

# WALTER GRETZKY STREET HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



*Walter Gretzky*

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## Kevin Smith at Gretzky - Wed, 25 Mar 2009 by Tom Kennedy

Since releasing his first movie in 1994 (*Clerks*), Kevin Smith has been entertaining people with his offbeat, somewhat lewd, and far from mainstream, comedies.

He has tackled comedy, drama, religious controversy and, more recently, explored alternative methods to paying off debt in *Zack and Miri Make a Porno*, a comedy starring Seth Rogen and Elizabeth Banks.

In June, Smith will take a three-day break from his busy life in Los Angeles to goaltend in the third annual Walter Gretzky Street Hockey Tournament in Brantford.

The tournament, which is a fundraiser event for the Sports Facilities Infrastructure Legacy fund, runs June 5-7, with each ball hockey team guaranteed at least three games at Lions Park Arena.

In a phone interview earlier from L.A. earlier today, the 38-year-old filmmaker told **brantford.com** he had recently been reading more and more about Wayne and Walter Gretzky and became inspired by their story.

“I have really gotten into Wayne and Walter in the last six months, I’ve been reading a lot about them and found it really inspiring,” he said.

He went as far as to say he “kind of fell in love in a big, bad way” but not in a romantic sense - like so many people, he found Walter and Wayne to be very inspiring individuals.

Smith said he then felt he may be going through a mid-life crisis because “at 38 I found Gretzky to be an ideal role model” but that his admirations were solidified when he was speaking at Roy Thomson Hall and Bloor Cinema in Toronto and found those present understood his idolization.

As he continued to research and learn more about Canada’s most famous hockey Dad, he stumbled upon an online flyer for this year’s ball hockey tournament and decided he was going to do everything he could to be a part of it.

Smith is a big hockey fan and is known to reference the sport in his films. He said when he realized he could actually participate in the tournament he was stunned.

“I got in touch with Pat Shewchuk and asked how I could help,” he said “I was blown away. I used to play it as a kid ... I haven’t played in about 15 years.”

Smith gathered together a group of people he has worked with on past projects to put together a team- Puck University or Puck U. for short.

He then used his production company View Askew's website to promote the event and encourage others to form teams adding that his company would sponsor any teams participating on his behalf.

So far there has been enough fan response on the View Askew message board to form three teams. The teams have been named after hockey jerseys featured in Smith's films - The Vulgarians, The Leonardo Reapers and the Monroeville Zombies.

The roster for Puck U. is one that should draw some crowds to the Lions Park Arena.

The team list on the View Askew website currently reads Smith in goal, actors Jason Mewes, Bryan Johnson and Jim Jackman; producer Scott Mosier; filmmakers Jon Gordon and Malcolm Ingram; comic book artist Walt Flanagan; View Askew web designer Ming Chen; and Smith's wife Jennifer Schwalbach.

Puck U. is a registered team in the tournament and will compete in pool play before playing an exhibition game on the final day of competition against the winning team of the teenage division.

Smith said he hopes his promotion of the event and his presence during the tournament will draw bigger crowds and raise further money for local sports facilities.

It may seem strange that a filmmaker originally from New Jersey would be interested in a tournament in Ontario but the fact of the matter is that Smith does have some motivation of his own.

"Well, what a great way to meet Walter but also to give back to the community that produced Wayne."

Smith considers this to be his way of thanking Brantford for Wayne Gretzky.

"Brantford produced Wayne Gretzky, perhaps one of the only viable role models of the last 50 years ... the world needs more Wayne Gretzkys and I figure - why wouldn't another come out of Brantford? So I thought, why not put money into Brantford athletics."

## ***Good on ya Kevin Smith*** - Fri, 29 May 2009 by **Tom Kennedy**

Firstly, in case you didn't know, *good on ya* , is an Australian way of saying well done or thanks.

So why would I be thanking well-known filmmaker, director, writer, actor Kevin Smith?

Well, the Walter Gretzky Street Hockey Tournament is just a stone's throw away and, without a doubt, the knowledge that [Smith will be fielding a team](#) has brought huge interest to the event and the city.

With just seven days till the event, the news is that registrations for the third annual Walter Gretzky tournament are more than double that of its inaugural year and Pat Shewchuk of the Tournament Capital of Ontario board said she knows all too well that Smith has been a huge draw card.

So far, 85 teams have registered for the tournament and when I spoke to Shewchuk earlier today she said she expected to be receiving more over the weekend despite today being the unofficial deadline.

It seems a lot of those teams would be travelling on the news that Smith and his crew would be competing in the tournament.

Were I not going to be involved in the media side of things, I would surely have planned to be there as a player or a spectator ... Wouldn't you?

Not only is a ball hockey tournament a good way to have fun and raise money for a good cause but you also have the chance to meet *Silent Bob* . How cool is that?

And as far as his participation and promotion of the event goes, I think he deserves a pat on the back and a round of applause from all those involved in the Brantford sporting community because the whole point of the tournament is to raise money for that very community.

Smith is not only bringing himself, his wife and whole bunch of friends up for the weekend, but is also sponsoring three teams of fans to play as well.

Not to mention, he's doing all of this while also working on directing his upcoming film *A Couple of Dicks* , a detective comedy starring Bruce Willis and Tracy Morgan.

When he's done goaltending for his team, Puck U., he will be performing at the Sanderson Centre on June 6.

Smith's *Stocky Night in Canada* will feature his popular question and answer style rhetoric as well as a podcast with Canadian film producer and longtime industry friend of Smith, Scott Mosier.

Now what, I hear you ask, is Smith's motive for travelling to Brantford, fielding teams in the tournament and subjecting his goaltending skills to the scrutiny of hundreds, if not thousands, of fans?

To put it simply, when I spoke to him a while back he said that Wayne Gretzky was a man worthy of a religion and that, similarly, Walter was an amazing person, and that he wanted to give back to the city that produced these amazing people and meet Canada's best-known hockey Dad.

So he does have a motive but I don't think anyone will criticize him for bringing huge exposure to the event which now has the potential to continue to grow and raise funds for the city's sports community.

So from myself and, I'm sure, the local sporting community and the city as a whole:  
"Good on ya Kevin Smith."

# The View Askew Street Hockey Teams



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# Puck U

- 5 JON GORDON
- 8 SCOTT MOSIER
- 9 MALCOLM INGRAM
- 10 JENNIFER SCHWALBACH
- 12 JASON MEWES ('C')
- 15 MING CHEN
- 33 JIM JACKMAN
- 37 KEVIN SMITH
- 38 WALT FLANAGAN
- 67 BRYAN JOHNSON





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- 3 MATT YOUNG
- 4 FRANK CIAMPI
- 12 DAN CHAULK
- 17 BRYAN WILSON
- 27 THOM ROHOLT
- 31 WARREN STANLEY
- 37 GAVIN ap'MORRYGAN (A)
- 42 TREVOR GRAF
- 55 MIKE CRANDALL
- 88 TIMMY VISENTIN
- 92 MARK DICICCO ('C')
- GM - GRACE ULTSCH



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- 1 JAMES McCUTCHEON
- 7 MICHAEL McCUTCHEON ('C')
- 9 THOMAS SANTIAGO
- 12 MARCUS BARRIE
- 13 TIM LEFEBVRE (A)
- 17 PAUL SAUNDERS
- 19 TOM TYRELL
- 22 DARRYL CLARKE
- 66 JEFF DEJOHN
- 71 MIKE PALERMO
- 81 ANGEL SANTIAGO



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MONROEVILLE

# ZOMBIES

*the dead will rise in Brantford*



- 1 RAY MYERS
- 4 JON MAHONEY
- 9 BRAD SILZER
- 11 MIKE DUYN
- 16 STEVEN ATTWELL
- 19 RYAN REYNOLDS
- 23 JOHN CARTMEL
- 27 BRIAN MAXWELL
- 53 JOSHUA WERTHEIM
- 69 MARK BELL ('C')
- 75 PAUL THOMPSON
- 79 CONNOR MARSDEN



# The Games

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**PUCK U**













### SCORING - Continued

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Things to do between periods ... and any time you want great entertainment



SMODCAST can be found @

<http://www.quickstoptertainment.com/category/smodcast/>

There have been 86 episodes so far, here are some highlights, illustrated by some of the great fans on the Viewaskew Message Board , There have been numerous appearances by Canadian Film Maker and Puck U member  
Malcolm Ingram



There have also been many unscheduled appearances from everyone's favorite Daschund, ..... Shecky ...



As Kevin has work on the East coast we have been entertained by Puck U and longtime ViewAskew members Walt Flanagan and Bryan Johnson. In SMODCAST 60 there was talk of Pillow Babies



Thanks to POLARBERRY for the great Illustration.

The last few SMODCASTS have featured Bryan Johnson, we have heard stories about what would happen to Kevin if he became One Ton Kevin.



Thanks mb! For the Great picture.



Then there was a story of how One Ton Kevin would get to a class reunion on a boat



"I will not leave it on the dock"

Again, thank you Polarberry for your great work.

This is just a small sample of the great stories you will hear as you join Kevin, Scott, Walt, Bryan, Jen, Jay and who ever else joins Kevin on the SMODCAST.

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If you like **SMODCAST**, you are going to love **STOCKY NIGHT** in Canada. Join Kevin Smith and Special Guest Scott Mosier for the First LIVE SMODCAST.



# UPCOMING EVENTS



Kevin and Puck U will be playing an exhibition game at 1:00 p.m. on June 7th at the Civic Centre against Dean Blundell and the 102.1 Edge Five Holes with a local teen team.

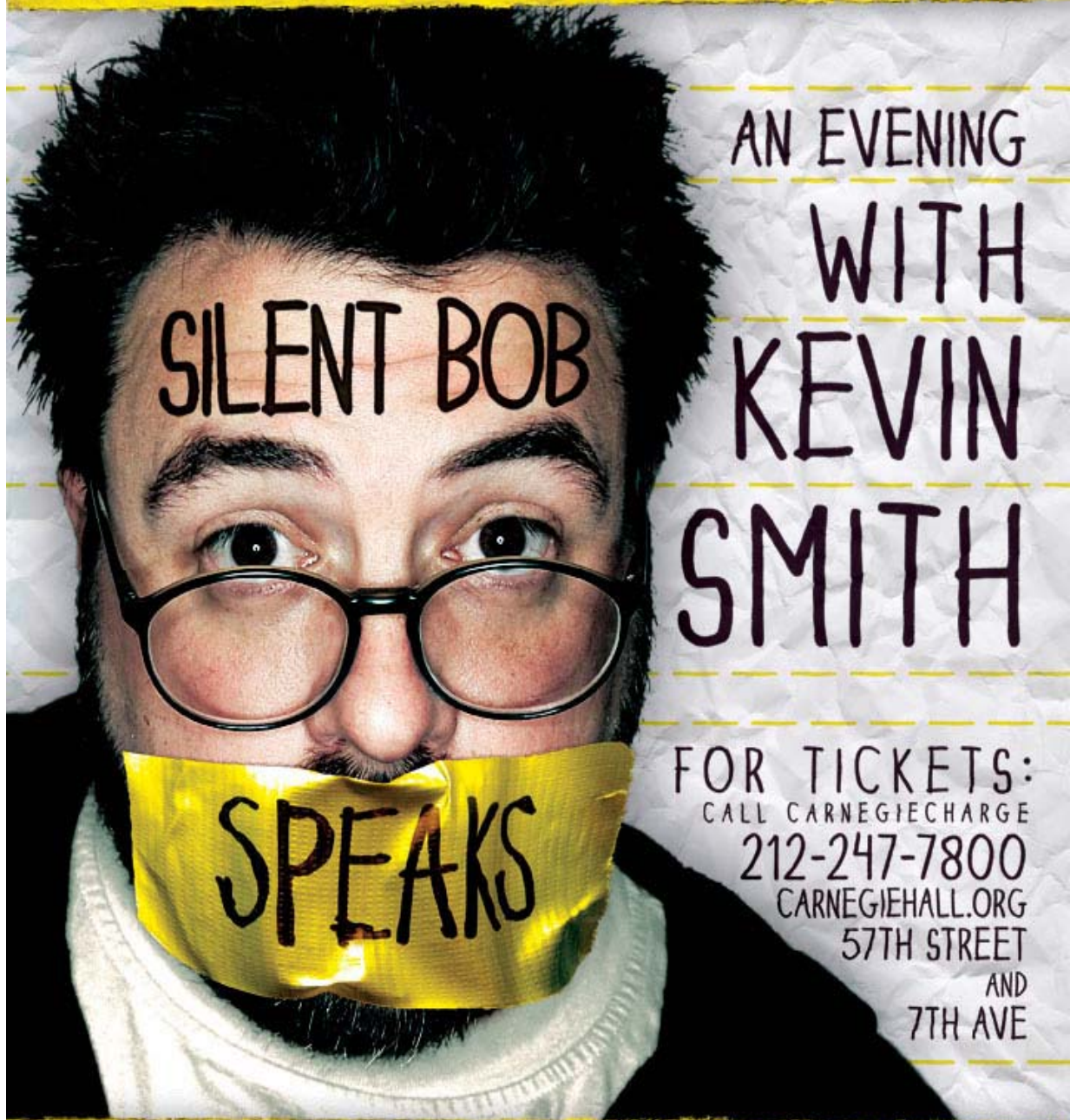
Tickets are \$5 and all proceeds will benefit the Brantford Sports Facilities Infrastructure Legacy Fund.

Gretzky.com will also be filming the tournament and featuring it on Wayne Gretzky's website.



And if you have the chance, please join the Viewaskewniverse for

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