



NBAHA

Newsletter of the North Branch Area Hockey Association – December 2008

Dates to Remember

12/18 **Membership Meeting** – 7:00pm
Board Meeting – 8:00 pm
@ North Branch Library
1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30 **Learn to Skate** – 5:30 to 7:45 pm

Winter Learn to Skate Volunteers Needed

Winter Learn to Skate sessions at the Shack will start in January. Certified coaches, traveling and high school skaters will be needed to help work each session. Parents will also be needed to help check-in skaters, help with snacks, etc.

Since Saturday's are always very busy and it's hard to get enough volunteers to run the sessions, we've decided to try holding Learn to Skate on Friday nights. Two 45 minute sessions will be held each night. The cost per skater is \$20.

Session 1 will be from 5:30 to 6:15 pm and Session 2 from 7:00 to 7:45 pm on the following dates.

Friday, January 9th.
Friday, January 16th
Friday, January 23rd
Friday, January 30th

Skaters will be split into 3 groups each session based on their skill level. This will allow skaters to do Fall and Winter learn to skate year after year and continue to improve their skating skills.

Level 1: Proper posture, Stand from fallen position, Walk Across Ice, Push and Glide

Level 2: Stride and Glide, Turns, Forward Stop, Backward Skating, Backward Stops

Level 3: Edge Work, Push and Glide One foot, Forward Cross Over, Forward to Backwards, Backwards to Forwards, Quick Starts, One Foot Stops

Contact Lisa Isaacson at 612-807-4609 or mite.committee@northbranchhockey.com to volunteer.

Letter from the President

Members,
It's now December and we're a good portion in to all of our seasons. I have seen a lot of smiling faces of young hockey players at the rinks which tells me we're off to a great start.

I continue to be completely amazed with the countless volunteer hours it takes to get a season kicked off. Once again we have another hockey season under way with very few issues. The Co-op committee, the Tryout committee, our Registrar, and Ice Director (and everyone else involved) all did fantastic jobs of preparing and executing which is certainly appreciated.

Another successful Power Play event is behind us and we are putting the figures together on what we will be able to put in to the arena account this year. A big thank you to all the time and effort everyone spent putting this event together.

I have been out to see many of the teams skate and although we aren't winning every game, we aren't losing every game either. It appears to me that we have put very competitive teams on the ice this year and they've all been exciting to watch. I'm certainly looking forward to getting out to more games to see how well the kids progress over the season.

As always, I encourage each of you to get as involved as you can whether it's working the clock or coaching a team. Our association is dependent on member support and it's always appreciated.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and safe holiday season.

Thanks !
Tim

Tastefully Simple Individual or Team Fundraiser

Are you or your team looking for a fundraising event to decrease your hockey or tournament fees? We have been offered the opportunity to participate in a Tastefully Simple fundraiser and will receive 20% back. If you are interested in participating, call Jen at 651-674-0813.

Arena Update

A sign has been installed at the site in Stacy for the future home of an Arena. Thanks to Todd Miska for creating the sign and Steve Rindahl for installing it.

Help Wanted! Pull-tab Booth Employee

We are currently interviewing for a pull-tab booth position for our charitable gambling operation. The position entails working 1-2 nights a week and one full weekend a month at the JJ's pull-tab booth. In addition, the position entails working bingo at the Oak Inn. This will include some Wednesday nights and Sat afternoons. The starting pay is 6.75 + tips per hour for the booth and 10.00 an hour for the bingo.

If you or someone you know is interested, please have them contact Lisa Henderson at gamblingmanager@northbranchhockey.com or at 651-674-2440.

Traveling Skater Fees Due – December 1st

All fees for traveling skaters were due by December 1st. If you have not yet made your payments, please do so as soon as possible. Call Paige at (651) 674-6298 with questions or to make payment arrangements.

Send payments to: NBAHA, c/o Paige Lee – Treasurer, PO BOX 541, North Branch, MN 55056

C Mite Fees Due

C Mite parents, all payments were due by November 1st. If you have not yet made your payments, please do so as soon as possible. Call Paige at (651) 674-6298 with questions or to make payment arrangements.

Send payments to: NBAHA, c/o Paige Lee – Treasurer, PO BOX 541, North Branch, MN 55056

5th Annual Power Play Arena Fundraiser Raised \$8,000

On Saturday, October 11, the North Branch Area Hockey Association held the 5th annual Power Play event to raise money for the association's arena fund and the association. Approximately \$8,000 was raised. We want to thank everyone that attended the evening's event. The event was a huge success due to the generosity of many silent and live auction donations and event sponsorships.

Special thanks to the Power Play committee for putting together a successful event.

2bagladies with Glitz, A & K Construction, Acceleration Sports Training Center, ADL Automotive – Craig Kozar, Americlnn, Anne Patton, Bass, Bearly Big Gymnastics, Branch Landscape Nursery, Buffalo Wild Wings – Michelle Kent, Bullseye Shooting Range, Cambridge Movie Theatre, Carlson Photography, Carol Lee Folsom - Avon Rep, Casey's, Central Park Sports, Chris & Jen Fairbanks, Cool Beans, Community National Bank, Craig Moline - Lakeside Farm, Dance Sport Center, Danielle Steffen, Danna Timm – Car Tech, Escape Salon, Falcon Ridge Golf Course, First National Bank, Fisk Tire & Auto Repair, Forest Lake Skate & Cycle, Goff & Howard, Inc, Hillroad Kennels, Horizon Bank, JoAnne & Bob Wendel, JoAnne's Doggie House, Karl's Appliances, Kate & Garry Amunrud, Kevin & Tina Walker, Kimberly Carlson, Kristi White, Lake State Federal CU, Lamperts, Laughing Dragon Tattoo, Lee's Pro Shop, Leisure Time Recreation - J Faulk, Lena and Mark Shephard, Lent Town Hall, Letterman Sports, Lisa & Seth Klatt, Melissa Wagner, MN Advertising, MN Timberwolves, MN Wild, North Branch Dental, North Branch Golf Course, North Branch Outlets, North Branch Vet, O'Fudge Deli & Coffee, Outdoor Edge Sports, Pazzaluna, Pizza Hut, Pizzaman - Stacy, Play it Again Sport – Forest Lake, Prism Design, Rhonda Moline, Robert Briscoe Stoneware, Sacred Grounds Coffee Chop - Stacy, Scott & Kelly Byrkit, Scott & Lisa Isaacson, Scout & Morgan Bookstore, Shoppe on Main, Skeleton Pharmacy, Slumberland, Stacy Lions, Star 95 Car Wash, Steve Lee Excavating, Stone Struck Designs, Studio Blue - Stacy, Minnesota SWARM, The Bead Shop at Willow Bridge Center, The Hair Shoppe, The Lakehouse, The Saint Paul Hotel, Todd Miska, Tom & Darci Garin, Toohey Motors, Tower Liquor, Wayne's Green House - Stacy, Willow Bridge Center

Cash Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the winners of our Cash Raffle! Thanks to everyone who sold and purchased tickets for supporting NBAHA. The profit from this raffle was \$5,220.

\$3,000- Chris Mathiesen
\$500- Reed Walstad
\$250- Mike Grover
\$250-Nicole Jensen

Mite Numbers as of December 1st

Thanks to everyone who helped with recruiting Mite skaters this year. Our recruiting efforts were a huge success.

A Mite: 46
B Mite: 25
C Mite: 30

Total Mite skaters: 101

Letter from Oak Inn

North Branch Area Hockey Association Members,

The Oak Inn would like to thank you for the opportunity to team with your organization in an effort to promote hockey and raise money. We have been working with your representative, Lisa Henderson. She has been most professional and accommodating. We are looking forward to a long and beneficial union. We are currently offering pull tabs, bar bingo, meat raffles, and soon progressive bingo. The days and hours are listed below. We would like to invite all members to join us anytime and have attached a coupon for your dining enjoyment. Feel free to copy as many as you would like. It would be great if we can all spread the word, in hopes to raise more for your group. Please feel free to contact me or my staff at anytime with any concerns or questions that you may have. Thank you again for this wonderful opportunity.

Sincerely,
Gloria Bergstrom
651-674-9977

Bar Bingo - Wednesdays 7 PM / Saturdays 1 PM
Meat Raffle - Sundays 3 PM
For more information - please visit our web site @
www.theoakinn.net<<http://www.theoakinn.net>>
The Oak Inn - North Branch

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BUY ONE LUNCH OR
DINNER ENTREE, GET
SECOND ENTREE
HALF PRICED

* beverage purchase required for each meal
* ½ priced entree must be equal value or less
* coupon valid 11am to 10pm
* coupon not valid with other discount/special
* coupon expires Jan. 31, 2009
* sorry, eat in only

NBAHA Charitable Gambling Locations

NBAHA began charitable gambling at the Oak Inn in North Branch on Monday, December 1st. Pull tabs and Bingo are offered at this location.

Below is a list of our charitable gambling locations. Please take the time to support the businesses that support our association.

JJ's Bowl and Lounge
6427 Ash Street
North Branch, MN 55056
(651) 674-8371

Oak Inn
5896 Old Main Street
North Branch, MN 55056
651-674-9977

Pizza Pub
6407 Main Street
North Branch, MN 55056
(651) 674-1777

Tortilla's
13229 Saint Croix Ave
Lindstrom, MN 55045
(651) 257-8770

Wild River Bar & Grill
37505 Fire Lane
Almelund, MN 55002
(651) 583-3346

C Mite Red Fundraiser

The C Mite Red team is selling window cling/decals as a team fundraiser. They are \$5 a piece. If you are interested in purchasing some, contact one of the team managers below.

Janelle Olson
gouch@usfamily.net
651-237-0269

Anne Meyer
jabbe@frontiernet.net
651-462-8162



Outdoor Rink Update

Thanks to Don Osland, Steve Lee, and Chris Fairbanks for fixing the boards at the outdoor rink this fall! The rink is being flooded and will be ready for outdoor practices very soon.

Association Contact Information				
NBAHA	PO 541, North Branch	MN 55056	651-674-4152	www.northbranchhockey.com
Gambling Manager	Lisa Henderson		651-674-2440	gamblingmanager@northbranchhockey.com
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Go to <http://northbranchhockey.com/> for up to date information on North Branch Area Hockey association.

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