



NBAHA

Newsletter of the North Branch Area Hockey Association – September 2009

Dates to Remember

- 9/18 – 9/20: **Tryouts** for Squirt, Pee wee & Bantams @Isanti Arena
- 9/19: **North Branch Kid's Carnival @ Central Park** 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
- 9/26: **Fall Harvest Festival @ Central Park** 8 am to 5 pm
- 10/1: **Power Play Committee Meeting @ Pizza Pub** 7 pm
- 10/2: **Adopt-a-Highway:** 5:30 pm
- 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
- 10/4: **Goalie Clinic @ Isanti Arena**
- 10/11: **Goalie Clinic @ Isanti Arena**
- 10/14: **Mite Coaches Meeting @ North Branch Library** - 7 pm
- 10/18: **Goalie Clinic @ Isanti Arena**
- 10/24: **6th Annual Power Play Fundraiser @ 7 pm**
- 10/25: **Goalie Clinic @ Isanti Arena**

Registration Numbers as of 9/17/09

Mites: 72; Squirts: 28; PeeWees: 14; Bantams: 14
Total # of skaters: 128

Traveling Skater Tryouts and Coaches Tryouts

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



Tryouts will be held this weekend 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 on the NBAHA calendar at www.northbranchhockey.com. The co-op and tryout handbooks are available online and contain important information on the co-op and tryouts.

If you have questions, contact Chris Courtright at coachingdirector@northbranchhockey.com or at 651-237-0447.

Letter from the President

Dear Members...

Evidently summer has come and gone and hockey season is upon us. For many of us, countless hours of planning has gone into the upcoming season from co-op discussions and coaching selection to fundraising efforts and tryout preparations. Hopefully everyone is looking forward to another fun and successful hockey season for our youth players.

An area we can always improve in is communication. I think we have taken a big step in the right direction by launching a new website at www.northbranchhockey.com. This will hopefully become a centerpiece for NBAHA hockey this year as we post the most up to date information and allow teams to update their own space with scheduling updates, tournament results, pictures, etc. We hope that everyone takes some time to visit the site.

We are also excited for the high school team. With a new coach (Randy Gendreau) and a lot of talent, they should be fun to watch this year... We have had discussions with Randy and he is looking to do what he and his team can do to support the youth hockey program and we should do the same for them... We're looking forward to a strong relationship at the youth and high school levels.

Again, looking for another fun and exciting year of watching the kids grow and develop as hockey players as well as individuals.

Please don't ever hesitate to contact myself or another N.B. Board member with questions/comments regarding N.B. Area Hockey....

Tim



Hockey Education Parent Requirement Help Earn a \$2,500 Grant

Each family is required to complete at least one online Parent or Coach Course/Quiz this fall. The information is available online at https://www.responsiblesports.com/responsible_sport_parenting/responsible_sport_parenting_quiz.aspx or https://www.responsiblesports.com/responsible_coaching/responsible_coaching_quiz.aspx. Once you have completed the online coursework and quiz, you will receive an email from Liberty Mutual with further instructions that need to be followed in order to credit your certification to North Branch Area Hockey Association. The more certifications we receive the greater chance our association has at earning the \$2,500 grant. After crediting your certification to our association, please forward the email you received to publicity@northbranchhockey.com to fulfill your requirement.

One certification per email address is allowed. So, feel free to take the quiz for every email address you have.

Forward this information to family and friends and ask for their help! The grant period ends on November 30th.

Arena Update

Do you have the skills needed to help make the Arena a Reality?

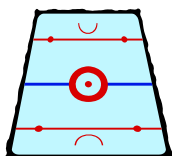
The arena project continues to move forward. This week, the property in Stacy was rezoned to allow sports and recreation facilities as permitted uses in city designated parkland in the light industrial district. This was an important milestone for the project to begin. The legal paperwork between NBAHA and the City of Stacy is being worked on. All parties met this week to continue ironing out the details. As soon as this paperwork is completed, we will be able to start pulling permits and begin dirt work. Our hope is this will begin very soon.

Do you have the skills needed to help make the arena a reality? If you have skills in the construction industry and are willing to donate your time, materials or labor, contact me as soon as possible. We need to get these items lined up so that we are ready to start working as soon as permits are pulled.

Will we be skating in the new outdoor arenas this fall? It depends on how quickly the legal paperwork is completed, permits are pulled and how many volunteers step up to get the job done.

We will continue to keep you posted on the arena progress. A ground breaking ceremony will be held when the dirt work and building phase is ready to begin. All NBAHA members and the community will be encouraged to attend.

Craig Moline
Arena Project Manager
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Goalie Clinic – Traveling & Mite

The CI Goalie Director will be holding goalie clinics throughout the 2009 - 2010 Season. These clinics are sponsored by CINB and there will be no cost per Goalie to attend. Any Mites or traveling skaters who are interested in playing goalie this season can attend. You do not have to have tried out and been selected as the team goalie.



Traveling goalies will need to wear goalie gear. Mite goalies can wear their normal hockey equipment and do not need goalie equipment.

The schedule for the clinics is posted on www.northbranchhockey.com. The October clinics are on October 4, 11, 18, 25.

Questions - contact Chris Courtright at coachingdirector@northbranchhockey.com or at 651-237-0447.

North Branch Kid's Carnival Saturday September 19, 2009

- 9:00am-3:00pm
- Location: Central Park
- Thank you to the volunteers who signed up to work at a booth sponsored by NBAHA. The focus of this event will be on getting information out to potential young skaters on Mite/8U Hockey.

Fall Harvest Festival Fundraiser Saturday September 26, 2009

- 8:00am-5:00pm
- Location: Central Park
- Thank you to the volunteers who signed up to work at the booth sponsored by NBAHA. The focus of this event will be selling raffle tickets to raise money for the association and arena and on getting information out to potential young skaters on Learn to Skate as well as Mite/8U Hockey.
- Contact Lisa at publicity@northbranchhockey.com or 612-807-4609 to sign up. A spot is still available during the last shift. Each shift worked will count as one event credit per family.

Fall Adopt-A-Highway Friday October 2, 2009

- 5:30pm-7:00pm
- Location: CR68 (Falcon Ave) - South of Hwy 95
- **New Location Starting Fall 2009!!!** North Branch Area Hockey has adopted a new location for Adopt-A-Highway. Instead of being on CR 72, we will now be picking up trash on CR68 (Falcon Ave) south of Hwy 95. This is a 2-mile stretch of county road that is registered with the Chisago County Adopt-A-Highway program.
- Fall Adopt-a-Highway will be on held on Friday, October 2nd, 2009 at 5:30 pm. If it's raining or snowing the event will be rescheduled. Cancellations will be posted on the association voicemail at 651-674-4152 and online.
- Meet on the road alongside Tower Liquor that runs East of Falcon Avenue. I will provide you with trash bags, vests for the kids and split you into groups to complete a ¼ to ½ mile stretch along Falcon Avenue.
- **More Volunteers are needed** to help with Adopt-A-Highway, 1 event credit will be received per family for helping with this event. If you are interested in helping, but unable to join us at 5:30, please let me know. Contact Lisa at publicity@northbranchhockey.com or 612-807-4609 to volunteer.

Mite Coaches Meeting October 14th @ 7pm

There will be a Mite Coaches meeting on Wednesday, October 14th at 7 PM at the North Branch Library. All last season Mite coaches, and individuals that are interested in coaching at the mite level this year, are encouraged to attend. Topics of the meeting will include; Practice and Game structure, Skater evaluations, Team selections, and Coaches' certification. Please contact Tim Hink (mitedirector@northbranchhockey.com, or 651-295-9122) if you will not be able to attend or if you have any questions.

Entertainment Happenings Book Fundraiser

NBAHA will be selling 2010 Entertainment Happenings Books as a fundraiser. The cost of each book is \$30, which is \$5 less than they sell for normally. The book contains over \$19,000 in savings! Books may be purchased by contacting Janelle at fundraising@northbranchhockey.com or 651-237-0269.

Within a few weeks, books may also be purchased directly from our website, using your credit card. Books ordered on the website will be shipped directly to your house and the Association will get credit for the sale. Please pass this information on to family and friends that usually purchase the Entertainment Happenings Book, or, to anyone that you think would be interested.

If anyone would like a few books to try to sell to family, friends or co-workers, please contact Janelle.

Listed below are some of the local businesses with coupons in the 2010 Entertainment Happenings Book.

- * Menards
- * Stacy Bar and Grill
- * Wintergreen's
- * Pizza Man
- * Domino's Pizza
- * Taco Bell
- * McDonald's
- * North Branch Golf Course
- * Jumpin' Jacks
- * Koep's Village Bakery
- * Jimmy's Pizza
- * Sonic Drive-in
- * Millers on Main
- * Castlewood Golf Course
- * Max's Groove House
- * Stella's on 97

This fundraiser will run through December 10, 2009. Coupons are good now through November 2010.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Janelle at fundraising@northbranchhockey.com or 651-237-0269.

Volunteers Needed for Power Play

Volunteers still needed for Power Play. Please contact Janelle at fundraising@northbranchhockey.com or 651-237-0269 to volunteer. Help is still needed in the following areas: silent auction, pull-tab sales, food set-up and service, bingo card sales, paddle wheel and tear down. Available shifts are listed on our website. You will receive 1 event credit for each shift worked.

Power Play Committee Meeting October 1, 2009

There will be a Power Play Committee meeting on October 1, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Pizza Pub. Committee members should attend so that we can all touch base on our assigned tasks.

Raffle Tickets/Pizza Hut Cards/Power Play Tickets

If anyone needs additional raffle tickets, Pizza Hut cards or Power Play tickets, please contact Janelle at fundraising@northbranchhockey.com or 651-237-0269.

REMINDER: Raffle ticket stub and money turn-in and Pizza Hut card money turn in is October 19, 2009 from 6-8, at the shack. If you cannot make it that day, you need to contact Janelle, prior to that date, to make other arrangements.

Three volunteers are needed to help on October 19th from 6 to 8 pm with the fundraising turn in. Contact Janelle to sign up. 1 event credit will be received for helping at this event.



Learn to Skate Volunteers Needed!

If you know of any boys or girls ages 4 to 8 that would be interested in learning to skate spots are still available for our Fall Learn to Skate Session. There will be 4 sessions and the cost is \$20.

Skaters who will be on an A, B or 8U team this year are welcome to attend and can register the 1st night of Learn to Skate. The cost of Learn to Skate is not included in your hockey fee so you will need to pay \$20 the first night. This fee helps cover the ice time.

The sessions will be held on:

- Fri, Sept 25th from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- Sat, Sept 26th from 9:40 am to 10:40 am
- Sat, Oct 3rd from 9:40 am to 10:40 am
- Sat, Oct 10th from 9:40 am to 10:40 am

More certified coaches are needed to help on the ice and parents are needed to help check-in skaters. To volunteer, contact Tim Hink at mitedirector@northbranchhockey.com or 651-295-9122.

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