



North Branch Area Hockey Association Viking Hockey News – 10/05/2010



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 at <http://pep.si/nbhockey> or text 103380 to 73774 – “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!

- 10/8 – Fall Learn to Skate
- 10/9 – Fall Learn to Skate
- 10/9 – Coach & Goalie Equipment Pickup at 8 am at BullseyeStorage Unit
- 10/9 – Power Play Fundraising Event - Must be 18+ to Attend!
- 10/13 – Mite Committee Meeting
- 10/15 – Fall Learn to Skate
- 10/16 – Fall Learn to Skate
- 10/19 – Mite Information Night
- 10/27 – Mite Registration Deadline
- 10/27- October Membership/Board Meeting
- 10/30-10/31 – Mite Skill Assessment

Arena Update

The main focus of the arena grant committee this past week has been publicizing the Pepsi Refresh Everything Grant. \$250,000 could go a long way to making our dream a reality. The proceeds would allow us to turn that outdoor natural sheet of ice into an outdoor artificial sheet of ice by next winter. We need every member to remember to vote daily from your cell phone as well as using all email addresses you have. Also, please pass the word on to all your contacts. As of 10/5 we are ranked #67 in the \$250,000 category. This is good progress but we have to all work together to get to #1 or #2 by October 31st. We were interviewed by USA Hockey yesterday and an article on our project will be posted online by the end of the week or early next week. The committee is pursuing every possible means of publicity we can think of. Please keep sending us your ideas.

This past week more progress was made at the job site and more progress is expected this week. Silt fencing was installed yesterday. This week we will start seeing some dirt being moved and it won't be long and we'll see some block being laid to get the building up to grade. It's very exciting to see physical changes on the site.

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!

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.

7th Annual Power Play Fundraising Event This Saturday!

Items Needed for Power Play Silent and Live Auction

Volunteers Needed

http://assets.ngin.com/attachments/document/0013/5912/PP_Membership_Donation_Request.pdf.

The 7th Annual Power Play Fundraiser for North Branch Area Hockey Association is this Saturday, October 9th! Only 4 days to go! Proceeds will go towards the Stacy Sports Complex project. If you haven't RSVP'd for the event please do so today so we can get a better idea of number to plan food for. Tickets will still be sold at the door, so please invite your family and friends to attend.

We are still in need of more donations for the silent and live auction. Please take a few minutes to review the attached flyer for donation ideas.

We are still in need of many volunteers to make this event a success. Sign up on Dibs. The shifts are short, so you will still have plenty of time to enjoy the event.

If you haven't turned in your raffle ticket stubs and money and non gambling money, please do so ASAP. There is paperwork that has to be completed prior to the drawing this weekend and it takes time to account for all the tickets

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! Contact Tim Cashill at president@northbranchhockey.com.

Needed: Used Mite Equipment

The association is in need of used Mite equipment for our new skaters. We are currently looking for Mite sized breezers and larger Mite or small Squirt sized helmets. If you have any equipment you are interested in either donating to the association or selling to the association please contact Paige at 651-755-0390 or vicepresident@northbranchhockey.com.

Coaches & Goalie Equipment Pickup

This Saturday, 10/9 at 8 am

If you are a Squirt, PeeWee or Mite coach or a goalie and need equipment, there will be an equipment pickup this Saturday Morning at 8am at the Bullseye Storage Facility. The coaches' deposit for equipment is \$75.00 and \$200.00 for goalies.

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:

- 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

Second Annual Used Equipment Giveaway - Volunteer Needed to Attend this Sunday, 10/10

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 Paige at (651) 755-0390 or vicepresident@northbranchhockey.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

Minnesota Hockey HEP Newsletter

http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?llr=dwjjv7cab&v=001TEa7HUw8hRH3byB5HbypACRuez_DsUWAC-HzRnjVxTkZsrleEQPOBmtawM4ZfCBlvkwLuS3qYRjsMRgKkE36_ZMhz1VnEM1oCVNmIsuTm4fwZS55vPI_vHYsW8FLTIRoOBirNy2Rrk%3D

\$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.
 - **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 Mite Skill Assessment. 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,**

Returning Families: 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

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

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.