



# Black & Gold News

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## Jaguar Hockey Club

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### Dates To Remember:

- **Monday, February 14th**-The Chicago Steel will be at Powerskate 5:40-7:50.
- **Wednesday, February 16th** Jaguar Board of Director's Meeting.
- **Saturday, February 19th** - Skate Across America - Come Play Hockey Free Day plus Used Equipment Sale 1:45 to 3:00!!
- **Saturday/Sunday, February 26th and 27th and March 5th and 6th**-Jaguars Host the NIHHL Championship's at all Levels!!!
- **Saturday, March 19th** Jaguar Year End Banquet 1:45-4:45

### Did You Know?

\*Did you know that the word "hockey" comes from the French word "hoquet" which means 'bent stick'.

\*On Wednesday, September 23rd, 1992, Manon Rheume made sports history by being the first woman to play in one of the four major sports leagues in the United States. She goaltended for the Tampa Bay Lightning of the National Hockey League in a pre-season game against the St. Louis Blues.

\*On November 28, 1979, Billy Smith became the first goaltender in NHL history to be credited with a goal.



## Jaguar Mite 2 Winter Classic!!!

As the clouds gave way to the sun on Saturday January 22nd, the Jaguars Mite 2 team arrived in Evergreen Park for an outdoor game vs. the St. Jude Knights. Once they got of their cars the kids knew it was going to be an experience. A reporter from the Southtown Star gathered the kids together and gave them their first pre-game interview. After the team finished the interview, they made their way to the Firehouse, where a temporary dressing area was set-up for them in between two fire trucks. Once dressed in their alternate jerseys, the Jaguars marched out of the Evergreen Park Firehouse and to the outdoor rink for the game.

got their skates underneath them and began to press them offensively. With two great rushes by Steriotti and Muhr foiled by penalty worthy techniques, and a physical response by the Jaguars...the referees

that span. When the final horn sounded the Jaguars were down 6-2, but certainly thrilled the crowd with their effort and heart as they played well against a very talented team.



Once the game was over, the Jaguars and Knights returned to the firehouse to warm-up. After getting undressed and crushing 6 boxes of pizza and countless drinks for each team, the mites were all smiles climbing on the fire trucks in their jerseys with medals around their necks. On behalf of the Jaguar Hockey Club, I want to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the St. Jude Knights for inviting us to participate in this event. It was very clear that a lot of time and effort was put in to make the day as much fun as it was. This was a truly memorable experience for all involved. Thank You!

The game consisted of three 17 minute running clock periods, music and an announcer. After the ceremonial puck drop by the Evergreen Park Mayor, the game began at approximately 1pm in 18 degree weather. St Jude scored early as the Jaguars became acclimated to the rough ice and windy conditions. After another Knight score the Jaguars

realized that the kids were here to compete despite the exhibition format. Around the end of the 1st period, a decision was made to begin calling penalties and play resumed. The final two periods were tightly contested and fun to watch with scoring being equal between the teams over

p.s. Ken and Bob look really cold... more so than the kids!

~Dave Guseman  
Jaguar Mite #2 Manager

## Jaguar Alumni ~ Introducing Coach Rob Steriotti:



I don't remember the "why" only the "when" and "how." I was in first grade at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School in Joliet when I came home with a flyer in my weekly paper-work. "Learn to play Hockey!" Lessons at the Joliet Park District. Call... My dad says I asked, I begged, I pleaded. I honestly don't remember any of this. I have no recollection of ever holding a hockey stick let alone seeing one before I brought home this flyer from school. Yet, according to my father, who loves hockey, but never played, I really, really wanted to learn how to play hockey.

So, my hockey journey begins. My dad bought me 2 pairs of skates at Stukel's Wide World of Sports in Joliet. He surprised me with them one day when he picked me up from school. Why 2 pairs you ask? Well, if one pair didn't fit the others surely would, right? We bought the rest of my hockey equipment at Strictly Golf and Hockey. I was ready! The Jaguars had not been conceived yet when I started playing hockey. It was simply the Joliet Park District. They gave me a purple, red and white jersey with no logo on it, just a number. Unlike the PVC skating trainers we have at Inwood today, I learned to skate by pushing an aluminum folding chair around the ice. I was hooked. And when I wasn't with my team I would spend as much time as possible at Open Skate (I actually met my wife, Wendy at Open Skate,

but that's another story). This is where I met Tammy Workman House, one of our Jaguar Learn to Skate instructors. Of course she was just in high school then and employed by the Park District as a Rink Guard. I can honestly say that I learned as much from her as any coach I ever had.

About a year passed and I made the move to travel hockey. The Homewood Flossmor Cardinals used to buy ice at the old Inwood. My dad inquired about their program from one of their Mite coaches and before I knew it I had a try out scheduled. I made the team and was promptly given 2 jerseys (home and away) ala Montreal Canadiens replicas, 2 pairs of socks, helmet decals, and a request to buy a blue helmet. I had reached the big time. I came back to play in Joliet under the Jaguars a few years later as a second year PeeWee. It was then that I met many of the same hockey friends I have today such as Coaches Lenci, Krause, Brenczewski, and Fronek. It was hard to believe how the program had grown in just about 5 years.

My hockey career continued through high school at Joliet Catholic and concluded in a state championship game with the Sabres Midget team. I went to college at St. John's University in Minnesota. I played a little Broom ball and 4 years of club Lacrosse. I came back home after graduating and played on the legendary Cookies Jar men's hockey team for one season. I found that hockey just didn't appeal to me anymore and once again hung up my

skates. It was almost 15 years later when my own kids came home from school one day and asked....

That's right, my 2 boys Sam and Max both wanted to start playing hockey. I owe this not to a school flyer, but to Rocky Wirtz for deciding to put the Blackhawks games on TV. Sam and Max started out at Open Skating and then quickly jumped into pre hockey with the Jaguars. I was shocked to find out that the parents could come out on the ice with the kids. I dusted off my old Tacks and I was as excited as my boys. I think they were a little surprised that Dad could actually skate. It was shortly after that I was asked by then Hockey Director, Mike Breslin, to become a regular on the ice for the Learn to Skate and Pre Hockey programs.

I am extremely thankful for the many opportunities the Jaguars have given me. Over the past 3 years I've not only been able to work with my own kids on the ice, but I've been able to work with kids in the pre hockey program all the way up through our Bantam teams. I'm so proud of the Jaguars organization and the difference we are making in the lives of all our players by teaching life lessons through the sport of hockey. We are not the biggest hockey organization around, but we are a tight knit group that love the sport. I see only good things to come for all of us in the future. See you all at the rink!

Your Friend in Hockey,

Coach Rob Steriotti  
Jaguar Mite #2 Head Coach





Players from **The Chicago Steel** will be attending Powerskate Monday Feb. 14th from 5:40-7:50!!



Hockey Across **AMERICA** sponsored by USA Hockey, Saturday Feb. 19th @ 1:45 Bring a friend to the rink for Free Hockey Day!



Jaguar Pee-Wee #2

**Sale**  
Used Equipment!!

Saturday Feb. 19th  
1:45 to 3:00

**The Smokey Mountain**  
Congratulations Jaguars!!

- Midgets #1 ~ 2nd Place!!
- Bantams #1 ~ 4th Place!!
- Pee-Wee #1 ~ 2nd Place!!
- Pee-Wee #2 ~ 1st Place!!
- Pee-Wee #3 ~ 4th Place!!
- Squirt #1 ~ 4th Place!!
- Squirt #2 ~ 4th Place!!
- Mite #1 ~ 3rd Place!!
- Mite #2 ~ 4th Place!!

**Shootout**

Tuesdays, @ 9-10pm  
Old Steel on Ice-Adult Skate  
(register online \$10 per session!!)



Jaguar Pee-Wee #1



Jaguar Midget Major's

**Peewee Checking Clinic with Jerry Fronck**  
Required for all 2000's Recommended for all 1999's and 2001's

**Monday, March 7th**  
from 5:30-6:15 pm off-ice  
AND 6:50-7:50 pm on ice  
**Tuesday, March 8th**  
from 8:25-10:00 pm on ice  
**Wednesday, March 9th**  
from 6:50-7:50 pm on ice

Cost: \$75.00 | if already participated in checking clinic, \$50.00 (Registration is available online)

**Jaguar Hockey Club**  
**Announce Spring Hockey!!**

Southwest Spring League	Midget Major and Midget Minor
Season begins April 9th   ends May 10th   play-offs May 14, 15, 16 Teams Mite through Bantam Divisions Green through Red SVSL Games, 8 team practices plus 8 skills clinics Reversible jersey plus socks (evaluations schedule TBD) Cost: On-line Registration Only \$50 non-refundable evaluation fee (due at registration) \$425 season fee (payments due April 1st and May 1st) * All Spring SVSL teams are eligible to participate in one tournament if team as a whole agrees.	"Stateville Selects" Tournaments include the Cougar Classic plus Advanced Tournament Skills and Practices: 2.5 hours for 8 weeks (No evaluations) Contact Coach Griffin Schiele if interested Cell # 630-915- 4037 or email Griffinschiele@gmail.com Cost: On-line Registration Only (payment due at registration) \$425 Skills, Practices & 2 Tournaments \$225 Skills Only <b>Girls Spring Hockey</b> Cost: \$225 for 15 ice touches \$20 walk-in cost per skate (No evaluation - payment in full at registration)

Save the date for **The Jaguar Hockey Year End Banquet!!**  
**March 19, 2011**  
**1:45-3:45**  
 To volunteer, Please contact Keri Zschach  
 kbear614@aol.com

Stay to watch the Midget's vs. Coaches game at 4pm!!