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**Warming up
to the
Kimmett Cup**

PATRICK PRICE COCHRANE TIMES

Members of the team "Too Many Men," Bianca Zuber (L) and Jodi Maetche warm their hands over the firepit before starting their game on the first night of action of the annual Kimmett Cup, Jan. 15. **COVERAGE** of this successful community event starts on pg. 14.



DAVID FEIL COCHRANE TIMES

The Kimmett Cup continues to show the strong community spirit Albertans are known for with 500 hockey players participating in the 3-on-3 pond hockey tournament and another 500 coming out to support their friends, family and the Children's Wish Foundation. In total, the tournament raised \$115,000 this year, bringing the total contribution to Children's Wish up to \$370,000.



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The Toefield Fighting Snow Geese were presented with the Spirit of the Kimmett Cup trophy, a new award for the Kimmett Cup made to recognize the sportsmanship and fundraising efforts at the pond hockey tournament. The team was able to raise \$15,000 in support of the Children's Wish Foundation.



A couple Cockey Fish attempt to block one of the Wish Heroes from their net during the Kimmett Cup.



Kimmett Cup draws 1,000 out into the snow

David Feil
Cochrane Times

Although the weather was far from the best they ever had, the 500 hockey players and 500 other supporters who came out to the 8th Kimmett Cup over the weekend had a great time and managed to exceed the \$100,000 fundraising goal for the Children's Wish Foundation by \$15,000.

"That was the coldest year we ever had but the temp couldn't cool the spirit of the event," said Reid Kimmett, one of the organizers of the even.

Kimmett said although more people were trying to keep warm in the tents set up around Mitford Pond than usual, they were all ready to get out for their turn on

the ice, including several young cancer survivors.

One of these players was five year old Kiptyn Claypool, who played hockey for the first time over the weekend and had been diagnosed with cancer three years ago. Because of Children's Wish, the family was able to take him to the Cats section of Disneyland and give him a change of scenery from the hospital where he was undergoing treatment.

"Children's Wish creates and goes beyond the wish," said Alicia Bjarnason, Kip's mother, who was thrilled to part of the legacy being built in Lindsay Kimmett's name.

"These folks might not have known Lindsay, but here they are carrying on her legacy," added Jim Peplinski, the right wing man for

the Calgary Flames between 1980 and 1995, who has followed since the pond hockey tournament began and was able to attend for the first time over the weekend.

"To me the real value is to meet people and have a conversation," said Peplinski.

Speaking from his own experience, Peplinski said you never know what being a friend to someone for just a moment can accomplish. He believes the Kimmett Cup fosters the kind of connections that will stay with people forever, whether they are having a bad day or feel like they are alone in the world.

"Lindsay had that kind of impact," said Peplinski.

With the \$115,000 raised this year, the Kimmett Cup will have

donated \$370,000 to the Children's Wish Foundation and helped to grant wishes to 37 kids with serious, sometimes even fatal, illnesses. There was also \$8,000 raised in a raffle for Helping Families Handle Cancer, which was able to help 125 families with the costs incurred from having a child with cancer and needing to take time off from work to be with them.

In order to recognize the outstanding achievement of the people who make the Kimmett Cup such a success, the Spirit of the Kimmett Cup trophy was introduced for the players who best represented the meaning of the annual event both on and off the ice. This year, that team was the Toefield Fighting Snow Geese,

who raised \$15,000 between them.

"When my niece asks, I won't have to tell her who her aunt was. I can take her out in January and show her," said Reid, whose niece was born a few days before the Kimmett Cup.

Although there are no plans in place for next year, Peplinski mentioned that he would like to help grow Lindsay's legacy by getting together a team of Flames alumni to come out to the next Kimmett Cup, something he believes the players would be keen on given the team's long-standing support for Children's Wish and their mantra of winning on the ice and making a difference in the community off the ice.

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Some of the Big Kids warm up before their next match at the eighth annual Kimmett Cup, one of the coldest that has ever been held.





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Hundreds of skaters, hockey players participate in the annual Kimmett Cup 15/1/16, in front of the Lindsay Kimmett Pavilion, in honour of Lindsay Kimmett.

Happy 35th anniversary!

Patrick Price
Cochrane Times

The first Linked-In message appeared on my Blackberry at about 7:45 a.m. this morning. It read: "Congratulations on your work anniversary." Several more Linked-In messages bearing the same happy congratulations appeared.

It got me thinking: what work anniversary? It can't be my job with NAPA, because I started that job several years ago, but that was in October. And it can't be my job with the Cochrane Times, because I also started that job several years ago, in the month of May. What job anniversary is everyone sending me messages about?

Later that morning I made my first delivery to Erol's Automotive. Erol Yersel was sitting in the office trying to look busy when he asked me what's new. I related the Linked-In mystery to him and he smiled and said.

"I got one of those messages. I'm supposed to congratulate you on your 35th anniversary as a photographer, or a photojournalist."

Oh, okay. I haven't really thought about this longevity in the media business for a very long time, but so, so much has changed in the past 35 years. Social media is one of the main avenues for communication now. Darkrooms that I once hauled to cover events are now contained on a computer. The film I once used has been replaced by digital which has allowed everyone to become a photographer, and eve-

ryone has.

We are now bombarded in this world by images, some good, many bad. But these days it seems any old picture will do, regardless of quality and content. Newspapers and news organizations armed the writers with cameras and gave us all a fancy title, multimedia journalists, or in other words a jack-of-all trades that have anything to do with communications.

I have had the good fortune of being taught by some of the best photographers in the nation, and therefore because of my mentors and the diligence I have applied to photography I have had success. I have been extremely fortunate to witness, and document some huge events in my lifetime, historical events that are just too many to list, but I do feel very privileged.

However, I feel just as privileged to be able to meet and document the people, the residents and the events in our hometown. I have a front row seat while I document and watch the town's youth grow and become adults throughout the years and that is pretty special. It is just one of the many things that keeps me motivated and propels me to go out and take pictures on a daily basis after all these years. In other words, I love my job.

Photography has been a passport to meet people, and hopefully, in the next 35 years, I can learn and improve.

And yes, I'm still waiting for that Link-In congratulatory message from Erol.



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