

Thursday evening November 26 saw the Second Annual Austrian-Canadian Society Charity Hockey Game, once again on the main ice surface at the Albert Schultz Eishalle in Vienna. The original date, November 5, had to be scrapped at the last minute due to a power outage at the rink. Nonetheless we rallied players and supporters for a great game involving 26 skaters plus the two goalies. This year the game opened with beautiful renditions of the Austrian and Canadian national anthems, sung by Darlene Wundsam Schubert. Darlene also obliged by dropping the puck for the ceremonial opening face-off. The teams took to the ice in official Austrian-Canadian Society jerseys, Reds vs. Whites. Our referee and linesman called a good game, and were much freer awarding penalty shots this year than the officials last year. Still, most of the goals were scored in the course of regular play during the game's three periods. The score was 'something like' 8-3 for the White team (the writer of this article played for the Reds and unfortunately can't quite remember the exact tally). Four women played in the game, a new record for the event. The Top Scorer was Alex Weikman and the Player of the Game was Daniel Leitgeb, both of the White team. Afterwards players and fans repaired to the Capitals' VIP Lounge for a drinks reception featuring food generously provided by the Vienna Capitals management. Indeed the ice time for the event was donated, as it was last year, by the Capitals, to whom the Society is extremely grateful for making all this possible. We also had photographers this year (Natercia Rodrigues and Michiel Van Dyk) and their many great shots of the game can be seen soon on Flickr (Tim Lemay will post the pictures and send everyone an e.mail with the link).

It was a great time and we look forward to seeing you at the rink when we do it all again next year. Thanks to everyone who took part!