the school and daycare. Registration deadline is Monday, April 2. This is so that we can determine if we have enough interest to go ahead with the program and let the surrounding communities know for planning games, and to have time to order the Timbits jerseys for the younger players.

Our **2018 McCreary Recreation Queen** will be crowned at the Manitoba Maple Festival on Saturday, April 14 at the Community Centre. The Maple Festival is two days, starting on Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup>, and will be hosting events at both the Community Centre and the Golf & Country Club.

We have applied for a **Texas Hold'em Poker** Tournament license, so make sure to save the date: Saturday, May 26.



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## McCreary Sports News

The **McCreary Mustang Timbits** (ages 6 and younger) had a busy and exciting 2017-2018 hockey season. The team, consisting of 14 players and 5 coaches, played home and away games against Neepawa, Ste. Rose, EOS and Dauphin. They also attended tournaments in Dauphin, Ste. Rose and Grand Plains. The Timbits held their home tournament on January 13<sup>th</sup> and despite the extreme cold had a lot of fun hosting five other teams for a fun day of Timbit hockey! Most players (and parents) would say that the highlight of the year was being chosen to play a game of scrimmage at the intermission of the Winnipeg Jets game on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was an experience that both players and coaches will not soon forget



First Row (left to right): Connor Desjardins, Jaixon Ledoux  
 Second Row: Emma Buchanan, Grey Billett, Janessa Tereck, Bryden Sellman, Bailey Roncin, Calder Hazlewood  
 Third Row: Ella Sellman, Dominik Iwanchysko, Calleigh Duchart, Ethan Stuhm, Owen Devonald, Dustin Roncin  
 Fourth Row: Byron Billett, Travis Ledoux, Tristan Duchart, Kevin Stuhm, Kurt Desjardins

Submitted by Erin Duchart, Manager

The **McCreary Mustangs Novice** team (8 and under) have ended their very successful season as League Champs! They started off the season with a loss against Virden, but then managed to win every league game since then. The first round of playoffs saw them defeat Neepawa, followed by Virden, and finally Rivers.



Back Row: Coach Kurt Desjardins, Brandon Scott, Coach Rick Scott, Brody Buchanan, Coach Taras Turko  
 Middle Row: Nathaniel Gurke, Hayden Billett, Noah Desjardins, Axel Dunning, Tryp Klassen, Easten Turko, Reese Scott, Nathan Peeler  
 Front Row: Kyle Pelletier, Luke Soucy  
 Missing: Calem Maczuga, Cameron JR Campbell, Manager Tammie Scott

The McCreary Mustangs Atom team (10 and under) also ended their undefeated season as League Champions. The team won Gold at Provincials, and even had time to fundraise over \$12,000 for Ronald McDonald House along the way!



Coach Taras Turko, Coach Syd Gower, Manager Amanda Turko, Ffion Devonald, Ryan Gower, Adam Stuhm, Brady Turko, Liam Kitching, Derek Reimer, Austin Tucker, Brody Fayant, Nolan Buchanan, Lucas Pelletier, Michael Tereck, Chase Glower

Liam Musgrave, Ryan Gower, Brady Turko, Jackson Buchanan, Cameryn Dunning, Braden Miller, Wyatt Klassen, Scott Gower, Stacey Dunning, Keegan Kattler, Leland Dupre, Kyle Gilmore, Adam Stuhm  
Coaches: Lee Dunning, Keith Buchanan, and Derek Klassen  
Manager: Amy Buchanan



The McCreary Peewee Mustangs (12 and Under) had a small team of 10 this year. The team borrowed a few atom players when they could and also loaned a few peewee players to the bantam team. The team had boys and girls from Ste. Rose, McCreary, Laurier, Kelwood, and Glenella. They were coached by Lee Dunning, Keith Buchanan, and Derek Klassen. They participated in tournaments in Rivers, Foxwarren, and Minnedosa this winter.

This tiny team had to battle hard and work together to compete in their league. They celebrated a successful home tournament which saw 6 peewee teams compete in a 1 day tournament at the McCreary Arena. The C Side saw Virden defeat Shilo, Minnedosa came out as A Side champions over

Rivers, and the McCreary Peewee Mustangs defeated Sandy Bay in the B Side final. Thank you again to our local businesses and community who support our team and help ensure the success of these tournaments.

Unfortunately the Peewee team lost out in provincial playoffs to Russell and in league playoffs to Minnedosa. Thank you to the coaches, parents, and players for their commitment to a fun and successful year of hockey for peewee players in McCreary. Submitted by Amy Buchanan, Team manager

**McCreary Mustangs Bantam Hockey Team** (14 and Under) headed to the Brandon 2018 Tournament of Champions Bantam A the weekend of Feb 9-11<sup>th</sup>. Though our goal for the weekend was to play hard and be competitive each game, we succeeded beyond our wildest dreams by winning the Bantam A Championship!!

The tournament hosts more than 160 teams in various age groups, over two weekends, playing in 4 Brandon venues and also including Arena's in Souris, Rivers and Carberry. We joined 11 others in our event, including teams from Minot ND, Moose Jaw SK, Thunder Bay ON, Regina SK, and Winnipeg.

Our first game saw us overpower the River East Royals by a score of 9-2. Drake Pahl was named Player of the Game, earning 5 points with 2 goals and 3 assists. Chris Szewczyk scored a Hat-trick and 2 assists. Next up was our league rivals, the Swan Valley Stampeders, who until that date, had not lost a game this season! McCreary drew first blood, scoring on a break-away, while short-handed. It was a battle to the finish, with the majority of the game being tied 1-1 until the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> period when Nelson Lepla scored 2 quick goals to lead us to victory!! JP Pelletier was named Player of the Game for his amazing job in net!!

Finishing first in our pool led us to play the Minot Wolverines, defeating them by a score of 7-3. This was definitely a team effort, seeing goals from Player of the Game and Team Captain Riley Zdan, Drake Pahl, Nelson Lepla, Sheldon Mutch, and the game winner by Kayden Caumartin.

This win advanced us to the A-Side Final Sunday afternoon vs the Rivers Jets. McCreary played a very physical game, with Chris Szewczyk being named Player of the Game as we celebrated our final score of 5-1. The Bantam Team are very proud to bring the TOC Banner back to the McCreary Arena.

The team, along with McCreary Minor Hockey hosted the Bantam C Rural Provincials March 9-11, 2018. Ten teams (164 athletes) from across Manitoba joined us; Cross Lake, Fairford, Brandon, Shoal Lake, MacDonald, Steinbach, Souris, Swan Lake/Notre Dame, Boissevain/Hartney and McCreary.

Highlights of the weekend included the Opening Ceremonies which saw all Teams proudly marched out onto the ice surface behind their Banner, led by our junior Mustangs players. Rylan Knaggs played an amazing acoustic version of "Oh, Canada" on his electric guitar to the delight of the spectators. After the teams were welcomed by various local dignitaries, each team selected 6 players to participate in our Skills Competition, which saw players compete with their hardest shot, speed in skating, precision in shooting and their handling of the puck. It was a great way for the hockey players to start of the 3 day Tournament!!

Our Mustang Bantam group played hard, defeating Brandon (9-1) and then Steinbach (12-1) in their Pool. This placed them 1<sup>st</sup> overall out of the 10 teams after the Round Robin. Our Semi-Final game vs Fairford was intense, but goalie JP Pelletier managed the Shut Out with an 8-0 victory.

Boissevain/Hartney was a team favoured from the start to make the final, so it was no surprise to see them on the opposing bench, when the puck dropped for the Gold medal game Sunday evening. The

stands were packed with cheering fans from both communities. It was a hard fought battle, but in the end Boissevain finished with Gold, and McCreary with the Silver. Earlier in the afternoon Souris had secured the Bronze Medal over Fairford.

Following the Provincial competition, the Bantam Mustangs still had one final Series to complete, the Final round for the Parkissimo League Consolation Final vs Tri Valley. Game 1 and Game 2 saw each team with a win in their own barn, and it came down to a final Game 3 in McCreary Wed March 21<sup>st</sup>. It was a fitting ending to their memorable season, winning their game 5-3 and the Consolation Banner, in front of the Home Crowd in McCreary.



The Bantam Mustangs Team would like to say a huge "Thank-you" to every Business and Individual who supported our team this season with our Raffle Table at Provincials, during our Team Bottle Drive in January, during each 50/50 draw at our games, and with your attendance and cheering at games home and away!! The boys are also very grateful for the incredible Coaching Staff this season. Thank-you to Matthew Evenson, Taylor Fletcher and Deagan Delaurier on the bench, Asst Coaching/Support Staff Paul Pelletier and Marc Hazlewood, and Manager Tina Szewczyk. And finally to the "Stripes" Gordie Allan, Logan Conrad, Devon Benson and others from surrounding communities, Thanks for "putting up with the crap" and allowing our kids to have a great time out there playing Hockey. You are the best!! Submitted by Tina Szewczyk, Manager.



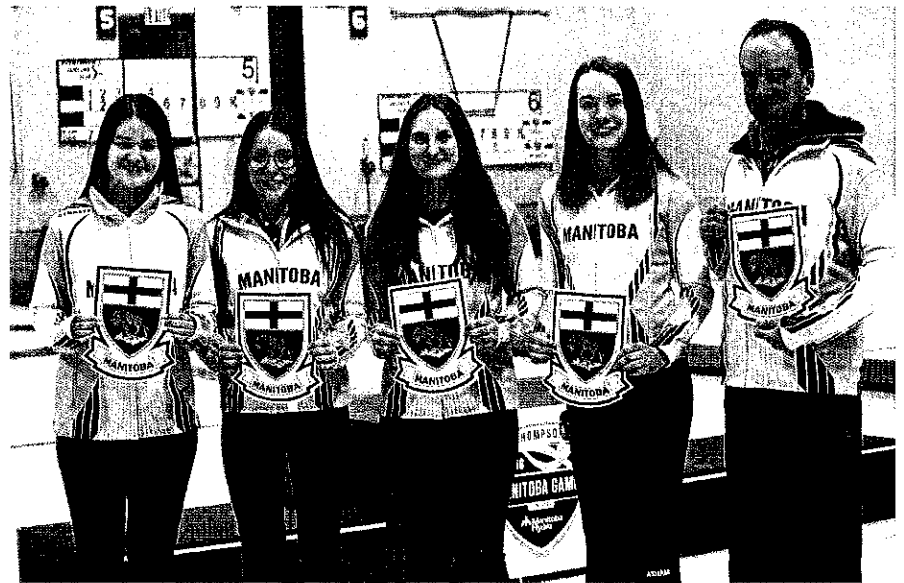
The road to the **Manitoba Winter Games** began on Feb 11, 2018 for McCreary curlers Jaycee Terrick and Kaitlyn Szewczyk, when they and their teammates, Skip Emma Jensen (Ochre River) and Lead Gracey Gulak (Gilbert Plains) earned their Qualifying Berth to represent Team West. This year would be extra special, as every 4 years, the U18 Provincial Curling Championships are held as part of the Winter Games. March 4-10, 2018 the city of Thompson, MB welcomed over 1000 athletes competing in 13 different sports, to Sport Manitoba's 2018 Manitoba Winter Games powered by Manitoba Hydro.

The Curling Venue was the Burntwood Curling Club, part of the beautiful Thompson Regional Community Centre. The TRCC housed many of the competitions throughout the week, and also the Opening Ceremony. Athletes, Coaches and Managers were provided "Athlete's Village" accommodations and meals at different schools nearby. The host committee worked hard to give the Athlete's the feeling of what it would be like to participate at a National or International Event, like the Canadian Winter Games or the Winter Olympics.

The **U18 Curling** Event was held during the 1<sup>st</sup> Phase of the competition, which began for Team Jensen with 3 games of Round Robin play which found them at 2 wins and 1 loss. This earned them a spot to move on to the Play-off Round.

The semi-final saw Team Jensen facing Team North from Swan River, whom they defeated 8-3. The Gold Medal Final took place Wed March 7 at 9:30 am vs Team Meghan Walter of Winnipeg Blue. It was a tight game throughout, and came down to the final end with Team Emma Jensen coming home tied at 3 with the Hammer. When the dust settled, Team Jensen scored their single and the victory!!

Emma, Jaycee, Kaitlyn and Gracey, along with earning the Gold Medal, will now travel on to wear the Bison and represent the Province of Manitoba at the **U18 Nationals** in St Andrews, New Brunswick, April 8-15, 2018!! These young women are very honoured and grateful for this opportunity, and wish to thank their family and friends in their communities for all their support, both financially and emotionally, during this exciting time. Thank-you to our long-time Team Sponsors: Maple Leaf Construction Ltd – Winnipeg, Parkland Source for Sports – Dauphin, Prairie Mountain Credit Union- Ste Rose/Laurier, Fayant Corral Cleaning – Gerry and Valerie Fayant, St Amelie, Poverty Acres – Craig & Lorrie Terrick, McCreary and Johnston and Co. Law Office- Dauphin, MB. Thank-you to the Dauphin Curling Club and the McCreary Curling Club for your support!! A special thank-you to our Ice Makers in McCreary: Fred Lesawich, Rob Wilson, Jarvis Whyte, Fred Dobchuk, and Craig Terrick who volunteer so much of their time. We couldn't have made it this far without you.



And finally, a big Congratulations to the athletes that are representing Manitoba in the 2018 Juvenile (21 years and younger) **Broomball Nationals** in Owen Sound, Ontario from April 3 – 7. From McCreary we have Courtney Fletcher, Avery Grudeski, Kelsey Mutch, Remy Buchanan and Paige Kopytko competing on the women's team. Good luck, girls!

# APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> W & R Closed  <i>Easter Sunday</i>	<b>2</b> <b>BINGO</b>  9-4 W 9-5 R Soccer Registration Deadline	<b>3</b> W & R Closed	<b>4</b> 9-4 W 9-5 R  Curbside Recycling	<b>5</b> 9-5 W & R	<b>6</b> ♠ Chase the Ace at McCreary Legion 7-9 p.m. (Golf)  9-4 W 9-5 R	<b>7</b> 9-5 W & R
<b>8</b> W & R Closed	<b>9</b> <b>BINGO</b>  9-4 W 9-5 R	<b>10</b> W & R Closed	<b>11</b> Rec Meeting 7:30  9-4 W 9-5 R	<b>12</b> 9-5 W & R	<b>13</b> ♠ Chase the Ace at McCreary Legion 7-9 p.m. (Ag) 9-4 W 9-5 R <b>Maple Festival</b>	<b>14</b> 9-5 W & R  <b>Maple Festival</b>  Hunter Safety Course
<b>15</b> W & R Closed	<b>16</b> <b>BINGO</b>  9-4 W 9-5 R  Ad Deadline for Archie's Articles	<b>17</b> W & R Closed	<b>18</b> 9-4 W 9-5 R  Curbside Recycling	<b>19</b> 9-5 W & R	<b>20</b> ♠ Chase the Ace at McCreary Legion 7-9 p.m. (Arena)  9-4 W 9-5 R	<b>21</b> 9-5 W & R  <b>Social at Community Centre</b>
<b>22</b> W & R Closed	<b>23</b> <b>BINGO</b>  9-4 W 9-5 R	<b>24</b> W & R Closed	<b>25</b> 9-4 W 9-5 R	<b>26</b> 9-5 W & R	<b>27</b> ♠ Chase the Ace at McCreary Legion 7-9 p.m. (Curling) 9-4 W 9-5 R R Month of May Archie's Articles Out	<b>28</b> 9-5 W & R
<b>29</b> W & R Closed	<b>30</b> <b>BINGO</b> 9-4 W 9-5 R <b>COPP</b> Lunch @ Drop In 11:30-1	W - Waste Disposal Grounds R - Recycling Depot	Bingo at the Legion Mondays Card Sales 6-7 Starts at 7			