

From Blackburn Hamlet to Turku, Finland

Mark Fraser's professional hockey career continues in Europe

by Laurent Robillard-Cardinal

The cold climate is likely the only similarity Mark Fraser's new home of Turku, Finland has with his hometown of Blackburn Hamlet. This fall, the 31-year-old inked a deal with TPS Turku hockey club and now calls the Gatorade Centre his home rink. "I was really excited to sign with TPS Turku. I had made the decision last year that I wanted to make the move to playing professional hockey in Europe in search for greater opportunities. I had no idea in which European league I'd first land in, but I think beginning my European career in Finland is a great fit," said Fraser.

As in Canada, ice hockey is the top sport in Finland, however their style of hockey differs from North America's. "The biggest difference is playing on the Olympic size ice surface. It took me a couple of



games to adjust to the new angles and dimensions. There's a lot of speed and skill in the Finnish game. Everyone is skilled," confirmed Fraser, known as a stay-at-home defenseman. Before heading to Europe, Fraser, who has 219 NHL regular season games

under his belt, played with the Devils, the Maple Leafs and the Oilers between 2006 and 2015.

He's one of several former NHLers playing with TPS, which include Tomi Kallio and Eric Perrin. The majority of Fraser's teammates are either Finnish or Swedish. In fact,

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On January 18, 2018, the Blackburn Community Association (BCA) held its annual general meeting and a new board of directors was elected to serve the community. The new board's contact information is available at blackburnhamlet.ca and on page 4 of the BANAR.

I want to thank everyone who put their name forward for a position. I personally cannot wait to continue to serve you in my capacity as President.

I also want to thank all the outgoing directors, some of whom have served as board directors for many years. You have dedicated your time and energy to the community and the community has benefitted as a result.

The board continues to have vacancies in a couple of key positions and we will be actively seeking volunteers to fill them. If you are interested in getting involved, check out the website for more information. We would love to have you join the team.

At the annual general meeting, the board decided to undertake a review of its bylaws, funding approval processes and director roles. A committee has been struck to spearhead this work and will be reporting back in the coming months. You can always stay in the loop about what the BCA is working on through the BANAR or on our website.

Splash pad update

I know many of you are eager to find out what the status is of the splash pad.

The BCA is working on an application that will be submitted to the city shortly requesting funding for this project. Back in the fall of 2017, the BCA set aside money towards the cost of this project, which would be in partnership with the Councillor and the city.

As soon as we get an update, we will share it with you. So stay tuned!

Rink operators needed, badly

We need volunteers to hose down the rinks. Many of the current rink operators have been doing it for years and would like to pass on the torch. As we wind down the 2017-2018 rink season, now's the time for anyone interested in learning about the role to shadow these operators as they conduct their duties.

This is a very important role in the community and our rink operations depend on these key volunteers. I encourage anyone who has ever considered getting involved, or who have enjoyed the rinks, to reach out to send me an email at president@blackburnhamlet.ca.

Laura Dudas



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Cont'd from page 1— Blackburn's Mark Fraser

there are only two Canadian players on the squad, Fraser and Perrin, who is from Laval, QC. "It's been a pleasure playing alongside of Eric since I've been here. He's had an incredible career. He won a Stanley Cup with Tampa Bay Lightning before continuing his professional career in Europe. He was just honoured last month for becoming the All-time Leading Scorer in the Finnish Elite league for foreign players.

I've been grateful to have such an accomplished fellow Canadian as a teammate while playing overseas," added Fraser.

To the pleasure of three part-owners, Miikka Kiprusoff and the Koivu brothers, the historic Finnish TPS Turku is enjoying a successful 2017-2018 season, keeping a spot at the top of the standings. While happy to get a chance to play in Finland, Fraser is unsure where he will finish (pun intended) his professional hockey career. However, he knows he will be back in Ottawa this summer and specifically in Blackburn to see his mother and to train at Louis-Riel.

BCA Meetings (Open to the public)

February 15, 2018 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

April 19, 2018 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Blackburn Community Hall, 190 Glen Park Drive

Join the BCA board of directors at the community hall to discuss current issues. Agendas are made available in the week leading up to each meeting and minutes will be posted shortly thereafter at the BCA website at <http://blackburnhamlet.ca/minutes>

Meetings are generally held the third Thursday of every second month, but please check our website or calendar to confirm the date as we no longer follow a strict pattern, and nights or times may change.

Introducing our 2018 BCA Board



Introducing the 2018 Blackburn Community Association Board. From left to right: Kendra Brett, Lynn Lefevre, Laura Dudas, Ali Yassine, Ian Chamberland, Belinda Joy, Evelyn Budd, Chelsey Wynne, Lisa Margeson and Brent Lawrie. Missing are: Auramarina Sawyer, Satinder Sahota, Alan Ross, Linda Gray and Kaitlyn Demasi. Their positions and phone numbers are on page 4 and email addresses are on the BCA website at www.blackburnhamlet.ca.

by Evelyn Budd

I am always impressed when someone new at a meeting steps up and volunteers. This is what I have learned about Lynn Lefevre, our new BCA board secretary. Lynn is proud to be able to call Blackburn Hamlet home since 1995. After working for the Federal Government for 34 years, she decided it was time to retire last year and is now working part-time when opportunities present themselves. And Lynn has volunteer board experience. She was on the board of the Ferret Rescue Society of Ottawa and Area and was their Event Manager from 2004 to 2010. She was also the Event Manager for a large pet rescue event called *Take The Plunge Ottawa* from 2009 to 2011. Lynn was telling me that she is looking forward to working with the BCA board and the community throughout 2018 and beyond. I am looking forward to getting to know Lynn better.

Volunteering allows you to connect to your community and make it a better place. Even helping out with the smallest tasks can make a real difference to the lives of people, animals, and organizations in need. And volunteering is a two-way street: It usually benefits you and your family as much as the cause you choose to help. Dedicating your time as a volunteer is a great way to make new friends and boost your skills. Children watch everything you do. By giving back to the community, you show them firsthand how volunteering makes a difference and how it feels to help other people and enact change. It's also a valuable way for you to get to know organizations in the community and find resources and activities for your children and family.

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We have raised well over a quarter million dollars for cancer research, not too shabby for a little community event. I have been involved since the first Run for the Cure, and more recently as Cancer Chase Chair for several years. It has been a blast, to be sure.

But life moves on, and I will no longer be able to chair Cancer Chase. At this moment, there is no 2018 Cancer Chase. Typically it is held in late September, but it does not have to be then.

All the supplies are stored with the BCA, as we are a BCA committee, awaiting a Chairperson to step up.

In 1983, there was a note in the BANAR advising that the Fun Fair would collapse the next year unless someone stepped up to lead it. At the time, I had two small kids and barely knew what Fun Fair was, having recently arrived in the Hamlet. Not to boast, but I said that would be a shame, and I put my hand up. And we did it.

So this is your last chance to make Cancer Chase 2018 happen. If you believe in the cause, you need to email me or call me ASAP and step up. Is it a lot of work? Yes, it is a heck of a lot of work. To put it mildly. And we are already behind the ideal schedule. But somewhere out there, a person exists who can make this happen in September.



Photo is from the Cancer Chase that was held in 2017, with the Cancer Chase's special partner, Selene Sawh and our tireless organizer Bill Horne.

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Don't forget about my 4th Annual Free Family Day Skate on Monday, February 19th at the Blackburn Arena from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Come for a skate and free refreshments.

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As always, feel free to get in touch anytime.

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Neighbourhood Watch program coming this year

by Sarah Morgan

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Through the Neighbourhood Watch program we hope to empower residents with information and tools to improve safety in the Hamlet.

Beginning such a program on your street or in your building is very simple—it requires that you meet your neighbours. If you have any questions or you are interested in improving the Hamlet, contact us



at safety@blackburnhamlet.ca. Look for our sign-up tables at BCA events!

For more information you can also visit the following links:

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Hockey in Blackburn—the early years

by Don Budd

I discovered the Blackburn rink the first year I attended Blackburn Public School in 1955 and it was love at first sight. We got to play hockey during recess and noon-hour. A few years later when I was old enough I would impatiently wait for the rink lights to come on and then walk to the rink and spend the entire evening there. At that time we had a change shack—a one-room wooden structure with a wood-burning stove in the middle that kept us toasty warm. Joe Robinson was the volunteer rink caretaker. He was a market gardener and he lived and gardened where Red Maple Crescent is now located.

We would help Joe scrape the rink and he would water the rink at night. Saturdays and Sundays were the best days of the week—we were playing hockey! Even the pain of frozen toes burning as they thawed out by the wood-burning kitchen stove didn't stop us from going back.

In the late 1950s the older boys in Blackburn had a Midget Team that played at the Navan Arena. When I was about 19 we formed an Intermediate Team and played against local

communities such as Orleans, Navan, Cumberland, Carlsbad Springs and Sarsfield. The arena would be packed to the rafters for games. Our team succeeded in winning three playoffs.

On this cold crisp evening of January 24th, 2018 from my front porch, I can hear the crunch of skates, the slapping of the puck against the boards and the voices of young hockey players having a great time at the Norman Johnson rink. Sixty years have gone by since I started there, and the tradition continues.



SPORTS Blackburn Senior Men's Hockey.

Blackburn locked the doors of the Carleton-Russell hockey season Friday night March 8 in Navan by defeating Cumberland in four straight games to win the cup. There were 300 cheering fans on hand to watch the game. With 8 minutes left in the game Cumberland had Blackburn 2-0 and Don Budd scored; two minutes later Murray Keop scored to make it a 2-2 tie; 1 minute 34 seconds left in the game, Bob Debagaron scored the winning goal.

The outstanding players in the semi-finals and finals were goal-tender Ken Elliot, defencemen Dennis Kelly and Denis Mopello, and forwards Murray Keop, Fern Cleroux and Don Budd.

Santa came to the Blackburn pancake breakfast

The Community Hall was the place to be on December 2nd for Christmas activities such as crafts, singing and meeting old friends. A delicious pancake breakfast and a visit from Santa himself made it especially exciting. Anyone with a 2018 BCA membership automatically got a free breakfast for the family. Belinda Joy was the lucky winner of a draw for Gord Matheson's Christmas Songbook for Guitars. A sincere thank you to the dedicated volunteers who organized the event. A great time was had by everyone!



Arteast Continues to Grow and Thrive

Arteast is one of the most professionally managed and thriving art groups in Ottawa. It started almost three decades ago as a small group in Orleans. Now at 238, its membership continues to grow and spread across the city.

Its members include both amateur artists and professionals. A wide variety of styles and media from traditional to avante garde provide a vibrant range of works to show.

Last year Arteast held 54 exhibitions, including its major events and exhibition opportunity in various venues across the city. Members can show solo shows and join in small groups at such venues as Blackburn Hamlet Library, St Laurent Centre, Luna Sole Restaurant, Francois Dupuis Centre, Legal Services Centre, as well as events and competitions at the Shenkman Arts Centre.



“Canada in Leaf” Sesquicentennial project

The “Canada in Leaf” project brought 30 artists together in a common cause. There was no contest or submission—it was a project that the artists at Arteast Ottawa decided to tackle as their contribution for the celebration of the Ottawa 150. The resulting 7.5 foot x 8 foot artwork has found a permanent home at the Nepean Public Library at Centrepointe.



Note: In the online version of the February BANAR the photos are in colour. Visit banar.ca or blackburnhamlet.ca/banar

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On December the 2nd the library invited the community to join in to celebrate 25 years at 199 Glen Park. Entertainment included a puppet show, crafts including one where we could print a 3d snowflake. Have you ever played a music with a banana? Now that



L to R: Tim Tierney (City Library board), Laura Dudas BCA president, Suzanne Delisle, Marie-France Lalonde MPP, and Monique Brûlé.



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BANAR still going strong after 50 years

by Evelyn Budd

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- Life Christian Academy—June
- Blackburn Ladies Scrimmage Group—April (with support from the Robert Real group)

Thank you to the many organizers and wordsmiths who submitted articles that celebrated community and offered to organize such amazing activities for the community.

A very sincere thanks to Laurie Trepanier, and Ray du Plessis who proofread the BANAR each issue before

it got sent off to the printers. I wish to extend a warm welcome to Millie Taylor who has volunteered to join the proofreading team.

A special thanks to all those in the community who sent in articles, information and updates on what was going to happen as well as what did happen in the community.

Blackburn Hamlet is an amazing community and we should continue to spread the word to all of Blackburn and beyond!

Looking for a group to deliver the April issue of the BANAR on the Easter weekend more information at www.banar.ca or email me at evbudd7@gmail.com


Note: In the online version of the February BANAR some of the photos are in colour. Visit banar.ca or blackburnhamlet.ca/banar

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Laura Dudas, We want to thank you for coming to Glen O on Friday to talk to our WE club members about volunteering in their own community. Regards, Christina and Angel

Blackburn Youth Leaders

Are you looking to become more involved in your community? Are you interested in using or developing new skills and talents? Do you want to acquire volunteer hours?

Perhaps you have ideas as to how solve some of the challenges in our neighbourhood?

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same pass: Agriculture, Science and Technology and Aviation.

Computer and Tablet Tutorials

We offer basic computer, Internet, Email, eBook or Library Catalogue Tutorials. You can bring your own laptop or tablet or learn on one of our public computers. Please call the branch to book a one-on-one appointment. Limited spaces are available. 60 minutes.

ADULT PROGRAMS

The Round Table Book Chat will resume meeting in January on the 3rd Monday of the month at 2:00 pm. Please join us as we discuss exciting titles chosen by our members. New members are always welcome! No registration necessary!

• Monday Feb 26th: *This Time Together* by Carol Burnett


How the Internet Works and Doesn't

Chris Taylor, President of the Ottawa PC Users' Group will explain in simple terms how computers find each other and communicate together.

Wednesday February 21 from 6:00-8:00 pm

Clicking, Flicking and Tweeting—Social Networking Controversy

Chris Taylor and Jeff Dubois from the Ottawa PC Users' Group will discuss privacy issues and social networking. Wednesday March 21 from 6:00-8:00 pm




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Fri, Feb 23 7:30pm

**Compassionate Communities:
What They Are & How to Build One**
given by **Dr. Claudia Chowaniec**
Private Scholar


Fri, Mar 23, 7:30pm

**Diet & Environment:
Influences on Health**
given by **Dr. Amy Rand**
Ass't Professor of Chemistry,
Carleton University



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February 14, 7:30pm

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



WEEK OF MARCH 25-APRIL 1

Palm Sunday: 10am
Maundy Thursday: 7:30pm
Good Friday: 10am
"Seven Last Words of Christ"
Easter Sunday: 10am
(Family service at the Community Hall)

"Through Christ you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God" (1 Pe 1:21)


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Jennifer and Cathie will be offering programs for all ages. Please check below for program information. We encourage parents and their children to speak with our knowledgeable staff and ask about our wonderful databases and resources for homework, projects, book reports and more!

Babytime (Session 2) - bilingual

Wednesdays 10:30-11:00 am
March 28, April 4, 11, 18. Please register. Ages 0 to 18 months.

ToddlerTime (Session 2) - bilingual

Thursdays 10:15-10:45 am
March 29, April 5, 12, 19. Please register. Ages 19 to 36 months.

Family Storytime (Session 2) - bilingual

Thursdays 11:00-11:30 am
March 29, April 5, 12, 19. Please register. Ages 0 to 6 years.

We're Going on an Egg Hunt - bilingual

Saturday March 31, 10:30-11:15 am.
Please register. Ages 0 to 6 years.

MARCH BREAK - bilingual

Sounds Like Science! -

Monday March 12, 2 -3 pm
Please register. Ages 7-12 years.

Nature's Orchestra

Tuesday March 13, 2-3 pm. Please

register. Ages 4-6 years.

Musical Mysteries

Wednesday, March 14, 2-3 pm
Please register. Ages 6-12 years.

Spunky Monkeys

Thursday, March 15 from 10:30-11:15 am
Please register. Ages 0-6 years.

Discover the Ukulele -

Friday March 16 3:30-4:30 pm
Please register. Ages 7-12 years.

Escape!

Saturday March 17, 2 -4 pm.
Please register. Ages 9 and over.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED for all Children's programs.

All programs with the exception of the Round Table Book Chat are by registration. Please register online with your library card at www.biblioottawalibrary.ca or by telephone at 613-580-2940 or visit the Branch to register in-person. A valid library card is required for program registration.

The Blackburn Library in conjunction with Arteast is proud to present an exhibition of paintings in oils and pastel by Claudia Urbach. The exhibition is an exploration of the physical world intended to agitate the senses and allow the viewer to ponder more deeply that which is often overlooked.

This is a unique opportunity for the public to enjoy, encourage and support artists in their local community as well as the Blackburn Hamlet Library.



BRANCH HOURS

Monday to Thursday: 10 am to 8:30 pm

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Blackburn Minor Hockey Sponsorship Opportunities

by Diane I. Séguin

Some of the Blackburn Minor Hockey Association's hockey players are earning money this month by delivering the BANAR to help cover expenses. Of course it would be very much appreciated if there is someone out there interested to become a sponsor to offset some of our expenses.

The Blackburn Minor Hockey Association offers these young athletes a venue that will help shape their future in sports as well as in life in general. Trainings include Skills and Development, Power Skating, Goalie Clinics (Wednesday night from 6 to 8 pm).

The Bell Capital Cup Tournament was held between Christmas and New Years and the Pee wee Tournaments A, B and C in January. Spring Hockey "4 on 4" will be coming up as well as Coach Evaluations. A well deserved Volunteer Appreciation Night will be held on April 13th.

Last year, 4 out of the 13 teams went to the semi-finals and the Bantam A team went on to win the Championship.



True Champions of the West Nipissing Fall Classic Tournament

On November 19, 2017 the Blackburn Stingers Midget A team were crowned Champions of the West Nipissing Fall Classic Tournament. The Stingers dominated their division in the round robin outscoring their opponents 16-1. The team was in a battle in the semifinals pulling out a last minute 3-2 win over KL Gold. With the Team Captain unable to play in the finals, everyone stepped up to defeat the East Nipissing Vipers 3-0. The most impressive part of this team was the discipline they displayed playing in a very physical tournament. This was a complete team effort from start to finish with them playing a relentless style that wore down and frustrated every opponent they faced. Every player was dedicated to an all-around team game which made it very difficult for the coaching staff to single out one MVP.

The well-earned banner can be seen hanging in the Blackburn Arena.

Go Stingers Go !

I can be reached by calling 613-618-7678 or 613-841-6281 or by email to diaseguin@bell.net. My address is 6128 Silverbirch St., Orleans, Ontario K1W 1C4. Any financial support would be most appreciated.

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Recruiting seniors for Seniors Action Committee

The Blackburn Community Association is looking for adults 50 years + from our community who can provide ideas and feedback on community initiatives as part of the Seniors Action Committee.

The Committee has replaced the disbanded BCA 50 + Group and is providing the BCA with important insight into the services, events and advocacy needs of older adults in our community.

An activity that was very popular this year was the Seniors



Information Night, a trade show showcasing services and companies that was geared to the senior population.

We are looking forward to planning more activities that will be of interest to seniors.

The Committee will:

- Meet quarterly in 2018 or as required, meeting dates to follow.
- Will include up to 20 members, all of whom must be 50 years of age or older.
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Interested members of the community can contact the Seniors Action Committee at seniors@blackburnhamlet.ca.

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Palm Sunday March 25:	11:15 am - St. Mary the Virgin	
Maundy Thursday March 29:	7:00 pm - St. Mary's, Town of Navan	
Good Friday March 30:	2:00 pm - St. Mary the Virgin	
Easter Eucharist April 1:	11:15 am - St. Mary the Virgin	

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Saturday March 3rd at 8:00 pm to be held at the Orleans United Church, 1111 Orleans Blvd.

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Enjoy the fun and friendship of playing golf

A CWGI complimentary event is being held on Sunday, March 4, 3 pm to 6 pm at the OAC Winter Golf School on Lancaster Road. CWGI offers 9 and 18 hole games and new golfer programs. Come out try out equipment and get pointers from golf pros. Visit CWGI.ca for more information.

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Blackburn Art Group

Most every second Thursday from 1 pm to 4 pm at the Blackburn Community Hall on Glen Park Drive, a group of artists get together and draw, sketch, paint or create—each in their own medium. They appreciate the interaction with fellow creatives, get feedback and concentrate without the distractions of other "must do" projects at home.

Newcomers are welcome. Due to the weather, bring indoor shoes so you'll be comfortable, and to keep the floor clean in the main room. Bring your art project, a mug for tea break and a cover to protect the table.

The choice of project is up to you although the one restriction is for sculptures because of a lack of clean-up facilities.

As it was from when the group first started in April of 1999, no instruction is given and it involves a very minimal cost.

2018 dates are February 8 and 22, March 8 and 22, April 12 and 26, May 10 and 24, All dates are on Thursday afternoons from 1 pm to 4 pm.

Please call Margaret Froelich at 613-824-6503 or Camille Marion 613-741-6783 for more information.

Mosaic Exhibit at Shenkman Arts Centre

Dwain Sykes, a member of the Blackburn Art Group, has a painting in the Trinity Art Gallery at the Shenkman Arts Centre, 245 Centrum Boulevard in Orleans.

Arteast extends an invitation to the vernissage of the exhibition on Sunday, February 11th from 1 to 3 pm. The full exhibition will run from February 8th to March 13th, Monday to Sunday from 9 am to 10 pm. More information is available at www.arteastottawa.com.

You'll enjoy the show, it's always a treat to see Dwain's paintings and the talents of others as well says Camille Marion.

The greatest gift you can give your family and the world is a healthy you. ~Joyce Meyer

Gloucester Allotment Garden Association Annual Meeting

The Association will hold its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 7:30 pm in the cafeteria at Louis Riel High School, 1655 Bearbrook Road in Blackburn Hamlet.

For more information call the registrar at 613-824-8479 or visit our website at <http://gaga.ncf.ca>

Free Fitness Classes

Kathleen Parisien is offering free fitness classes for families at the Blackburn Community Hall every Monday at 5:45 pm. All ages and fitness levels are welcome!

This a completely volunteer-run program with a focus on supporting community health and wellness programs.

The classes at the Community Hall are a BCA-sponsored activity.

Join the Blackburn Ladies Softball League

Teams are recruiting new players! Have you played before? Are you new and looking for a fun night out? This is a wonderful group of ladies who play recreational softball and are looking to add a few more players to their league.

They play Monday and/or Wednesday nights, have recreational and competitive tournaments, meet and greet at opening night, end of year banquet, and other exciting activities throughout the season.

For information and to register contact Johanne Danis at blslvicepresident@gmail.com or visit blackburnladiessoftball.com.

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