

## Meet Coordinator's Report 2006-2007 Season

The Ottawa Pacers were awarded four (4) meets this season. Due to the warm winter weather only two of the meets took place.

### **October 14-15 2006: 1<sup>st</sup> Eastern Regional Ability Meet at The Bell Sensplex** (OSSA and SSC sanctioned)

**2005:** 153 athletes participated  
Profit of \$1,953.31

**2006:** 201 athletes participated, from 14 clubs  
Profit of \$3,813.14

In addition to **60** volunteers:

#### Chief Officials were

Referee: Guy Chenard  
Starter: Rocky Lamontagne  
Recorder: Susan Cook  
Clerk of the Course: Roger Howard  
Timer: Beth Pye  
Judge: Rick Muise  
Lap Counter: Joanne Gosselin  
Announcer: Louis L'Arrivee

### **Long Track Olympic Style/CWG Selection and Mass Start Competition** **January 13-14, 2007**

The long track meet held at Brewer Park is a traditional event for the Ottawa Pacers. We usually alternate between hosting a regular long track meet the second week in January and the Provincial Long Track Meet, with the Sault Saint Marie club.

**2004:** 145 athletes attended  
**2006:** 89 athletes attended

**2005:** 87 athletes attended  
**2007:** 148 athletes from 14 clubs registered

### **Masters Mass Start and Olympic Style Long Track Competition** **January 20 2007**

Base ice was not achieved in time to host either of the long track competitions. The meet was cancelled before athletes had to travel from across Canada. Athletes and countless volunteers were very disappointed. Long track CWG Selections were held at Canada Cup #1 in Calgary

**Provincial Short Track Age Class Competition, March 10-11 2007**  
(OSSA and SSC sanctioned)

**2007:** 207 athletes attended                  Profit of \$2793.97

**In Addition to 75 volunteers:**

Chief officials were:

Referee: Guy Chenard  
Starter: Paul Landry  
Recorder: Susan Cook  
Clerk of the Course: Roger Howard  
Timer: Beth Pye  
Judge: Rick Muise  
Lap Counter: Joanne Gosselin  
Track Steward: Dave Lockhart  
Announcer: Louise L'Arrivee  
Photo Finish: Hugh Morrison

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- 20-page event program and athletes package was given to each skater.
- Rogers Television produced a 1 ½ hour speed skating television program directly from the Sensplex.
- During both short track meets held at the Bell Sensplex, the weekend rink staff and Stanley's restaurant staff were very accommodating.
- The Ottawa Pacers appreciate the ongoing support of The Gloucester Concordes through the loan of equipment and volunteers during the Pacers hosted competitions and throughout the season.
- The mentoring in various positions was ongoing during the season. The Ottawa Pacers engaged in mentoring the following positions: meet coordinator, clerk of course, recorder, announcer, and lap counter.
  
- Mentoring with outside club members continued for: starter, referee and photo finish. It is important to maintain this mentoring program to have qualified officials to continue to run successful meets and for succession planning purposes.

**Recommendations for next season.**

- Ensure that every contact with The Bell Sensplex staff and management is done in writing and well in advance of the actual event being planned.
- Obtain a contract from the Bell SensPlex prior to scheduled events.
- Research different options for Officials room and refrigeration of food.
- Have track markings surveyed and completed in the summer before ice goes in.
- Purchase of 8 new mats, to enable that all of the mats are doubled during the competitions as recommended by the referee.
- Continue mentoring program.

**Thank you**

Thank you to the great team of volunteers and officials that worked hard every step of the way to ensure that the competitions were pleasant and safe for all of the athletes. I look forward to working with you again next year and to another successful speed skating season.

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