Two players will receive assistance

Two Vernon hockey players will receive financial assistance from the Vernon Junior Hockey Scholarship Fund next year.

Vernon Lakers' Head Coach Ernie Gare announced this week that two, $1,000 scholarships will be awarded in June. They will be presented to a member of the 1987-88 Vernon junior team and a Vernon minor hockey graduate.

The money was raised during a recent celebrity road hockey game, at the Vernon Civic Arena, and golf tournament, at the Vernon Golf and Country Club.

"The recipients will be chosen by a four-man committee," Gare said. "And they can use the money to attend any Canadian university."

Despite a disappointing crowd at the road hockey game, Gare said organizers were pleased with the fund raising events. "We've already started plans for next year," he said. "With the addition of one or two big name pros, I'm sure we'll attract more fans and make more money for the fund."

The scholarship committee presented the Vernon Special Olympics with $100 for its part in the project.

Meanwhile, Gare will be in the East Kootenays next week for the Lakers' evaluation camp at Invermere. The camp, scheduled Aug. 7-9, is expected to attract about 50 prospects.