



# Huskies Headlines

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## Club Calendar:

Board Meeting	Feb 9
CSDHL playoffs begin	Feb 11 & 18
NIHL playoffs begin	Feb 15

## President's Hello

Happy New Year!

We had another outstanding month of hockey in December (and January too, actually) to wrap up 2010 and begin 2011. Many of our Huskies' teams were in Holiday and Christmas Tournaments and Silver Stick Regional's. Read further to see results...

We are wrapping up our regular season play and prepping for playoffs and state tournaments coming up in February. Central States (CSDHL) and NIHL playoff information has already been distributed to team managers and coaches. Blackhawk Cup state tournament information has also been distributed for those who would like to compete in this as well.

The Board is finalizing our Spring 2011 season and information will be communicated soon. We will also introduce upcoming camps and clinics to keep those hockey skills sharp. Stay tuned to the website and your e-mail for up to date information.

Good luck to all teams in their upcoming playoff and state games.

**Go Huskies and Go Blackhawks!!**

Bob Graham – HHC President

## ICC Construction Update

Progress continues as we move toward completion of recent projects. The elevators are in and have been painted to match the current color scheme of the interior of the rink. Sump pumps still need to be installed, along with modifications to the fire alarm. Testing and final floor patching will complete the elevator construction.

Mechanical projects still in progress are piping and chiller fabrication. Electrical modifications to the chillers & AHUs are also being done. Exterior painting will commence once the weather is warmer outside and inside vapor barrier work should be completed very shortly.

No completion date has been set at time of printing, but there is light at the end of the tunnel.

## Spring 2011

Keep a look out in the next week or two for spring hockey information. Final details will be released via website, e-mail and lobby flyers.

## Volunteer Opportunities

With the upcoming NIHL and Blackhawk Cup playoff games, IIC will be hosting some of these exciting rounds of hockey. Scorekeepers and penalty box volunteers will be needed. As games are played down and a schedule is put together, look for additional information to be released.

In addition to the above our Summer Volunteer Program will be kicking off soon. Opportunities to help pay for future fall fees will be released very soon. Regularly check the *Volunteering* Page on our Huskies website for all the up to date information and schedules.

For any questions or further information on volunteering please contact:

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## Congratulations Mite 2



### **Mite 2 – Chicago Mid-Winter Classic Champions**

Congratulations to Coach Derek Camuel and the Huskies Mites 2 team. The players had a great weekend of play and went undefeated in the tournament.

## *Congratulations Squirt 3*

Congratulations to Coach Artie Schulz and the Huskies Squirt 3 team who finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the Brickyard Tournament in Indianapolis, IN over the MLK Jr. weekend. They finished at 2-1-1 overall. Great job Squirt 3!!

## *Congratulations Squirt 2*



### ***Squirt 2 – Arctic Blast Champions, Chesterfield, MO***

Congratulations to the Squirt 2 team for winning the Arctic Blast tournament over Martin Luther King weekend in Chesterfield, MO. They went 5-0-1 over 3 days and were able to bring the trophy home!

## *Congratulations Pee Wee 2*



### ***Pee Wee 2 – Motown Classic Champions, Detroit, MI***

Congratulations to the PW2 Huskies for a tremendous showing in Detroit during the Motown Classic Jan 21-23. The team went 3-0-1 for the weekend bringing home the Championship trophy. Game 1 was played against the Frasier Bruins of Detroit, which PW2 met during the final, and ended in a 3-3 tie. Forward Blake Camuel was injured in the final seconds of this game, but stayed in good spirits at the hospital as his team steamrolled through the next few games. Game 2 was a 6-1 win over the (Canadian) Brampton Spitfires, where Logan Ommen netted a hat trick. In game 3 against another Canadian team, the Trimline Predators, the Huskies won as Luke Phillips shot down the ice like a rocket to score the GWG with another coming from Colin Weber. The Championship game ended at 1-1 in regulation, and the score was unchanged after a 5 minute OT. A five round shoot out ensued with Ommen, Patrick Quinlan and Phillips scoring to defeat the Detroit team in a 4-3 shoot-out final. Goalie Brandon Boies was awarded the MVP of the Championship game for outstanding play and definitely deserved the honor. Great job, we are so proud of all of you!!

## *Congratulations Pee Wee 3*



*Pee Wee 3 – Iowa Holiday Faceoff Champions, Coralville, IA*

## *Nelly's Skills Clinic*

### *Get your skills on...*

Join Justin "Nelly" Nelson for a 3 day clinic from **February 23-25** here at IIC. The clinics are open for levels mite to bantam with a maximum of 30 skaters per group and a minimum of 15 skaters per group. Groups will be divided into Mite/Squirt and Pee Wee/Bantam at a cost of \$109.00 per skater. Registration information is on our Huskies website now.

**Mite/Squirt**            Mon 5:00-6:15pm & Tues/Wed 5:00-6:30pm

**Pee Wee/Bantam**    Mon 6:25-7:40pm & Tues/Wed 6:40-8:10pm

Questions can be directed to Michele Payne at [smbpayne@comcast.net](mailto:smbpayne@comcast.net).

## *Congratulations Bantam 2*



### ***Bantam 2 – Motown Classic Champions, Detroit, MI***

The Bantam 2 Gold team returned victorious from their trip to Detroit where they participated in the Motown Classic. They were 1-0-2 for the tournament and made it to the Championship game to play the '96 Ontario Waterloo team, whom they had previously tied. To get ready for the game, the entire team (including our 2 Canadians) taped up their sticks with USA tape and their team motto before the game was changed to "U-S-A". (Though, rumor has it there was some black/white tape waiting in the locker room for those 2 players to re-tape their sticks after the game!). The Huskies played a hard & physical game to win by a score of 5-2. Ryan Trombley was selected as the MVP for the game for exceptional performance. Congratulations to the entire team for their 2nd Tournament Championship of the season!

## *Congratulations Midget Minors*



***Midget Minor – Frozen Cup Champions, Philadelphia, PA***

## *Huskies helping St. Baldrick's*

“Every 3 and 1/2 minutes another parent is told their child has cancer and 1 in every 5 children diagnosed die.” This is unacceptable and two of our very own Pee Wee Huskies are trying to help defeat these statistics in their own little way. Sarah Chan and Logan Ommen are participating in two separate events, but for the same cause to help kids fight this disease. Chan will be participating on March 13<sup>th</sup> at Finnegan’s Pub in Plainfield and Ommen will be participating on March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Bolingbrook Golf Club. St. Baldrick’s events are held all over the Chicagoland area but all donations go to the St. Baldrick’s Foundation. Both Chan and Ommen have separate web pages on St. Baldrick’s website ([www.stbaldricks.org](http://www.stbaldricks.org)) to help raise funds on their behalf. You can find them by going to the website and searching on their name or copy and paste the links below. Donations can be made now until the date of their event. Anyone can donate on-line or see them individually if you would rather donate by cash or check. Most local events are open to everyone (whether you are a shaver or not). Keep track of their progress in future newsletters until March!!

### Donation web links:

**Sarah Chan:** <http://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/participantid/416849>

**Logan Ommen:** <http://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/participantid/420253>

If you are interested in being a shaver or volunteer for St. Baldrick’s please contact Nikki Ommen at [nikki@huskieshockeyclub.com](mailto:nikki@huskieshockeyclub.com). If there is enough interest, we can have someone come talk to the group and form a Huskies Team to participate!!

## *Huskies Award Winners – Academic Scholars*

Both the Central States Developmental Hockey League (CSDHL) and the Northern Illinois Hockey League (NIHL) along with your very own Huskies Hockey Club (HHC) recognize hard work on the ice and off. Both leagues have made an effort to reward those players who excel in the classroom. The CSDHL and NIHL demand straight A's in all subjects and commend each academic scholar for this accomplishment. Following are *additional award winners* who have achieved this award in their first quarter or trimester for the HHC:

**Brock Imel (NIHL, PW3)**  
**Dakota Kisel (NIHL, PW3)**  
**Max Graham (NIHL, PW3)**  
**Jackson Krock (CSDHL, Squirt)**  
**Michael Bonaguro (CSDHL, Bantam)**  
**Brooke Meyer (CSDHL, Midget Minor)**  
**Matt Poli (CSDHL, Midget Minor)**  
**Kyle Wedoff (CSDHL, Midget Minor)**

*\*A complete list of Huskies Academic Scholars can be found on the Huskies website\**

***Congratulations and keep up the great work!***

## *Welcome to the Board...*

The Huskies Board of Directors would like to welcome three new members. Two members were promoted up from the Events Committee and one member replaces a position that was vacated in December.

**Michele Chase**, who has a Midget and a Pee Wee with the Huskies, came up from the Events Committee to assist in a larger capacity and help the Board with a variety of responsibilities to be determined.

**Scott Rutledge**, who has a Pee Wee and a Squirt is also from the Events Committee. He will be

using his talents to locate and bring new marketing sponsors to partner with the HHC and retain them for the club.

Our third new member is **Pam Moskaluk**, who has a Squirt, Pee Wee and a Bantam skating for the club and will take over the Equipment and Apparel Chair, along with additional responsibilities to be determined.

Please congratulate them next time to you see them in the lobby. They are each an asset to the HHC in many ways.

***The Huskies Board of Directors released the following letter on January 27, 2011 in response to the pending foreclosure proceeding. Should you have any questions about the letter or the sale of the facility, please feel free to contact a board member. Thank you for your continued commitment to the Huskies Hockey Club.***

January 27, 2011

To the HHC membership:

As President of the HHC and the IIC, I have been working on many things over the last two years that are necessary to move our club forward.

First and foremost has been establishing a stable hockey club which is wrapped in a stable home. As many of you know, this has not always been the case. Calculations by previous HHC board members, financiers and facility managers (who believed wholeheartedly that a community-based Tier II hockey club could "move" its community) were sorely mistaken. The financing, unfortunately for the HHC and the IIC, followed the same erroneous model; to which end the debt could never be serviced. The economic climate of the last few years made it abundantly clear that to succeed, the HHC and IIC require revised thinking and reconstitution in their new community of Romeoville.

The IIC has focused its efforts on introducing ice skating and hockey to Romeoville and neighboring communities. Its efforts to "grow the sport" have resulted in a current enrollment of approximately 225 mites in the IIC house program and another 200 skaters in its "learn to skate" programs. The HHC seeks to build on that success by positioning itself as one of the premier clubs in the southwest suburbs. The HHC has retained quality coaches for its teams and clinics, provides on- and off-ice training for its players and supplies its players and families with a facility and environment that fosters the love of the sport.

Now, an excellent rink management company with great programs in place coupled with removing the yoke of the debt assures the HHC will continue its growth in a positive forward motion. The HHC and its programs are here to stay, not as rink owners and guarantors of exorbitant debt, but as much-wanted successful anchor tenants of the IIC, a beautiful facility that we will continue to call the "Home of the Huskies Hockey Club".

Bob Graham  
President  
Huskies Hockey Club and International Ice Centre

# Playoff Information

## Central States Playoffs (CSDHL)

Additional information can be found on the CSDHL website at [www.csdhl.org](http://www.csdhl.org). Here are dates and locations.

**Who:** Squirt, Pee Wee & Bantam Minor

**When:** February 11-13, 2011

**Where:** The Leafs Center in West Dundee, IL.

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**Who:** Bantam Major & Midgets

**When:** February 18-20, 2011

**Where:** Hardee's Ice Plex in Chesterfield, MO.

## Northern Illinois Playoffs (NIHL)

Additional information can be found on the NIHL website at [www.nihlinfo.com](http://www.nihlinfo.com) and click on *Wolves Cup* in the left margin. On the next screen choose your team level and you will see your playing bracket and game site locations.

### Dates to remember:

Feb 12 – NIHL Regular season ends

Feb 15 – Silver/Bronze playoffs begin

Feb 17 – Elite/Gold playoffs begin

Feb 25-27 – Elite/Gold Championship

Mar 4-6 – Silver/Bronze Championship

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*Go Huskies*

Visit our website at:  
[huskieshockeyclub.com](http://huskieshockeyclub.com)



Since 1969, the **Huskies Hockey Club** has been committed to growing and developing youth hockey in the Chicago area and bringing the wonderful game of hockey to as many children as possible. Our philosophy has been to offer a progression of youth programs that satisfies every level of hockey skill and interest.

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