

WALTER GRETZKY STREET HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



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Walter the Centre of Attention



By Sean Allen
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The appeal of Walter Gretzky is enough to draw street hockey players from all across Canada and the northern U.S. to Brantford for the annual tournament held in his name.

And to find out why one only had to watch as "Canada's Hockey Dad" held court surrounded by dozens of View Askew Street Hockey League players moments before the official ball drop at the eighth annual Walter Gretzky Street Hockey Tournament on Saturday at Lions Park.

The Great One's dad had the VASHL players in stitches – telling jokes to the throng of players from Philadelphia, Chicago and all over Ontario that had gathered around.

"What do the Toronto Maple Leafs and my lawnmower have in common?" Gretzky asked. "They both spend the winter in the basement."

The VASHL contingent is the largest at the annual street hockey tournament in support of the Lung Association. Eight teams from the league that was formed by fans of actor-director Kevin Smith made the journey to Brantford this season.

Even though it's been four years since Smith personally took part in the tournament, the VASHL players remain committed to the annual event.

While the journey across the border to play in Brantford began as a chance to rub elbows – literally in some cases on the forecheck – with Smith, VASHL commissioner Darryl Clarke says it's about a lot more than a chance encounter with their favourite filmmaker.

"This is a chance for the friends that make up our league to all get together," he said. "Some of us only see each other this one time a year in Brantford."

Walter the Centre of Attention, continued

Clarke, who lives in Illinois, said the VASHL league has players from Ontario, Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio and New Jersey playing in Brantford this season.

The league was established in 2009 when Smith committed to come to Brantford to play in the tournament for a chance to meet Walter Gretzky.

The View Askew Vulgarians, Puck U, Leonardo Reapers and Monroeville Zombies were the first four entries – backed by Smith – that formed the league.

Other teams continue to join, even after Smith last made an appearance at the Brantford tournament in 2010.

"In fact, there was a team put together strictly from Brantford folks that wanted to be a part of VASHL just two weeks before this tournament," Clarke said. "One of the players was involved in another tournament we played in and just liked the way we kept things friendly – no hacking and not overly aggressive."

Lung Association fund development co-ordinator and tournament organizer Sandy Lee said 135 teams signed up for the event with more than 1,500 players roaming around the dozen rinks at Lions Park.

The tournament is a key fundraiser for the Lung Association – as evidenced by a \$5,000 cheque that was handed over by Scotiabank during the ball drop ceremony on Saturday.

In his official remarks during the ball drop, Walter reminded those in attendance from the U.S. that they were in the "centre of the universe" and he said he wanted to see them all back next year.



Walter and The VASHL



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Walter Gretzky Street Hockey Tournament attracts Hundreds of Players

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At six-foot-two, James McCutcheon is a pretty intimidating sight when he puts on his goalie gear for his ball hockey team, the aptly named Vulgarians.

But, just in case his height and size aren't enough to put a little fear in opponents, McCutcheon has added a fearsome-looking mask, which is black, white and brown with tufts of orange hair-like material sprouting out from all angles.

If nothing else, it helps McCutcheon stand out in a crowd.

"It's done up in a zombie theme," McCutcheon, 42, of Philadelphia, said after back stopping his team to a 9-2 victory Saturday afternoon during the eighth annual Walter Gretzky Street Hockey Tournament at the Steve Brown Sports Complex at Lions Park.

"You have to be a little off-kilter to play goal in ball hockey and, well, this is a little off-kilter."

McCutcheon says it's "pretty tough" playing goal.

"It's hot with all of this equipment on and the shots can be pretty tricky and that includes the slow rollers."

Still, he wouldn't give it up for anything.

He loves the game. And he and his teammates have been coming to Brantford for the annual Gretzky tournament for the past six years.

His team includes players from across the United States and Canada.

In addition to a love of street hockey, they are all fans of movie producer, director and actor Kevin Smith, who, in turn is a big fan of the Walter Gretzky tournament. Smith has played in the tournament.

Walter Gretzky Street Hockey Tournament attracts Hundreds of Players, continued

Earlier this year, the tournament received provincial recognition when Festival and Events Ontario named the seventh annual tournament as one of the top 100 events of 2013. The tournament attracted more than 160 teams and 2,000 participants and raised thousands of dollars for the Lung Association.

This year's tournament, held on the weekend, attracted 135 teams and 1,500 competitors.

Teams came from across the United States and Canada.

Organizers were hoping to raise \$23,000.

More than three million Canadians cope with one of five serious respiratory diseases – asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, lung cancer, tuberculosis and cystic fibrosis. The local lung association has a fundraising goal of just over \$150,000 annually.

The tournament held an official opening ceremony with several dignitaries including Brantford Mayor Chris Friel and the city's Lord Mayor – Walter Gretzky.

Sandy Lee, of the Lung Association, organized the event. The highlight of the weekend for her was the participation of high school student Sam Loslo, who was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia in February 2011.

“He (Sam) loves the game but couldn't play for a couple of years because he was sick,” Lee said.

“But he's back playing now and the one thing about Sam is that he always has this big smile on his face.

“I saw him after his game and asked him how he did. He said they had lost but he then he said it just got him all pumped up for the next game. And he had this really big smile.”

VASHL - 2015 Walter Gretzky Street Hockey Tournament Schedule

Round Robin Games Per Team: 4
 Total Number of Round Robin Games: 20

Friday: 1 Game
 Saturday: 3 Games
 Sunday: 0 Games

Clerks
Eden Prairie Mallrats
Funployees
Hit Somebody! Hitmen
LA Mings
Leonardo Reapers
Monroeville Zombies
V.A.G.
View Askew Vulgarians
Wally's Warriors

Friday June 19th

Bhi Rink #1		Bhi Rink #2		
Game 1	Eden Prairie Mallrats	Game 2	Monroeville Zombies	5:45pm - 6:30pm
Friday	LA Mings	Friday	View Askew Vulgarians	
Game 3	V.A.G.	Game 4	Hit Somebody! Hitmen	6:30pm - 7:15pm
Friday	Clerks	Friday	Leonardo Reapers	
Game 5	Wally's Warriors			7:15pm - 8:00pm
Friday	Funployees			

Saturday June 20th

Rink #10		Rink #9		
Game 6	V.A.G.	Game 7	LA Mings	9:30am - 10:15am
Saturday	Monroeville Zombies	Saturday	Funployees	
Game 8	Hit Somebody! Hitmen	Game 9	Eden Prairie Mallrats	10:15am - 11:00am
Saturday	View Askew Vulgarians	Saturday	Clerks	
Game 10	V.A.G.	Game 11	Leonardo Reapers	11:00am - 11:45pm
Saturday	Wally's Warriors	Saturday	Monroeville Zombies	
Game 12	View Askew Vulgarians	Game 13	Clerks	11:45pm - 12:30pm
Saturday	LA Mings	Saturday	Funployees	
				12:30pm - 1:15pm - Opening Ceremonies
Game 14	Wally's Warriors	Game 15	Hit Somebody! Hitmen	2:00pm - 2:45pm
Saturday	Eden Prairie Mallrats	Saturday	V.A.G.	
Game 16	Funployees			2:45pm - 3:30pm
Saturday	Leonardo Reapers			
Game 17	Wally's Warriors			3:30pm - 4:15pm
Saturday	Monroeville Zombies			
Game 18	Clerks			4:15pm - 5:00pm
Saturday	Hit Somebody! Hitmen			
Game 19	Leonardo Reapers			5:00pm - 5:45pm
Saturday	LA Mings			
Game 20	View Askew Vulgarians			5:45pm - 6:30pm
Saturday	Eden Prairie Mallrats			

V.A.S.H.L Teams 2015



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Watch for
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on your ass!

ARE YOU DOWN
WITH THE CLOWNS?



- 1 JAMES McCUTCHEON
- 7 MICHAEL McCUTCHEON (C)
- 13 TED MADER
- 17 PAUL SAUNDERS (A)
- 19 KEITH BOARDMAN
- 22 DARRYL CLARKE (A)
- 24 TOM HOMER
- 42 TREVOR GRAF
- 55 GIO SERRA
- 73 TOM TYRELL
- 97 TONY D'AMICO



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- 23 DAKOTA POWLESS
- 31 WARREN STANLEY
- 35 TREVOR CHEREWKA
- 37 GAVIN ap'MORRYGAN (A)
- 39 STEPH CONLEY
- 55 MIKE CRANDALL (C)
- 72 ATUL TRIVEDI
- 75 CHRISTOPHER CONLEY
- 00 DREZ PEREGRINA
- JASON CURLING

Dying to live
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- 7 ROB ALOE
- 9 BRAD SILZER (C)
- 11 MIKE DUYN (A)
- 12 PHIL GERVAIS
- 16 JUSTIN BIEHN
- 18 MITCH LUMAGUI
- 34 KEVIN MILLARD
- 44 NATHAN GRAY
- 66 MATT DUYN
- 73 DWAYNE MARTIN
- 86 STEVEN DOWELL

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Eat or be Eaten.



- 1 AMY COX DOUGLASS
- 6 CANDACE NELSON MILLER
- 7 MAY GUTHRO
- 13 KATIE SEAVY (C)
- 21 AMANDA HUBBARD
- 31 TAMMIE SNIDER
- 52 JULIE BELL
- 69 KELLY ENGLAND
- 79 SANDRA DUYN
- 84 ASHLEY MILLARD
- 99 AMY TOWNSEND (A)

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Funployees

- 2 RYAN TOWNSEND
- 5 TIM SEYMOUR
- 8 KRIS HIGGS
- 10 BRAD BOMBERRY
- 31 BRAD HILL
- 42 KIERON HIGGS
- 54 DYLAN GONZALEZ (C)
- 70 SHAUN CORRIGAN
- 76 MAT LASKOWSKI (A)
- 93 STEVE WRIGHT (A)



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SAVING THE HOCKEY WORLD

LA MINGS

ONE COMIC BOOK AT A TIME!

- 3 DAVE TILLY (A)
- 6 JOSH CLAUS
- 11 AMANDA DOWELL (A)
- 13 CHRIS SEYMOUR
- 16 COLIN JOHNSTON
- 19 STIRLING BENNETT
- 21 ELLE CHAIKOFF LODER
- 28 ROB TAMILIA
- 55 JIM EDELSTON (C)
- 77 JODY SIMPSON
- 431 DAVID LAFAYETTE



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I LOVE THE SMELL
OF COMMERCE
IN THE MORNING!



MALLIATS

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

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Clerks.

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

- 7 BELINDA DOUCETTE
- 11 KYLEE PERSALL
- 13 CARRIE MORAN (C)
- 22 BRITTANY FAZEKAS
- 24 JEFF BRADBURY
- 57 JON SKINKLE
- 66 PHILLIP LAMONT
- 69 NATHAN FARRINGTON
- 74 PJ FULSOM (C)
- 88 LUKE LOMAS

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Hit Somebody ... HITMEN

- 1 JASON BRILL
- 3 JOHN BLANDO
- 7 COREY PETTIS
- 8 MARK HUNTER
- 12 BILL WASIELEWSKI (C)
- 25 FRANK KUPKA (A)
- 26 MIKE ERNEST
- 30 JEFF SUCH
- 32 TODD TROYDL
- 74 STEVE CHAUBY
- 86 JEREMY WASIELEWSKI

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THE # LUNG ASSOCIATION



#WIN1FORWALLY



#WIN4WALLY

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- 7 ROB ALOE
- 12 BILL WASIELEWSKI
- 13 CARRIE MORAN
- 17 PAUL SAUNDERS
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Jersey January Hockey



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September Shootout



March Hockey / HBO



March Hockey / HBO



March Hockey / HBO



March Hockey / HBO



Inviting Kevin back to the WGSHT 2016

Dylan Being Dylan



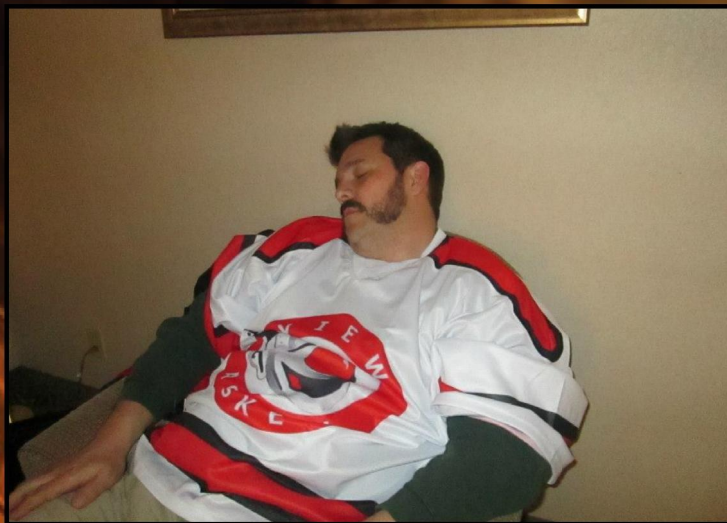
Dylan Still Being Dylan



VASHL After Hours



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Upcoming VASHL Events



KEVIN SMITH

AN EVENING WITH @THATKEVINSMITH

AUGUST 15, 2015

can't shut the @\$% up!

CAESARS WINDSOR

THE SHOW STARTS AT: 9:00PM
CAESARS WINDSOR - The Colosseum
377 Riverside Dr E, Windsor, ON

We plan to play hockey in Windsor before the show on Saturday August 15th if we have enough people



September Shootout Tournament is Sept 11th - 13th and Yoga Hosers has been submitted to TIFF, hopefully it is playing on Saturday Sept 12th. Check back on the VASHL Facebook page for updates.

