

Teams honour Lindsay with good, old hockey games

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Shouts of laughter echoed over the music that filled the air at Mitford Park as 150 hockey players of all ages, sizes and skill laced up their skates and donned helmets to hit the ice for a fun-filled day of three-on-three hockey to compete for the Kimmett Cup.

The tournament was put on by friends in memory of Lindsay Kimmett, a Cochrane-area resident who died in a car accident in early 2008. The funds raised from the tournament go towards the Lindsay Leigh Kimmett Memorial Foundation to fund scholarships for Cochrane and Bow Valley High School students, to support Cochrane minor hockey, and fund projects like the expansion of the Spray Lake Sawmills Family Recreation Centre where Kimmett learned to skate and suit up for hockey and ringette.

As Lindsay's dad Kelly watched the games he had no doubt that Lindsay would have loved to be there.

"It's all about friendship and fun," said Kelly. "It's not competitive at all and everyone is having a great time. It is exactly what Lindsay would have wanted."

He said the day was beautiful and exactly the response he has come to expect from Cochrane, but he also could not believe the passion of organizers Jason

Baserman and Joe MacLellan.

"They are exactly like Lindsay who was an organizer of fun," said Kelly.

Baserman was running on two hours of sleep as his team Borody Brunch MD hit the ice for what he describes as "fantastic game with perfect ice conditions and a good, clean game."

He was up with many other volunteers in the wee hours of the night setting up for the Jan. 10 event. He said if it wasn't for the help he received from the volunteers — including Sandy Johnson, Andy Degraw, the town, and Barry and Dawn Metcalfe from Cochrane IGA just to name a few — it would have never been made a reality.

"It's been amazing meeting people from the community," said Baserman. "It is incredible in terms of closeness."

Baserman and MacLellan are both from Calgary and met Lindsay when she attended medical school at the University of Calgary. They all played intramural hockey together while dreaming of one day setting up a pond-hockey tournament.

"I truly believe if she was here she would be having a blast," said Baserman.

MacLellan said the nicest thing about the tourna-

ment was that many of the players knew Lindsay and were out to support a good cause.

"I think she would have been proud of it," he said.

He said they plan to make the event an annual tournament to support the foundation.

Greg Long, playing for the Cochrane Rush, said he thought the tournament was great and really well organized.

"I thought it was obviously for a good cause, but I also really just like playing hockey with all my buddies," said Long.

The Misfits took home the Kimmett Cup out of 20 teams. Lead by coach Charlie Crutchfield, they won in a shootout over Rob Owens and his Puck Junkies Eh!

The tournament raised \$10,000 for the Lindsay Leigh Kimmett Memorial Foundation.

"The Kimmett family is completely humbled by Joe and Jason," said Kelly Kimmett. "The two of them working tirelessly put together a first-class event. What an incredible testament to the quality of people in Lindsay's life. They are an outstanding example of what can be achieved firstly with a dream, then applying brains, work ethic, and huge passion and commitment to make it happen. It was truly a day Lindsay would have loved."



Left: Guys were even blocking shots at the Kimmett Cup on Jan. 10 at Mitford Park. Below: Dianne Kimmett shows co-organizer Jason Baserman a painting of one of Kelly Kimmett's last hockey games.

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Recycled tires to land on RancheHouse's roof

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The Cochrane RancheHouse is getting a new roof — one made from old tires.

After reviewing options for roofing materials such as a vegetative "green roof" or installing solar photovoltaic panels, town council decided Jan. 12 that a roof made from 125,000 recycled tires was the greenest for the best price.

"It is within the budget," said Coun. Brenda Sine. "It is in all consideration green and due to our economics right now, I think we have to be reasonable and compromise. And while it would be

nice to have a green roof, we have to look at what we can afford."

The new light-weight roofing would be made of 75 per cent recycled material and is manufactured to give the texture and appearance of natural cedar. The material provides high resistance to hail and wind damage, it is safe to walk on and has increased insulation. It is produced in Calgary, has a 50-year warranty, and could allow the town to apply for funding under the Alberta Tire Recycling Program. It does, however, have a "rubbery" smell for the first month after installation.

With \$360,000 budgeted to cover

46,000 square feet, and the project coming in at \$356,250, the tire roof was the only option within budget.

The vegetative "green roof" would require additional maintenance as it is essentially a garden and costs more at \$35 to \$50 a square foot, while the tire roof is \$7.50 a square foot.

Sine would like to see the town look towards new buildings for a "green roof" demonstration.

As for the solar panels, the fact that the roof still needs to be replaced makes the project more expensive.

But Coun. Miles Chester would still like to see some solar panels on the

RancheHouse roof. Even if they needed to change pitch and be more visible and "obtrusive" for maximum energy, he suggested it is a good idea because he wants people to see the town's green initiatives.

Council decided to review the solar panel project during the 2009 draft budget debates that start Jan. 15.

"Solar panels can be installed on almost any roof surface," said Chester. "I certainly would like to see us explore that a little more."

Mayor Truper McBride would like to see if they could implement rain water harvesting to recycle for water use.