

WALTER GRETZKY STREET HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



Walter Gretzky

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The 2013 Walter Gretzky Street Hockey Tournament

This year we saw 162 teams from across Ontario and the United States vie for bragging rights and medals in their respective divisions, as being the “winner” at Wally’s tournament.

The Lung Association’s tag line, “when you can’t breathe nothing else matters” is very evident as the athletes take to the rink and run, check and trip their opposing team for the sole purpose of putting that little red ball in their opponent’s net.

When all is said and done, BIG smiles could be seen, even on the kids who did not make it to the championship rounds-that is what it is all about-having fun the old fashioned way without yelling, Car move the net!

SportsXpress hosted a photography booth with Cherie Piper, women’s hockey gold medalist; lots of happy fans of all ages had their pictures taken with Cherie and Wally. Cherie’s gold medals were a lot BIGGER than the ones we handed out on Sunday!

Over the course of the weekend we raised \$28,000 for lung health research! Thank you to Dave Shoots of Brantford Hyundai, our major sponsor, to the local vendors who kept tummies full with great food, to our local media for their help in promoting this event, to BHI the “real” organization behind the running of the tournament, but most importantly to the teams and their enthusiasm for making this a “great” weekend.

Speaking of GREAT, I want to thank you everyone’s favourite hockey dad Walter and the Gretzky family for entrusting this event to the Lung Association. Our opening ceremonies saw 65 very colourful View Askew team members back drop the net, along with our dignitaries, and of course we can’t have a Brantford event without our Town Crier Dave McKee.

See you again next year at Lions park, Steve Brown Sports Complex May 31st to June 1st 2014.

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What does the Walter Gretzky Street Hockey Tournament mean to me

Jim Edelston - Captain of the LA Mings - Youngstown, Ohio ... is forming friendships that I would not have formed before. Every single person I have met through the WGSHT and VASHL have made a lifelong impression on me. I have been able to open my life in a way that would not have been possible before joining this group and have never looked back. Every experience has been memorable and I thank you for giving me the opportunity to change my life forever. Every chance I have to give back I do, I welcome and embrace it. I love my extended family and can't wait until the next family reunion!

Dylan Gonzalez – Ass. Captain of The Funployees - Midland Park, New Jersey... I feel that the Walter Gretzky Street Hockey Tournament was like a rebirth for me, but without all the Jesusy bits. I went into that tournament as one person and came out another. I could not tell you where I would be with my life if I had not stepped onto that plane to Canada roughly three years ago. What I can tell you, is that where I am right now, with a boatload of new friends and amazing experiences under my belt, is where I want to be. The tournament gave me confidence, clarity and completely changed my life for the better. All the thanks in world to Walter, Sandy, all the kind folks involved with the Walter Gretzky Street Hockey Tournament and, of course, to my newfound family, the View Askew Hockey League.

Chris Chartrand - Brantford, Ontario ... The tournament I find brings out the best in all of us- competitiveness, camaraderie and great times/laughs. You meet a lot of people from far and wide and create new friendships that will last a lifetime. Cheers and can't wait to see you all next tourney. Thanks Walter for all your contributions and hard work.

Darryl Clarke - Assistant Captain of The View Askew Vulgarians - Round Lake, Illinois ... Friends, Fun, Family, Food .. I know this sounds like a fast food restaurants' slogan but the WGSHT brings all these things together and we also play some street hockey. The VASHL has played in five WGSHT's and I think for most of us that keep coming back this is an event we plan our early summer around. This tournament has rekindled a love of hockey in a lot of us but it has also given us a new love, Walter Gretzky. Walter is truly Canada's Dad and he is the beacon of Brantford that keeps us coming back. We bring anywhere from 80-120 people from all over North America to Brantford each year to play street hockey and have a great time hanging out, cheering each other on, renewing friendships and meeting new people. As you will see in some of the other testimonials this tournament has changed parts of all of our lives. We are now a hockey family that play two to three times a year outside the tournament in different cities across North America to renew our friendships, play street hockey and raise some money for charity. Some of us have even gotten into better shape, I personally lost nearly 100 pounds since playing in the 2009 tournament. This would never have happened without the Walter Gretzky Street hockey tournament.

Katie Seavy - Captain of the View Askew Girls - Cleveland, Ohio ... It means home. Every year, we meet up in Brantford. For four or five days, Brantford becomes our home. The friends I have met are just as close as family. I have all the love in the world for my friends. If it weren't for the tournament, I may have never met some of the best people I know.

Jon Peterson - Barrie, Ontario ... This last year was my first year at the WGSHT after I was invited by Amanda Marron, someone I served in the US Navy with. Upon coming down, I was welcomed into the VASHL family almost immediately. In the day and change I was down there, I became instant friends with everyone in the league, and they made me feel welcome. Something I had been looking for since I moved to Canada in mid-2012. I will be sure to come back to the tournament this coming year to help with the tournament more.

Paul Thompson - Kitchener, Ontario ... The Walter Gretzky Street Hockey Tournament means a lot to me. It represents the best in sportsmanship within 'Canada's Game'. It's about giving chance to help those who want to play the game on ice, but can't because the equipment they need costs so much.

It's also about connecting with old friends from far away and to make new friends as well.

Mike Crandall - Captain of the Leonardo Reapers - Rochester, New York ... wasn't really sure what I was getting myself into back in 2009 when I first played in the Walter Gretzky Street Hockey Tournament. I thought it might be fun to play hockey again, I'd get to meet some fellow fans of Kevin Smith, and to see a live show of his. Little did I know that this first year and the years after would rekindle my love for the game of hockey. It has driven me to get back on the ice after a several year hiatus and for that I am happy to be involved with this tournament. Secondly I met and became friends with a great group of people through this tournament. I value the meetups we have throughout the year. We have a great time seeing each other and of course playing hockey. Finally and most importantly I take great pride in coming up to the city of Brantford every year to participate and give back to the community.

Michael McCutcheon - Captain of The View Askew Vulgarians - Pennsylvania ... The WGSHT started out for me as a chance to play hockey with Kevin Smith, and I got to do just that. Since then, however, it has evolved into so much more than that. The first year we attended, we were a bunch of Kevin Smith fans and hockey fans that came to Brantford from all over the U.S. and Canada. Most of had never met one another before, but thanks to WGSHT, friendships were formed and some of the best times in my life have been had. I get to see some of these friends every few months, but the large majority of them, I only get to see once a year which is in Brantford. The tournament is first class all the way, and hands down, one of the best I've ever participated in no matter the sport.

Dave Mader - Captain of the Eden Prairie Mallrats - Burlington, ON

For me, the VASHL functions as an enduring oasis of acceptance and alternative family. I have made lifelong friends and fulfilled dreams through this group of amazing, talented people. It has also provided me with some of my fondest memories. It's something that I look forward to all year long.

It's about raising money for great charities. It's about celebrating the lives of Kevin Smith and Walter Gretzky. It's about playing the greatest game around... hockey. It's about those truly meaningful connections and growing as a person.

I am, and will always be, a huge fan of Kevin Smith. His movies are among my all-time favourites but they merely serve as vehicle to get his particular message across. What he liked and what spoke to him was very much the same for me. A few of those things included comic books and especially hockey but those were merely the tangible items. The morality tales themed around friendship and love is what has really made an impact and stuck with me.

In early 2009, I got laid off from my job and I was feeling pretty low. Luckily, I had received tickets to Kevin's show at Roy Thompson Hall in Toronto for Christmas. It was the first time I had ever seen him in the flesh. As he spoke, it quickly became clear that he was going through his own battle with depression. His recent film had underperformed at the box office and he was really disappointed. Kevin began to speak about dealing with the blues through embracing the story of Wayne Gretzky's life and career. As he spoke that night, he described how he was coping with his problems. In a weird way, he helped me through mine. All of this had a profound effect on me.

Shortly after, Kevin dropped the news that he would be playing in the Walter Gretzky Street Hockey Tournament in Brantford, Ontario and that started me on my quest to join the cause. I think I found what I had been looking for since I was a teenager – a group of amazing and equally obsessed super-fans who thought very much as I did. It was in this community that I found a family where I was truly accepted and embraced. I have shared this experience with as many friends and acquaintances as I can but of how much I really love it.

The Walter Gretzky Street Hockey Tournament, and the people that I have met as a result of attending, has changed my life forever and I am truly grateful.

Jaemeel Robinson - Assistant Captain of The Funployees - Brampton, Ontario

Brantford and the Walter Gretzky Street hockey tournament is many things to me. It is where I first played hockey, where I met cherished friends and where I replenish my soul. It is my starter pistol and my finish line. It is my vacation destination and my home. It is this and much more

Dawn Authier - Assistant Captain of The View Askew Girls - Detroit Michigan

What the Walter Gretzky Street Hockey tournament means to me is, well, everything.

Trying to sum up why is difficult because it means so much. To me, it is a family reunion, block party, sporting event, meeting new friends while getting together with old ones, sharing laughter and so much more.

Every time I see Walter, he is so gracious and kind and, most importantly, a gentleman. I love talking to him whenever I can plus, I enjoy his singing.

I look forward to coming every year and always feel at home. So much so that I always entertain moving there which is saying a lot considering it would mean moving to another country!

I love the tournament, I love Brantford. To me, it means everything.

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V.A.S.H.L Teams 2014



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Watch for
the Vulgarians
to go
old school
on your ass!

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May 30th-June 1st 2014



ARE YOU DOWN
WITH THE CLOWNS?



- 1 JAMES McCUTCHEON
- 7 MICHAEL McCUTCHEON (C)
- 9 TJ SANTIAGO
- 12 MARCUS BARRIE
- 17 PAUL SAUNDERS (A)
- 19 KEITH BOARDMAN
- 22 DARRYL CLARKE (A)
- 42 TREVOR GRAF
- 55 GIO SERRA
- 73 TOM TYRELL
- 81 ANGEL SANTIAGO

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- 4 FRANK CIAMPI (A)
- 19 LOGAN STORMONT
- 23 KYLE MILNE
- 24 MIKE HOFFMAN
- 31 WARREN STANLEY
- 35 TREVOR CHEREWKA
- 55 MIKE CRANDALL (C)
- 72 ATUL TRIVEDI
- 87 DREZ PEREGRINA
- 88 TIMMY VISENTIN
- 667 ROB HERMAN

Dying to live
the asphalt.



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- 9 BRAD SILZER (Eh)
- 11 MIKE DUYN
- 16 STEVEN ATTWELL
- 17 STU GILLANDERS
- 23 JOHN CARTMEL
- 24 CLAYTON HERNDEN
- 29 CHRIS CHARTRAND
- 42 ROBERT LAVIGNE
- 69 MARK BELL (C)
- 75 PAUL THOMPSON
- 87 CHRIS CIRILLO





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Eat or be Eaten.



- 1 AMY COX DOUGLASS
- 6 SARAH HERNDEN
- 13 KATIE SEAVY (C)
- 33 KAREN THOMSON
- 52 JULIE BELL
- 71 DAWN AUTHIER (A)
- 79 SANDRA DUYN
- 99 AMY TOWNSEND

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i'm hittin' that.



- 3 SHERMAN BARRINGTON
- 13 CHRIS FENOS (C)
- 23 MIKE GRABOWY
- 28 JAEMEEL ROBINSON (A)
- 37 BRAD HILL
- 42 KIERON HIGGS
- 54 DYLAN GONZALEZ (A)
- 69 MIKE VAN ECK
- 76 MAT LASKOWSKI
- 87 JODIE GAUDET
- 93 STEVE WRIGHT

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I LOVE THE SMELL
OF COMMERCE
IN THE MORNING!



MALLRATS

- 3 COURT WEAVER
- 7 JEFF MADER (A)
- 9 GERRY MCRAE (A)
- 10 MIKE CAPUTO
- 11 ANDREW LEWKOWICZ
- 25 DAVID MADER (C)
- 33 ASHLEY BOURGUIGNON
- 43 STEVE WILSON
- 88 GILLIAN FREDERICK
- 93 RYAN VERDONE
- 95 SEAN MCKENNA

I LOVE THE SMELL
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MALLRATS



Big Save

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MALLRATS



2013 Champions



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MALLRATS

Crouching Mader .. Many Faces



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SAVING THE HOCKEY WORLD

LA MINGS

ONE COMIC BOOK AT A TIME!

- 3 DAVE TILLY (A)
- 9 ROY BEARDEN
- 11 AMANDA DOWELL (A)
- 13 CHRIS SEYMOUR
- 16 COLIN JOHNSTON
- 19 STIRLING BENNETT
- 25 ROBBIE SMITH
- 33 SUZANNE OBUSEK
- 55 JIM EDELSTON (C)
- 77 JODY SIMPSON
- 431 DAVID LAFAYETTE

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Clerks.

We're not even supposed to be here ...

- 5 MEGAN LAMONT
- 19 RILEY MOSHER
- 22 KYLEE PERSALL
- 24 PJ FULSOM (C)
- 25 KYLE BOUTILIER (A)
- 33 CASSIE SILVERTHORN
- 37 RICK KNIGHT
- 73 CARRIE MORAN
- 87 PHIL LAMONT
- 89 BRITTANY FAZEKAS (A)
- 94 TOM JOHNSON

VASHL After Hours



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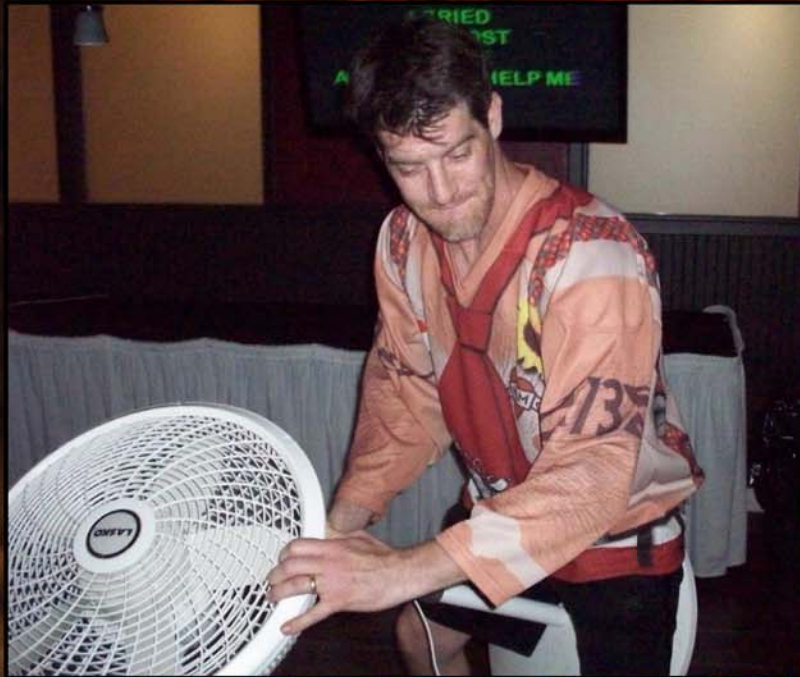
VASHL After Hours



Man Crush



MOTT Romancing a Fan



Fan looking for Help



Thursday Hockey



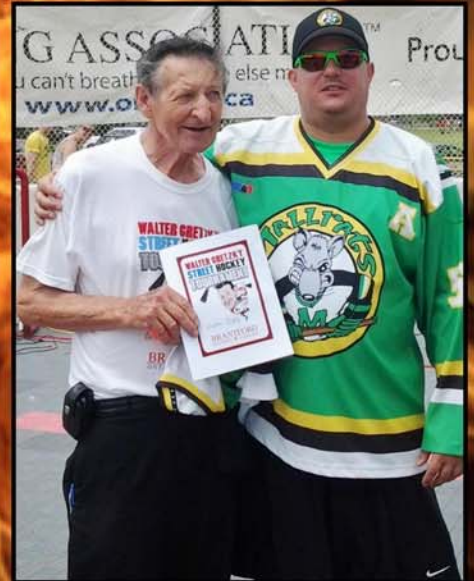
Friday Hockey



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Walter and The VASHL



Cleveland Hockey



Cleveland Hockey



NJ Hockey



Brantford October Hockey



Philly Hockey



Philly Hockey



Windsor Hockey



Windsor Hockey

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Talking about Brantford

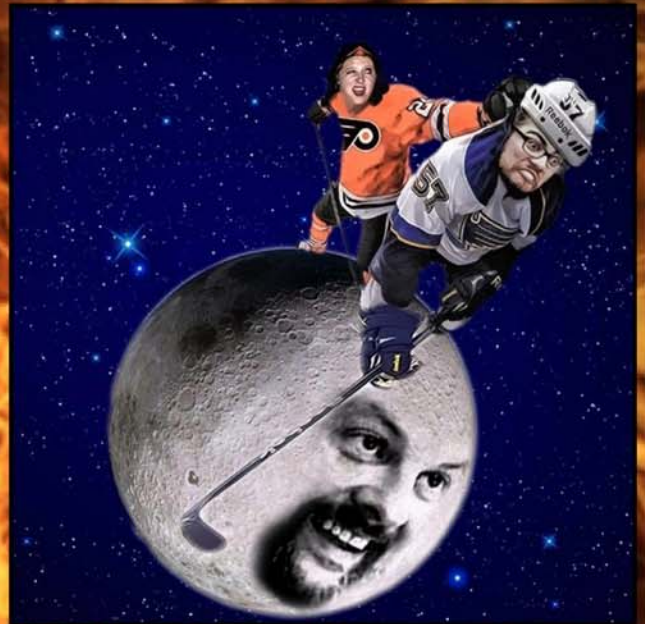


All through the year we are Talking about Brantford!

VASHL Pics



ARTISTJIM Clowning around



Kt Cv and Dylan take it from the Ice to the Moon



Oldtime Darryl

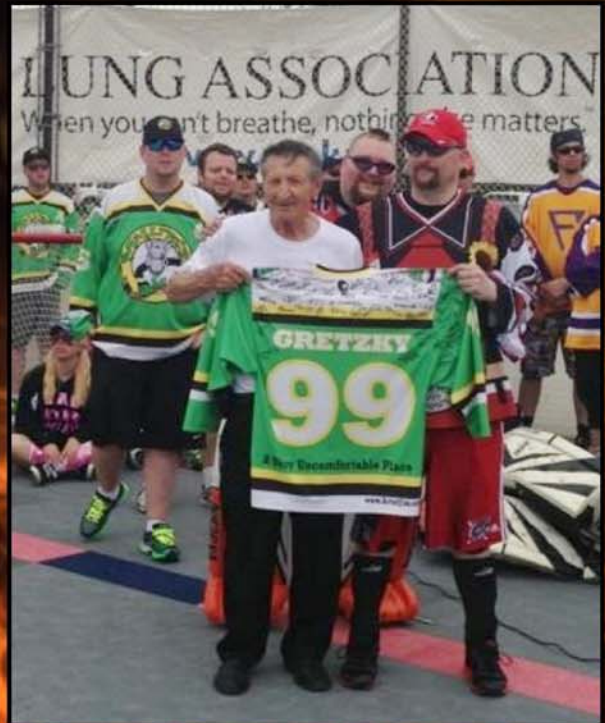


Bread is ready for Brantford

VASHL Pics



VASHL Pics



Photobombing DC and Walter



Where did they go? Hope the VASHL comes back next year

VASHL Pics



Nothin can wake a McCutcheon



Stylin and Profiling



OG Crandall

VASHL Pics



VASHL Pics



Missing ARTISTJIM



Making Friends in Brantford



Mott and Mike

VASHL Pics



Clerks Curling

HOFF Awards

2013 MVP (Most Venomous Penis)

Keith Boardman
View Askew Vulgarians

"Multiple Assistants"



2013 Injury of the Year

Jeff Mader
Eden Prairie Mallrats

"Nobody Makes me Bleed My Own Blood. . . AGAIN"



2013 Most Improved Player

Dylan Gonzalez
Funployees

"Hipster Wolverine"



2013 Hardest Working Player

Gavin ap'Morrygan
Leonardo Reapers/Eden Prairie Mallrats

"Funbassador/Hero"



Welcome back Frank #3



Frank Ciampi

Frank has consistently been a High Honor Roll student while pursuing our most difficult offerings. Frank's forte is science and he plans to major in bio-chemistry. Besides excelling in Advanced Biology and Advanced Chemistry, he has been a member of the Science League. He is also on the Student Council Executive Board, the National Honor Society, the German National Honor Society and Ski Club. Frank was also our representative to Boys' State.

The present senior class, the class of 1992, is the first for which a weighted rank in class, as well as the traditional unweighted rank, has been computed. Though five people had tied for first place in the class, with a perfect average of 4.00, when heavier weight was assigned for honors classes and advanced classes, Frank Ciampi stood alone, first in the Union High Class of 1992. Frank has been accepted at Rutgers, Columbia and Cornell. He has also been designated a Villanova scholar.

Young Frank



Congratulations MBA Grad Frank

Whats Next ??



What we are going to get is more Kevin Smith & Scott Mosier at ClerksCon August 23rd in Red Bank NJ and then you can join the VASHL gang in Ocean City NJ for some more fun and hockey October 14th - 20th. Hockey will be played on October 18th. Everyone is welcome to play.