



# NBAHA

Newsletter of the North Branch Area Hockey Association – August 2009

## Dates to Remember

- 8/17: **Conditioning Clinic:** Mites, Squirts, 10U, Pee wee, Bantams
- 8/18: **Conditioning Center Open:** 10am – 12pm
- 8/20: **Conditioning Center Open:** 10am – 12pm
- 8/20: **Returning Skater Registration:** 6 – 9 pm @ NB Library
- 8/21: **Pizza Hut Fundraiser:** All Day
- 8/22: **Harris 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraiser:** 10am – 6 pm
- 8/24: **Conditioning Clinic:** 12U, 14U, Pee wee, Bantams
- 8/25: **Conditioning Center Open:** 10am – 12pm
- 8/27: **Conditioning Center Open:** 10am – 12pm
- 8/27: **Membership/Board Meeting:** 7pm @ NB Library
- 8/31: **Conditioning Clinic:** Mites, Squirts, 10U, 12U, 14U
- 8/31: **Pee wee/Bantam Checking Clinic**
- 9/3: **Pee wee/Bantam Checking Clinic**
- 9/8: **Conditioning Clinic:** 12U, 14U, Pee wee, Bantams
- 9/11: **Goalie Clinic:** 5:50 to 8 pm at Isanti Arena
- 9/12 – 9/13: **Pre-skates** for Squirt, Pee wee & Bantams @ Isanti Arena
- 9/18 – 9/20: **Tryouts** for Squirt, Pee wee & Bantams @ Isanti Arena
- 9/19: **North Branch Kid's Carnival:** 10 am to 2 pm
- 9/21 – 9/27: **Coaches Tryouts** for Squirt, Pee wee & Bantams @ Isanti Arena
- 9/24: **Membership/Board Meeting:** 7pm @ NB Library
- 9/25: **Fall Learn to Skate @ Isanti Arena** 7 – 8 pm
- 9/26: **Fall Learn to Skate @ Isanti Arena** 9:40 - 10:40 am
- 10/3: **Fall Learn to Skate @ Isanti Arena** 9:40 – 10:40 am
- 10/4: **Fall Learn to Skate @ Isanti Arena** 9:40 – 10:40 am
- 10/24: **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Power Play Fundraiser @ 7 pm**

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I'm very excited to announce that we will be going live with a new website by the start of this hockey season! Our website address will not change, but be ready for an exciting new look!

We have chosen to use SPORT NGIN (you probably know them as Puck Systems) as our website host. The new website will provide many new features including dynamic calendars, member messaging, online registration (Fall 2010), online volunteer signup and tracking, and team pages (maintained by team managers and coaches).

Thanks to those members who have volunteered to attend webmaster training with me and help move our website content in the next few weeks!

Lisa Isaacson  
Publicity Director

## Registration

Registration for all returning skaters is on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at the North Branch Library. Stop by the library anytime between 6 and 9 pm to register.

By now, all returning skaters should have received a registration letter in the mail. Registration materials are also available online at <http://northbranchhockey.com/registration/>. Please bring completed forms with you to registration in order to speed up the process.

Volunteers are needed to help with registration. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kristi ASAP as spots are filling up fast.

If you have any questions on registration, contact Kristi White at [registrar@northbranchhockey.com](mailto:registrar@northbranchhockey.com) or at 651-674-1854.



## Arena Update

Over the past month, the arena committee has been meeting with the City of Stacy, City Engineer, City Attorney and council members to work on the site plan for the arena and legal paperwork. The project is moving forward a little slower than the committee had hoped, but everything is looking good so far. We hope to get approval on the project from the City of Stacy and be able to begin pulling permits in the next month. Proposed site layout and design plan are posted on the website at <http://northbranchhockey.com/multi-purpose-arena/>.

**Will we be skating in a new outdoor arena by this fall?** At this point, it is hard to say. The arena committee will have a better answer for members by the end of the month. We will have as much lined up as possible to move forward on the dirt work once all final paperwork is finished. We will try to get as much done as possible this fall. We will let the membership know what help is needed on construction and financing as soon as possible. Once construction begins, many volunteers will be needed. The more volunteers we have the quicker the arena will be completed.

Craig Moline  
Arena Project Manager

## Peewee and Bantam Checking Clinics

CINB will be hosting two checking clinics for Peewee and Bantam level skaters. The clinics will be held at Isanti arena on Monday, August 31st and Thursday, September 3rd. The peewees will go from 5:50PM to 6:50PM and the bantams will go from 7PM to 8PM for both sessions.

Questions - contact Chris Courtright at [coachingdirector@northbranchhockey.com](mailto:coachingdirector@northbranchhockey.com) or at 651-237-0447.



### Traveling Level - Goalie Clinic

CINB will be hosting a goalie clinic on September 11th from 5:50 to 8PM at Isanti arena. This clinic is geared toward players specifically trying out for goalie at the squirt through bantam level for the upcoming season. Questions - contact Chris Courtright at [coachingdirector@northbranchhockey.com](mailto:coachingdirector@northbranchhockey.com) or at 651-237-0447.

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### Traveling Skater

#### Pre-Skate, Tryouts and Coaches Tryouts

We will be in a co-op with Cambridge/Isanti association again this year at the traveling skater level.



Pre-skate dates for traveling teams (Squirt, Peewee, and Bantams) have been set for 9/12 and 9/13 at Isanti Arena. Pre-skates are optional. Tryouts have been set for 9/18, 9/19 and 9/20 at Isanti Arena and traveling skaters are required to attend.

Coaches tryouts have been set for 9/21 through 9/27 at Isanti Arena. Skaters will be required to attend the sessions they are invited to.

Detailed dates/times are posted at <http://northbranchhockey.com/tryouts/> and will be available at registration. The co-op handbook will be posted online as soon as it is completed.

If you have questions, contact Chris Courtright at [coachingdirector@northbranchhockey.com](mailto:coachingdirector@northbranchhockey.com) or at 651-237-0447.

## Conditioning Center Open Tuesday/Thursday - 10am to Noon

The Conditioning Center at Isanti Arena will be open on Tuesday/Thursday from 10 am to Noon on the following days: 8/18, 8/20, 8/25, 8/27. This will not be an organized dryland clinic, but the room and equipment will be available for all CINB Players to use.



### Conditioning & Skill Development Clinics

**Now** is the time for you to work on your dryland training skills, to get ready for **next season!!!** We have a brand new conditioning center here at home **free of charge** for any interested boy or girl in the CI & NB area!! Our top level coaches and level directors will be leading various skills along with conditioning for all levels of kids!! (located @ the Isanti Arena) Check out the schedule and join us this summer to work on your skills and conditioning!!! *Please come properly dressed for dryland training, shorts, t-shirts, tennis shoes etc. Bring your own sticks, gloves and water bottles. Parents will need to accompany their child to the training session and sign a waiver before their child can participate at the conditioning center!!*

Schedule is available at [http://ciha.pucksystems2.com/page/show\\_article/7088/28319](http://ciha.pucksystems2.com/page/show_article/7088/28319).

8/17/09	6:00PM	7:45PM	Mites, Squirt & 10U girls
8/17/09	8:00PM	9:45PM	Peewee & Bantam
8/24/09	6:00PM	7:45PM	Peewee & Bantam
8/24/09	8:00PM	9:45PM	Girls 14U & 12U
8/31/09	6:00PM	7:45PM	Mites, Squirts & 10U girls
8/31/09	8:00PM	9:45PM	Girls 14U & 12U
9/8/2009 (Tuesday)	6:00PM	7:45PM	Girls 14U & 12U
9/8/2009 (Tuesday)	8:00PM	9:45PM	Peewee & Bantams

## Harris 125th Anniversary Fundraiser &

### North Branch Kids Carnival Volunteers Needed!!!

NBAHA will be hosting a fundraising/publicity booth at the Harris 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Setup will begin at 9 am and the booth is open from 10 am to 6 pm. The goal of the booth is to raise funds for the association and arena effort as well as raise awareness about the hockey association.

NBAHA will be hosting a booth at the North Branch Kid's Carnival celebration on Saturday, September 19th. Setup will begin at 9 am and the booth is open from 10 am to 2 pm. The goal of the booth is to provide information about Learn to Skate, Mite Hockey and 8U hockey.

In order to make these booths successful, we need the membership and skaters help. Each shift worked at this event will count as 1 event credit for your family. The current signup lists are available at <http://northbranchhockey.com/events/>. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, contact Lisa at [publicity@northbranchhockey.com](mailto:publicity@northbranchhockey.com) or 612-807-4609.



### 2009 – 2010 Fundraising Requirement Raffle & Pizza Hut Coupon Cards

We have some fantastic options for this year's fundraising requirement. You will receive fundraising materials at registration.

#### Raffle Tickets \$5 each:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Sony Bravia 46" LCD HDTV (value: \$1,169.99)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: \$1,100 Cragun's Gift Certificate
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: GrillPro 80K BTU Gas Grill With cover, utensils and grill light (value: \$492.97)

#### Pizza Hut Coupon Cards at \$10 each

Eight coupons for a free medium 1-topping pizza with the purchase of a large specialty pizza at regular price and four for a free single order of breadsticks or 2-liter with the purchase of a large pizza at regular price. (Expiration date 12/31/2010)

#### Hockey Fee Credit Incentive

Members have the option to continue selling more raffle tickets or Pizza Hut coupon cards once they've reached their \$200 requirement. If you do so, for every \$50 you sell \$25 will be applied towards your hockey fees.

#### Top Seller Incentive

The family that sells the most in revenue will receive a \$100 Synergy gift card.

If you have questions on the mandatory fundraiser contact Janelle Olson at [fundraising@northbranchhockey.com](mailto:fundraising@northbranchhockey.com) or at 651-237-0269.

## NBAHA Golf Tournament Fundraiser Raised \$2,075

I would like to thank everyone that participated in the golf tournament on July 18th. The event raised \$2,075. Although the weather could have been a little nicer, I believe a good time was had by all!

I would like to thank the following people and businesses for their support:

Hole Sponsors: Hometown Huntin' Heroes, Candi Rindahl/Edina Realty, North Branch Pizza Pub, North Branch County Market, and North Branch Domino's Pizza.

Door Prizes and Promotional Items: Hometown Huntin' Heroes, North Branch County Market, North Branch Domino's Pizza, Melanie Berneck/American Family, North Branch Blockbuster, North Branch Papa Murphy's Take 'N' Bake Pizza, North Branch Ace Hardware, Feickert Decorating, North Branch Pizza Hut, Grand Casino Hinckley, Rob Sanvik/American Family, Stacy Bar and Grill, Falcon Ridge Golf Course, North Branch Burger King, North Branch Taco Bell, Stacy Chiropractic, North Branch AmericInn, Rick's Liquor Store in Wyoming, Todd Miska, Rhonda Moline/Silpada Designs, Cindy Feickert and Tom Garin.

Also thank you to Falcon Ridge Golf Course for letting us hold our tournament there and Madd Joe's BBQ for catering the event.

And, to all the people that helped me organize the tournament and volunteer the day of, I could not have done it without you ~ thanks!

Thanks again.  
Janelle Olson  
Fundraising Director

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### Brat Stand - Raised \$525

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered at the brat stand July 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at County Market. Also, thank you to the families in the association that stopped by for lunch and/or dinner. The event raised a total of \$525 (\$423 in sales and \$102 in donations).

Thanks again!

Janelle Olson  
Fundraising Director

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### Stacy Daze Fundraiser

Thanks to everyone who helped at the Stacy Daze Fundraiser. We raised \$55. We appreciate the help raising funds for the association as well as raising awareness about the arena effort in Stacy and our association. We had a lot of interest in our program and worked on recruiting skaters for Learn to Skate, Mite hockey and the 8U girls team.

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### Almelund Threshing Show Fundraiser Huge Success!

Thanks to everyone who helped at the Alemlund Threshing Show. We raised \$1,140 in raffle tickets and Pizza Hut coupon card sales.

A huge thank you to our expert hockey player salesman (Lawton Garin, Wyatt Garin, Tyler Cashill, Ryan Hink, Laura Hink, Ben Huth, Derrick Isaacson, Lukas Olson, Samantha Olson, Nathan Runberg, Tanner Schertz, Celina Schertz, Brandon Waldo) for making this event a huge success!

**Pizza Hut  
to Donate Portion of Proceeds  
to NBAHA  
Friday, August 21st**



On Friday, August 21, 2009, Pizza Hut will be donating to the association a percentage of the profit on every large pizza ordered at regular price. So mark your calendar. Then, sit back and enjoy a night off from cooking while supporting the hockey association at the same time!

**NBAHA Can Cooler Fundraiser**



We have been selling North Branch Hockey Can Coolers at the fundraising booths. Over the past two weeks we've made \$106. The can coolers are \$3 each. If you are interested in purchasing some they will be available at registration, or contact Janelle Olson at [fundraising@northbranchhockey.com](mailto:fundraising@northbranchhockey.com) or at 651-237-0269.

**NBAHA Window Cling Fundraiser**



We are selling North Branch Hockey window cling/decals. They are \$5 a piece. If you are interested in purchasing some, they will be available at registration, or contact Janelle Olson at [fundraising@northbranchhockey.com](mailto:fundraising@northbranchhockey.com) or at 651-237-0269.

**Seeking Candidates for  
Gambling Manager Position**

North Branch Area Hockey Association is looking for a Gambling Manager to manage our charitable gambling operations. We are looking for someone with experience or a background in charitable gambling, accounting, or finance. Responsibilities include all operations of charitable gambling operations from staffing pull tab employees, auditing closed boxes, bank deposits, and the submittal of all paperwork for accounting purposes. This is a salaried position and is estimated at 20 to 30 hours per week. If interested, please send a resume to Tim Cashill at [president@northbranchhockey.com](mailto:president@northbranchhockey.com).

**2009 – 2010 Service Requirement**

A 3 event service requirement per family has been implemented for the 2009 – 2010 season. The service timeline runs April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010. More details about this requirement as well as a spreadsheet showing the events your family has completed will also be posted at <http://northbranchhockey.com/events/>. If you have any questions about this requirement email [board@northbranchhockey.com](mailto:board@northbranchhockey.com).

**Coaching Certification  
Level 1, 2, 3, 4 Classes**

If you are interested in being a Mite, Squirt, Peewee, or Bantam coach or helping on the ice with Learn to Skate and are not currently certified at the correct level or need to be recertified, visit the USA Hockey Website, <http://www.usahockey.com/viewallclinics.aspx> for certification dates to be posted soon. The association will reimburse coaches for this clinic. Turn your receipt into Paige Lee, treasurer. If you have any questions, contact Chris Courtright at [coachingdirector@northbranchhockey.com](mailto:coachingdirector@northbranchhockey.com) or at 651-237-0447.



**2009 Learn to Skate Fall Session  
Volunteers Needed!!!**

Boys & Girls Ages 4 through 8  
Isanti Arena  
\$20 per skater

**Dates and Times**

Friday, September 25th	7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Saturday, September 26th	9:40 am to 10:40 am
Saturday, October 3rd	9:40 am to 10:40 am
Saturday, October 10th	9:40 am to 10:40 am

If you have a skater who is interested in attending Learn to Skate, please complete the registration form available at <http://northbranchhockey.com/mites/>.

Traveling Skaters and certified coaches are needed to help with Learn to Skate sessions!!! Parents are needed to help check in skaters and answer questions. Each date your family helps at Learn to Skate will count as 1 event credit. Contact Tim Hink at [mitedirector@northbranchhockey.com](mailto:mitedirector@northbranchhockey.com) or 651-295-9122 to volunteer.

**Open Hockey/Open Skating  
at Chisago Lakes Arena**

Chisago Lakes is offering open hockey and open skating at \$5.00 per 2 hr. session. You must sign a waiver when you come into the building. You will need to sign the waiver just one time. If you come following sessions you will not need to sign.

For those who want to participate in open hockey you must wear, helmet, elbow pads, shin pads and gloves.

¾ rink will be open hockey or rink rat & ¼ will be open skating

**Dates:**

Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm; Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30 - 8:30 pm; Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 - 9:00 pm; Wednesday August 26<sup>th</sup> 6:30 - 8:30 pm; Saturday August 29<sup>th</sup> 7:00 - 9:00 pm

## House an Owl for 2009-2010 Season!!!



Minnesota Owl players are looking for homes in or near the Isanti area for the 2009-2010 hockey season, lasting from September through March.  
Players range in age from 18 to 20.

### Housing families will receive the following benefits:

- \$300/month to help cover groceries and other expenses
- Season tickets for family members to home games
- A lasting relationship with a young adult hockey player

### Requirements for Housing Families:

- A room and bed for the player
- Provide food for the player to cook

Most of the players are self sufficient so it is not necessary to cook meals for them; however it is encouraged to include them as a family member especially at meal time as it will help the family and player to bond. The players are asked to provide their own snacks, personal items, laundry detergent, and toiletries.

**The players have strict team rules and curfews that must be followed. The Owls staff and housing family work very close together to ensure everything works well throughout the season.**

For more information please contact:

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