



North Branch Area Hockey Association
Viking Hockey News – 10/13/2010



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!

10/13 – Mite Committee Meeting
10/15 – Fall Learn to Skate
10/16 – Fall Learn to Skate
10/16 - Mite Open Ice – Group 1
10/17 – Mite Open Ice – Group 2
10/23 – Mite Open Ice – Group 1
10/24 – Mite Open Ice – Group 2
10/19 – Mite Information Night
10/27 – Mite Registration Deadline
10/27- October Membership/Board Meeting
10/30-10/31 – Mite Skill Assessment

Have you been voting for, “If We Build It, They Will Skate?”

Thanks to everyone who has been voting for the Pepsi Refresh Everything Grant since 10/1. Keep on voting daily. We are currently ranked #57. Yes, we have a ways to go to #1 or #2 to secure this funding of \$250,000. Together, we can make this happen! Please take the time to vote daily if you haven't already been doing so. Also, please ask your friends and family to help us. Just think, with this funding we could be skating on an outdoor artificial sheet of ice by next Fall. Wouldn't it be great to not have to drive somewhere for every practice?

There are multiple options for voting and an individual can use all 3 options in one day. That's 3 votes.

Vote at <http://pep.si/nbhockey> - once per day per email address.

Vote on Facebook using the Pepsi Refresh Voting App - once per day per Facebook account.

Vote by Texting 103380 to 73774. There is no charge for this unless your mobile plan charges you for text messages.

If We Build It, They Will Skate!

Last Mite Night – Next Tuesday, 10/19

New Skaters Should Attend if they Haven't attended a meeting yet!

Returning Skaters who want to borrow starter equipment should attend!

The last Mite Information Night will be next ,Tuesday, 10/19 at 7 pm at the NB Fire Hall. If you know of any new skaters interested in playing hockey who haven't attended a meeting yet, please encourage them to attend. New skaters will be fitted for starter equipment that night. As well, if you have a returning Mite skater and need to borrow equipment you can attend the meeting and as long as we have enough equipment you can borrow starter equipment again this year.

Open Mite Ice

New for the 2010-2011 season is NBAHA Mite Open ice times! The following open ice times for Mites are being offered the next two weekends. Mites will be run through drills by our certified coaches. All certified mite coaches are encouraged to help out for both sessions or at least for the group you intend to coach for.

Saturday October 16th 4:40-5:40 pm (Group #1)

Sunday October 17th 8:30-9:30 am (Group #2)

Saturday October 23rd 4:40-5:40 pm (Group #1)

Sunday October 24th 8:50-9:50 am (Group #2)

Group #1 = Last year's B, C, D & U8

Group #2 = Last year's Initiation, A's and new skaters

All skaters must be registered online for the 2010-2011 season prior to the sessions. If you haven't registered yet, go to www.northbranchhockey.com to do so.

Power Play Raffle Ticket Winners

Thank you to everyone who supported our 2010 Power Play raffle fundraiser! The winning tickets were drawn Saturday night at our Power Play Fundraising event.

Grand Prize: Christina Grams of North Branch, sold by Courtright Family

2nd Place: Terry Houlihan of La Crosse, WI, sold on Sunday at Hay Days

3rd Place: Kim Salo of North Branch, sold at Fall Harvest

4th Place: Scott and Kelly Byrkit

5th Place: Greg Moyer of Moran Wyoming, sold on Saturday at Hay Days

6th Place: Peter Bloomdahl, sold by Kurkowski Family

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.

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](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

The current week's Minnesota Hockey HEP Newsletter is available at:

http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?llr=dwjjv7cab&v=0011iPQ44HokkqkW7T_-rfs1wHCUVxCJJn8w9YVZ-34pT74kUnRPcUCZGhJAPuvi5gwbtz8JZ3Y6xU8nwdwGyXGecxWfVrDX8zEzy5v9zfKAac%3D

Included in this newsletter are:

How to Increase Motivation and Performance through Goal Setting

FOX Sports North Fan Pack: \$55 for 2!

Letter from Tom Mickus: Director, Minnesota Hockey Recreational League

The ABCs of the ADM

Vote for "If We Build It, They Will Skate," North Branch's Pepsi Refresh Everything Challenge Entry

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.

Minnesota Hockey Recreational League Announces Second Season

League to continue offering fun hockey opportunities at a low cost and lesser time commitment

St. Paul, MN – October 7, 2010 –

Minnesota Hockey has announced that registration for the second season of the Minnesota Hockey Recreational League is now open through November 1, 2010. The League will begin play in early December emphasizing a one-two day(s) per week, low cost hockey option for boys and girls aged 9-14.

“The first season of the Minnesota Hockey Recreational League was exactly what we hoped it would be,” said Tom Mickus, Director of the Recreational League. “We had players that had played hockey for several years and wanted to keep playing, however they also wanted to pursue other winter activities too. We also had some players who were playing organized hockey for the first time. And it was obvious that everyone in the league had fun!”

Highlights of the Recreational League include:

- **Age Divisions:** The Recreational League will offer two age divisions for the 2010-11 season. The 11U division is for players age 9 through 11. The 14U division is for players age 12 through 14. Both divisions will be no-check and are for boys and girls.
- **Cost:** \$340 for skaters and \$190 for goalies.
- **Game/Practice Schedule:** Each team will play approximately 12 indoor games (almost all games will be on weekends) and 12 shared indoor practices (generally mid-week evenings). There will also be an opening season skills clinic for players and coaches in early December and the season will run through mid-March.
- **Team Locations:** The Recreational League is planning to have six teams in each division representing geographical areas of the Twin Cities.

“My two sons played in the Recreational League last year and I was a coach,” said Sean Marsan of Eden Prairie, MN. “My children thoroughly enjoyed their experience and it was nice seeing so many boys and girls having fun playing hockey, many of whom might not be playing if it weren’t for this league.”

For more information or to register, please visit www.minnesotahockey.org or send an email to info@minnesotahockey.org.

Minnesota Hockey, a USA Hockey affiliate, is the governing body of youth hockey in Minnesota. With over 63,000 registered players and coaches, it is the largest state governing body for hockey in the United States.

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.

Power Play Sponsors

Thank you to the following businesses for sponsoring our Power Play Fundraising Event!

3M	MN Wild
BG Automotive of Minnesota	North Branch Golf Course
Branch Landscape Nursery	North Branch Outlets
Bridgette Sutter	Prism Design & Embroidery
Bullseye Shooting Range	Radisson Duluth - Harborview
Casey's General Store	Robert Briscoe Pottery
CJ's Bar & Grill	Romayne's Bar and Grill
Craig Moline	Running Ace's Harness Park
Dave's Sports Shop	Scott & Lisa Isaacson
East Central Screen Printing	Slumberland
Escape Salon & Tan	Stacy Lions
EVC, Inc.,	Stacy Self Storage
Flyaway's North Gymnastics	Star 95 Carwash
Forest Lake Skate & Cycle	Sven's BBQ
Full Moon	TGI Friday's
Goff & Howard	Tim and Tamara Hink
Grand Casino - Hinckley	Todd & Kerry Harvey
Hillroad Kennels	Tom & Darci Garin
Hockey Giant	Larry & Kristi White
Holiday	WAABI
Home Depot	Wine & Roses
Insight Printing & Apparel	Stacy Self Storage
Isanti Arena	Tim's Country Cupboard
J & DL Concrete & Masonry	Van De Kamp
Jolena Axberg	Good Earth Shop
Kafe Stuga	North Branch Dental
Key's Café	
Lee's Limousine	
Lee's Sport Shop	
Lent Town Hall	
Mary Kay - Lori Pendergrass	
Miami Nails	
Mike Fabini	
Minnesota Vikings	
MN Owls	
MN Timberwolves	
MN Twins	