



NBAHA

Newsletter of the North Branch Area Hockey Association – August 2008

Dates to Remember

- 9/3: **Bantam Parent Meeting**, 7 pm @ Isanti Arena
9/4: **Raffle Ticket Pickup** @ Shack 6:30 to 8 pm
9/5: **Power Play Committee Meeting**, 6:30 pm @ Pizza Pub
9/11: **Mite Committee Meeting**, 7pm @ North Branch Library
9/13: **NBAHA Golf Tournament Fundraiser** @ 1pm
9/13, 9/14: **Pre-skates** for Squirt, PeeWee & Bantams @ Isanti Arena
9/17: **Arena Board/Arena Capital Meeting**, 7 pm at North Branch Library
9/19 – 9/21: **Tryouts** for Squirt, PeeWee & Bantams @ Isanti Arena
9/23: **NBAHA Membership Meeting**, 7 p.m.
NBAHA Board meeting, 8 p.m.
@ North Branch Library Community Room
9/25: **Schwan's Fundraiser Order Turn In** – Call Jen
9/27: **Fall Learn to Skate** @ Chisago Lakes 10:30 – 11:30 am
10/2: **Schwan's Fundraiser Food Pickup** @ Shack 6:30 to 8:00 pm
10/2: **Raffle Ticket Turn In** @ Shack 6:30 to 8 pm or turn in to JJs pulltab booth before this time
10/3: **Fall Learn to Skate** @ Chisago Lakes 6:10-7:10 pm
10/4: **Fall Learn to Skate** @ Chisago Lakes 4:20 – 5:20 pm
10/10 **Fall Learn to Skate** @ Chisago Lakes 6:10 – 7:10 pm
10/11: **5th Annual Power Play Fundraiser** @ 7 pm

Co-op Update - Pre-Skate and Tryouts

The Co-op committee continues to meet on a weekly basis with Cambridge/Isanti. The committee is working out all of the details needed for a successful co-op. The co-op handbook is complete and posted on <http://northbranchhockey.com/tryouts/>.

Pre-skate dates for traveling teams (Squirt, PeeWee, and Bantams) have been set for 9/13 and 9/14 at Isanti Arena. Tryouts have been set for 9/19, 9/20, and 9/21 at Isanti Arena. Traveling Skaters should have received a handout with these dates and times at registration. The times are also available on <http://northbranchhockey.com/tryouts/>.

If you need a copy of the tryout times or co-op handbook and don't have access to our website, please contact Lisa @ publicity@northbranchhockey.com or call 612-807-4609 to request a copy.

Bantam Parent Meeting

A Bantam parent meeting to discuss the levels of play for the 2008-2009 season, is being held on September 3rd at 7 pm at the Isanti Arena. All Bantam parents are encouraged to attend.

Current Registration Numbers

Bantam – 18	PeeWee – 16
Squirt – 18	Mite – 58
Girls Waived - 2	

Power Play Committee Meeting

A Power Play committee meeting will be held on Friday, September 5th at 6 pm at Pizza Pub. Please attend if you are interested in participating on this committee.

Mite Committee Meeting

Mite Coaches and Team Managers and Parents interested in being on the committee should attend

A Mite Committee meeting will be held on September 11th at 7pm at the North Branch Library. Current Mite Committee members, past assistant and head Mite coaches, team managers, and anyone else interested in participating on the Mite Committee should attend this meeting.

There are many agenda items for this meeting.

- * 2008 – 2009 Mite season planning
Coaches needed to help determine potential levels of play
- * Review Mite Handbook
Coaches/Team Mangers/Parents input is requested
- * Discuss positive and negative aspects of last season and what we can do to improve Mite program

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. Currently, CEP Level 1 is available in Blaine on Sept 5 and in St. Cloud on Sept 26. CEP Level 2 and 3 are available in Blaine on Sept 6 and in St. Cloud on Sept 27. CEP Level 4 is available in Blaine Sept 19 – 21. The association will reimburse coaches for this clinic. Turn your receipt into Paige Lee, treasurer.

If you have any questions, contact Ben at 651-674-5958.

Returning Skater Registration

If you are a returning skater (Mite or traveling) and have not yet registered for the 2007-2008 season, contact Kristi White, 651-674-1854 to register or register on 9/4 from 6:30 to 8 pm at the shack during the Raffle ticket pickup time.

Raffle Tickets Goal – Sell 7,000 tickets

7,000 raffle tickets are being printed for the NBAHA Cash Raffle this year. Our goal is to sell all 7,000 tickets this year.

All C Mites and traveling skaters are required to participate in either the raffle or the Schwann food sales. If you chose raffle tickets, you must sell \$200 worth of tickets. **For every \$100 worth of tickets over this amount that you sell, you will receive \$50 towards your fees.**

A & B Mite skaters were not required to participate in this fundraiser. However, we can use all the help we can get to try and reach our sales goal of 7,000 tickets. Please consider taking part in this fundraiser and selling whatever you can. The money from this fundraiser will help with association costs and building an arena.

Pick up your raffle tickets from Jen Fairbanks on Thursday, September 4, 2008 at the NB Hockey shack between 6:30-8:00 p.m.

The raffle ticket stubs and money must be turned in to Jen Fairbanks at the NB Hockey shack or to a JJs Bowl pulltab booth attendant on or before Thursday, October 2, 2008. Jen will be at the NB Hockey Shack on October 2 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. JJs pulltab booth hours are as follows: Monday through Friday, 5:30-9:00 p.m.; Saturday 3:00-9:00 p.m.; Sunday 12:00-6:00 p.m.

All ticket stubs are individually numbered and must be accounted for. It is required by Minnesota charitable gambling law that any lost tickets must be reimbursed to the gambling account by the NBAHA general fund.

Your deposit check will be destroyed after your tickets and collected money from the sale of the raffle tickets have been logged into the raffle ticket tracking spread sheet, or you can request that your check is returned to you. If any of your raffle ticket stubs or money isn't turned in, your deposit check will be cashed.

Raffle ticket selling points:

- * \$5.00 buys an opportunity to win the grand prize of \$3,000 Cash or \$500 cash or two chances at \$250 cash.
- * The winning raffle tickets will be drawn the night of the 5th annual Power Play event – October 11, 2008 at 11:30 p.m.
- * Winners need not be present to win. Winners will be announced at the Power Play event and phone calls will be placed to winners that are not present within two days of the drawing so that they can make arrangements to collect their prize. Please make sure the information on each stub is printed clearly.
- * Maximum of 7,000 raffle tickets will be sold.

Schwan's Food Sales

All C Mites and traveling skaters are required to participate in either the raffle or the Schwann food sales. If you chose Schwann food sales, you must sell \$200 worth of merchandise.

Orders must be turned into Jen Fairbanks by September 25th along with the money for the order. Checks can be made to Schwans.

Food needs to be picked up on October 2 at the Shack from 6:30 to 8pm.

During this time there will also be a truckload sale for those who didn't select this option but would like to purchase food. 10 to 15% comes back to the association.

Coaching Applications For Mite Teams Due by Sept 15th!

Coaching applications for head and assistant coaches for Mite teams are due to the Mite Director by Sept 15th. Applications have been mailed to last year's coaches and should have been received by now.

If you are interested in applying and haven't received an application, the application is available at <http://northbranchhockey.com/board/coaching-director/coaches/>, or call Craig Moline at 651-248-6302.

Mail the application to North Branch Hockey, c/o Mite Director, PO Box 541, North Branch, MN 55056.

Did you order Mite starter equipment?

The Mite starter equipment has arrived. If you ordered a set at the end of last season, please contact Kristi White, 651-674-1854, to arrange for pickup and payment.

2008 Learn to Skate Fall Session Volunteers Needed!

Boys & Girls Ages 4 through 8

Chisago Lakes Arena

\$30 per skater

Learn to Skate is free for skaters registered to play hockey

Dates and Times

Saturday, September 27th	10:30 am to 11:30 am
Friday, October 3rd	6:10 pm to 7:10 pm
Saturday, October 4th	4:20 pm to 5:20 pm
Friday, October 10th	6:10 pm to 7:10 pm

Traveling Skaters and Coaches are needed to help with Learn to Skate sessions!!! Parents needed to help check in skaters and answer questions. Call Craig Moline to volunteer.

NBAHA Golf Classic Fundraiser Scramble



Saturday, September 13th, 2008
1 p.m. Shotgun Start
Falcon Ridge Golf Course in Stacy

\$65 per person
\$260 for a 4 person team
Includes: 18 holes of golf with a cart
Pizza Buffet at Pizza Pub Following the Tournament

Prizes will be Awarded!!!!

1st Prize: Teams Fees returned and 4 rounds(18 holes) of
golf at Falcon Ridge Golf Course

Teams Needed!!!
Sign up By September 6th

Contact Jen Fairbanks at 651-674-0813 or email her at
fundraising@northbranchhockey.com to sign up a team

NBAHA 5th Annual Power Play Fundraiser

Power Play



Help Make the Dream a Reality!

October 11th, 2008
Lent Town Hall
7:00 p.m. – Midnight

\$10 advance tickets on sale at JJ's and from
NBAHA players or \$15 at the door
18+ to attend the event

Open to the Public

Food, pulltabs, tip boards,
silent and live auction
Live music by Beer Daddy's

NBAHA Cash Raffle

\$5 per raffle ticket on sale at JJ's and from NBAHA players

\$3,000 cash grand prize
\$500 cash second prize
\$250 cash prize (2 prizes)



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Go to <http://northbranchhockey.com/> for up to date information on North Branch Area Hockey association.

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