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Wayzata Youth Hockey Association



Wayzata Youth Hockey Association Board Members: Pictured from left to right are Sarah Schilling, Alex Becker, Rob Rude, Laurie Asplund, Carrie Starry, Derek Gullett, Brenda Senden, Greg Gibson, Mark Sivets, Paul Hahn. Not pictured are Barry Sorensen, Brad Langfus, Bill Orke, John Buan, Jim Smith, Steve LaRose and Kathy Hewitt.

Charitable Gambling and WYHA - A Winning Ticket

By Linda Riley and Kathy Hewitt

The Wayzata Youth Hockey Association (WYHA) and Broadway Pizza in Plymouth are teaming up to support youth hockey in our community. Beginning November 1, 2009, patrons who visit Broadway Pizza at 13705 27th Ave North in Plymouth will be supporting WYHA through the purchase of pull-tabs or by playing Bar Bingo, which takes place on Tuesday nights. All profits from the operation are donated to WYHA.

Broadway Pizza approached WYHA this past summer with the idea of partnering in a charitable gambling operation. The opportunity was presented to the WYHA Board in May. WYHA thought it would be a fundraising opportunity they couldn't walk away from and began the process to implement charitable gambling at WYHA.

A Gambling Committee was formed to research what was necessary to implement charitable gambling at WYHA. The committee consisted of Greg Gibson, Barry Sorensen, Brenda Senden, Tom Hewitt and Derek Gullett. The committee presented the results of their research and the WYHA Board approved going forward with the concept.

The next step was to get approval for charitable gambling from the City of Plymouth. Once the paperwork was complete, the charitable gambling plan was brought before the City Council for approval. The City Council voted and approved the plan.

Once the city approved the plan, WYHA then had to complete state licensing procedures. The gambling managers, Derek Gullett and Kathy Hewitt, and president Greg Gibson, attended a two-day training session operated by the Gambling Control Board and the Department of Revenue to learn the ins and outs of charitable gambling, including

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Registration Results are strong for 2009/20010

WYHA participation is still quite strong in our organization, according to the turnout for the start of this year's season.

Registrations are still being accepted for the Mite and 8U levels so these numbers may still rise slightly, but as of October 5, 2009, the number of youth players registered to play hockey for WYHA has increased slightly over 2008-2009.

According to WYHA Registrars Mark and Colleen Sivets, the economy has had a bigger impact upon hockey registration than the new Participation Rule.* However, if the Participation Rule remains unchanged, WYHA would have been more affected next year and in the upcoming seasons. WYHA could still be impacted, depending upon what changes are made to the Participation Rule for the 2010-2011 season on Nov 1st, when MN Hockey will announce an updated policy.

*For a full explanation of the Participation Rule, see page 4.

Level	Players
Mite Mini	53
Mite Rookie	77
Mite Intermediate	70
Mite Advanced	163
8U Rookies	32
8U Advanced	54
Squirt Travel	140
Squirt C	23
Peewee Travel	137
Peewee C	17
Bantam Travel	116
Jr. Gold	55
Jr. Gold/HS tryouts	38
10U & Under	39
12U & Under	58
14U & Under	45
19U & Under	2
TOTAL	1119

Help Wanted!

Volunteers are needed for the following positions. These opportunities fulfill all of your volunteer hours and help the Wayzata Youth Hockey Association be a successful and strong organization! For more information, please contact those individuals listed below.

Position	Contact	Phone/Email
Fundraising Coordinator-Blueline Board	Brenda Senden	763-232-2940 or bsenden@hotmail.com
Academic Awards Coordinator	Brenda Senden	763-232-2940 or bsenden@hotmail.com
State Tournament Coordinator	Kathy Hewitt	612-867-0031 or kathyhewitt@gmail.com
Arena Banners	Linda Riley	612-578-6858 or linda.riley66@gmail.com



Letter to the Editor

This email was received from a family new to WYHA. Thank you for taking the time to let us know how we are doing!

Dear WYHA:
 Each hockey season brings excitement, coordination of hectic family schedules, and stress over tryouts.

Our family is new to WYHA, so this hockey season brought some additional apprehension. We came from a small hockey association, and WYHA seemed overwhelming. We've had some very pleasant surprises.

- The online registration process was well explained and easy to navigate.
- Tryouts were orderly and well executed.
- The WYHA website has been a great resource.
- Parents have welcomed us, introduced us to others, and "taught us the ropes." It is clear that WYHA is a well managed organization.
- We have been warmly welcomed by players, parents, and coaches.

Thanks for the warm welcome, WYHA! We're so happy to be here.



The Blueline Board. Left to right: Judy Ehlers, Laurie Ahrens, Brenda Senden, Beth Pruden, Linda Riley. Not pictured: Kathy Hewitt

FUNdraising

By Linda Riley

The 2009-2010 hockey season is upon us. The travel and C teams have formed. The Mites are hitting the ice now and are in the process of being herded into teams at this moment. Time to drop the puck.

It's almost a relief for the season to get under way. Players are relieved the stress is over-tryouts, finding out which level you made and which friends are on your team. Parents are also relieved the stress is over-tryouts, finding out which level your player made and finding out which friends

(parents) are on your team. But that is where the similarity ends. Because while the kids move on to practicing, playing games, coordinating play dates and having fun, we get handed another stress. Writing the check. Paying the bill. Coughing up the cash. However you want to phrase it, we spend a lot of money to cover ice time, gas, gate fees, coaching fees, out of town tournament costs and more.

As you write the checks this year, keep in mind it could be worse. Each year, fundraisers coordinated by the Blueline Board offset your hockey costs. Last season, the Blueline Board

contributed \$66,000 to WYHA! This year, being sensitive to the economy and its impact to WYHA families, the Blueline Board will forego hosting an Evening Social fundraiser as they have the past couple of years, and instead focus on passive fundraisers. Because of this, it is more important than ever to support our partners. Every time you purchase from the following partners, you are supporting WYHA.

If you are interested in partnering with WYHA for a fundraising event, please contact Beth Pruden at 763.464.4649 or by email at tpcbeth@comcast.net

Fundraiser	Description
Car Window Stickers	Coming soon! We will provide a link to the website to order black and white or color clings to stick to your car window. Great inexpensive gifts! A portion of each purchase goes directly to WYHA.
Food Perspectives	This is new to WYHA this year! Compensation for Food Perspectives taste tests range from \$35-\$100 and \$10 of that will be donated to WYHA. New testers that sign up before October 31, 2009 will receive an additional \$5.00 toward WYHA for their first participation between now and March 31, 2010. To sign up as a new tester go to http://scheduler.fpitesters.com/?navcode=newaccount.cfm
Hitches	This year, the Blueline Board will be selling Wayzata Hockey emblazoned trailer hitch covers. These will be on sale through your team representative and at Wayzata hosted tournaments.
Holiday Cards	Order your holiday cards through Linhoff photography. For every order, WYHA will receive a 20% donation from Linhoff. Go to the following address to access their site directly. http://www.photogize.com/bponet/main.aspx?cl=graphx270
Online Stick Handling	This was a program that was offered this past summer. WYHA received donations from DVDs you purchased!
Photos	When you buy your player's team picture or panoramic photo, a portion of your purchase price is donated back to WYHA. Pictures will take place on November 14 & 21 this year.
Pull Tabs and Bingo	*NEW THIS YEAR* Broadway Pizza, located near the intersection of Highway 55 and Xenium Lane in Plymouth, has invited us to sell pull-tabs at their site. Support WYHA by dining, hosting team parties or ordering out at Broadway pizza.
SportsFresh	SportsFresh provides cleaning and sanitizing services for all your sports gear. They are located at 10842 County Road 81 in Maple Grove, just west of the Osseo Ice arena. They will donate \$5 to WYHA for each full set of gear you have cleaned.
Sports Hut	Sports Hut is located in Wayzata in the Colonial Square mall at the corner of Highway 101 and Wayzata Blvd. Sports Hut donates 5% of your purchase total to WYHA. To obtain the donation, simply request a duplicate receipt and then deposit the receipt at Plymouth Ice Center in the Sports Hut Receipt Box located in rink A.

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District 3 Update

By Linda Riley

The Wayzata Youth Hockey Association (WYHA) is just one of over 140 hockey associations in the state of Minnesota. Just as the state is divided into different school districts, it is divided into districts for hockey as well. There are 12 hockey districts in Minnesota, all reporting up to Minnesota Hockey (MH). WYHA is part of District 3 (D3).

On a monthly basis each association within D3 sends a representative to meet at the Crystal Community Center the second Wednesday of every month (excluding July) at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the issues and concerns within the district as well as receive new information or rules from MH. The public is welcome to attend these meetings. Representing WYHA in D3 is Carrie Starry. Below is an update from the most recent meeting.

Participation Rule

The Participation Rule in summary states that going forward, players will play hockey in the association in which they go to school, which is a change from the Residency Rule, which stated players were to play for the association in which they reside. Representatives from MH attended the September D3 meeting to answer questions concerning the rule. According to MH, the change was prompted mainly by:

- A seemingly large number of waivers to other associations. In the 2008-2009 season there were 8,000 waivers issued out of a total of 35,000 kids who play hockey.
- Lack of flexibility of some districts to waiver out or in players who want to play in a district other than where they reside.

The Participation Rule was MH's attempt to address changes in society with the changes of open enrollment, home schooling and the increasing number of private schools all of which change the meaning of community. The rule is in place as is this year, but a draft change to the Participation Rule for 2010-2011 has been proposed and will be posted at www.minnesotahockey.org on November 1, 2009 with a final version of the rule written by the conclusion of the 2010 Winter Board Meeting on January 24, 2010.

Team Updates

Minneapolis Storm: The Storm is a District 1 (D1) team that will again participate in D3 as follows:

- The Bantam A and Peewee A teams will be registered in D1 but will play in D3 games.
- The Bantam B1 and Peewee B1 teams will be registered and play in D1 but will scrimmage some D3 teams
- At the Squirt level, the Storm will not participate combined with St. Louis Park in D3 as they did last year.
- C level teams are undecided at this time.

Mound-Westonka: The Mound-Westonka White Hawks will participate in D3 league play this year at all levels. Similar to Minneapolis, they will remain in District 5, but play in D3.

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how to report revenue. At the conclusion of the training, they were required to pass a 50-question test.

After they passed testing, the Gambling Committee could begin the nuts and bolts of getting the operation going. They hired a staff to work the charitable gambling operations at Broadway Pizza. Those who sell pull-tabs and call Bingo are hired by and report to the Gambling Managers, Derek Gullet and Kathy Hewitt. They, in turn, report to the WYHA Board. The pull-tabs/gambling

venture is set up along side the WYHA organization that is controlled by the Gambling Control Board of Minnesota and WYHA. The operation will be year round, so that means profits from gambling purchases will be donated back to WYHA year round. Kathy stated that the financial goals for this year are aimed at getting the operation up and running.

Support our WYHA partners! And watch the WYHA website for a “GRAND OPENING” to celebrate our new partnership with Broadway Pizza!

Recreational League

The Recreational League is a one-day-per-week low cost hockey option for players from 10 to 15 years old. This co-ed league allows players to play hockey but still participate in other winter sports and activities. In addition:

- This is a no-checking league.
- Rosters can be made up of players from anywhere in Minnesota. No association waiver is needed.
- Players can sign up as individuals, with a group of friends or as a whole team.
- Play begins in late November and ends in mid-March.

For details about the program and to register, look under Announcements on the home page of www.wayzatahockey.org

Coach Information

- The Coach Education Programs (CEP) are currently being planned and dates are posted on the D3 website.
- The Coach Handbooks will be distributed on DVD this year, rather than in booklet form.
- Again this year, WYHA will be asking for proof of completed and legible CEP coaching certification by asking for your CEP card (i.e. the stickers). If coaches have lost or damaged their card, they need to contact USA Hockey early, not at the last minute if they want no interruption in their ability to coach. For information regarding how to obtain a replacement, go to: http://www.usahockey.com//Template_Usahockey.aspx?NAV=CO_01&ID=19440

Websites:

Visit the these websites for standings, schedules and other information for players, parents, referees and coaches:

- District 3: www.d3hockey.org
- Minnesota Hockey: www.minnesotahockey.org
- USA Hockey: www.usahockey.com

About Carrie Starry, D3 Representative

Carrie is a 1980 Wayzata graduate and continues to live and work in Wayzata. Wanting to play hockey like her brother, Carrie played under Dr. Bob May who pioneered the girls program in Wayzata and the team became one of four girls hockey teams in the cities. The team later became the Minnesota Checkers who traveled the country, and even played in Europe.

Carrie took a break from hockey to focus on skiing, but went back to hockey in the late 80's to play again after a call to action from her former Checker's teammate, Jill Pohtilla (and current Augsburg College women's hockey team coach). Carrie continues to play when she can in the 18 and over WHAM league (Women's Hockey Association of Minnesota).

Carrie has two boys, Mason and Dillon. She starting coaching them when they were Mite One's and continued coaching one or the other or both through squirts, peewees and first year bantams. It was then time for Carrie (suggested by one of her sons) to sit on the other side of the rink and drink her Caribou, relax and cheer with the other parents. She wanted to continue to give back to a program that had been so enjoyable for her family. This is Carrie's 3rd year on the board.



Bantams in a pre-tryout clinic at PIC.

Calling all Wayzata Hockey Fans!

By Judy Ehlers

Hockey season is upon us and WYHA's sponsorship drive is in full swing!

Once again we anticipate a roster with approximately 70 hockey teams and we'd love to see every team have a sponsor.

Our association represents nearly 1,200 boys and girls ranging in age from pre-kindergarten through senior high level. Our players live in various cities throughout the Wayzata school district including Plymouth, Wayzata, Medina, Maple Grove, Minnetonka, Medicine Lake, Corcoran and Orono. That's a lot of families in a lot of cities, which translates into a lot of exposure for a business investing in a sponsorship.

Dollars generated from sponsorships help fund core hockey program needs such as skill clinics for all players, equipment upgrades and tournament fees. We are also proud to offer a player scholarship program. Our sponsors support and funding truly makes a difference for each one of our players! So when it comes time to make a purchase, please keep our sponsors in mind.

There are several ways a business (or individual) can support Wayzata Youth Hockey.

Team Sponsor

All Wayzata Youth Hockey Teams are available to sponsor (with the exception of our littlest players - the Mini-Mites). In exchange for a fee, a business is assigned a team and will receive recognition two ways; one from the large sponsor banners that hang in both PIC and

Central and via an individual team banner that is displayed every time a team practices or plays a game.

Mite Madness Silent Auction

The Mite Madness Jamboree is an annual tradition for the WYHA and is held in early March. Mite players at all levels - Rookie to Advanced - are given a chance to experience an in-house tournament at this weekend-long event. A silent auction fundraiser fills the Plymouth Ice Center's Blue Line Room and offers a business the chance to donate an item and have exposure to the families of the Mite teams (approximately 30) in the tournament.

Website

The official website for the association, www.wayzatahockey.org, is THE place for information for our players and their families. A link on this site gives our members one-click access to a sponsor's business!

Answers to frequently asked questions

- WYHA is a 501C organization so sponsoring a team is a tax-deductible contribution for an individual or a business.
- A family can sponsor its child's team, if available.
- Sponsorship covers all family volunteer hours.

Do you know of a business that may be interested?

- Visit the website <http://www.wayzatahockey.org/sponsors/sponsors.asp>
- Or have them send an email to SponsorWYHA@aol.com.
- Or contact Judy Ehlers, WYHA Sponsorships, at 952.454.8900
- Or contact Brenda Senden, President, Blue Line Board, at 763.232.2940 or email at bsenden@hotmail.com.

Remember back in your youth (I am speaking to the parents now) when you had one TV in the house? You had an antenna on the roof, there were five channels that received decent reception, programs started at 5:00 a.m. and ended at 1:00 a.m. (playing the *Star Spangled Banner* to signal programming was done) and you had to get up to actually change the channel. The

TV guide was an insert in the Sunday newspaper with the schedule of the programs for the entire week and yet was only about 2 millimeters thick. There was no 24-hour programming, infomercials, reality shows or multiple channels dedicated to the viewing habits of the toddler and tween demographics.

While there was a dearth of cartoons there were plenty of afternoon soap operas, game shows and sports on TV. In my house, dad ruled the TV and if you wanted to watch TV, you watched what he watched and my dad loved watching sports. If there was a sporting event being televised, he watched it. Through the years and by default, I became a fan of watching football and baseball. I could tolerate basketball, but never became a fan of watching golf, fishing and hockey. Watching golf was a yawner. Watching fishing to me was inexplicable. Watching hockey was confusing. I didn't "get" the rules in hockey, although dad tried to explain off sides, two line passes and icing to me. I still didn't get it. I had trouble tracking the puck (this was, of course, pre-high definition) and why guys had to keep hopping on and off the ice

was a mystery to me.

I never saw a live hockey game until my now-husband, then boyfriend, took me on a date to the old Met Center to watch the North Stars. What a difference! I could see the line changes, plays

developing and the puck itself. There was energy on the ice. It was fast moving. Hockey in person was much more exciting than hockey on TV. I became a fan.

What was a complete surprise to me was that I found watching youth hockey as exciting as watching the NHL games. In fact, it is even more exciting. To me, it is fascinating to watch the players develop throughout the year. To see a first year Mite who struggles to skate from one end of the ice to the other, then come back as a second year Mite and skate better than I ever could. To see them grow and develop to skate forward with great speed, backward with equal speed and to transition from forward to backward at will, seemingly easily. To stop on a dime whether on their left or right skate, do Russian circles crossing over forward and then do it crossing over backward with and without a puck. To fire hard passes and saucer passes tape to tape, execute wrist shots, snap shots and perfect a slap shot leaves me in awe of their abilities. To check and be checked, getting knocked around but dusting off the snow as they get up and tough it out

so the other guy (or girl) doesn't know it really hurt. I love it and I love their energy, dedication and courage. I really admire these kids.

I finally have to admit to myself that I am that hockey nut. I go to every game I can. I hate to miss any game or scrimmage. I enjoy watching my son play and grow as a player and human being as together we celebrate and relive his successes

and commiserate with him when he feels he's failed. I figure someday, sooner than I would like, my son will be all grown up and out of the house and I won't have any more games to watch and practices to chauffeur to. So I cherish these years because they will be gone all too quickly. Maybe I should start a support group for addicts like me called Hockey Anonymous. Admit it. More than a few of you would join me. It's okay.

Addicted to Hockey

By Linda Riley

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In Praise of Coaches

Dave Motes

I never played hockey, but I can spot a good hockey coach when I see one. The quality of a good coach has almost nothing to do with the sport, especially for younger players; same skills, different games. And that is why I praise the coaches I see in the WYHA. In many cases, such as in the current Mite tryout sequence, I don't even know their names, but I can spot a good hockey coach when I see one.

My youth athletics were dominated by bad coaches. Little league baseball was full of well intentioned fathers who liked baseball and loved their kids but generally didn't love their bumbling, distractible teams. Frustration and favoritism was common. Winning games was well and good but developing young players was often not on the agenda.

My dad was on to them, and he did his best to get me to the best coaches available. He knew how important the coach was to the whole youth sports experience. He once told me during a tryout to throw the ball as far as I could. He said "throw it over the backstop." He knew I could do it; I was a skittish fielder and an mediocre hitter but I had a very strong arm. Most of the coaches wanted polished players, guys who could hit the catcher from center field. Dad knew a strong raw arm wouldn't get noticed unless it was, well, obvious. He also knew that there were good, enthusiastic kids in the group who deserved good coaching but weren't going to get it. So I went out there and threw the ball over the backstop, across



A couple of bantams await a lift home outside PIC. They don't look very tired.

the road, and into the parking lot. Most of the coaches lining the fence rolled their eyes, but not all; the coach who took me that season was the exception in that league—a good youth coach. He untaught my poor habits and got me on the road to being a capable ballplayer. We won a few ballgames, but practice was way more fun than games. He saw the potential, and was happy to support it. He was unusual, and my dad knew it.

That was the coach I was looking for when we moved to Minnesota and my kids went all-in for hockey. I'd heard about hockey coaches, and wondered what was the hockey equivalent of throwing it over the backstop. What I found was a very pleasant surprise: excellent coaches.

A good youth coach finds the balance in development, fairness, hard work, fun, and victory. That takes organization, planning, patience, and a deep faith in the value of practice to the development of young minds and bodies. Most of all it takes perspective, the perspective to see all the players and all the skills at once, and to see where they fit in with winning.

A good youth coach is part of an organization with coherent goals for young players. Good coaches pull kids aside and push them forward, regardless of where the player is within the hierarchy. Good coaches create challenges for kids, but fun ones, especially in the parts of the game that don't yet involve winning or losing. Good coaches know how old their players are, and understand that talent and drive does not make a kid older or more

mature, and that success comes at different points and different ages. Good coaches know how to break down skills and talents and polish and expand them through drill and repetition.

WYHA coaches are among the best I've ever seen. They do it all. In four years of hockey, I've seen a steady and unwavering level of enthusiastic coaching skill on the ice under those WYHA jackets. Half the time I don't know who's who, but they are consistently fair, energetic, and supportive. They run drills that are appropriate to the age levels. They group kids in ideal cohorts, without fanfare, and work with the kids who need it. They know when to pull a kid aside and give him a pat, or a push, or a bit of advice. They follow up. Elsewhere in this newsletter you'll see listed the numbers of young skaters enrolled in this organization, but the numbers don't seem to cause trouble for the coaching cadre. They all get it; they seem to be almost interchangeable, a uniform set of eyes on each kid, pulling them out to practice a skill, making a specific little adjustment at the right time, and supporting the players in the broad goals of having fun, improving, contributing to the team, and growing as athletes and individuals.

Sharing ice time with another squad, or prepping big groups of skaters for a tryout, is a tough job. It forces the coach to work and act laterally, to cooperate with the other coach and team, to figure out what moves or drills will raise the level of talent and experience among all the kids on the ice. It's a team of coaches at this point

in the season, and nowhere is the quality of the coaching pool more evident than this point. They work hard before they even have a team.

My dad still lives down south, and knows less about hockey than I do. But when he visited last winter and we watched a workout of advanced Mites, he turned to me and said, "Those coaches do a great job. No need to throw it over the backstop here." I knew exactly what he meant.

Hockey Season Tips and Tricks

Hockey Parents Helping Other Hockey Parents

This is a new area of the newsletter. We'd like you to share your tricks and tips when it comes to hockey!

Maybe you want to share:

- The best place for parents to hang out near VMIA?
- Cheapest place to buy hockey skates?
- Your opinion on the best place to get skates sharpened?
- Who has a sale on sticks?
- What team apparel works and what doesn't!
- Best place to host a team party.

This section can be anything you want. Take the credit or remain anonymous, it's up to you! Please submit your tip, trick or general hockey expertise to linda.riley66@gmail.com and we'll publish it in the next newsletter in January!

Want to See Your Favorite Wayzata Youth Hockey Player on TV?

REACH marketing is again partnering with WYHA this year to highlight Wayzata team and player photos on the monitors at Plymouth Ice Center. To get your players pictures on the monitors, just:

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Wayzata Youth Hockey Association

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2. Sports Hut receipts must be dated within one year of presentation to Sports Hut for exchange.
3. Receipts must be originals, not copies; individuals must make and retain copies for their own tax and warranty records. Receipts can not be returned by Sports Hut.
4. Gift certificates must be used within one year of date of issue. No cash refunds will be given for any unused balance. Certificates may be used toward any Sports Hut in-stock merchandise or may be used for a special order of merchandise from current Sports Hut suppliers, subject to availability.

EXAMPLE

Your group collects 18 original Sports Hut sales receipts all dated within one year, totalling \$9,600 not including sales tax. Sports Hut presents your group with a gift certificate for 5% of \$9,600 which equals \$480. That amount can be used toward the purchase of \$480 worth of equipment and/or apparel at Sports Hut for use by the group or in a fund-raising raffle or auction.

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