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Executive Report

On behalf of the 2005-2006 TGHA Executive, we hope you have enjoyed this past season—both on and off the ice! This was the 12th season of the TGHA. The TGHA provides an environment where individuals can play hockey free from all forms of harassment or discrimination—in an atmosphere of fair play, openness and friendship. We are proud to provide a unique environment that encourages interaction and learning among all player skill levels.

It is up to all members to help grow and foster the league. Most new members have been invited by current TGHA members to play. This year we have our first brother and sister pairing in the league. We encourage you to speak with your family and friends and bring them out to play our national sport.

The TGHA is run totally by volunteers. It is the responsibility of all members to take an active role in the league's operations and its growth. The league is financially sound and is run effectively by the Executive. If you have questions or concern, please bring it to the attention of the Executive. It is your league so be active, be heard!!!!

I'd like to thank the other members of the Executive and all our volunteers for their hard work and dedication this season. Our sponsors also deserve a huge thank you for their generous support. A special thank you to Peter M. (TGHA Webmaster), Mike D. (Elections Officer), Ian D. (Banquet Stickhandler, Friendship program), Ted N. (awards certificates), as well as Mark S. & Terry M. for their year long efforts! Dan C. (Alfredo's partner) has worked exceedingly hard for the league on many projects, from fundraising to finding new sponsors and everything in between. Thank you to everyone for your outstanding commitment to the league.

On a personal note, Mark and I are taking a break from the Executive after several years (James 7 years, Mark 6 years). We'd like to thank a number of individuals who have made our time on the Executive enjoyable and productive. Thank you to the efforts of Tom L., Mike D., Alfredo L., Tracy K., Ed L., Mark S., Dan C., Ian D. and many, many others who have made a great effort in the advancement of the league.

Thank you to a great team effort from the Teperman team whose never give up attitude had the team rise from 7th position in the regular season to a 5th position narrowly missing the bronze round. Thank you for a great season team!

We invite everyone to keep updated with social and hockey events for the summer months, including multiple shinnies. I hope to see all of you back for the new season starting in September! Be sure to sign up for the next season before July 1st by paying your \$100 (non-refundable) early bird deposit- this will guarantee you a \$40 discount on your registration fees for the 2006-2007 season. Please note: next season registration will close 1 week prior to the Draft in September. Remember to register early! And bring out your friends and family.

Early Bird Special!

A \$100 Deposit Gets You a \$40 Discount off TGHA Fees!

Once again, the TGHA is offering an early bird discount. Pay a \$100 deposit and you'll receive \$40 off the registration fee for 2006-2007! Cheques (and cash) will be accepted at the Pride Booth or by mail at Toronto Gay Hockey Association, 599B Yonge Street, Suite 111, Toronto, Ontario M4Y 1Z4. **DEADLINE July 1st, 2006.**

Keep in touch with the league by visiting our website at www.gayhockey.com.

Have a great summer and thank you for your support!

James M.

I totally agree with James' comments on the fantastic contributions of TGHA volunteers. And on a hockey note, I am still excited about the playoff results and my debut as a winger! This was my most exciting year ever and I congratulate my Labatts' team mates and our coach Dave B. for a great year and a brilliant playoff season. Thanks also to the Pizza Pizza team for a competitive final game and for their sportsmanship under the leadership of Bob T.

I've enjoyed working with James all these years and with everyone else on the TGHA Executive. The league has grown to 9 teams and the finances are in great shape. I am proud of the league's subsidy fund, revised draft format, Friendship Tournament, mix of skill levels and the participation of our women players.

Members will be happy to know that their e-mail inboxes will no longer be inundated with 2 page messages at 1:30 a.m.! I am excited that Mike N. will be the new Secretary and I know he will do a great job.

The new 2006-2007 Executive is a very competent group who will continue to manage the TGHA in an effective, fair manner. James and I have already offered our assistance to them in the coming days should they need anything. I hope to return to the Executive in the future but in the meantime I will polish my goal scoring skills and get to bed earlier at night!

Thanks to everyone for making the TGHA a truly unique and fun experience for all members!

Mark H.

2005-2006 Executive

- Robert Thompson Commissioner
- Tracy Kohuch Treasurer
- Mark Hamilton Secretary
- James Moffat Membership
- Alfred Leite Play Coordinator
- Stephen Reid Public Relations
- Jamie Price Events
- Yannick Lemaire Tournaments



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FINAL RESULTS

Final Playoff Standings - April 23, 2006

Gold Medal Champs Labatt Blue Boys
 Silver Medalists Pizza Pizza
 Bronze Medalists Hair of the Dog
 Fourth Place Black Eagle
 Fifth Place Teperman
 Sixth Place Woody's
 Seventh Place Opera House
 Eighth Place Crews & Tango
 Ninth Place Fearless Films

2006-7 EXECUTIVE

Please welcome your new TGHA Executive Committee

Bob Thompson Commissioner
 Tracy Kohuch Treasurer
 Mike N..... Secretary
 Yannick Lemaire Tournament Coordinator
 Marc Nimigon Membership Coordinator
 Jamie Price Events Coordinator
 Stephen Reid Public Relations Coordinator
 (TBA/Election) Play Coordinator

SEASON STATS

Regular Season Games, September 22/05 to March 5/06

Team Stats

	G	W	L	T	PW	PL	PT	GF	GA	Pts
1) Pizza Pizza	20	15	3	2	35	10	15	74	33	117
2) Black Eagle	20	13	3	4	28	11	21	54	30	107
3) Fearless	20	10	6	4	21	12	27	41	27	93
4) Labatt's	20	8	7	5	21	16	23	43	36	86
5) Hair of the Dog	20	7	11	2	19	22	19	49	54	73
6) Woodys	20	6	7	7	14	22	24	40	49	71
7) Teperman	20	5	10	5	12	23	25	32	57	64
8) The Opera House	20	6	12	2	15	27	18	42	61	62
9) Crews	20	4	15	1	11	33	16	25	56	47

Top 20 Players

Name	Init	#	Team	G	A	Pts	PM	POS
NIKOLAS	W	2	Pizza Pizza	22	16	38	2	1
PETER	S	13	Black Eagle	27	4	31	10	2
DON	M	2	Labatts	22	9	31	8	2
DAVE	S	66	Hair of the Dog	17	13	30	6	4
DAVID	G	4	Pizza Pizza	11	15	26	4	5
MIKE	D	20	Woodys	16	9	25	0	6
MARK	P	9	Pizza Pizza	10	9	19	10	7
AL	K	10	Pizza Pizza	10	9	19	2	7
SAL	C	88	Black Eagle	11	6	17	24	9
JAMIE	P	11	Opera House	6	11	17	14	9
MICHAEL	S	17	Opera House	10	5	15	4	11
LANCE	G	7	Fearless	10	5	15	8	11
ALEX	R	12	Fearless	9	6	15	8	11
MATT	W	66	Pizza Pizza	10	4	14	4	14
ALFRED	L	93	Opera House	10	4	14	10	14
TOM	L	17	Fearless	6	8	14	4	14
PETER	S	55	Black Eagle	4	10	14	6	14
CHAD	E	14	Black Eagle	7	6	13	0	18
JOHN	E	9	Labatts	6	7	13	4	18
ROBERT	L	11	Tepermans	5	8	13	0	18

Goalies

Name	Team	GP	GA	AVG	S.Out
Jamie T.	Fearless Films	14.00	17	1.21	6
Michael T.	Pizza Pizza	23.00	35	1.52	5
Albert R.	Black Eagle	9.00	14	1.56	2
Dave H.	Labatts	20.00	41	2.05	3
Edward P.	Hair of the Dog	24.00	51	2.13	4
Paul C.	Black Eagle	8.00	17	2.13	2
Ed L.	n/a	4.00	9	2.25	0
Bryan G.	Crews & Tango	30.33	69	2.27	3
Rob S.	Woodys	12.00	30	2.50	0
Alex B.	Teperman	14.67	46	3.14	0
Jim L.	Opera House	21.00	76	3.62	0

PLAYOFF STATS

Playoff Round-Robin, March 12/06 to April 22/06

Team Stats

	G	W	L	T	PW	PL	PT	OTW	OTL	GF	GA	Pts
1) Pizza Pizza	6	4	2	0	9	3	6	0	0	19	6	32
2) Labatt's	6	4	2	0	8	5	5	0	1	22	13	30
3) Black Eagle	6	4	1	1	8	6	4	1	0	15	12	29
4) Hair of the Dog	6	3	3	0	6	4	8	0	0	9	8	26
5) Teperman	6	3	3	0	7	6	5	0	0	11	10	25
6) Woodys	6	3	2	1	6	6	6	1	0	13	16	25
7) The Opera House	6	2	4	0	5	5	8	0	1	12	11	23
8) Crews & Tango	6	2	3	1	3	9	6	0	0	12	16	17
9) Fearless Films	6	0	5	1	3	11	4	0	0	6	25	11

Top 20 Players

Name	Init	#	Team	G	A	Pts	PM	POS
PETER	S	13	Black Eagle	9	3	12	10	1
JOHN	E	9	Labatts	7	4	11	4	2
ALFRED	L	93	Opera House	5	6	11	2	2
TRAVIS	C	55	Labatts	8	2	10	4	4
DAVE	S	66	Hair of the Dog	3	7	10	0	4
DON	M	2	Labatts	8	0	8	2	6
DAVID	G	4	Pizza Pizza	4	4	8	8	6
MIKE	D	20	Woodys	4	4	8	0	6
YANNICK	L	10	Opera House	3	5	8	8	6
JEAN	S	14	Tepermans	5	2	7	0	10
TED	T	10	Crews & Tango	5	2	7	6	10
MATT	W	66	Pizza Pizza	3	4	7	8	10
MARC	B	4	Woodys	2	5	7	2	10
NIKOLAS	W	2	Pizza Pizza	4	2	6	2	13
ROGER	N	44	Woodys	4	2	6	6	13
MARK	P	9	Pizza Pizza	3	3	6	4	13
CHAD	E	14	Black Eagle	3	3	6	2	13
ROBERT	L	11	Tepermans	4	1	5	0	17
GRAHAM	T	88	Opera House	3	2	5	10	17
COLIN	G	7	Crews & Tango	2	3	5	4	17

Goalies

Name	Team	GP	GA	AVG	S.Out
Ed L.	n/a	1	1	1.00	0
Michael T.	Pizza Pizza	7	8	1.14	2
Edward P.	Hair of the Dog	7	10	1.43	3
Alex B.	Teperman	8	13	1.63	2
Jim L.	Opera House	7	13	1.86	1
Dave H.	Labatts	6	13	2.17	0
Rob S.	Woodys	6	16	2.67	1
Albert R.	Black Eagle	7	20	2.86	2
Bryan G.	Crews & Tango	7	23	3.29	0
Jamie T.	Fearless	6	25	4.17	0

League Awards:

As voted by you:

Tonya Harding **Dee A.**

(Hair of the Dog)

Glinda the Good Witch **Penny G.**

(Fearless)

Biggest Queen **Rodney M.**

(Hair of the Dog)

Darryl Bagnato Memorial Award

The Darryl Bagnato Memorial Award is presented annually by the TGHA to an individual who has made an exemplary contribution to gay hockey in Toronto. This year we are very pleased to present this award to **Tracy K.** whose unwavering dedication has greatly helped grow and promote the league. For the last few years and returning next year, Tracy has been our very enthusiastic Treasurer. He has shown a saint-like willingness to go beyond what is needed to ensure the best quality for our members.

On behalf of all member of the TGHA I want to thank Tracy for all of his time and his sharing of his talents. Please join with us to congratulate him on a very well deserved award.

James Moffat

DARRL BAGNATO MEMORIAL AWARD PAST RECIPIENTS

2004-05 Mike D.
2003-04 Mark H.
2002-03 James M.
2001-02 Andrew M.
2000-01 Paul S.
1999-00 Larry B.
1998-99 John M./
Jean S.
1997-98 Joe H.
1996-97 Tom L./
Mark S.
1995-96 Mark D.
1994-95 Bob T.

Greg Jacobs Memorial Award

The Greg Jacobs Award is presented annually to a member or non-member whose volunteer service to the TGHA is regarded as extraordinary. For years, Greg Jacobs exemplified the valuable contributions made by the "hockey wives" and other TGHA volunteers. Sadly, Greg passed away in October 2002.

GREG JACOBS MEMORIAL AWARD PAST RECIPIENTS

2004-05 Dan C.
2003-04 Ian D.
2002-03 Greg J.

This year's award is given jointly to TGHA members **Mark S.** and his partner **Terry M.** in recognition of their hard work on behalf of the TGHA. Mark and Terry organized this year's highly successful Toy Drive held at Xmas 2005. They also worked tirelessly on the Friendship Tournament in October 2005. Mark was a key member of the team that sold advertising for the Friendship program. Mark served several years on the TGHA Executive and is a former Miss TGHA (love those carrots!)

Congratulations Mark and Terry!

Mark Hamilton

GLINDA THE GOOD WITCH PAST RECIPIENTS

2004-05 Bruce R.
2003-04 Tracy K.
2002-03 Brian C.
2001-02 Bob T.
1999-01 Tom L.
1999-00 Mike D.
1998-99 Will M.
1997-98 Mike D.
1996-97 Mike D.
1995-96 Larry L. & Shamir M.

TONYA HARDING AWARD PAST RECIPIENTS

2004-05 Alfredo L.
2003-04 Andrew M.
2002-03 Brent F.
2001-02 Dave D.
2000-01 Collin B.
1999-00 Tim H.
1998-99 George S.
1997-98 Yannick L.
1996-97 Blair K.
1995-96 Roger N.
1994-95 Edgar F.

BIGGEST QUEEN PAST RECIPIENTS

2004-05 Vic G.
2003-04 Jamie S.
2002-03 Dee A.
2001-02 Dave E.
2000-01 Tom V.
1999-00 Gord H.
1998-99 Robb C.
1997-98 Edgar F.
1996-97 Spencer A.
1995-96 Rocky F.
1994-95 Joe B.

TGHA TOP SCORER

2005-06 Nick W.
2004-05 Jamie S. /
Peter S.
2003-04 Dave S.
2002-03 Jamie S.
2001-02 David S.
2000-01 David S.
1999-00 Yannick L.
1998-99 Craig H.
1997-98 Chester S.
1996-97 David L.
1995-96 Jamie S.
1994-95 Chester S.

Team Awards:

Black Eagle

MIP - Eduardo B.
MVP - Peter S.
MSP - Grant W.

Woody's

MIP - Michael P.
MVP - Mike D.
MSP - Tyler C.

Hair of the Dog

MIP - Victoria A.
MVP - Dave S.
MSP - Mike S.

Fearless Films

MIP - Chris B.
MVP - Lance G.
MSP - Tom L.

Opera House

MIP - Matt S.
MVP - Michael S.
MSP - Chris F.

Pizza Pizza

MIP - Bob V.
MVP - Nick W.
MSP - Bob T.

Labatt Blue Boys

MIP - Mark E.
MVP - Don M.
MSP - Mike N.

Crews & Tango

MIP - David L.
MVP - Bryan G.
MSP - Tom R.

Teperman

MIP - Kevin M.
MVP - Jean S.
MSP - Jeremy H.

Summer Hockey!

Wow, those TGHA'ers love their hockey - even in the summer! No fewer than 4 teams will play this summer - Bob T.'s competitive team, Sean T./James M./ Jamie S.'s rec team (Wednesday), Jamie P.'s rec team (Thursday) and Michael P.'s Sunday team. 3 of the teams will also attend the Montreal Outgames. Good luck to all 4 teams and all other TGHA players in the Outgames/Gay Games!

Upcoming Tournaments

The annual Chelsea Challenge will be held Friday, June 16 to Sunday June 18 in New York City! This year they will use the drop-in format for all players of all skill levels. For information, check out their Website at <http://nycgayhockey.org>

Our friends in New York are also organizing a beginner team to play in the Outgames in Montreal July 29 to August 6, 2006. If you are interested, please email Jeff Kagan at NYCPucks@aol.com

The Outgames is a week long International Celebration of LGBT Sports and Recreation! It's expected to be very well attended (12,000 athletes expected!) See more information at www.montreal2006.org.

Gay Games VII in Chicago will be held July 15 to 22, 2006. For more information, go to www.gaygameschicago.org

The TGHA's Friendship Tournament is scheduled for Thanksgiving weekend - Oct. 6 to 9, 2006. Please check the TGHA Website at www.gayhockey.com for updates as the time approaches! For information or to volunteer, contact Yannick Lemaire, TGHA Tournaments Coordinator at info@gayhockey.com.

Join us for PRIDE!

Sunday, June 25, 2006

Join your TGHA friends for another great Toronto Pride weekend! Mark your calendars for Sunday June 25 for the annual Pride parade. This year's theme is - FEARLESS - and we would like to see a colourful and flamboyant celebration of the TGHA in the parade! Join us as a volunteer for another Pizza Pizza fundraiser and Beer Garden fundraiser. Please email events@gayhockey.com for more info and check out www.gayhockey.com for updates!



What does Don have to say about Pride:
"Hey, it's a beauty!"



The TGHA's 2005
Pride Parade
Contingent

Thank you to all the TGHA sponsors
for their generous support this season!



Please return your jersey!

If you have not returned your jersey and socks yet, please make immediate arrangements to do so! There is a \$100 charge for TGHA uniforms that are not returned in a timely fashion. Please contact the TGHA Play Coordinator or a member of the Executive to arrange for this. Thank you for your cooperation and thanks to all members who have already returned their uniforms.

Has your address or e-mail changed?

If your e-mail address, phone number or mailing address has changed, please pass along your new contact information to info@gayhockey.com. We want to ensure that we can contact you with important league updates!

Constitutional Update:

Your 2005-06 Executive approved a few changes to the Appendix in accordance with ARTICLE VIII of the Constitution. (Appendices to the Constitution may be modified by a majority vote of the full Executive.)

The updated version of the constitution is now available for you on the TGHA Website. Summary of Changes:

Overtime/Tiebreaker rule for the playoffs - When a playoff game ends with the points and score tied, there will be a 4th sudden death period. Appendix A

Revised Draft Policy - Multiple minor changes to update the DRAFT including adding detailed roles and responsibilities for the Draft Process, special allowances for pairing and Player Evaluations. Appendix E

NSF Fees - To increase NSF fee to \$10. Appendix B

Web Site Information - To update the Appendix with new server provider information. Appendix J