

newsletter

Letter from the President

By the time you are reading this newsletter our oldest players have already begun their skills clinics and our youngest players aren't far behind. I'm very excited about this upcoming hockey season and our first year in District 3 should offer us challenging competition, but much shorter distances to drive for travel teams! Communication is something that the MWA board continues to work on. Our frequent email blasts, web site updates, board



meetings and our first Town Hall meeting back in June are all examples of how we are trying to get you the information you need in the format/forum you'd like to receive it in. Please check the web site as this is the most up to

date piece of information that is always updating. Information on skills clinics, tryouts, board meeting minutes, volunteering, and apparel purchases can all be accessed there.

Best of luck to each of you as we begin another season, I look forward to seeing all of you around the rinks. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Randy Lee
MWA President

TRYOUT TIPS

Tryouts are just around the corner. This can be a stressful time of year for everyone, especially the players. Please be supportive of your son/daughter during this process!

Helpful tips for parents and players during this time are simply this:

Player Do's

- ★ Present your best effort during all skills & scrimmages.
- ★ Remain calm & pay close attention to instructions.
- ★ Make sure your equipment is in good shape.
- ★ Always be on time and ready to go.
- ★ Be relaxed, go out and have a lot of fun!

Parent Do's

- ★ Keep the tryouts in proper perspective.
- ★ Keep everything positive.
- ★ Stay calm with your child.
- ★ Have fun with your child.

These simple tips will allow players to perform to the best of their ability. Good luck, skate hard and have fun!

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MWA TRAVEL TEAMS

Registration has now closed for our travel teams and we will be putting the following teams on the ice this year.

BOYS TEAMS

BANTAM A & B2
PEEWEE A, B1 & B2
SQUIRT A, B1 & 2 B2'S

GIRLS TEAMS

U14 TEAM W/ORONO COOPERATIVE
U12 TEAMS W/CROW RIVER COOPERATIVE
1-A & 1-B TEAM
U10 TEAM - 1-B



Player Development

Association members may recall that the MWAHA board had budgeted \$45k for this year's on-ice development. At the time that budget figure was approved, we didn't know ultimately what the program would look like or cost. But I am pleased to inform you that the program we have in place will cost closer to \$25-28K. More details about how the programs will run will be communicated during various meetings coming up soon.

Mound Westonka Hockey has selected, Scott Steffen Training for our on ice training of players. Scott is an experienced on-ice professional trainer and we're

excited to have him join us this year. Scott and his team will be providing training from the Mite level up through the PeeWee and U12 level.

For more information on Scott and his program please go to;

www.steffentraining.com

MWAHA will continue to bring in both the boys and girls high school coaches for continued development of our upper age players which will be our U14 and Bantam level teams. Coach Runke and Coach Kuehl's continued support of Mound youth hockey is greatly appreciated!

*"A good hockey player plays where the puck is.
A great hockey player plays where the puck is going to be".
Wayne Gretzky*

GOALIE DEVELOPMENT

Goalie development this season will be provided by Mike Ayer's from MVP Goaltending. Mike has an extensive resume of both playing goaltender at the Division 1 level as well as coaching at the Elite level within USA Hockey.

Currently, he is the volunteer goalie coach for the St. Cloud Huskies. For more information on his company, please go to; www.mvpgoaltending.com



*"Winning is only half of it.
Having fun is the other half."*

Bum Phillips, Football Coach

MWAHA COACHES 2010-2011

BANTAM A	Mark Johnson
BANTAM B2	TBA
PEEWEE A	Chris Dittrich Colin Peters
PEEWEE B1	TBA
PEEWEE B2	TBA
SQUIRT A	Randy Lee
SQUIRT B1	TBA
SQUIRT B2	TBA
SQUIRT B2	TBA
U14	Peter Rennebohm
U12 A	Franz Burris
U12 B	Tom McGlynn
U10	Steve Johnson

*TBA = To Be Announced (after tryouts are completed).

THALER ICE ARENA OPEN SKATE

SATURDAYS 8:30-9:45 PM

POND ARENA OPEN SKATE

SUNDAYS 2:15-3:15 PM

Association News

MITES

Our Mite Registration is still open, so continue to talk with your neighbors about having their kids join our hockey program. We've communicated to you that our Mite Program was the #1 issue brought up during our past year's survey. We've been working long and hard to make adjustments to the program so that it better aligns with what you've been asking for and your board feels appropriate for this age of player. Parents, please see the important Mite information below.

Mandatory Mite Parent Meeting

Wednesday - October 13th

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Mound Westonka H.S. Theatre

More information will be coming out soon, but please mark your calendars and plan on attending!



Golf Tournament

A HUGE thank you to Lisa Dierbeck for her leadership in helping make this year's golf tournament a reality. For the 80 or so golfers that braved the heat and humidity, thank you. Please mark your calendar's for next year's tournament, Monday - August 1st at Burl Oaks.



We are now utilizing the new DIBS system to help manage our volunteer opportunities. Going forward **all** volunteer opportunities will be available through the DIBS menu. To get started, please do the following: First, everyone must LOGIN (located in the upper left hand corner of the screen) and enter username and password.

Go to the "DIBS" tab located at the top right of the MWAH web site to begin viewing and claiming the available volunteer opportunities! On this page only members registered for the 2010-11 hockey season will have access to the season's Dib session.

How to "claim" an item? LOGIN (located in the upper left hand corner of the screen) and enter username and password. Click on the DIBS tab. When you find an item you wish to claim, simply click on that item and select "claim this DIB item". You may filter your choices by opportunity or by date.

How to view "claimed" DIB items? If you sign up for an opportunity online and can't

remember the information, simply log on with your username and password (located in the upper left hand corner of the screen) and click on "UTOOLS" (located on main menu bar) and then My Dibs: View all my currently claimed DIB items.

What to do after you have worked the shift? After you have completed the assigned duty, you may view your DIB items by entering your username and password (located in the upper left hand corner of the screen) and then click on U TOOLS. Click on My Dibs: View all my currently claimed DIB items. You can then click on the text that is in the DIB ITEM column (for example, concessions). Then that will load up a new screen that will give you the option to select "verify completion". Once you have selected the "verify completion", you will get a message that states your request has been sent and will then be completed by the Volunteer Coordinator Team

Volunteer Checks need to be received **before** your son or daughter steps on the ice to begin their try out sessions! This \$150.00 check (\$300.00 for 2 or more players) will not be cashed and destroyed after commitment is completed. Please help us all avoid an awkward moment. Refer to the Volunteer Policy located on the web site for more information.

Association News



Want To Lower Your Hockey Bill?

Optional Fundraising Opportunities

In response to several requests to offer a fundraiser to help with the cost of ice bills, the Board has decided to add an additional fundraising opportunity for our families.

You will have the OPTION to participate in this exciting fundraiser and a large percentage of the profits will go directly to you. MWHHA is partnering with Club's Choice to offer frozen pizza, bread sticks, desserts, and more to help offset the cost of hockey. Club's Choice is a leader in fundraising with a great product, sophisticated ordering process, good reputation, and local representation.

Mite Families and Team Managers will learn all about this opportunity at the Kick-Off Meetings in October and November. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Kristin Lee or Cindy Lund.

MWHHA BOARD

Randy Lee, Scott Ellingboe, Mark Smith,
Cindy Lund, Tom McGlynn, Dave Goulet,
Blake Smith, Fred Babekuhl, Mark Peterson,
Todd Courneya & Jay Hopia.

*The MWHHA Board Meets every 3rd Monday at the Mound Depot. Dates & Times are always listed on the MWHHA web site.

Newsletter Information should be forwarded to Dave Goulet. His email can be found on the MWHHA web site under "Board Members". As the season progresses please look for team stats, photos, game updates and awards! Thanks to all of you who contributed in the past to keep this news venue alive!

HOCKEY APPAREL

In an effort to create uniformity amongst our teams, MWHHA has partnered with Letterman Sports to offer some of the most popular hockey apparel for the upcoming season. A board member will be at Thaler Arena during the upcoming skills clinics so you can try on the clothing, take a card home with your selections and sizes, and place your order on the Apparel link on our web site www.westonkahockey.org

Please pay attention to the following sample and order dates:

- Sept. 26th and Oct. 2nd at Thaler Arena during Bantam, PeeWee, U14 and U12 skills clinics. Order date closes on Oct. 10th with approximate delivery date of Oct. 25th.

- Oct. 9th at Thaler for Squirt and U10, and anyone else who missed the first ordering deadline.

- Oct. 17th at Pond for Squirt and U10, and anyone else who missed the first ordering deadline.

- Final Order date closes Oct. 24th with an approximate delivery date of Nov. 8th.

Mite Teams will be the weekend of Oct. 30 & 31st. Order date closes Nov. 7th with an approximate delivery date before Thanksgiving.

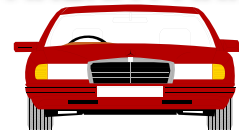
We will also coordinate one last order before Christmas.

Each family will receive a free membership card to Letterman Sports for in-store discount pricing and free skate sharpening when you stop by the rink.

Letterman Sports will also start carrying additional in-store items for MWHHA such as insert pants, t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc.



POND ARENA PARKING



Please keep in mind when parking at the Pond Ice Arena that overflow parking is absorbed by The Market Place parking lot. Please be courteous of the Market Place & Jubilee customers and park in the further away slots so that customers are not inconvenienced. This is greatly appreciated by Market Place Management and MWHHA who greatly appreciates the space they allow our hockey families to use.