

Speaker Sports



ELEMENTARY PLAY

It was hot and sunny, perfect weather for a beach volleyball tournament at the New Liskeard waterfront on June 8 organized by Englehart High School (EHS) teacher Dave Brown. Pictured is Timiskaming District Secondary School-elementary division player, Paris Peters, diving for a ball. Winners of the girls division were the EHS-elementary girls team and Ecole St. Michel won the boys division. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

Strike out cancer

Players can still get involved to Knock Cancer

Sue Nielsen
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES — Cancer affects almost everyone, directly or indirectly, and the impact of the disease often extends beyond family and friends to the greater community.

The slo-pitch community will be helping to strike out cancer when they hit balls out of the park on Canada Day while raising funds and awareness about breast cancer during the 12th annual Knock Cancer Out of the Park/Shanna Larsen Memorial slo-pitch tournament.

The tourney is being held at the Algonquin Regiment Memorial Beach Park ball fields from June 30 to July 2.

According to organizer, James T. Paterson, they have 17 teams signed up and can accept up to 40 in total.

Teams can register either in

the Open or Mixed divisions.

"One hundred per cent of the proceeds go to Team Shan," said Paterson in an email interview.

The slo-pitch tournament has raised \$110,000 to date for Team Shan.

The national charity honours the life and memory of former Temiskaming Shores resident Shanna Larsen, struck down by breast cancer in the prime of her life at 24.

The tournament commemorates her life with the hope of increasing awareness and raising funds to aid in early detection, treatment and an eventual cure for breast cancer.

Shanna's mother, Lorna Larsen, established Team Shan as a community-based organization.

Larsen wanted to make a positive difference for young women by providing breast health information as she



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crisscrosses Canada raising awareness and hope about breast cancer.

As Team Shan says, breast cancer is not just a disease of older women. It affects all women and even some men.

PRIZES

This year's prize lot features ten field-level Toronto Blue Jays tickets available by silent auction at the tournament.

You don't have to be a participant to bid on the Jays tickets.

There is also a round of golf at the New Liskeard Golf Club for a group of four with cart rental included, also available through a silent auction bid.

Teams often wear pink jerseys in honour of breast cancer awareness during the tourney.

Contact Paterson at jtpaterson@gmail.com for more information.

Coaching call TSMHA still looking for bench bosses

Sue Nielsen
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES — The backbone of any successful organization rests with its volunteers.

This can certainly be said of the Temiskaming Shores Minor Hockey Association (TSMHA) as they continue to recruit coaches for the upcoming 2017-18 hockey season.

"An organization such as ours is only as strong

as its volunteers - all of our applications for coaching positions were high-calibre," said association president James T. Paterson.

"We are very proud

of those who have been selected

and have the highest confidence that our players will be in

very positive situations for the upcoming season," he explained in an email interview.

Recruitment of coaches is an ongoing process,

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Earlton Mega hockey event on thin ice

Sue Nielsen
Speaker Reporter

ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP - The Earlton Lions Club Mega hockey tournament, planned for 2018, has been tripped up - at least for now.

"There wasn't enough interest. Once the hockey season ends it is difficult to think hockey," Earlton Lions Club spokesperson Frank Gauthier said in a telephone interview.

He had scheduled a meeting to gauge the appeal in the event for

Saturday, June 10, in Earlton at the arena and not enough people showed interest, he stated.

He said he might try again in the fall to organize the event, depending again on the interest shown.

The Earlton Lions Club was willing to offer some terrific prize packages, including trips to Ottawa Senators games and a weekend getaway package.

For more information on the mega hockey tournament or to get involved contact Gauthier at 705-563-2122.

