



North Branch Area Hockey Association
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Remember to check www.northbranchhockey.com for more details on items below and for daily updates!

Upcoming Meetings & Important Dates – see website for more details on each

Don't forget Friday Hockey Spirit Days!

4/27: Membership/Board Meeting
5/21: Golf Tournament Fundraiser
6/19: Midsummer Day Parade

- **Congratulations to Bantam State Consolation Champs:** Congratulations to Zak and Louis, 2 NBAHA Bantam players who played this year for Chisago Lakes.



- **NBAHA Board for 2011 - 2012:** Board elections were held at the annual meeting this week. Thanks to everyone who agreed to serve on the board. Details are posted at http://www.northbranchhockey.com/news_article/show/83984?referrer_id=107356.

- **Stacy Sports Complex Update:** Mark Bigelbach, President of Conquest Inc spoke at the annual meeting about his group's involvement in the Stacy Sports Complex. Mark was the developer of the newly opened Vadnais Sports Center and is currently Chief Operating Officer of The Sports Facility Development and Management Group, the entity responsible for the overall operations of the sports center. For more information on what was discussed at the meeting go to http://www.northbranchhockey.com/news_article/show/84130?referrer_id=106499.

- **NBAHA Donates \$25,000 to the Community:** At our annual meeting the membership voted on donating dollars earned from our charitable gambling operations to the community. Annually we give back approximately 10% to local non-profit organizations in the community and the remainder is given to the City of Stacy Sports Complex Fund. This year, \$22,800 was deposited into that account. For more details go to http://www.northbranchhockey.com/news_article/show/83991?referrer_id=107356
- **Golf Tournament Fundraiser for kids and Adults:** It's time to start putting your golf team together! The golf tournament will be held on May 21st at Falcon Ridge golf course with a shotgun start at 1:00 pm. New this year, is a golf tournament for kids and adults. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Stacy Sports Complex. See flyer at http://assets.ngin.com/attachments/document/0017/5112/2011_Golf_Tournament.pdf for more details.
- **Service Requirement for 2011 – 2012 Season:** The board has approved the requirement for next season and details are posted at <http://www.northbranchhockey.com/page/show/160018-volunteers>. Here are a few highlights from the policy.
 - 4 credits per returning family need to be completed between 4/1/11 and 3/31/12
 - \$50 fee per unfulfilled credit will be billed and must be paid prior to the next year's registration
 - New this year: Coaches(still expected to help at learn to skate/evaluations, etc), board members, active committee members, equipment manager, service manager, web manager, Girl's coordinator, active committee members will fulfill all credits by serving in this positions
 - Volunteer opportunities are posted on the website under Dibs
 - Nikki Saleen has agreed to fulfill the position of Service Manager and can be reached at servicemanager@northbranchhockey.com if you have any questions related to the Service Requirement or Dibs.

Please take time to review the policy the policy in detail. We will begin posting volunteer opportunities sometime in April for Adopt a Highway and the Golf Tournament Fundraiser. Summer and early fall are our busiest times and when we need volunteers the most.

- **Grant Seekers Needed!** – Do you enjoy spending time on the internet? Would you like to contribute to the Stacy Sports Complex project? We are looking for individuals who have some spare time to help search for potential grant opportunities for the project. If you help with this task you will receive service credits for next season. For more details, visit http://www.northbranchhockey.com/news_article/show/84132?referrer_id=106499.

- **S.K.A.T.E Coordinator Needed!**

We are currently looking for a parent in the North Branch Area Hockey Association to fill the S.K.A.T.E. Coordinator position. This position will report to the Registrar. S.K.A.T.E. stands for “Skaters Keep Achieving Through Education” and is a program that encourages, supports and rewards youth hockey players who commit themselves to their schoolwork while enjoying the sport of hockey. A job description is posted at <http://www.northbranchhockey.com/page/show/107331-skate-coordinator>. You will be responsible for distributing information on the program to skaters, collecting SKATE forms from skaters after report cards are received during the school year, sending information in to D10 in order to receive awards for skaters, distributing awards to teams. If you are interested, contact Kerry Harvey at registrar@northbranchhockey.com. Your 2011-2012 service requirements will be fulfilled by filling this position.

- **Upcoming Activities:** The association plans to participate in many events this coming season. These events serve many purposes including community involvement, publicity, recruiting, fundraising and running of the association. Here is a glimpse at the events currently planned for the next year. We encourage your participation at these events as it takes all of us to support the association’s goals.
 - April: Adopt a Highway, Membership/Board Meeting
 - May: Golf Tournament (Fundraiser) , Membership/Board Meeting
 - June: Midsummer Day Parade (Recruiting Effort) , Membership/Board Meeting
 - July: County Market Brat Stand (Fundraiser) , Membership/Board Meeting
 - August: Stacy Days Booth Fundraiser, Stacy Days Parade (Recruiting Effort), Almelund Threshing Show (Fundraiser), Membership/Board Meeting
 - September: Hay Days Fundraiser, Adopt a Highway, Fall Harvest Festival (Fundraiser and Recruiting Effort), Raffle Drawing for Summer Raffle, NB Kids Carnival (Recruiting Effort) , Membership/Board Meeting, Traveling Skater Evaluations
 - October: Membership/Board Meeting
 - November: Membership/Board Meeting
 - December: Membership/Board Meeting
 - January: Membership/Board Meeting
 - February: Membership/Board Meeting
 - March: Power Play (Fundraiser), Annual Membership Meeting, Board Meeting