

I hope everyone has recovered from the recent storm, it was a doozy! If you were by the club you may have seen the big limb that came out of the maple. Fortunately it missed the club house although it did take out the power lines, part of the fence, damaged one of the shade covers and our sign at the street. We will be working with Clearview to get things fixed.

### **Upcoming Club Events –**

**Spring Clean Up/Set Up** – the green is still frozen but we need to set a date for the initial club clean up. Which date is better for you? Easter Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am – 2pm or Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 5pm? We will be pulling out benches and items stored in the club house and shed, putting out the hoses, raking leaves/branches, tidying up the garden and cleaning in the club house, etc. It will not take long if everyone helps out. Let me know what date you can come?

**Spring meeting & Pot Luck – Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** at our favourite Huron Meadows, 275 Huron Street. Spouses, guests and old friends are all welcome! Join us at 5pm for happy hour, 6pm is dinner after which we will have our meeting. Let us know if you are coming and what you are bringing for the pot luck. RSVP by Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. This is also your opportunity to register for the season, sign your OLBA waiver and pay your membership fee (\$225 for returning members).

### **OLBA News/Reminders:**

Effective this season, if you want to go into a District or Provincial tournament you must register online via the OLBA SAM system and:

1. be a paid up club member (we need to activate you on SAM)
2. have a valid email address on SAM (please ensure we have a valid email address for you).

### **Umpire Training**

OLBA is trying to recruit new umpires to bolster our numbers across Ontario. They are proposing 2 courses this year: May 3<sup>rd</sup> in Brampton and May 10<sup>th</sup> in Nepean if there is enough interest. I believe the cost for the course is \$50. District 13 (this is our district) compensates umpires for working at tournaments. If you are interested you must register – please let me know and I will forward the link to you.

Interested in open tournaments – check out the flyer attached for **Pickering Platinum Cup in September** with \$1,000 first prize.

### **Community Support –**

**Honeywood Arena**, south of Creemore needs our support. They are one of 4 arenas that made the short list for the Kraft Hockeyville contest. You can assist them by going to Kraft Hockeyville (link below). It is easy to register and vote. You can **vote as many times as you want before April 5th**. Link: [KRAFT HOCKEYVILLE 2025 CANADA](#)

**Stayner Legion** – last year the Legion donated to the club but we did not get out as we played later. A few went out last week and are planning to go again this **Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. Come out and join us and support the Legion!

**Looking for a rain barrel?** The Wasaga Beach Climate Action group is fund raising with Rain Barrel again this year. I bought a couple of rain barrels through them last year, much better prices then you can get locally. You order through Rainbarrel.ca which is very easy and pick up on set date at parking lot just west of RecPlex. All very easy. Link: [WBCAT Rain Barrel Fundraising Sale 2025 SALE IS OPEN - Wasaga Beach Climate Action Team](#)

More news to come!