

This Month in Sherwood Park Ringette History

Following are highlights from February activities excerpted from Sherwood Park Ringette Archives.

1981

A report comes back from a tournament that all girls did not get equal ice time in Winnipeg. An article from Ontario Ringette was read out stating the intention that all girls be treated equally or as equally as possible.

1982

Rooms are booked at \$33/night for the Calgary tournament. Debs must go 3 girls to a room to save money. SPRA paid for airfare and accommodation for reps attending Nationals to observe.

1985

Tween and Belle A teams attend an experimental tournament in Saskatoon. Zone restrictions were eliminated for the defence (red sticks) and forwards (blue sticks). The report came back that “even defensive players were scoring goals” “The players were overwhelmingly in favour of a change” that effectively eliminates the ring ragging tactic that can spoil an otherwise exciting game.

1986

University of Manitoba studied No Zone, Extended Zone and standard Ringette games by recording over 70 different statistics at several games. Division names again discussed with the intention of removing the sexist names.

1990

SPRA teams sold \$116,000 worth of Safeway coupons as a fundraiser for SPRA.

Alberta wins first World Ringette Championships in Glouchester ON. SPRA players on Team Alberta were Shauna Chomik, Sandy Fenton, Heather Hanson and Jennifer Rogers and Judy Diduck. Diduck made the second all star team playing “red stick”. Alberta won the first Westerns to represent Western Canada at the Worlds. The Championships included Ontario, Quebec, Finland, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and USA. Lisa Brown scored the winning goal with just over 1 minute left defeating Etobicoke 3-2.

1997

A reserve fund is established equal to the previous year’s cost of ice and referees.

The AGM is attend by 67 people.

2005

A committee is established to work on the replacement of all SPRA jerseys and develop a new visual identity for the association.

2006

The Alberta Winter Games are held in Hinton. The ringette competition is won by the Sherwood Park Junior A 'Inferno'.

2008

The Alberta Winter Games are held in Leduc. The ringette competition is won by the Sherwood Park Junior A 'Forca'.