



# Grey-Bruce Highlanders Buzz

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## 2010-2011 Grey Bruce Highlanders 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

- The 2010-2011 Highlanders would like to sincerely thank all those involved past and present that have kept the original vision and hope to provide players with an opportunity to compete at this level of hockey alive.

*Highlanders represent a Zone not a single centre. Our zone is approx 170 km wide and 150 km deep and it would take approx 3hrs to travel the width of the zone.*

*We recognize and appreciate the support of our local minor hockey associations for the development they provide players that allows them to make the step to this caliber of hockey.*

## Thank you to our Dedicated & Caring Coaches, Trainers & Managers

The Grey Bruce Highlanders organization is very thankful to have a dedicated caring group of coaches, managers and trainers for our teams that compete in the South Central AAA loop.

We appreciate the many hours of time spent preparing in order to provide the best possible experience for the players and their families. The players learn many valuable lessons on and off the ice from our coaches; for that we are forever thankful.

In order to assist and develop coaches, the organization provides the coaches with the opportunity to attend the Roger Neilson coaching clinic in June of every year. This is a fantastic event that adds to your knowledge and network of coaches.

The organization also supports the coaches with mentoring on a regular basis during the season.

This year the Highlanders added an additional ice time for power skating, skills and goal tending. This initiative was put in place to help our younger age groups close the competitive gap.

The Highlanders continue to develop the best players in our area. We need to recruit the best coaches to continue this growth and development.



## As One Season Ends

It is the time of year when we begin the process to appoint coaches for next season. Now is the time to consider preparing your application to coach in the Highlanders organization. Application forms are available on Highlanders website [www.highlandershockey.ca](http://www.highlandershockey.ca). Complete the application and submit by **12:00 Noon, March 15, 2011** to:

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## New Addition to the Highlander Family 2011-2012

The Grey Bruce Highlander Association is pleased to announce that it will be hosting ATOM Tryouts in Durham starting Sat. April 16/11 at 10 a.m. Please check our Tryout schedule for further dates and times.

For additional details please contact

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*2010-2011  
Highlander Players  
represent 27 different  
Minor Hockey  
Associations*

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**"Life's battles don't  
always go to the  
stronger or faster  
man. But sooner or  
later the man who  
wins, is the man who  
thinks he can."**

Vince Lombardi

### Our Coaches Bring Experience

Coach Tom Sguigna from Grand Valley is head coach for the 2010-2011 Minor PeeWee.

Tom is a Non Parent coach with over 14 years coaching experience and has coached teams from Tyke to Midget AAA

Tom is a NCCP Intermediate Level Coach who has had the opportunity to coach at Under 17 Camps and in the off season coaches minor ball and minor soccer.

Coach Tom has been part of 2 OMHA Finalist Teams and 1 OMHA Championship along with several league championship teams.

We welcome Minor Bantam Coach Todd Elder to our dedicated group this season. This is Todd's first season with the Highlanders but brings several years of knowledge and experience from Owen Sound Minor Hockey.

Todd continues to expand his coaching knowledge by attending Game Day Clinics as well as the Roger Neilson Coaching Clinic.

Todd should be congratulated on the Minor Bantam's 3<sup>rd</sup> place standing currently in the SCTA league

New to the area and bringing many years of experience and knowledge to the Highlanders we are fortunate to have Doug Griffiths join the Highlanders association both as a Non Parent coach of the Bantams and as a director.

Doug has coached at all levels from Novice HL to Midget AAA in Burlington. Along with his level 2-coaching certificate Doug has attended many coaching seminars including the Toronto Maple Leafs Coaching Seminar.

Doug spends his off-season coaching soccer

### Tryout Dates Are Set

Please note that a completed OMHA Tryout Permission Form is **compulsory** at the time of registering for Tryouts. Players will acquire this Form from their Home Centre. A fee of \$20 will apply to each hour and a half tryout. Midget Tryouts will be held in August  
Any further inquiries please email [highlanders.aaa@sympatico.ca](mailto:highlanders.aaa@sympatico.ca)

All tryouts will be held at the Durham & District Community Centre

**Minor Midget** - April 16th, 17th, 23rd, 30th – 5:30pm – 7:00pm

- April 24th – 8:30 – 10:00pm

**Bantam** - April 16th, 17th, 23rd, 30th - 4:00pm – 5:30pm

- April 24th – 7:00pm – 8:30pm

**Minor Bantam** - April 16th, 17th, 23rd, 30th - 2:30pm – 4:00pm

- April 24th – 5:30pm – 7:00pm

**PeeWee** - April 16th, 17th, 23rd, 30th - 1:00pm – 2:30pm

- April 24th – 4:00pm – 5:30pm

**Minor PeeWee** - April 16th, 17th, 23rd, 30th - 11:30pm – 1:00pm

- April 24th – 2:30pm – 4:00pm

**Atom** - April 16th, 17th, 23rd, 30th - 10:00pm – 11:30pm

- April 24th – 1:00pm – 2:30pm