



# NBAHA

Newsletter of the North Branch Area Hockey Association – November 2007

## Dates to Remember

- 11/13: Traveling Team Pictures
- 11/15: Special Membership Meeting – Arena Focus  
7pm North Branch Library Community Room
- 11/29: NBAHA Membership Meeting 7pm/Board  
Meeting 8pm (Tentative Schedule)  
@ North Branch Library Community Room
- 12/01: Santa Days - Booth  
9:30 am to 1 pm @ Senior Center
- 12/8: Mite Team Pictures @ East Bethel Arena
- 12/20: NBAHA Membership Meeting 7pm/Board  
Meeting 8pm (Tentative Schedule)  
@ North Branch Library Community Room



## Arena Update

On November 15, the NBAHA board will bring a recommendation to the membership for a vote regarding how to move forward with the arena effort. The recommendation is as follows:

The board recommends to the association membership that the association pursue an indoor arena facility within the City of Stacy and secure financing not to exceed \$1 million.

The City of North Branch has not come forward with a specific property and hasn't committed to the arena effort. The City of Harris has identified two parcels, however they aren't able to provide as much of city hook ups and infrastructure that Stacy is able to provide. The City of Stacy has indicated a property just north of Doyle Field, will provide all hook ups and will waive any permits necessary for the project. The Stacy City Council told the arena committee that they are ready to move forward as soon as we are ready to take the project to the next step.

If the membership approves the board's recommendation, the next steps will include architects plans on the specific property, which will solidify project costs. At that point, in-kind contributions can be pursued to bring the project costs down. Financing can be secured, grants can be submitted, and additional fundraising and donation seeking can ramp up - all of these items have had to remain on hold, waiting until a specific property could be secured.

Please attend the November 15 meeting at the NB Library Community Room at 7:00 p.m.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Power Play Arena Fundraiser Raised \$10,000

On Saturday, October 13, the North Branch Area Hockey Association held the 4th annual Power Play event to raise money for the association's arena fund. Approximately \$10,000 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.

A&C Automotive, A&K Construction, Abbotts, Accelleration Minnesota, Ace Hardware, AmericInn, Associated Bank, Applebees, Bass Shoe and Apparel, Bearly Big Gymnastics, Bill & Jean Schissel, Blakeslee Dental, Blockbuster, Blue Valley Sod, Branch Landscape Nursery, Budget Host, Burger King, Cambridge Theater, Café Caffeine, Cambridge True Value, Cambridge Theater, Candi Rindahl, ReMax Agent, Carlson Studio of Photography, CarTech Books, Casey's, Casa Bella Design, Central Park Sports, Chilson Jewelry, Circle Hi-Vee Ranch, Community National Bank, Copper Woods Café, Cox General Contracting, Craig & Rhonda Moline, Dairy Queen, Dave & Patti Goodman, DBM Commercial Services, Denise Nelson, Denny's, Escape Salon and Tan, Falcon Ridge, Feickert Design – Joe & Janelle Olson, First Class Concrete-Scott Byrkit, Forest Lake Skate & Cycle, Four Season Sports, Goff & Howard, Inc., Grand Casino Hinckley, Graphic Homes, Great Clips, Green Forest Tree Farm, Hair Design, Hair Waves, Happy Wheels Car Wash, Herman's Bakery, Hietela's Old World Meats, Hillroad Kennels, Hitching Company, Holiday, Horizon Bank, Jana (Paige's sister), Jean & Bill Schissel, Jimmy's Pizza, JJs Bowl, Joe's on Main, Joe Dennis, Kaffe Stuga, Key's Café, Lake State Federal Credit Union, Lamperts, Larson Cycle, Laughing Dragon Tattoo, Lee's Pro Shop Letterman Sports, Mary Kay Consultant, Minnesota Wild Miska Designs, NAPA, North Branch Golf Course, North Branch Printing, North Branch Veterinary Hospital, North Country Coffee, Northstar Access, Oak Inn, Oak Gallery, Outdoor Edge, P&P Decorating- Paige Lee, Pazzaluna, Peterson's Mill, Perkins, Perry's Auto Salon, Pizza Hut, Post Review, Prism Design, Proctor & Gamble, Robert Brisco Stoneware, Sacred Grounds, Scout & Morgan Books, Sears, Sherwin Williams, Shop on Main, Silpada Representative, Skelly's Hallmark, Snap Fitness, Solo Vino, Star 95, Stacy Do It Best, Stacy Lions, Stacy Wine & Spirits, Star 95, Sue Gorg, Steve Lee Excavating, Studio Blue Salon and Spa, Sunrise River Alpacas, The Hair Shop, Inc., Tanners Brooke Golf Club, Tim's Country Cupboard, Tower Liquors, Troy Burne, Twin City Restoration-Kent Johnson, Vande Kamp Auctioneering, White Eagle Golf Club, Willow Bridge Center, Wine Barrel Décor, Wurdemann Chiropractic

**Santa Days Booth  
Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>  
Volunteers Needed!**

We will be sponsoring a booth at the North Branch Santa Days on Saturday, December 1st at the Senior Center. Setup starts at 9:30 am. Santa will be there from 10 am to 1 pm. Our job is to provide some entertainment for the children as they wait in line to see Santa. The kids will have a chance to spin our NBAHA prize wheel and win some prizes. We will be handing out Winter Learn to Skate flyers and Mite recruitment flyers with the prizes. Each adult or traveling skater who volunteers will receive 1 service credit for each 2 hour shift worked. Email Lisa Isaacson at [publicity@northbranchhockey.com](mailto:publicity@northbranchhockey.com) or call her at 1-651-327-7247 to volunteer.

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**Jimmy's Pizza Coupon Book Sales**

There are still Jimmy's Pizza coupon books available for sale for \$15 a piece. Contact Jen Fairbanks at 651-674-0813 if you are interested in purchasing some or Lisa Isaacson will have them available for Mites to purchase during upcoming practices.

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**All Association Fundraiser  
Escape Salon Gift Certificates**

Escape Salon gift certificates in \$25 increments are available for sale. 20% of every gift certificate a player sells will go towards reducing the player's hockey payments. Gift certificates can be sold until Christmas. If you are interested in participating in this fundraiser, contact Jen Fairbanks at 651-674-0813.

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**Team Pictures**

Traveling team (Squirt, PeeWee, Bantam) pictures will be Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at Cedar Creek Community School in the Multi-Purpose room. Bring your stick and skates and come dressed in your uniform ready for pictures. Due to space constraints please leave your bags at home.

Mite team (A, B, C, D) pictures will be Saturday, December 8, 2007 at East Bethel Arena. Pictures will be taken on the ice. Your team managers will provide more details as we get closer to picture day.

**Chuck-a-Puck at Boys High School games**

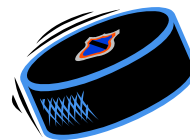
NBAHA will be conducting Chuck-A-Puck at the North Branch Boys Varsity hockey home games at the Chisago Lakes Arena. Proceeds from Chuck-A-Puck will be split between the association and the High School. We have been asked again this year to run the clock, penalty box, announce, and keep the books for the home games.

This will be used as a team fundraiser and our 1/2 of the Chuck-a-Puck proceeds and the payment from the high school for helping at the game will go into a team's account. Team Managers/Coaches - if your team is interested in participating, please let me know which games you are interested in by November 25<sup>th</sup>. Once I've found out who is interested, I will split up the games and contact each team.

Chuck a Puck will be held at the following games:

Day	Date	Time
Saturday	12/1/07	8:00 PM
Saturday	1/26/08	8:00 PM
Thursday	1/31/08	7:00 PM
Saturday	2/2/08	8:00 PM
Tuesday	2/5/08	8:00 PM
Saturday	2/9/08	12:00 PM

Please contact Lisa Isaacson at 1-651-327-7247 or [publicity@northbranchhockey.com](mailto:publicity@northbranchhockey.com) if you would like to help with Chuck-A-Puck.



**Donating Through  
United Way Charitable Giving**

If your employer participates in the United Way charitable giving program, you can designate the funds you donate to NBAHA. You simply need to supply the organization's name, and mailing address, which is NBAHA, PO Box 541, North Branch, MN 55056.

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**Team Reporters**

Do you enjoy writing or taking pictures? Team reporters and photographers are needed to record the excitement of the hockey season! If you are interested in writing articles or taking pictures for your team, please contact Lisa Isaacson at 1-651-327-7247 or at [publicity@northbranchhockey.com](mailto:publicity@northbranchhockey.com). Reporters and photographers are needed for the North Branch Mite teams as well as the SFNB traveling teams.

## 2nd & 3rd Installments Due Nov. 15th & Dec. 15th

The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> installments/ice bills for all players will be due on November 15<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup>. Statements for the November 15<sup>th</sup> payment are in the mail.

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## Mite Corner Recruiting New Mites

We are still recruiting Mites at all levels, ages 4 through 8. If you know of anyone who is interested in playing hockey tell them it's not too late to register. The fee for first year Mites is \$75 and they aren't required to do fundraising or service hours. If they are interested have them call Kristi White at 651-674-1854.

## Mite Questions

Any Mite level questions can be directed to the Mite Director, Craig Moline at 651-248-6302. Or to the Mite Director Committee members: Lisa Isaacson at 651-327-7247 or Kristi White at 651-674-1854 or Chris Klein at 651-462-8586.

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## SFNB B1 PeeWee Fundraisers

The SFNB B1 PeeWee team is selling hats as a team fundraiser. If you are interested in placing an order, contact one of the B1 PeeWee players or call Kelly Byrkit at 651-583-0760 or Martha Zentner at 651-674-4399 before Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Skull Cap \$13      Side Brim Hat \$13      Ski Hat \$18



The B1 PeeWee team is also selling Butter Braids and Cookie Dough. If you are interested in buying these items, contact a player or Martha Zentner at 651-674-4399.

## Winter Learn to Skate

NBAHA has scheduled the winter Learn to Skate session at the outdoor hockey rink south of the high school. The Learn to Skate sessions are for children ages 4-8 or beginning skaters.

The lessons will be held Saturdays, January 12th-February 2. We will be offering 2 sessions each Saturday, 9:00 – 10:00 am and 10:30 am to 11:30 am.

Coaches and traveling team hockey players are needed to assist with the sessions. Volunteers must wear skates and a helmet when on the ice. We also need 2 adult volunteers for each session to help with checking in skaters and answering questions and helping with refreshments. Each volunteer will receive 1 service credit for each day they help. Call Lisa Isaacson at 1-651-327-7247 or email her at [publicity@northbranchhockey.com](mailto:publicity@northbranchhockey.com) with questions and to volunteer!

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## NBAHA Charitable Gambling Locations

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

### Big Daddy's Bar & Grill

43890 Ginger Avenue  
Harris, MN 55032  
(651) 674-7370

### Border Bar & Grill

367 Bench Street  
Taylors Falls, MN 55084  
(651) 465-1011

### JJ's Bowl and Lounge

6427 Ash Street  
North Branch, MN 55056  
(651) 674-8371

### 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

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Mite Director	Craig Moline	651-248-6302	mitedirector@northbranchhockey.com	

**Santa Days – December 1<sup>st</sup> 9:30 am to 1:00 pm**  
 Volunteers needed for this event!!!!

**Chuck-a-Puck – December 1<sup>st</sup> 8 pm**  
 Team needed!

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