



North Branch Area Hockey Association
Viking Hockey News – 9/27/2010



Remember to check www.northbranchhockey.com on a daily basis for any last minute announcements and up to date news!

HELP WIN \$250,000

Don't forget to vote daily starting October 1st – www.refresheverything.com – “If we build it, they will skate.” Help earn \$250,000 for the Stacy Sports Complex. Pass the word on to everyone you know. For more information -

http://assets.ngin.com/attachments/document/0013/4708/pepsi_refresh_flyer.pdf.

Upcoming Meetings & Important Dates – see website for more details on each

Don't forget Friday Hockey Spirit Days!

- 9/28 – **New Mite** Information Night
- 9/28 – Custom Mouth Guards Available at North Branch Dental
- 9/28 – Mandatory Fundraiser Turn In
- 9/29 – Membership/Board Meeting
- 10/1, 10/2, 10/3 – Squirt and Pee wee Tryouts
- 10/2 – Girl Scout/U8 Skating Party
- 10/2 – RSVP by today for Power Play Fundraiser – need a count for food!
- 10/6 – Mite Committee Meeting
- 10/9 – Power Play Fundraising Event - Must be 18+ to Attend!

Traveling Skater Tryout Dates/Times

Traveling Skater Tryouts are this coming weekend at Chisago Lakes Arena. Please see the tryout packet at <http://www.northbranchhockey.com/page/show/107407-tryouts> for more detail

FRIDAY OCTOBER 1ST

- SQUIRT SKILLS SESSION 6:10PM - 7:10PM
- PEE WEE SCRIMMAGE 1 (4 on 4) 7:20PM - 8:20PM

SATURDAY OCTOBER 2ND

- SQUIRT SCRIMMAGE 1 (4 ON 4) 4:20PM - 5:20PM
- PEE WEE SCRIMMAGE 2 (5 on 5) 5:30PM - 6:30PM

SUNDAY OCTOBER 3RD

- SQUIRT SCRIMMAGE 2 (5 ON 5) 4:20PM - 5:20PM
 - PEE WEE SCRIMMAGE 3 (5 on 5) 5:30PM - 6:30PM
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Arena Update

Fred C and Katherine B Andersen Foundation Contributes \$50,000 to Stacy Sports Complex

The Arena Grant Committee received exciting news yesterday! In July we applied for a grant through the Fred C. and Katherine B. Andersen Foundation and have anxiously awaited news ever since. We were excited to find a letter of support with a one-time donation of \$50,000 in the mailbox yesterday. A huge thank you goes out to the Foundation for their support!

Stacy Sports Complex Pre Construction Meeting Held on Friday, 9/24

A pre-construction meeting was held on Friday, September 24th at the Stacy Sports Complex Site. The meeting was very productive and



plans were made for the start of the construction project. Thanks to everyone that attended and are helping with the project: Mark Bigelbach - Conquest Inc; John Ehlert – Stacy Maintenance Supervisor; Chuck Schwartz – Bonestroo Construction; Harlan Olson – Bonestroo Construction; Steve Lee - Steve Lee Excavation ; Dale Duval - DJ's Plumbing; Dan Lee - J & D L Concrete; Craig Moline, Arena Project Manager; Steve Thorpe, Paige Lee, Lisa Isaacson – Arena Committee.

Early last week the Phase I portion of the building was staked by Hult & Hebeisen, P.A. You can now tell where the front of the Stacy Sports Complex will be located on the property. The four corners of the building have been staked, and the front of the building will face south with the rink to the north.

The next steps of the project are to secure the building permit, put up silt fencing, and begin excavation.

Watch for more arena details in the coming weeks on www.northbranchhockey.com and on North Branch Area Hockey Association Facebook page.

If We Build It, They Will Skate!

Volunteers Needed to Help with Publicity on the Pepsi Refresh Everything Grant

We are in need of volunteers to help execute publicity ideas for the Pepsi Refresh Everything Grant between now and October 1st. We have been brainstorming and have a number of ideas on how to promote this grant and the need for many, many votes across the globe. If you would be willing to help with any of the following this next week, please email publicity@northbranchhockey.com ASAP. If you have any additional ideas and would like to help with publicity please let me know. Service credits will be granted for helping with these items.

Pizza Box flyers: Contact local pizza places this next week and ask if they would be willing include an advertisement with pizza boxes in the month of October. Deliver flyers to the pizza place before October 1st

Table Tents: Contact local restaurants this next week and ask if they would be willing to put table tents on their tables during the month of October to support the project. Deliver table tents to the restaurants.

Yard Signs: Hand Paint some yard signs with information about this grant and post throughout the area by October 1st. Retrieve signs at the end of October.

Custom Fit Mouthguard for \$25

North Branch Dental will be making Custom-Fit Athletic Mouth Guards for \$25 (\$185 Value).

Tuesday, September 28th
5:00-6:30 p.m. at 6460 Main Street, North Branch

Please call to let them know you are coming. You don't need a specific appointment time. 651.674.7096.

New Mite Information Night

On Tuesday, September 28th we will hold a **New Mite Information Night** at 7:00 pm at North Branch Fire Hall. If you are a new Mite family, please plan on attending this meeting – skaters should attend to be fit for starter equipment.

Returning skaters should not attend this Mite night. Returning skaters will be able to borrow starter equipment, pending availability, on October 19th at the Fire Hall. Watch for more details in October.

New skaters please remember to bring a copy of your birth certificate with you. As well, if you have already registered online please bring the waiver of liability and consent to treat forms with you.

If you know of any skaters ages 4 through 8 who are interested in playing hockey for the first time, please encourage them to attend this informational meeting. The flyer is available at

http://assets.ngin.com/attachments/document/0013/0710/Mite_Hockey_090110_online_registration_-_Friday_flyer.pdf.

Learn to Skate

The 2010 Fall Learn to Skate starts on Friday, October 8th. There will be 4 sessions held at Isanti Arena. The cost is \$20 for all 4 sessions. If you know of any children ages 4 to 8 who are interested in improving their skating skills please pass on the word to them to sign up soon. The flyer is available at

http://assets.ngin.com/attachments/document/0006/9941/2010_Fall_Learn_to_skate_flyer.pdf.

Mandatory Fundraising Turn-in on Tuesday, 9/28 6 to 8 pm at the North Branch Fire Hall Still Need to Pick up Fundraising Items? Attend during this time as well!

Fundraising turn-in is this Tuesday, 9/28 at the North Branch Fire Hall. Raffle ticket stubs & money as well as money for non gambling merchandise must be turned in. Please make every effort to attend between 6 and 8 pm.

If you still plan on signing up for hockey but haven't picked up your fundraising materials yet, you will be able to pick up the non gambling option during this time, or show up and purchase \$200 worth of raffle tickets. Please remember that you also need to purchase 2 Power Play tickets for \$40 and a check will be collected at that time as well. **If you do not pick up all your fundraising materials prior to Power Play, you will be required to sell an additional \$40 in non gambling options.**

Bantam skaters are required to complete the NBAHA fundraising and service requirements, even though you are being waived to another association to play this year. We will coordinate with the other association to ensure you aren't required to complete this with their association.

New families to NBAHA aren't required to complete the fundraising requirement, but if you are interested in helping raise funds for the Stacy Sports Complex we would appreciate the help. As well, we encourage you to attend our Power Play fundraising event on October 9th at Lent Town Hall. Proceeds from this event also go towards the Stacy Sports Complex. Tickets are \$20 a piece and include dinner, live and silent auction, paddle wheel and dance.

For mandatory registration fundraiser details go to <http://www.northbranchhockey.com/page/show/115371-registration-fundraiser>.

Items Needed for Power Play Silent and Live Auction

Items are still needed for the Power Play Silent and Live Auctions. The event is on Saturday, October 9th. For more information on what is needed, go to http://assets.ngin.com/attachments/document/0013/5912/PP_Membership_Donation_Request.pdf.

Equipment Swap –

Our 2010 – 2011 hockey season will be starting soon, it's time to check your skaters equipment and if it doesn't fit think about putting it on website or check out other used equipment. Check out the <http://www.northbranchhockey.com/page/show/107750-equipment-swap> page on our website. If you have equipment you are looking to sell or are looking for equipment this is the place to start!

Volunteers Needed!

To volunteer, sign up on Dibs at www.northbranchhockey.com. The service requirement for all returning hockey families this year is 4 credits. New families don't have a service requirement. **Bantam skaters who are being waived to another association this year are required to complete the NBAHA service requirement and not the other association.** The majority of the credits available occur prior to the season starting, so if you still need to complete your credits check out the volunteer opportunities soon. The number of credits earned per event/shift are posted with each shift on Dibs. If you have any questions on Dibs, contact Lisa at publicity@northbranchhockey.com.

Volunteers are still needed for the following events:

- Mite Night - September 28th – 9 people needed
 - Mandatory Fundraiser Turn In – September 28th–3 people needed
 - Girl Scout Skating Party – October 2nd – 8 people needed
 - Power Play Setup – October 8th – 2 people needed
 - Learn to Skate – October 8, 9, 15, 16 –28 people needed
 - Power Play – October 9th – 25 people needed
 - Second Annual Equipment Giveaway – October 10th – 1 person needed
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Second Annual Used Equipment Giveaway - Volunteer Needed to Attend

NBAHA is looking for someone to volunteer to attend the second annual used hockey equipment giveaway sponsored by Minnesota Wild, Let's Play Hockey and Minnesota Hockey. The giveaway will occur on Sunday, Oct. 10, at Xcel Energy Center from 1-4 p.m. If you are able to attend, please contact Carl at (651) 408-9408 or dbmcommservice@yahoo.com to volunteer and for more details on what equipment we are in need of for the association. You will be given service credits for helping with this task.

Sponsors and partners for the program, in alphabetical order, include Berger Transfer, Boehm's, FOX Sports North, the Herb Brooks Foundation, Let's Play Hockey, Minnesota Girls Hockey Coaches Association, Minnesota High School Hockey Coaches Association, Minnesota Hockey, Minnesota Ice Arena Managers Association, Minnesota Wild, Upper Midwest High School Elite Hockey League and Westwood Sports.

NBAHA Friday Hockey Spirit Days!

Skaters - remember to wear your NBAHA hockey jersey or apparel to school on Friday's this year to show your NBAHA Hockey Spirit. We will also be selling NBAHA temporary tattoos at upcoming events. The price is 4 for \$1. Wear your tattoo with your apparel to school on Friday's. Start showing your spirit this Friday!

http://assets.ngin.com/attachments/document/0013/4707/NBAHA_Friday_Hockey_Spirit_Days.pdf

Become a fan of North Branch Area Hockey Association on Facebook

North Branch Area Hockey Association is on Facebook! Become a fan and stay up to date on the progress of the Stacy Sports Complex and learn more about grant opportunities that we need our fans support to secure!

Hockey Information

\$22 Minnesota Wild Ticket Offer

Minnesota Hockey and Todd Richards of the Minnesota Wild is offering youth hockey players, parents and coaches a special Minnesota Wild Ticket Offer. For more details go to

http://www.xcelenergycenter.com/uploads/assets/emailarchives/WILD_1011_youthhockey_email.html.

Coaches –

Coaching clinic dates have been posted at www.usahockey.com. These classes fill up quickly so please register ASAP if you need to be certified or need to renew your certification. Questions, contact Tom at 651-277-0160.

On line registration

On line registration is available at <http://www.northbranchhockey.com/> and is mandatory this year. You will first register your skater with USA Hockey (link provided through NBAHA website) you will then need that confirmation number to proceed with online registration for North Branch hockey.

- You will need a credit/debit card to pay for the USA/MN Hockey fees on line. The cost is \$40 for skaters with birth year 2004 or earlier. There is no cost for the younger skaters.
- You will have several options for paying for your NBAHA portion of the fees.
 - Pay in full on-line with credit/debit card or PayPal
 - Pay 3 equal installments on-line with your credit/debit card or Paypal. 1st installment due at checkout, 2nd installment will be automatically charged to your card on Nov 30th, 3rd installment on Dec 30th. (*this option is only available for Bantam, Peewee, and Squirt levels.*)
 - Pay in full by mail to **NBAHA, Box 541, North Branch, MN 55056.**
 - Pay 3 equal installments by mail. 1st installment due by Aug 30th, 2nd on Nov 30th, 3rd installment on Dec 30th. (*this option is only available for Bantam, Peewee, and Squirt levels.*)
 - **All Mites** will register under "Mites" if placed on an upper level Mite team after evaluations you will then need to pay the additional \$485 either in full by Nov 30th or 2 equal installment on Nov 30th and Dec 30th. You will have the option of paying on-line as well at that time.

We must have the Waiver of Liability and Consent to Treat forms turned in before your child will be allowed on the ice for Pre Skates, Tryouts or Evaluations. If you are new to the association you will also need to mail in a copy of your child's birth certificate. You may mail them to **NBAHA, Box 541, North Branch, MN 55056,**

If you have not yet picked up your fundraising materials, contact Janelle at fundraising@northbranchhockey.com. **All returning families** must turn in fundraising materials to Janelle on or before Sept 28th.

Fees for the 2010- 2011 Season

USA/MN Hockey Registration fee for Birth Year 2004 and older is \$40

NBAHA 2010-2011 season fee

- Mites/U8 \$40
- Upper Level Mites \$525
- Squirts \$960
- Pewees \$1060
- Bantams \$300 (registration fee only)

(This is the NBAHA portion of fees, does not include the USA Hockey fees.)

Registration deadline for Traveling skaters is Wednesday Sept. 22nd.

Registration deadline for returning Mites is Wednesday Oct 27th.

All outstanding balances must be paid before your registration will be accepted for the 2010-2011 season.
