



40K for the CEWHA

How many of those of you reading this can do 5 push-ups? 10? 20? 50? 40,000?

What if you couldn't do any, and knew that no matter what you did to train, you would never be able to muster the strength for a single one? I have the good fortune to know and be inspired by a group of amazing athletes who play hockey each week, yet, for the majority of our players, a push-up is beyond possibility.

My name is Dean Hachey and I am proud to be the president of the Toronto Division of the Canadian Electric Wheelchair Hockey Association (CEWHA).

I need your support for an upcoming event.

I've been a volunteer with the league for the past 16 years and each year I subject myself to an extreme physical challenge to raise funds and awareness for the athletes who participate in our unique hockey league.

"Our players live their daily lives enduring challenges that we (able bodies) cannot even imagine. The CEWHA provides disabled individuals who depend on an electric wheelchair, the opportunity to do what millions of Canadian's take for granted...compete in a team sport, and play hockey."

The CEWHA has been operating in Canada for over 25 years.

Our mission statement: to provide a quality hockey program for all persons with disabilities who have limited upper body strength and/or mobility and benefit from the use of an electric wheelchair in competitive sport and daily living.



Last July 21st, I hopped on my mountain bike in Durham Forest just outside Toronto and rode 510km's over 48 hours. With the support of hundreds of individual sponsors, we were able to raise over \$20,000, which kept our league running another year. The funds were used to purchase over 100 new hockey sweaters for our teams, repair and maintain our league chairs, host pizza nights for our players, cover the cost of referee's, purchase trophies, and help fund our season ending banquet.



This year, along with the challenge of meeting the budget for next season, we are also hosting our National Championship Tournament in Toronto in August at Humber College. Electric wheelchair teams and athletes will be travelling to Toronto from Winnipeg, Calgary, Victoria and London to compete for our national title. Our 'Stanley Cup', called the Allied Cup, resides at the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto and is awarded every 2 years.

This Year's Challenge

On June 16 at Bloorview Kids Rehab, I will be attempting to complete **40,000 push-ups in 24 hours** in an effort to raise \$40,000 for the CEWHA. The current Guinness World Record is 46,000, and with your support and encouragement, I intend to take a run at raising the bar.

Also this year, while I do a few push-ups, over 80 players from our Toronto Division will be setting a record of their own. Our East and West divisions will compete in the first ever 24 hour electric wheelchair hockey game!

Please help Dean help the CEWHA.

There are many ways for you to get involved and show your support:

- Make a donation using our online pledge form or by credit card on our website at: <http://www.geocities.com/cewha/index2.html>
- Mail in a donation to:

Please mail cheques, payable to the CEWHA to:
235 Yorkland Blvd, Suite 904
North York, ON
M2J 4Y8
Attention: Dana Aube

- Bring your friends and family out to cheer on Dean, watch a little wheelchair hockey, and maybe even do a set or two of push-ups with him! Details will be forwarded to you as we approach the event date.
- Call Dana Aube in our league office at (416) 757-8544 to ask about other ways to get involved.
- **Corporate Sponsorship.** Please contact Dean directly at (416) 574-9219 if your company is interested in supporting this event in any way and/or if you'd like to explore the opportunity to become a partner with the CEWHA

- If you, a family member, friend or acquaintance would benefit from playing, volunteering, or becoming a fan of our unique brand of hockey, please call Dana Aube at (416) 757-8544 or email her at daube@whitecapcanada.com.

100% of the donations collected in support of this event go to the Canadian Electric Wheelchair Hockey Association.

Tax receipts will be issued for any contributions of \$15 and above. The CEWHA is a registered charity (#14071 2266 RR0001)