



# Welcome Back ! TO THE COOLEST GAME ON ICE By Joe McGann

Now that the administrative aspects of establishing the teams, allocating not enough ice and filling out forms is behind us, we can start to enjoy another season of the "Coolest Game on Ice" - and many may even say it has not ended from last spring.

First and foremost, the culmination of our efforts is directed to providing a positive environment for girls to develop a life-long love for the sport of hockey. The Board strives to create an environment that ensures every player of any Wisconsin Wild team looks forward to coming to the rink, each and every time - regardless of whether it is a game or a practice. As an organization and as parents, we support our skaters' efforts to develop to the best of their ability. For those ladies interested in pursuing College opportunities, we provide the means by which their hard-earned work and skills can be showcased and viewed by College Scouts.

There are two fundamental philosophies that distinguish the Wisconsin Wild from other organizations. First, we strive to be all things to all people, or

in other words, we use our best efforts to ensure that all ladies who are committed to playing hockey, regardless of ability, have an opportunity to play on a team within the organization. The second is our Coaching staff. The Wisconsin Wild understands that leadership is the key component to any successful team and as a result, we use our best efforts to ensure that each and every team has the appropriate leadership. We are thrilled with the fact that a number of Coaches and Managers' whose daughters have recently graduated to play at the College level, continue to commit a tremendous amount of their time and effort towards the successful continuation of the program. More specifically, **Chris Leng** and **Joyce Shepet** continue to guide the U19AAA team while **Alan Mackenzie** will share his

knowledge with the U14AAA team. It is through their efforts that the Wisconsin Wild is recognized at the National Level for both the caliber and the class of its' teams.

At the Board level, we are pleased to announce that **Tom Gasperetti** is the new VP Off Ice. Tom has been a volunteer with a number of organizations over the years and we very much look forward to his contributions.

In order to continue the development and growth of the Wild, it is vital that we attract and recruit new young skaters into our program. Our **JUNIOR WILD PROGRAM** starts on October 24. We need your assistance in creating an awareness of our organization. The best method is introducing our program through your schools. Please contact **Anne & Kelly Lorms** at 262-785-9287 to help distribute flyers and spread the word.

In closing I want to emphasize that despite the natural tendency to focus on winning, the real focus should be on developing confident players who love playing hockey. Have a fabulous year!!!!!!

## CALENDAR

### October

24 - JR. WILD Begins

### November

1 - WREATH ORDERS DUE!

20 - WEATH PICKUP

## Wanna Be A Referee?

As the teams arrive at the rink, and get ready for their big game, you often hear the question: "Do we have referees for today?"

Thanks to **Phil Shepet**, the answer is most often "Yes, of course we do.

Phil is the referee coordinator for the Wild, making sure that we always have qualified refs

for each and every game. However there is a general shortage of referees, so Phil needs your help.

Being a ref is not something that hockey players think about doing, but should. Imagine getting paid to be involved in a sport that you enjoy so much?

You get to skate, and get paid for it. You get a better apprecia-

tion for the game, the rules and the difficult job of a ref. You are a part of ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for young players.

All it takes it one day at a WHOA Seminar. Dates and locations can be found at [www.wihoa.com](http://www.wihoa.com) or contact Phil Shepet @262-617-7974.

## Board of Directors

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## U16AAA

The new hockey season welcomes **Fred Franchi** as the U16AAA head coach. He will be assisted by **Dan Brienzo**, and the team is managed by **Kristin Roeper**.

Our team looking strong as we have an excellent blend of players from last season's U19B, U16AAA and U14AAA teams.

The U16AAA team is in the MWEHL, and in addition to league weekends, will be participating in numerous tournaments including the Ohio Falmes tourney, the Assabet tourney, and the Polar Bear.

We're looking forward to an exciting season!

## Junior Wild

Junior Wild starts October 24th! We need Parents & Players to help on and off the ice. Also, if you have any equipment that your kids have outgrown (and we all do!) please consider donating it to the program.

For more info, contact **Anne or Kelly Lorms @ 262-785-9287**

## **WILD U14AAA READY TO ROCK!** By: Donna Rogers, TeamScribe

Summer just didn't happen this year, it seems. First it was the rain, followed by the cold temperatures, and now the drought. Indian Summer finally makes us sweat, but the kids are back in school, so no one's around to enjoy it anyway. Might as well play HOCKEY.

The U14AAA got a good jump on the season hitting the ice for the first time on 9/8/04 and after a full week of practice, Coaches **Al Mackenzie** and **Tom LaCombe** feel that their team is "together, focused and looking forward to a competitive season". They are very pleased with their roster and welcome the opportunity to put them to the test early in the season as they travel to Cleveland Ohio 9/24-26/04 for the Ohio Flames Tournament. There, our girls will face the Ohio Flames, Kitchener Rangers and the Buffalo Bisons. This tourney is well attended at this level, and we will also have the opportunity to see the Michigan Capitals, Team Illinois, Victory Honda and Rochester Edge. A league weekend in Chicago in mid-October puts

the U14's up against Belle Tire, Montgomery Blue Devils and the Colorado Selects. Early November puts us on the road for the Windsor Rose City Classic and then the infamous Connecticut Polar Bear Tournament over Christmas break.

Our Midwest Elite Hockey League presents strong competition this year divided into a West Division (Colorado, Chicago Young Americans, Wisconsin Wild, Madison Capitols and Team Illinois), and East Division (Belle Tire, Little Caesars, Victory Honda and Montgomery Blue Devils of D.C.). Teams will play 3 games versus each other in their geographic division and 2 games versus each team in the other geographic division. In addition, 2 teams from each division will play an additional game against each other, resulting in a 20 game (but unbalanced) schedule for all teams.

Coach LaCombe welcomes Coach Alan Mackenzie to the team, and states, "the addition of his perspective and experience will be a significant benefit to all of our

players and their long term development".

Our team adopted a "quote of the day" last year as we moved into post-season play, inspired by former coach Dan Brienzo. Not only were the girls being physically prepared for each game, but the quotes instilled the importance of maintaining the mental aspect of teamwork. We hope to keep this tradition alive, and look forward to including "words of wisdom" in each issue of the Wild News for all the WILD Girls to enjoy. Coach LaCombe provided me with the first quote of the season, which he felt contains a "very timely message".

*"The will to prepare to win is infinitely more important than the will to win. A team that is really willing to prepare is the team that has the best chance to win and wants to win."*

Bobby Knight

**LET'S ROCK THE SEASON ALL YOU WILD GIRLS!**

## **U12B** by Tami Trevisan **Jumping In With Both Blades!**

With the 2004-2005 season just underway, the U12B girls have made quick work of becoming a unified team. Even with an age span from nine to twelve the girls blending well and itching to jump back into their hockey habit!

This year we're delighted to have both **Mary Jurken** and **Mike Stemberger** coaching our team. Both coaches are making the jump from the U10 team they coached last year, for which they did an outstanding job, up to the U12 team. We look forward to another year of their outstanding leadership.

In addition to our many returning players, we've got some brand new hockey blood, so to speak. We have three girls who are first year skaters joining the Wild U12B this year. They are **Annaliesa Gecks**, **Katie McGuire**, and **Lexie Trevisan**. So a big welcome goes out to these girls and their families. Our team has families who travel from Menomonee Falls, West Allis, Milwaukee, even as far as Cedarburg! Now that's commitment!!

So here's to the players, the coaches, and the parents - Let's get out there and have a friendly, fantastic, and fun-filled hockey season!!!

## **U14B** by Karen Gasperetti, Manager

The U14B team, with their novice manager, and a great team of coaches is getting ready for a season that will be both successful and fun. The parents are so enthusiastic about starting that they are volunteering their time to make this season the best it can be for our girls. We look forward to sharing our experiences with you in future issues and wish the best everyone in the Wisconsin Wild organization.

# The WI WILD SCRIP Program Continues...

The Wisconsin Wild SCRIP Program is a year-round fundraising tool designed to reduce your player's ice fees by our members using merchants' certificates and gift cards for everyday purchases and other specialty items and services.

## What is SCRIP?

SCRIP is simply prepaid certificates, gift cards, gas cards, etc... provided to the Wild at a discount. Our members purchase these for personal use or for other family and friends, and a percentage of the purchase goes directly toward the ice

## U19B Team News

The 2004-2005 Wisconsin Wild U19B Team features a fantastic group of talented girls including: **Brittini Drezdson, Brittany Feia, Ali Goldstone, Katy Haka, Amy Hatch, Mandi Holtz, Abby Martin, Nicole Plevak, Samantha Preston, Amanda Taavola, Emily Weiss** and **Jacqueline Welch**.

Helped out by a few part-time players, this team is determined to make the 2004-2005 season one to remember. The tournaments they will attend include the All American Tournament in Minnesota, the Polar Bears Tournament in Connecticut, and the Golden Blades Tournament in Detroit.

This year's team is coached by **Mike Hatch**, assisted by **Randy Walensa**.

Good luck on a great season, girls!

Go Wild!!

## U10

Welcome to all 16 new and returning players and families of the U10 Wisconsin Wild Girls Hockey Team. There is tremendous excitement in the girls as they begin the upcoming hockey season. As the season matures, both the girls and parents will be amazed when they look back at how much progress the team has made in their skating and hockey skills.

The U10 Team also wants to welcome our new Head Coach, **Jim Goble**. We are very pleased that Jim will be coaching, teaching, and passing his love for the game to our girls this season. This is Jim's 11<sup>th</sup> year as a Head Coach. He

fees for your player.

SCRIP is a nationally recognized means of fund raising. Choose from hundreds of gas, grocery, retailers and other services, ranging from local shops to regional and national merchants.

## How does it work?

Simply use the SCRIP Program Order Form found on the website and follow the instructions.

A simple order made each week for gas, groceries, etc... for an entire year could

## U12AAA "Born To Be Wild"

The U12AAA team is being coached by **Manon Rheaume** and **Joe McGann**. With only two returning players from last year's team, these young groups of skaters have a new look that will display continued improvement over the year. Manager's **John & Christine Nierzwicki** wasted no time putting the team on the road as they traveled to Cleveland Ohio for an early season tournament. The marathon bus ride was worth the effort as the Wild won the Championship with a 4-3 overtime victory over the Heartland Selects out of Indianapolis. **Kendall Coyne** wasted no time in the overtime session as she notched the game winner just 9 seconds into the extra period. Goal-tender **Jenna Leroy**, who at times looked like she was playing baseball with the way she was picking pucks out of the air, provided solid goaltending over the 5 game weekend.

September was a great month and this team is ready for a fabulous year of hockey

has coached at various levels from Mites through Peewees, and has attained his Level 4 coaching certificate from USA Hockey. Coach Jim will be encouraging the girls to have FUN throughout the season, while focusing on improving each girl's hockey skills. At the end of the year, hopefully all the girls will realize what a great sport hockey is and will want to continue to play for the Wild in the years to come. We are very fortunate to have Jim coaching our girls.

The U10 Team wants to wish all the Wild Teams success throughout the hockey season. Good Luck and Game On!

credit your player's ice fees about \$300. Imagine getting credit for the things you use and need every week, or for the travel costs and meals when you go out of town for your next tournament.

Many of our members are already familiar with SCRIP through a church or school fundraiser. Ask around if you have any questions. This program works simply because you get credit for the things you use regularly, but it takes our members to participate. I encourage everyone to give the SCRIP program a try.

If you need more info call our WI Wild SCRIP Coordinator, Dan Koniar at 414-517-8636 or 262-797-6310.

## Birthday Wishes

Jenna Bales

Emma Ray

Erica Shaffer

Isabella Chones

Kaitlin Traverse

Sarah Atkielski

Jamie Ertl

Katie McGuire

Taija Robinson

Michelle Smith

Kimberli Kamer

Kimberly Tess-Wanat

Karissa Anderson

Randy Jensen

Nicole Plevak

Samantha Preston

Emily Weiss

Jordan Zajac

Kaylee Niestrom

Sara Reynolds

Hilary Horvath

Rachael Gasperetti

Leah Shapiro

Holly Lorms

## U19AAA

We are pleased to announce the roster for the Wild U19AAA team for the 2004 – 2005 season:

**Cori Bassett** – F/D

**Bre Bian** - F

**Meghan Fardelmann** – F

**Shannon Herrick** - G

**Natalie Hoadley** – D

**Jamie Kivi** - D

**Melanie Leveille** – F

**Holly Lorms** – F

**Michelle McGann** – F

**Annie Pearce** – F

**Justine Pellmann** – D

**Marie-Michelle Poirier** – F

**Kelley Prom** – F

**Heather Rossi** – G

**Sue Schmitz** – D

**Leah Shapiro** – F

**Sarah Tittman** – F

The team is coached by **Cameron Cook** and **Chris Leng** and is managed by **Joyce Shepet**.

The U19AAA team will hit the ground running with three tournaments in the first two months of the season. The girls will participate in the Central Wisconsin Girls AAA Tournament and The Ohio Flames Tournament in September and they will travel to Boston for the Assabet Valley Girls Tournament over Halloween weekend. Later in December they will head to Hartford, CT for the prestigious Connecticut Polar Bears Holiday Tournament.

In addition to tournaments, the team will again play in the Midwest Elite Hockey League. We are scheduled to play in league showcase weekends in Madison, Minnesota, Chicago and Kenosha. The remainder of our schedule will be filled with exhibition games against local competition.

This will be an exciting year for the High School Seniors and Juniors on the team as they begin to explore the possibility of continuing their academic and athletic careers at the collegiate level. The tournaments we have entered along with the league showcases will allow them to demonstrate their abilities to the college scouts.

We wish all Wild teams the best of luck this year. **GO WILD!!!**

## Wreath Sale

**It's time again for the  
Wreath Sales!**

**This is an excellent fund-raising opportunity, proceeds of which go directly to offset the cost of your player's ice fees.**

**Check with your team manager for the product flier and order form or contact Tom Gasperetti (414-321-0523).**

**Orders are due November 1st.**

**Order pick-up is set for the weekend of November 20th.**

**[www.wisconsinwild.com](http://www.wisconsinwild.com)**

This newsletter is intended to provide timely information and reading enjoyment to all parties interested in the *Wisconsin Wild Girls' Hockey Teams*. We intend to publish it monthly during the 2004-2005 hockey season. Suggestions and ideas for future issues are welcome and should be directed to Dan Komar at [koniar@excepc.com](mailto:koniar@excepc.com)

**Special points of interest:**

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