

# Ice Times

MAY/JUNE 2008

## Mark Your Calendar:

June 7th:  
Dairyfest Parade

June 18th & July 16th:  
MYHA Board Meeting

August 24th  
Registration Night

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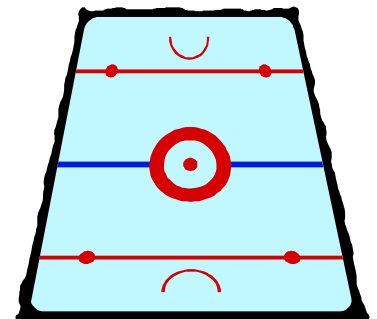
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## From My Corner of the Rink by Brenda Baur

**What makes hockey the greatest game on Earth?** Is it because it has the physical fury of football, the fast up and down pace of basketball, the shooter-goalie confrontations of soccer and the excitement of a home run in baseball? Hockey is a magical sport which entwines the thrill of many sports while also captivating the hearts of players and fans

Hockey is a sport that our children play not because it teaches life skills like dedication, determination, discipline and desire. They play it because they belong to a team where every person matters. Their coaches and teammates count on them. They will do what they can to accomplish the team's goal. Even when their legs feel like jelly and they are out of breath, they reach deep inside for that inner strength to finish their shift in hopes of putting the puck in the net.

But whether the puck goes in more times than the other team's doesn't really matter in the end. What does matter is that our kids share times with others who value them as teammates and who know that every player has an important role on the team. They share a passion for a game that inspires them to take risks, that develops their character, that creates life long friendships and is just plain fun!



Take a moment to ask your child why they play hockey, the greatest game on Earth. Find out how they see it from their corner of the rink....

## Mark Your Calendars ...

**Sat., June 7:** Dairyfest parade. MYHA players will be skating in the parade. Contact Jack Bremer for more information!

**Wed., June 18:** MYHA Board meeting at the Old Armory on Oak Ave. at 6 p.m. See the website for agenda.

**Wed., July 16:** MYHA Board meeting at the Old Armory on Oak Ave. at 6 p.m. See the website for agenda.

**Sun., Aug. 24:** Registration for returning skaters: 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the rink. Registration packets will be mailed out in early August.

## MYHA Welcomes New Board Members

Congratulations to the following MYHA members on being elected to the MYHA Board of Directors: Dave Bjarnason, Mary Besler, Lori Remeika, Steve Henrickson, and Pat Andreae. They join Brenda Baur, Jeff Barth, Joe Krasne and Karna Sandok. Jack Bremer also joins the group, as Jim Edwards has stepped down due to other commitments and Jack was the next highest vote-getter.

Elections were held at the April 23rd Board Meeting, and the officers are:

President: Brenda Baur

Vice President: Dave Bjarnason

Treasurer: Mary Besler

Secretary: Karna Sandok

Thank you to all that participated in the elections. It was a huge success. Watch the website for meeting days, times, & the agenda of topics ... members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### Goals of the MYHA Board this year are:

#### 1.) *To communicate with the public about the benefits of hockey*

Many people think hockey is a sport that costs a lot of money and that there is a lot of traveling. We want to get the word out that for 5 months of skating, the fees are low and the travel is very comparable to other sports these days. There is so much more that hockey offers for the players and their families. We need to let everyone know why it is the greatest game on Earth!

#### 2.) *To recruit and maintain players at all levels*

MYHA, as with most Associations in WAHA, are experiencing a decline in numbers. There are many factors which are causing this-decline in school age population, increase in other sports offerings for younger kids with increased season length. One sport, year long, athletes are more common place than years ago. We want to create opportunities for the public to skate at the rink and perhaps give hockey a whirl. With gas prices rising, we are looking at the game schedules trying to combine away games and keep traveling at a reasonable level.

#### 3.) *To pursue the addition of lockerrooms, showers and attached zamboni shed*

There are plans to attach housing for the zamboni right to the rink. This should help with upkeep of the zamboni. Two additional lockerrooms and showers are also in the plan.



**NEW SITE ADDRESS!**

Visit us on the web: [www.myhahockey.org](http://www.myhahockey.org)

## MYHA Scholarships Awarded by Brenda Baur

**Congratulations** to Adam Nikolai and Amy Pawelko our 2008 MYHA Scholarship recipients!

Adam has been playing hockey for 13 years in Marshfield, with 4 of those years playing on the Tiger team. He says that "throughout the years of youth hockey, I learned to always give my best and to never give up." Adam plans to attend UW-Eau Claire and earn a degree in business. His parents are Lori and Hugh Nikolai.



Amy has been playing hockey for 11 years in Marshfield. She has also played on Team Wisconsin, and the Northern Freeze AAA team. Amy says that "hockey has taught her about equality, dedication and never giving up on your dreams." She plans to pursue a Mathematic or Engineering major at either Winona State or Michigan Tech. She is the daughter of Monica and Dan Pawelko.

Hockey teaches so much more than just the game on ice. It teaches life lessons and helps develop traits in kids which are character molding. Both of these recipients are examples of the many wonderful kids we have involved in MYHA.



## Wanted: MYHA Coaches & Referees

MYHA is looking to recruit new coaches and referees for our association, as well as welcome back any coaches or referees that have helped out in the past.

If you are interested in helping out MYHA in either capacity, please click on the coaches and/or referees link to the left, for more information.

Thank you, and we hope to see you on the ice in the fall!

## Blades Cards Credits for 2008/2009 Season

Remember for each \$50 increment sold beyond the first \$100, ten dollars will be put on account for you to use toward next season's registration. It may also be used toward off setting the purchase of hockey equipment once a receipt is turned in to the MYHA Treasurer. For example: Sell \$150 worth of Blades cards = \$10 toward next year's registration. Please note that this is a change from the past increments and kickback.

## 300 Raffle Winners Announced

Congratulations to all the winners in this year's raffle This year's winners include:

**\$4000 Winner:** Jill and Kevin Spindler

**\$300 Winner:** Ben Wartella

**\$200 Winners:** John Beauchamp, Rich Chronquist, and Sue Decker

**\$100 winners::** Frances Bohon, Randy Bohon, Kurt Boson, Tina Cleveland, Jim Conterato, Harry Dolan, Douglas Eichten, Joy Eichten, Rob Heller, Michael Huber, Allyson Mayeux, Ned Nordin, Jason Paschke, Al Pickhard, Noah Reading, Jeanne Schreiner, Mike Schumitsch, Darla Seehafer, and Stephanie Spaeth



Thank you to all, who purchased tickets and supported Marshfield Youth Hockey —it is greatly appreciated!

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## Web Site Updates by Pat Andreae

Things have been running smoothly at the new home of MYHA. If you have not had a chance to check out the site, go to [www.myhahockey.org](http://www.myhahockey.org) to see the future of Marshfield Youth Hockey.

I would also like to encourage you to register as a user. It takes only a minute or two, and will give you access to "hidden tabs" which cannot be viewed by casual viewers. Things such as player rosters and statistics, as well as team e-mail addresses will not be able to be viewed by casual viewers, so if you do not register, you will not be able to access these important tabs.



When you register and log in, you will see two different colored tabs. The red ones are tabs that the casual viewer can see. The gray ones are limited to registered users only. Topics/documents that MYHA feels should be restricted and viewed only by registered users will fall into this category. As the season begins, and as team reps and coaches are named, I will be able to grant access to your team sites to add news, photos, scores and statistics.

If you have any questions about navigating through the system, please feel free to e-mail me at [pan-dreae@charter.net](mailto:pan-dreae@charter.net). It's a user-friendly site, and I think you'll be pleased with the changes we have made.

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