

Pond hockey tournament honours Kimmett

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Lindsay Kimmett's classmates remember her as a fierce and passionate competitor.

To help celebrate her memory, two of them are organizing the first annual Kimmett Cup, a 3-on-3 pond hockey tournament, to take place on Mitford Pond on January 10, 2009.

The tournament is designed to help support the Lindsay Leigh Kimmett Memorial Foundation, which helps provide financial support to youth groups and sports organizations, as well as providing scholarships at the high school and university levels.

The foundation was started after Kimmett's untimely death this February in an auto accident.

"The idea just kind of brewed and brewed and brewed and... I just thought it was the right event, the right time," said Joe MacLellan, who shared classes with Kimmett at the University of Calgary medical school.

"Given her passion for hockey both co-ed hockey, women's hockey, we thought it would be a really suitable way to raise funds for the charity," said Jason Baserman, who played on the same hock-

ey team with Kimmett at the U of C.

"She always made people feel comfortable and she was also competitive so this pond hockey championship felt like a natural fit," added MacLellan.

The games will take place on Mitford Pond and will use miniature-sized nets that are just 10 inches high. This, the organizers say, helps to keep things friendly and emphasize skill.

"Nobody's wearing equipment so you don't want to be lifting the puck up," said MacLellan.

Baserman emphasized that the tournament would be about fun.

"We're going to have a few pond marshals there but we hope to keep the whistles in our pockets," he said.

The pair are looking for 20 teams of at least six players from around the area to participate in the tournament. To help honour Kimmett's work with women's hockey, the teams will be co-ed, with one girl required on the ice at all times.

As well, they are looking to organize skill competitions between games for youth hockey players, including hardest shot and accuracy competitions.

An entry fee of \$180 will guarantee each team three games and up to six jerseys for each team. Teams will more than

six players will be able to purchase extra jerseys.

There will also be a round of playoffs, with the winning team capturing the Kimmett Cup.

As well, even if you're not interested in getting on the ice, they are also looking for volunteers and sponsors to help make the event run smoothly.

"We hope that this is an event that Cochrane and anyone that knew Lindsay can look forward to every year. We don't want it to stop this year," said MacLellan.

For more information on the tournament, call (403) 835-8301 or email kimmettcup@gmail.com.



The first annual Kimmett Cup, a 3-on-3 pond hockey tournament will take place this January, with proceeds going towards the Lindsay Leigh Kimmett Foundation.
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