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An Old Farmer's Advice

Remember that silence is
sometimes the best
answer

Don't judge folks by their
relatives

Most of the stuff people
worry about ain't never
gonna happen anyway



Terry's Tales (The President's Message)

Now that 2005 is behind us, and those New Year's Resolutions for 2006 are now in full swing AGAIN!!!!!!!!!! And what a busy month it was, with our annual Book Sale which surpassed all our expectations as we beat the budgeted target. A special thank-you to Nora Macdonald and her committee on a job well done, and thanks to all who helped thru-out the week-end.

Our Christmas Dinner and gift exchange was another great success with 48 in attendance. Again there was a great selection of gifts which was again was headed by Mr. Santa

himself John Houser. Also during the dinner we had the induction of Mr. Tom Beck. I think Tom was a little speechless for all he could say during the induction was I will Or I do, also I think it was the first time Alex Ansell was speechless himself, thanks Alex for the induction and welcome Tom.

The 10th Annual Skills and showcase tournament was a huge success with many members of the club participating thru-out with the skills competition and the Showcase evening.

Upcoming Events > Dinner Meeting at Wellington's January 18th

> Quarter Board Convention February 17th and 18th in Burlington

> Pool Tournament Dinner Meeting in February

> Chess Tournament in February

All the best to you and yours in 2006

Yours in Optimism,

Terry



April 22
Various Starting
Locations



**The Fifth Annual Bob
Hartwell Runner's
Challenge will take
place on April 9th
starting at the Town
Park at 9:00 a.m.**

Committee Chairs

Bike Rodeo – Robert Parypa
Bingo – Bill Otton
Book Sale – Nora MacDonald
- Ken McIsaac
Bowling for Big Brothers
- Carol Bartlett
- Anna Kroeplin
Bulletin – Alex Ansell
Chess – Steve Granger
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Dinner Meetings – Robert Parypa
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Hartwell Run – Paul English
Inaugural – Terry Sherin
John Thompson
July 1 - Terry Sherin
Membership – Ken Banks
Members Xmas Party – John Housser
Mobile Kitchen – Terry Sherin
Opti Rec Hockey – Rob Whiting
Ken McIsaac
Optimist International Foundation –
Janice Walsh
Phoning – Carol Bartlett
Progressive Dinner – Greg Way
Publicity – Anna Kroeplin
Respect for Law – Steve Hinder
Santa Claus Parade – John Thompson
Santa Claus Parade Float – Bill Otton
Sergeant-at-Arms – Glen Sharp
Showcase Tournament – Alex Ansell
Street Sale – Terry Sherin
Twin Club – Brian Walsh
Web Site – Ken Banks

Director – Youth Sports
- Bill Otton
Director – Youth Activities
- Paul English
Director – Community Service
- Paul Madden
Director – Membership
- Anna Kroeplin
Director – Fundraising
- Steve Granger
Director - Fellowship
- John O’Heir

Zone Meeting

When – Saturday, January 28
Place – Newmarket Optimist Hall
Time – 9:30 a.m.
Come out and learn about what other
Clubs are doing



Bingo Dates and Teams until the end of March

January 10	Gaby Team
January 24	Otton Team
February 7	Whiting Team
February 21	Gaby Team
March 7	Otton Team
March 21	Whiting Team

All of the above dates are at the new bingo hall **240 Industrial Parkway South** and all team members are requested to be at the hall no later than **4:45 pm** on those dates.

For further information, please contact **Bill Otton** at **905-727-1463**.

Please be sure to verify and double check all counts each night

Christmas Dinner

All who attended the annual Christmas Dinner held at Wellington's had a great time. Many wonderful gifts were exchanged, traded or confiscated. The big question being asked is "Who ended up with the box of New York steaks?"



In addition to the dinner, the Club welcomed back and inducted Tom Beck as part of the festivities

Reminders

- **Hartwell Run – April 9**
- **Progressive Dinner – April 22**



Book Sale

"The 19th Annual Aurora Optimist Club book sale was a great success. Saturday morning was as usual crowded with eager customers some of whom were already lined up at 7:15am when our first member arrived. We raised just over \$14,000 which is \$4,000 above our target. Thanks to the book sale committee and everyone who helped out Friday, Saturday and Sunday and made our sale successful."

Nora MacDonald



Chess Anyone

Volunteers are urgently need for the 10th Annual Aurora area chess tournament. The

event will take place on Thursday February 23th at the Aurora Legion with setup being done the night before and early morning (7:30 am) on the day of the tournament.

The Regionals will be held Saturday, April 2nd at the Newmarket Optimist Hall.

For more information, please call **Steve Granger** at **905-727-2035**.

Our Newest Member



Tom Beck



2005-2006 Showcase Tournament

Tuesday December 27 started the Tenth Annual Minor Hockey Showcase, co-sponsored by the Optimist Club of Aurora, the Aurora Canadian Tire Associate Store and the Aurora Minor Hockey Association. Over 1,000 boys and girls on 62 teams in 9 divisions participated in the four-day event, with 102 games being played. Of course the highlight of the event was the skills competition put on by our Club for the 9 age divisions from Tyke to Minor Midget. The Tyke to Major Atom age divisions were put through their paces doing skating, stick handling and shooting drills. The skills for the senior divisions of Minor Pee wee to Minor Midget had more of an NHL flavour and included accuracy, hardest shot and breakaway passing. Each division also had relay races. The skills competitions all took place on December 27 from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm. In spite of difficulties with the time clock, stopwatches, whistles and air horns were used to keep the event going until a back-up timing console was found. The equivalent of ninety-nine people were involved in running these skills competitions. Points earned in the skills competition by each team were factored into the overall standing for each age group in the tournament so the skills become a very important factor in determining the two finalist teams for the championship games on December 30.

On Thursday December 29th, the Celebrity game again took place to a large crowd. The Central York Firefighters, along with several Aurora Tiger, represented the Celebrities. For the second year in a row, the coaches won the game, this time by a 5-3 score. During the first intermission, the five fastest teams of each age division of the Tyke to Minor Pee wee skated in special relay races. Between the second and third periods, the four hardest shots of the Major Pee wee to Minor Midget divisions were involved in head to head shootouts. After the game, the winning team members in each age group for the skills competition were presented with their awards courtesy of Aurora Canadian Tire. Admission to the game was a donation to the Aurora Food Bank and much needed food was collected.

On Friday December 30, the finals for each age group were held. President Terry Sherin shared the presentation of the gold and silver medals and trophies to the champions and finalists with James Winders, The representative of the Aurora Canadian Tire Store. Many thanks are extended to Martha Dickey of the Aurora Minor Hockey Association for her organization and cooperation in making this tournament such a success.

Many thanks are also extended to the twenty-three members and twenty other non-members including Judy Sherin, Mary Beth Marshall, Bob Ince, Doug Kelly, Brian Rice, Joe Henderson, Wendy Henderson, Blair Boyd, George Wortman, Bob Bartlett, Robert Bartlett, Mike Sheridan, David Sheridan, Andrew Sheridan, Josh Maeir, David Sherin and high school volunteers Patrick Madden, Ian Everest, Rob Wilson and Caitlin Kelly for helping to run the skills competitions. Special thanks are extended to Oreste Barise of Recreation Leisure Services for his generous support during the skills and tournament. Many thanks are also given to the members and non-members who ran the skills on Thursday night, sold 50-50 tickets (especially master seller Ken Banks) and helped out with the Celebrity game and reception. It was a win-win situation for all of those involved but particularly for the house league kids.



*Alex S. Ansell
Skills Coordinator*



The Optimist Creed


Promise Yourself

- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.
- To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- To forget the mistakes of the past and press onto the greater achievements of the future.
- To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.



**Right Here, Right
Now**

January 2006

1 	2	3	4 Business Mtg. - 7:30 p.m. Aurora Legion	5	6	7
8	9	10 Bingo Gaby Team - 4:45 p.m.	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Dimmer Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Wellingtons	19	20	21
22	23	24 Bingo Otton Team - 4:45 p.m.	25 Executive Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. Aurora Library	26	27	28 Zonr Meeting - 9:30 a.m. Newmarket
29	30	31				

February 2006

			1 Business Mtg. - 7:30 p.m. Aurora Legion	2	3	4
5	6	7 Bingo Whiting Team - 4:45 p.m.	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 	15	16 Pool Night - 7:00 p.m. Cue Zone	17 Quarter Board Burlington	18 Bowling for Kids Sake Quarter Board Burlington
19	20	21 Bingo Gaby Team - 4:45 p.m.	22 Executive Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. Aurora Library	23	24	25
26	27	28				



For lots of interesting information about Optimist International and its programs visit the official web site at "www.optimist.org", the Central Ontario District at "www.cenon.ca" or our own at "www.auroraoptimist.com"

Editor's Corner

During the months ahead we will try to keep you up-to-date on events both within and outside of the Club as they relate to optimism. Event write-ups will be a must. If you have any other items or notices you would like to have included in the bulletin, please forward them to me at 905-727-5012 or email at ansellas@interlog.com

