

THIRD SOUTH PACIFIC CANADIAN FRIENDSHIP TOUR 2009

The “**Canadian Moose**” are hosting a third **Friendship Tournament** in **Toronto, Canada** from **Friday, February 6 to Sunday, February 15, 2009**. The proposed tour is for 10 days.

The tour is open to both male and female players of all ability levels. Team entries, individual player entries, and all supporters are welcome. Supporters and players will need to sign a tour contract (see website). The Moose can provide a goalie or extra players if needed.

There is a limit of 30 people. Places will be held based on payment of a deposit.

The overall price of the tour is \$3990.00 Canadian, payable directly to the Canadian Moose. (The price has increased as the airfares have risen and due to a fuel surcharge. Airfares comprise over 75% of the cost of the tour.) The tour price is for Sydney and Brisbane departures. All other locations may incur a surcharge due to airfare price variations. Surcharge discounts may apply if 10 people travel from a single airport. **Cash or cheques should be made payable to: Canadian Moose Ice Hockey Club. Please email Mark Sadgrove (mark@canadianmoose.org) to arrange tour payment.**

A **non-refundable** deposit of \$500.00 Cdn. is required by each person to secure an airline seat and is payable with registration. The deposit can be paid at any time and is the only method to reserve a tour place. The remaining \$3490 Cdn. must be received by November 25th. After this date registrations may still be taken but we cannot guarantee seats will be available. **If an individual decides to drop out after Dec 1, 2008, then he or she must forfeit their \$500.00 deposit and a suitable player or supporter will be found to take their place.**

Key features for 2009 include:

- Airfares to and from Canada.
- Transportation to and from airport.
- Transportation to and from games from Moose Headquarters.
- Bed and breakfast for 10 days. If you choose to stay at a hotel, this is at your cost.
- All ice fees – using top facilities!
- Planned activities during the days, e.g. clinics, scrimmages, and games. Games will be geared to skill level.
- Training – increased from last year in response to requests from players.
- Trips to ice hockey equipment outlet and discounters which sell top brands.
- Visit the Ice Hockey Hall of Fame – downtown Toronto – entry at your cost.
- Day trip to Niagara Falls and Niagara-On-the-Lake.
- Optional shinny games throughout the week (\$5 per day, 18 years and over).
- If people wish to stay longer, a bed and breakfast is available for an additional 12 days at CDN\$60 per person per day, however no transport will be provided after the 10 day tour is completed.

If you wish to deviate to another city or country and extend your tour, for example, flying to Hawaii for a stop over, this cost is additional to overall costs. If an individual withdraws from the tour after paying in full, they are responsible for finding a suitable player or supporter to take their place. They must forfeit their \$500.00 Cdn. deposit but a refund of \$3490.00 Cdn. will be made once the suitable replacement has paid in full.

Sponsorship

We encourage players to pursue sponsorship and fundraising ventures to defray the cost of the tour. A Marketing Package and Fundraising ideas are available from the Canadian Moose.

For more information on planning and organizing the South Pacific – Canadian Friendship Tour 2009: contact Mark Sadgrove at the Canadian Moose Mark@canadianmoose.org.

TESTIMONIAL FROM LOCAL PLAYERS:

Spina Family, Sydney, Australia (keri.spina@yahoo.com.au)

It is hard to say what we expected before arriving in Newmarket, possibly some games and training but, once there we were able to do so much which went beyond any expectations we had prior to leaving Australia. A great big thank you to Mark for his generosity and knowledge that he shared with Dan.

Best part: Our hosts, Mark, Donna & June and all the Hockey and Training, the Charity Night Game and the day of Pond Hockey that was organized.

Recommendations: A night out at a professional hockey game. **Kerri**

If you have the chance to attend a Moose Friendship Tour don't miss it as the experience you come away with will be with you forever. To be able to play and learn from the Canadians has advanced my skills and to have someone like Mark Sadgrove mentoring you while you are learning you will not get anywhere else. **Dan.**

Linda Mason, Perth, Australia (byronroger@optusnet.com.au)

This tour was an experience of a lifetime and one that will be remembered by our entire family for a long time to come. Mark did absolutely everything he could to accommodate everyone while on the tour both from the players' and supporters' point of view and regardless of the skill level of the players there was a place for everyone on the tour. This was a wonderful opportunity to watch superior Canadian ice hockey players and to learn everything you could from them. From a cultural point of view it was wonderful meeting Canadian people and experiencing their wonderful hospitality.

Best Part: Meeting you and your family and visiting all the places that we did in Ontario. We especially loved the camaraderie of the players and other adults at your house.

You (Mark) did absolutely everything you possibly could to expose the kids to playing ice hockey in Canada as well as making sure they observed those who are much more skilful players. From this perspective alone the tour was well worth it and I know the kids absolutely loved every minute they were there.

The Morris Family, Sydney, Australia (dmo12336@bigpond.net.au)

The tour met our expectations and a whole lot more. 10 days is not long enough and we would stay longer next time.

Best part: Luke will say having the chance to play hockey when ever you want, the girls said the shopping and our trip to Niagara Falls. Also getting to know people from all over the Country. For Australian's, playing on a frozen lake was the most awesome experience and we would never get that experience back home.

Testimony: Fantastic! I feel you made everyone welcome and met the needs of everyone. We would recommend to any hockey player and non hockey player to go and experience Canada (**Debbie**)

"Awesome! The best hockey experience ever!" (**Luke**).

Come and join us in 2009 in a 'winter wonderland'.

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Draft Schedule

Please Note: This is a draft schedule and is subject to change nearer the date.

Friday	February	6		Depart Australia and New Zealand	
	February	6	11:00 PM	Arrive in Toronto - Friday evening	
Saturday	February	7	all day	Pond Hockey (Aurora) & Equipment Shopping	10-25% Discounts for Moose tour participants
Sunday	February	8	all day	Visit Toronto - Hockey Hall of Fame	World's tallest building - CN Tower
Monday	February	9	10~11:30 AM	Training @ Magna Centre	
	February	9	Evening	Game at Magna Centre	
Tuesday	February	10	10~11:30 AM	Training @ Magna Centre	
	February	10	Evening	Game at Indian Reservation	Proposed game and social at Indian Reservation
Wednesday	February	11	10~11:30 AM	Training @ Magna Centre	
	February	11	Evening	Game at Magna Centre	
Thursday	February	12	10~11:30 AM	Training @ Magna Centre	
	February	12	Evening	Charity Game at Magna Centre	Inn from the Cold Charity Game
Friday	February	13	10~11:30 AM	Training @ Magna Centre	
	February	13	Evening	Game at Magna Centre	
Saturday	February	14	all day	Niagara Falls	
Sunday	February	15	afternoon	Depart for Australia & New Zealand	
<i>Daily</i>			<i>12 - 1 PM</i>	<i>Daily Shinny at Magna Centre for \$5 Under 18 years Shinny</i>	<i>Must be 18 or over. Own Cost. Schedule will be advised.</i>