

GMHL returns to Shelburne

The Greater Metro Hockey League will return to Shelburne for the 2015 / 16 season ? with a new name.

The Shelburne Sharks are the new entry for the GMHL and will be playing on Monday night's at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex.

The League was not represented in Shelburne last season after the team that was supposed to take the ice failed to put together a team prior to the start of the season and had to cancel, leaving a whole in the League line-up.

The new entry is part of a joint effort by team owners RCR Entertainment who also own the Orangeville Ice Crushers.

The Orangeville team was renamed this year after previously being known as the Orangeville Americans.

Team management felt the name change was appropriate to fit in with the town's hockey culture rather than a name that implied a foreign image.

Last season the team, as the Americans, struggled and ended the season with a 9-33 record and are hoping to turn that around this year.

C.J. Schneider will be back in the top spot on the bench this season as head coach.

To kick off the new season, the Sharks and the Ice Crushers a free welcome evening at Hogeys Bar and Grill on the upper level of the Alder Street arena in Orangeville on Saturday, August 29 at 7:30 p.m.

It will be a chance for fans to meet new and returning players.

Both teams also have golf tournaments coming up at the end of August.

Fans will also have a chance to come out to see the teams play and see what the GMHL is all about when they host the opening games of the season with free admission.

Training camp for both teams will start the first week of September.

The Ice Crushers home opener will get underway on Wednesday, September 9, at the Alder Street arena with a 7:30 p.m. start and free admission.

The Sharks home opener will take place on Monday, September 14, at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex in Shelburne. Game time is 8:30 p.m.

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