



NBAHA

Newsletter of the North Branch Area Hockey Association – June 2009

Dates to Remember

- 6/23: **NBAHA Membership/Board Meeting**
7 pm @ NB Library
- 7/18: **Scramble Golf Tournament Fundraiser**
- 8/1: **Stacy Daze Fundraiser**
- 8/7 to 8/9: **Almelund Threshing Show Fundraiser**
- 8/22: **Harris 125th Anniversary Fundraiser**
- 10/24: **6th Annual Power Play Fundraiser**
@ Lent Town Hall



Summer Conditioning & Skill Development Starts July 13th

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 (Sponsored by CI and NB associations)** 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 at the Isanti Arena) 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.

A schedule for July and August will be posted on the website as soon as it's available. Registration is not required for the clinic, show up for the sessions that work you. *Parents will need to accompany their child to the training session and sign a waiver before their child can participate at the conditioning center!!*

NBAHA Golf Tournament Fundraiser

**Saturday, July 18th at 1:00 pm
Shotgun Start**

\$65 per golfer (includes golf, cart, dinner (catered by Madd Joe's BBQ) and prize drawings).

Don't want to golf? Come join us for dinner and a chance to win some fabulous prizes. Meet us at Falcon Ridge at 6:30 p.m. Dinner Only - \$12

We are also looking for prize donations, promotional items and Hole Sponsors (\$100). If you would like to donate promotional items such as golf balls, key chains, pens, etc, with your company logo, we would need at least 75 of each item)

Volunteers are Needed! Help is needed to solicit donations, organize the event and help the day of the event. Please contact Janelle at 651-237-0269 or at fundraising@northbranchhockey.com to help.

Registration flyer is enclosed with this newsletter. Help us raise money for the association and arena by starting to form your own golf team and recruiting other players for other teams!



NBAHA 8U Girls Team

NBAHA is currently trying to form its first 8U girl's hockey team for the 2009 – 2010 season. Girls who played the last couple of years have already been contacted about skating on an 8U team and the response has been very positive. We are very close to forming our own 8U team!

The 8U team is for girl's ages 5 through 8 (Kindergarten through 3rd grade). Previous skating experience **is not** required. The emphasis of the team will be on learning to skate, learning the game and having fun!

Do you have a daughter who would be interested in playing on an 8U team? Does your daughter have friends who would be interested? If so, have them contact Tim at 651-295-9122 or at mitedirector@northbranchhockey.com for more details.

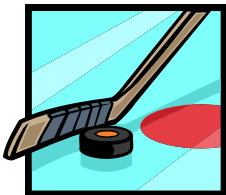
The Board and Mite committee are very excited to start a girls hockey program in our association.

Arena Update

This past month, the arena project has reached another milestone! The site layout plan is now complete. The site plan includes two outdoor rinks per the Phase I plan. The rink that will be converted to an indoor facility in a later phase will face north and south on the property in Stacy. The entrance to the building will be on the south side.

Craig Moline, Arena Project Manager, has been working with a consultant on the building design. The goal is to have the design completed in the next couple of weeks. Once that is complete, the next step will be to work with Aho Construction to get estimated pricing for the building. Once these two milestones are complete, several other facets of the project will get rolling. At this point, the arena committee will be meeting with the City of Stacy to seek approval of Phase I. The capital committee will start pursuing grant opportunities, seeking in kind donations of labor and materials, and seeking advertising from local businesses.

The goal of the arena and arena capital committees is to have the two outdoor rinks ready for use this coming season. This is a large undertaking and as soon as the next milestones are complete, we will be asking the membership for help in many areas. Watch for more information this summer!



Arena Capital Committee

Are you interested in helping find funding for the arena project? If so, please consider joining the Arena Capital Committee. We are getting geared up to start pursuing grants, seeking in-kind donations of labor and materials, seeking advertisers, etc. If you have the skills to help in any of these areas please email arena-grants@northbranchhockey.com.

Volunteers Needed

Summer Fundraising/Publicity Booths Start Fulfilling Fundraising Requirement!!!

NBAHA will be participating in three fundraising/publicity booths in August. The goal of these booths is to raise funds for the association and arena effort as well as raise awareness about the hockey association.

In order to make these booths successful, we need the membership and skaters help. These events are a great opportunity for you to sell raffle tickets for the mandatory fundraiser. If you participate in these booths, the raffle tickets sold during a shift will be split between those that worked the shift and reduce your mandatory requirement. More details on this incentive will be provided by mid July.

Stacy Daze Fundraiser:

August 1: Setup starts at 8 am
Booth open 9 am to 4 pm
Teardown at 4 pm

Almelund Threshing Show Fundraiser:

August 7: 4 pm to 9 pm
August 8: 9 am to 9 pm
August 9: 9 am to 4 pm

Entry to this event will be paid for by the association. An event button is good for all 3 days and is only needed by those over 12 years of age.

Harris 125th Anniversary Fundraiser:

August 22: Setup starts at 9 am
Booth open 10 am to 6 pm
Teardown 6 pm

We are looking for one board member & one family (parent and skaters) to work each shift. Signup sheets listing the shifts and availability will be posted on the website under Events.

I will be organizing and scheduling the hours for these events. Please contact me at publicity@northbranchhockey.com to arrange for a time slot at the events that will work for you (pending availability). If you don't have access to email or the website call me at 612-807-4609 for more information and to signup.

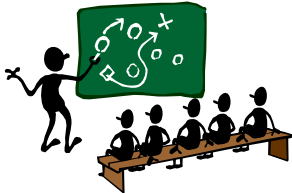
Thank you in advance for your participation and hard work. It is much appreciated.

Lisa Isaacson

Top Level CINB Coaches Selected

The CINB top level coaches for traveling teams for the 2009 – 2010 season have been selected. Thanks to all of the coaches who applied we appreciate the commitment you give to our association and skaters.

Squirts- Tim Cashill
Pee Wee – Chris Courtright
Bantams- Mark Kissner



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, coaching certification classes will be posted sometime this summer. Start watching the USA Hockey Website, <http://www.usahockey.com/viewallclinics.aspx> for certification dates. The association will reimburse coaches for this clinic. Turn your receipt into Paige Lee, treasurer. If you have any questions, contact Chris at 651-237-0447 or at coachingdirector@northbranchhockey.com.

Mite Equipment Needed

Do you have Mite equipment in your basement or garage that you are no longer using? One of the goals of the association is to lend hockey equipment to new Mite skaters in order for them to give the sport a try without a large equipment investment. We are especially in need of small breezers, but would be glad to accept other equipment as well. If you would be interested in donating equipment, please email Carl Kratzke at equipment@northbranchhockey.com.

2008 – 2009 Patches

New 2008 – 2009 rockers are being ordered. The patches that were handed out at the end of the season were a different size than rockers in previous years. This accidentally occurred due to a change in vendors. If you are interested in receiving the correct size patch once the shipment arrives, contact Kristi at 651-674-1854 or at registrar@northbranchhockey.com. Otherwise, the new rockers will be available at next season's registration.

Can I start making 2009-2010 hockey payments this summer?

Absolutely! We've had some families ask this question as they would like to spread the cost of hockey out over a longer time period.

If you are interested in starting to make payments on your 2009 – 2010 hockey fees over the summer please send the payment to our association address below. Fees for the 2009 – 2010 season have not yet been set. However, if you want to start making payments you can use the 2008 – 2009 fee schedule as a guide and then when the new fee schedule is available you can adjust your remaining payments accordingly. Make sure on your check to indicate 2009 – 2010 fee payment.

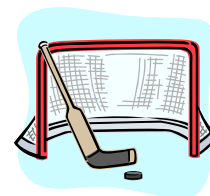
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Attention: Treasurer
PO 541
North Branch, MN 55056



Fundraising Committee

Janelle Olson is the new fundraising director. She is currently looking for NBAHA members who would be interested in participating on the fundraising committee. Some of the responsibilities of the committee include: generating fundraising ideas, organizing fundraisers, working with the publicity director to promote events, working with gambling manager on any raffles and gambling type fundraisers, recruiting volunteers for events, phone calling.

If you are interested please contact Janelle at 651-237-0269 or at fundraising@northbranchhockey.com.



Power Play Fundraiser October 24th!

The 6th annual Power Play Fundraiser will be held on October 24th. Watch for more details in upcoming months. If you are interested in helping with this event, call Janelle at 651-237-0269 or at fundraising@northbranchhockey.com.

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NBAHA Scramble Golf Tournament
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 Signup Your Team Now!!!

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How would you like to participate?

Golf _____ Prize Donation _____ Promo Items _____ Hole Sponsor ~ \$100 _____
(If you would like to donate promotional items such as golf balls, key chains, pens, etc, with your company logo, we would need at least 75 of each item)

Golfer's Names _____

Contact Name & Number _____

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Meet us at Falcon Ridge at 6:30 p.m.**

Dinner Only ~ \$12 per person Number of People _____

Questions may be directed to fundraising@northbranchhockey.com

Additional registration forms may be downloaded at www.northbranchhockey.com

Registration fee is non-refundable

Registration Deadline: July 17, 2009



Complete registration form and return with payment to:
NBAHA
Attn: Fundraising Director
P.O. Box 541
North Branch, MN 55056
Or call: 651-674-4152

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!