

'Fill the rink for Lindsay'

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Brian Winter has a headline he wants to see come to life: "We want to fill the rink for Lindsay."

Winter is organizing the second annual Cochrane Ford Men's Invitational Hockey Tournament, to be held April 13-20 at the Cochrane Arena.

But this year, any profit made will go to the Lindsay Leigh Kimmett Memorial Fund.

Kimmett was a Cochrane High graduate, a medical student at the University of Calgary and a big hockey fan and player who died in a car accident northwest of Cochrane on Feb. 17. She was 26.

The sudden death of a such a promising young woman jolted the community. Several hundred people jammed the Cochrane High gymnasium for a tribute to Kimmett on Feb. 23, and a candle light service

held downtown Feb. 21 attracted scores more.

Winter noted the Kimmett family has been a big part of the community and likely has been around town as long as his family (since 1974).

Now Winter wants to give the Kimmett Memorial Fund a big boost.

"We want to keep Lindsay's legacy alive," he said last week. "We want to surround the Kimmett family . . . that the hockey community is behind them."

That's why Winter wants standing-room-only at the old arena for the opening ceremonies starting at 1:30 p.m. April 13.

"We want to fill it to the rafters," he said.

Information will be available on how to contribute to the fund, which will be used to set up scholarships, support facilities and projects for

Cochrane youth, and fund medical equipment.

Admission to the games is free but revenue will be generated through 50-50 draws and a raffle for a 50-inch plasma television.

The tournament itself is in its second year and Winter, goalie for the host team the Bruins, hopes to attract 22 teams, 10 more than last year.

The format would see eight teams in the 30-plus division, eight in the 40-plus division, and six in the 50-plus flight. Each team is guaranteed three games of no-contact hockey. The entry fee per team is \$700.

If anyone is interested in helping with the costs by buying an advertisement in the program, call Winter at 818-9703, or e-mail winterbr@telus.net.

For more information on Lindsay Kimmett and the fund go to www.lindsaykimmett.com.

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