

# local sports

## in brief

### AJHL releases 2012-13 league schedule

The Alberta Junior Hockey League released the 2012-13 league schedule, which includes a few interesting matchups for the Fort McMurray Oil Barons.

The MOB will open their season playing host to the Drayton Valley Thunder on Sept. 7 and 8. They'll first head on the road Sept. 21 and 22 against Thunder, with a stop in Sherwood Park on Sept. 23 for the team's first three-games-in-three-days road trip.

The Barons will have a rematch of last year's AJHL Enerflex Cup Championship at the AJHL Showcase on Sept. 28 against the Brooks Bandits. The MOB's other Showcase game is against the Okotoks Oilers the next day.

The Oil Barons will not be playing the brand new Whitecourt Wolverines until December 14 when they host them at the Casman Centre. Fort McMurray's last two games of the season are set for Feb. 26 and 27 when they play a home and home with the Bonnyville Pontiacs.

The AJHL preseason for the MOB starts on the road Aug. 24 against the Sherwood Park Crusaders. The Barons have no preseason games at the Casman Centre.

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Dan Halldorson, CanTour president and former PGA tour member will be in Fort McMurray to play golf at the Tournament of Hope to help out the fundraiser.

# A cause worth putting for

## Family Crisis Society's fundraiser to help towards a new emergency shelter

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While local golf enthusiasts may be focused on this weekend's Canadian Tour's Syncrude Boreal Open, the president of CanTour will be in Fort McMurray the following weekend as a competitor in the Fort McMurray Family Crisis Society's Tournament of Hope.

In addition to his role as CanTour pres, Dan Halldorson is a former PGA Tour member and earned over \$1 million in prize money. The 60-year-old Winnipegger is no stranger to Fort McMurray and has competed locally several times over the years,

but next weekend he'll be playing for fun.

"We're trying to entertain the people and raise money for charity and that's our goal," said Halldorson.

"We're available for autographs and photos as well, all of that stuff. We're looking forward to it and hopefully we can raise a lot of money."

Halldorson will be joined by former PGA tour player Dave Bar, LPGA golfer turned PGA caddy A.J. Eathorne as well as two-time LPGA tour winner Gail Graham.

Eathorne is excited to visit Fort McMurray for the first time and thinks it should be a great event.

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golf up there (in Fort McMurray) so it's great to play when people are excited about it," said Eathorne.

"I'm looking forward to it, it's a place I always wanted to visit. I hear it stays light up there pretty late, so that

should be good we'll have a longer party and a longer event."

This is the first year for the Tournament of Hope Celebrity Golf Tournament at the Miskanaw Golf Club and the fundraiser will benefit the Stop the Hurting Start the Healing campaign to bring a new emergency shelter to Fort McMurray.

In addition to the tournament there will be clinics for amateur adult golfers to learn from the pros on Thursday evening, Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. There will also be junior clinics on Friday morning. All in all it should be a fun weekend for both pros and amateurs.

"It's going to be a fun weekend. The golfers themselves are excited about participating in this event and they are excited to be helping our capital project," said FMFCS board member Ramona Morrison.

"It's going to be a relaxed fun tournament. We're very fortunate to have guys like Dan Halldorson willing to work with us and we're encouraging people right now to join up, because it's definitely not too late."

The tournament starts on July 7. Those interested in participating can register by contacting Rob MacGregor at the Miskanaw Golf Club.

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