



Blueline Bulletin

WYHA Second Annual Evening Social Fundraiser a Success!

Thanks to the hard work of a dedicated group of volunteers and a generous group of donors, the association has nearly \$20,000 to spend on programs.

The second annual Wayzata Youth Hockey Association (WYHA) fundraiser was a success. Over 320 people supported the fundraising effort through the purchase of tickets to the Evening Social event.

The Evening Social is the one fundraiser WYHA conducts during the year. This year, the Evening Social took place on Friday, November 14, 2008 and was held at the Sheraton West in Minnetonka. The evening started with a welcome



Evening Social guests wait for their turn to go for Top Shot.

from the Association's President, Greg Gibson. To slake hunger and thirst guests could partake of appetizers and a cash bar. For entertainment the band R.I.D.E. played great background music, while attendees socialized. A "Top Shot" puck shooting station gave the adult guests a chance to show off their wickedly accurate shots (or not)! There was also an opportunity to win door prizes by purchasing raffle tickets for one dollar.

While the food and games provided entertainment and social opportunities, the main event of the evening was the silent auction, with proceeds going to the WYHA. Guests had the opportunity to bid on a variety of things. Higher end auction items included an executive suite for 18 people at a Minnesota Wild game at the Excel Energy Center and a stay at a Massachusetts vacation home. Items in all price ranges were available and varied including the opportunity to bid on a dozen bagels each month from Panera, Minnesota Wild tickets, athletic apparel and family portrait sittings.

Lisa Terfehr, Fundraising Coordinator on the Blueline Board, said, "Considering the economic climate, we were very happy with the number of people who supported this event and the amount of funds raised." The fundraiser was a team effort

and assisting Lisa were fellow Blueline Board members Brenda Senden,



Band: R.I.D.E. Time: A.W.E.S.O.M.E.

Kathy Hewitt, Beth Pruden, Becky Arndt and Judy Ehlers. Thanks also go to WYHA members Therese Polum, Gerard Bodell, Sheila Hanson, Kris Barkow, Jen Robertson, Allie Fetrow and David Wong who helped by volunteering many hours to plan and carry out the event. Lastly, we thank all those who generously donated items to the silent auction.

The Board is currently taking under consideration fundraising options for the 2009-2010 hockey season. Please forward any fundraising suggestions to Lisa Terfehr at lgtdstreet@att.net or contact her at (612)867-0516.

The hockey season has started and chances are your player(s) has acquired some expensive new gear courtesy of your now-dwindling bank account. As parents, we prefer that gear to last as long as possible. At least we prefer they out grow it before they out wear it. However, taking care of hockey gear isn't just about endurance-it is also about performance.

To get the lowdown on how to take care of that expensive gear to get the longest wear and to help, not hinder, our player's performance, we talked to WYHA coach Lance Pitlick who is currently the head coach for the Advanced Mites A team. Lance played hockey for Cooper high school in New Hope, played four years Division One hockey as a Minnesota Gopher and was a defenseman in the NHL for the Ottawa Senators for four years and the Florida Panthers for three years. We figure he knows a thing or two about taking care of gear.

In general, Lance said players should always take their equipment out of their hockey bag when they get home. Gear needs to dry. Leaving the gear in the bag does not enable the equipment to ever thoroughly dry and this can increase that unpleasant odor with which all of us are familiar. Once the equipment is out of the bag, the best place to store it is someplace warm and dry. While the garage may be a great place to store smelly gear in the summer, in the winter equipment won't dry properly in the cold garage. Sorry moms. If however, you have a Mite level player, as long as they haven't started sweating up a storm, you can get away with just unzipping the bag-no need to drape the gear all over the house - yet.

Q. What can go in the washing machine?

A. Socks, jerseys and the protective cup.

Q. What can go in the dryer (with an aromatic dryer sheet or three)?

A. Everything, except skates, sticks, mouth guards and your helmet!

Q. Can I use a spray fabric refresher on the gear?

A. Yes (laugh)!

Q. How frequently should skates be sharpened?

A. Skates should be sharpened about every two hours of ice time although skates should always be sharpened after skating outdoors. Kids (or parents) should check skates after every practice or game because you never

know what a kid is going to step on - cement, a piece of metal getting on and off the ice - that will cause them to lose an edge.

Q. How can I tell if the skates have lost an edge?

A. Run your fingernail down the length of the skate blade. You should feel resistance. If your nail slides easily, the blade has lost an edge.

in tight areas and defense-men may prefer longer sticks to get more reach to poke at the puck.

Q. What about taping the blade of the stick? Should it be taped heel to toe or toe to heel?

A. I recommend heel to toe. The tape is then wrapped in the direction the blade moves on the ice. When you wrap toe to heel, the tape is oppo-

Coach's Corner Featuring Lance Pitlick: Caring For Your Gear

Q. When I take the skates to get sharpened, how can I tell if it was a good sharpening? I know my kid will tell me if it was bad, but how can I catch it before he or she gets on the ice?

A. It's not easy. You can hold the skates upside down so the blade is facing toward the ceiling. Get the blade at eye level and look down the blade lengthwise. The blade should be square. A penny or dime placed on the skate blade should lie flat and be balanced. Also, a sign of a good sharpener is someone who rotates the skate and sharpens from toe to heel and heel to toe so one side is not worn down more significantly than the other.

Q. How can I tell if I need to replace the skate blade?

A. If the blade is worn down more than half way to the plastic, you need to buy a new blade.

Q. Can the expensive composite hockey stick be stored in the garage, even if it is a sub zero Minnesota night?

A. Yes.

Q. At what height should a hockey stick be?

A. When kids are entry level Mites and just learning to skate, we like to have them skate without sticks for the first six to eight weeks so they don't become dependent on the stick and lean too far forward and become out of balance when they skate. When we do give them a stick, we like it to be a little longer - closer to their eyes when they are standing in street shoes. Short sticks for players just learning to skate will make them lean over, shoulders over the toes, out of balance. Longer sticks will make them more up-right, promoting proper skating posture. After Mites, in general the height of the stick should be between the player's nose and their upper lip. As players become specialized in a position, forwards may prefer shorter sticks to better stick handle

site how the blade moves on the ice. It will curl and create friction on the ice which slows you down.

Q. What about wax? Should the stick blade be waxed?

A. Well, it's a personal thing. I don't like to wax the tape because wax repels water that then may freeze on the tape and give less control handling the puck. If you don't want the sticky residue from the tape left on the stick blade, wax the hockey blade then put the tape on. The tape will stick to the tape only, not the blade.

Q. How about the tape at the end of the stick where the kids hang on? Do you have any guidelines for that?

A. Yes! When you tape the end of the stick, a toilet paper roll should fit over the top of the stick. If it cannot, the knob you created is too big. The reason why you don't want too much tape is because the wider the hand grip, the more strength you lose. The closer your grip is to a fist, the more strength and control you have. Ultimately, players will figure out what works for them.

Q. Finally, any care comments about mouth guards?

A. I am not an expert on mouth guards. Mouth guards protect your teeth but in youth hockey, with the cage, the main purpose of the mouth guard is to be a spacer between the top and bottom row of your teeth so if you receive a blow to your head or jaw it prevents a concussion. They should function properly. If mouth guards are chewed or flaring out, you need to buy a new one.

For more information and video demonstrations of some of the topics discussed above, you can visit www.sweethockey.com. The site provides access to training products and tools to help players refine their hockey skills. Sweet Hockey was founded by Lance Pitlick.

Volunteering Makes WYHA Work

By Linda Riley

Volunteering is a requirement within the Wayzata Youth Hockey Association (WYHA). The goal of the Volunteer Policy is to distribute the huge workload among all of the WYHA families. Without volunteers there would be no opportunities to purchase that hot chocolate or steaming cup of coffee to keep you warm at the Central Middle School icebox, I mean uh... rink. Did you know WYHA currently is hosting five tournaments plus district, region and state tournaments? In all, there are over 6,000 volunteer hours needed! Not to mention all of the parents who coach, manage, represent, promote and host parties for the teams.

WYHA requires that volunteers work a specific number of hours depending upon the level of your oldest player and the number of children playing. There is one exception: when the oldest child is a mini-mite, parents need not volunteer. For the rest, volunteer hours range from 8 to 18 hours for the season. Some volunteer positions, such as Rostered Head Coach and Team Manager, fulfill all volunteer hours; being a team sponsor also covers all hours. The complete volunteer policy can be found at: <http://www.wayzatahockey.org/volunteers/>

[VolunteerPolicy2008-2009_1_.pdf](#)

New WYHA families must register for a PIN number to begin volunteering. From the WYHA website click on "Blueline/Volunteers" and then click on "Volunteers" from the drop down menu to register. Once you have a PIN number you will be able to request volunteer opportunities. You can do that from this same site location. Simply choose an event, enter your last name, type your PIN number and click on "Request Opportunities". After registering for an event, always check to make sure your request was confirmed. If you and another member are registering for the same position at the same time, they may have put their request through before you. To verify, after registering check your volunteer status to make sure the position you requested is listed.

For questions about volunteering, you may contact:

- Your Team's Representative
- Kathy Hewitt at wyhavolunteers@gmail.com or 763-525-7925
- Brenda Senden at bsenden@hotmail.com or 763-232-2940

Thank you all for the time and effort you put into making WYHA such a successful youth hockey association!

- **Volunteer early.** Opportunities become scarce as the year goes on and you may find you have more hours to fulfill than opportunities to volunteer. Volunteer opportunities can be found on the website and through your Team Representative.
- **Not fulfilling your hours gets expensive.** You will be charged \$100 per unfulfilled hour up to a maximum ranging from \$800 for a single mite level player to \$1,800 for multiple player Squirt and above/U10 and above.
- **Show up at your assignment.** Failure to show for a volunteer position will result in a \$100 penalty. This is in addition to the maximum stated above and you will still be expected to work all required hours.
- **Your child(ren) cannot play hockey if your hours are "overdue".** If you did not work all of your required volunteer hours by the end of the hockey season, your child(ren) will not be able to play hockey the following year until hours are worked or money is paid.
- **Take the timekeeper and scorekeeper training.** It counts toward your volunteer hours and as your hockey player gets older, you will find you need to take a turn running the clock and keeping score anyway.
- **No "ticket taker" volunteer positions will be available this year.** If this is a position you have liked and worked in the past, it's time to find a new favorite. Gate fees are now included in all of the team's registration fees so no ticket takers are needed.
- **Kids can volunteer and earn hours for your family, too.** Anyone 21 or older can fulfill your family's volunteer hours. Even family members who are 14 to 19 years old may contribute hours as scorekeepers, time keepers and work the penalty box for Mite through Peewee and Girls U10 and U12 events if they are trained on the equipment.

VOLUNTEERING TIPS FOR EVERYBODY!

Notes from the President

By Linda Riley

I recently had an opportunity to talk to Greg Gibson, President of the Wayzata Youth Hockey Association (WYHA). He was nice enough to meet me at PIC to talk about current events at WYHA. Greg is a busy man and was truly generous to sit down with me for over an hour.

For those of you who don't know Greg, and judging by the number of people who stopped by our table there must not be many, he has been President of WYHA for seven years and a Board member for nine years. He is very accessible and smiled and shared a story with all who came over. It is easy to see why he has been elected President by his peers on the Board repeatedly. This is interesting and a testament to his passion for the sport, as Greg did not grow up playing hockey himself. Greg's son Devon Gibson played hockey for the WYHA however; his son finished the program over three years ago. Although he has no child skating, Greg currently manages the Junior Gold A team and has been doing so for six years. For 10 years Greg has managed various youth hockey teams. To say he is involved is an understatement.

After he purchased his hot chocolate and we settled in at one of the tables by the concession stand, Greg filled me in on what is new at WYHA:

Girls U19:

WYHA added a U19 level for girls this year. WYHA has a large number of highly skilled girls at the high school level that desire a complementary program to the high school.

Tryouts:

Next year complete team player announcements by level (i.e. all Squirt teams) will be posted on the website before coaches will contact players to congratulate them. This is to be sensitive to kids' feelings as teams are announced.

Central Middle School (CMS) arena:

WYHA donated \$6,500 to the Wayzata school district. This contribution is to paint the interior of CMS and the money donated covers half the cost. WYHA has contributed over \$40,000 to the school district for improvements at the CMS arena including the new heat, replacement of Plexiglas, new front doors and new locker room doors in the past 5 years. WYHA paid for the original construction of the Central Middle School Arena which opened in 1972.

District 3:

Some teams from District 1, for instance Minneapolis-Park and Minneapolis Washburn, are playing in the District 3 league this season. The reason this was done was to help out our geographic neighbors who have few teams within their own league who play competitively. This also increases the number of games for District 3 teams, as D3 is one of the smallest districts in the state. The games count toward league standings but the District 1 teams will return to their own district for Regional games.

Mites:

The association reviewed the current way Mite players are divided to determine if it is meeting the needs of the

players. This is the fourth year of the current format that puts like-skilled players together. The concern is that most of the experienced coaches have the highest level players and therefore the experienced coaches are not distributed evenly among the players. Prior to the current format, kids were divided by school which distributed the coaches evenly but made it difficult to coordinate a practice plan that challenged and developed all players appropriately. The association decided to leave the Mites divided as is. To address the coaching issue Chad Nelson, Lance Pitlick, Darren Nauss, John Buan and Alex Becker proposed coaching enhancements including coaching clinics in the fall, practice plans and skills night with a structure of 45 minutes of ice and 45 minutes of dryland with Lance being the lead Mites skill instructor.

The Board of WYHA makes decisions based on what is best for all kids. This can be a tough balancing act because members have their own individual child's wants, needs (and possibly their own desires) at the top of their agenda. According to Greg, the bottom line goal of WYHA is to work hard to give every child an opportunity to play the game of hockey, to gain skills and to be successful. Hockey is an opportunity for kids to learn to that effort, practicing, and putting in work can help you achieve your goals. Greg hopes that from hockey, kids learn to be good citizens and will return to the association in the future. In a time when there are many poor choices for our youth, hockey is a good choice!

Donate Without Dollars

By Linda Riley

Did you know that you can donate to the WYHA without spending an extra dime? It's easy to do and in these difficult economic times it's a great way to support the association without having to spend extra cash. The following are ways you donate money to WYHA each time you spend:

Sports Hut:

Sports Hut is a sporting goods store located in Wayzata in the Colonial Square mall at the corner of Highway 101 South and Wayzata Blvd. Sports Hut donates 5% of your purchase total to WYHA. When you shop at Sports Hut, save your receipt. (You can request they provide you with a duplicate receipt.) Take your receipt to Plymouth Ice Center and deposit it in the Sports Hut receipt box. The receipt box is clearly labeled and is located just inside Rink A along the wall on the right hand side as you enter the rink.

SportsFresh Inc:

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. When you drop the gear off to be cleaned, they will ask what association you are with. They will then donate \$5 to the Wayzata Youth Hockey association for each full set of gear you have cleaned.



Wayzata Squirt C Blue takes Sartell gold

By Jupe Hale

The Wayzata Squirt C Blue team out battled teams from the around the Twin Cities, Central Minnesota and Moorhead to capture the first place trophy in the Rick Sura Classic, held Dec 6th and 7th at Bernicks Pepsi Arena in Sartell. With only one game and one scrimmage under their belts, the team continued to bond together on and off the ice. Head Coach Nick Heyer said, "We don't have any stars, no go-to guys. They get the job done as a group."

Wayzata handled Centennial and Little Falls squads in the early rounds to earn a berth in the

championship.

On Sunday afternoon, Wayzata Blue and Moorhead Orange had a championship match to remember. Moorhead drew first blood, scoring twice in the middle of the first period. The pre-game locker room chants of "Smash the Spuds!" seemed empty. But Wayzata responded with two of their own on back-to-back shifts (Day unassisted, and player of the game Burke from Capp) before the period was over. The newfound momentum carried into the second period, as Day scored again off his own rebound to put Wayzata up 3-2 entering the final frame. Moorhead turned up the defensive intensity, allowing not a single Wayzata shot on goal for the third period. The Spuds managed to squeeze one of their 13 third period shots past Anderson, and we were headed for overtime knotted at 3. Moorhead again held the Trojans without a shot in the extra period, but Anderson responded, denying three clean shots from the Spuds to force a shootout.

The shootout began with a hard charge by Day and a quick shot that beat the goalie, only to clang off the right post. Moorhead's skater charged hard as well, but learned why Anderson is nicknamed "The Wall". Wayzata then sent Nathan Heyer out, who took a deliberate pace toward the left side of the goal, calmly put the puck on his backhand, then turned right across the goal mouth. Once the goalie dropped to his knees, Heyer flipped it into the upper right corner for the score. That was all Anderson needed, as he stopped the remaining two Moorhead shooters to seal the championship. In all, Anderson stopped 26 of 29 Moorhead shots in the game. It was a memorable tournament filled with many individual



achievements. But the biggest accomplishment can't be seen on the stat sheet or in the trophy case: we learned what we can do when we truly play as a team.

Members of Squirt C Blue are Robert Anderson (#1), Max Asplund (#6), Drew Burke (#7), Duncan Capp (#2), Derek Day (#8), Sam Gardner (#11), JJ Hale (#3), James Harley (#15), Nathan Heyer (#16), Hunter Madden (#14), Nick Nelson (#10), Jack Olson (#9), Colin Packard (#12), Cole Smith (#5), and Tony Valerius (#17). Head coach is Nick Heyer who is assisted by Tom Burke, Brent Nelson and Jeff Olson.

Thanksgiving tournament sweep for squirts

By Christie Salonek and Linda Riley

All three B1 teams, Squirt Blue, Squirt Navy, and Squirt Gold, participated in tournaments the weekend after Thanksgiving. All three teams won their championship games. Below is a summary of each successful tournament.

Squirt Blue started their year with a Championship in the 34th Annual Minneapolis Cup. They

breezed through their tournament games defeating Bloomington Jefferson 9-0, Lakeville 7-3 and Waconia 6-2.

Squirt Navy battled in the North Metro Pirate Classic. They dominated their first two opponents, defeating Stillwater Black 4-0 and Forest Lake Gold 7-0. They fought through and took their next two games with a win of 3-1 over Stillwater Red and a final score of 3-2 over Stillwater White in the Championship game.

Squirt Gold started the Super-Rink Spectacular with an easy

win of 7-0 over Tartan. Their second game proved tough, but they held on to defeat Osseo/Maple Grove 7-6. The Championship game against Edina Gold proved to be one-sided and they defeated Edina handily 6-1.



Playing for Squirt B1 Navy are Jared Bennett, Zach Binger, Adam Thielges, Michael Kelley, Tyler Young, Matt Cossette, Tyler Stevens, Richard Zejdlik, Matt Nelson, Dan Myhra, Colton Murphy, Luke Dockter, Dawson Spindler, Jack Greenshields, Pete Valerius and Dan Nispel. Coaches are Andy Cossette, Mark Myhra, Mark Spindler, John Stevens, Mark Young and Todd Zejdlik.



Playing for Squirt B1 Blue are Amar Batra, Ryan Bischel, Dominick Bouta, Brendan Broady,, Derek Feriancek, Noah Fuhrmann, Jeff Greeninger, Justin Hahnfeldt, Ryan Hoogenakker, Luke Horton, Anders Johnson, T Moss, Timo Pelto, Will Rosengren, Perrin Salonek, Sam Simon and Alec Sorenson. Head Coach is Steve Rosengren and assistants are Bill Moss, Shawn Sorenson, Ryan Anderson and Jim Horton.

SUPPORT WYHA SPONSORS

Sponsors of Wayzata Youth Hockey help the association tremendously. Through their financial support, sponsors help fund core hockey program needs such as skill clinics for all players, equipment upgrades and tournament fees. Without their support, hockey fees per athlete would be even greater. As a hockey community, we ask that members support our generous sponsors.

WYHA is lucky to have such a supportive business community. As of this publication, 2/3 of the sponsors have donated a total of over \$28,000! Those interested in supporting WYHA currently have the choice of sponsoring teams (team sponsor) or donating to the general fund (non-team sponsors). Below is a list of WYHA teams and their sponsors:

Other sponsors who have donated to the general fund are

- Corey Jensen DDS
- SportsFresh
- Sports Star Photo
- Varsity Sports

WYHA recognizes sponsors by putting up a banner at every league and tournament game. Mite levels post their banners at all of their intramural games. Sponsors are also recognized on the Wayzata Hockey website at <http://www.wayzatahockey.org/sponsors/sponsors.asp>. Individual team websites also contain the name of their team's sponsor. In addition, WYHA teams sponsors are announced at league and tournament games.

The goal of the BlueLine Board is 100% team sponsorship in order to fund more programs and make

hockey more affordable in our community. There are still opportunities to sponsor the teams! If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, it is important to know:

- This is a tax deductible contribution for individuals or businesses.
- WYHA is a 501C organization.
- You may sponsor your child's team if available.
- Sponsorship covers all family volunteer hours.

For more information about WYHA sponsorship, go to www.wayzatahockey.org, click on "BlueLine/Volunteers" then click on "Sponsors" from the drop down menu. You may also contact Beth Pruden at (763)464-4649 or email her at tpcbeth@comcast.net or contact Brenda Senden at (763)232-2940 or email her at bsenden@hotmail.com

Team	Sponsor	Team	Sponsor
16U BLUE	Intercomp	MITE GIRLS ADVANCED A	Day Maint & Const
16U GOLD	Key Investments, Inc.	MITE GIRLS ADVANCED B	Davanni's Pizza
BANTAM A	All Star Sports	MITE GIRLS ADVANCED C	LaBoda Family
BANTAM B1 BLUE	Sports Hut	MITE GIRLS ROOKIE A	Latuff's Pizzeria
BANTAM C BLUE	Timberland Group	MITE INTERMEDIATE A	Davanni's Pizza
BANTAM C GOLD	Oakwood Square	MITE INTERMEDIATE C	Hendricks Mechanical LLC
GIRLS 10U A	Dr. D Orthodontics	MITE INTERMEDIATE D	Latuff's Pizzeria
GIRLS 10U B BLUE	Medina Entertainment Center	MITE INTERMEDIATE E	Superior Window Cleaning Services
GIRLS 12U A	Accorde Orthodontists	MITE ROOKIE D	Pete Ice-Edina Realty
GIRLS 14U A	Sports Hut	PEEWEE A	Motivating Bodies
GIRLS 14U B	Oppenheimer Family	PEEWEE B1 B BLUE	Mr. Tire
JR GOLD B BLUE	Collision Center Inc	PEEWEE B1 NAVY	Telepro Communications
JR GOLD B GOLD	Lighting Affiliates	PEEWEE B2 ROYAL	Black River Asset Mgmt
MITE ADVANCED A	Schmidt Financial, Inc	PEEWEE B2 YELLOW	MMC
MITE ADVANCED B	GO Gutters	PEEWEE C GOLD	Herb's Servicenter
MITE ADVANCED C	Healthtel	SQUIRT A	Silent Sponsor
MITE ADVANCED D	Wells Fargo Bank-Wayzata	SQUIRT B BLUE	Pelto Group, Inc
MITE ADVANCED E	The UPS Store	SQUIRT B GOLD	Symbology, Inc.
MITE ADVANCED F	Sexton Printing	SQUIRT B NAVY	Power Electric
MITE ADVANCED G	Black, Moore, Bumgardner, Magnussen Ltd.	SQUIRT B ROYAL	Hanus Sports
MITE ADVANCED I	Citizens Independent Bank	SQUIRT B WHITE	OMS Specialists, P.A.
MITE ADVANCED J	Northwest Agency Ltd.	SQUIRT C BLUE	Telepro Communications
MITE ADVANCED K	Schwegman, Lundberg, & Woessner, P.A.	SQUIRT C GOLD	Market Link Realty
MITE ADVANCED L	Kera Messenger	SQUIRT C WHITE	Don Lucia Hockey Camps

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Squirt C White Takes Third Place at the Bryan Opskar Memorial Tournament

By Nancy Martel

The Wayzata Squirt C White team started their 2008-2009 season taking home third place in the Bryan Opskar Memorial Tournament held in Princeton, MN on December 5-7, 2008.

In their first game on Friday night, Wayzata defeated Becker Big Lake 5-2. Then on Saturday, Wayzata lost to St. Michael Albertville 0-13. Five C White members made it to Saturday's final shoot out with a medal win for Goalie Bobby Rethwisch.

On Sunday, C White took home third place with a win against C.I.N.B. 13-1. Members of the team include Luke Ainsworth, Jack Barkow, Aaron Britz, Jake Butler, Ty Gardner, Jeremy Gilbertson, Nick Goetz, Jack Hillen, Ian Johnson, Jacob Martel, Bobby Rethwisch, Jonathan Solomon, Tanner Wandmacher, Cody Ward and Alex Yurevich. C White head coach is Paul Hillen and assistant coaches are Todd Britz, Bob Gardner, and Charlie Rethwisch along with student coach Paul Hillen, Jr.



Squirt C Gold and White together define the word "Team"

By Christine Conlin

The Wayzata Squirt C Gold team had been practicing hard on drills, studying-up on offensive plays, and shoring up their defensive line. The boys were ready for their first big league game of the season against Division 3 rival Maple Grove. With email communication on high-alert, parents were planning their schedules to get the boys to the rink early, making cheering signs and preparing the iPod mix for the locker room. Everyone was psyched for the big game. Game time: 6 o'clock. Home Ice: PIC.

The clock struck 4 and news came down that there had been a scheduling error, and with no team to play, the game was off. The disappointment of boys and parents was significant, and so the scramble began. Coaches Scott Foote and Steve LaRose contacted other Maple Grove teams, and they were all tied up with an association event. Then we came up with the idea to contact the other Wayzata Squirt C teams, and Paul Hillen, who heads the Wayzata Squirt C White, answered in our time of need. Paul knew the pickle we were in and jumped in head first to help us out.

In less than two hours, Squirt C White pulled together two lines and a goalie for a 6 o'clock game. There was to be no game "cancellation", and in fact we were even



front row (left to right): Elliott Miller, Joe Maney, Jason Prochaska, Matt Martinson, Connor Hasselman. Middle Row: Jordan Stephenson, Ethan Wiese, Minori Iizuka, Matthew Pruden, Luke Halverson. Last Row: Hunter Andersen, Logan Lindstrand, Anders Waage, McLane King, Jack Bisanz, Ethan Laugen. Squirt B2 Yellow is led by head coach Kris Martinson and assistants Tom Wiese, Tyler King, Dave Laugen and Duane Halverson.

Squirt B2 Yellow Captures 2nd at the Minneapolis Cup!

By Amy Sakayan

Photo by Dennis L. Lindstrand

The Squirt B2 Yellow team earned 2nd place overall in the Minneapolis Cup Tournament held in St. Louis Park, November 28-30. Wayzata started out strong in their first game--claiming a victory with a final score of 8-0 over Rogers. Their second game against Coon Rapids had a tough start with the score at 0-3 at the end of the first period. However,

Wayzata rallied back in the last two periods scoring two of the four goals short-handed for a final win at 4-3. This win put the team in the championship game against Centennial, which was an intense and hard-fought battle. Wayzata led at the end of the first period and pushed hard, but Centennial pulled ahead in the third period for a win 2-1. The Squirt B2 Yellow team coaches and fans were impressed with their first tournament of the season -- they are off to a great start!

Squirt B2 White Take Fourth in the Champlin Rebels Thanksgiving Classic

By Linda Riley

The Wayzata Squirt B2 White team took fourth place in the Champlin Rebels Thanksgiving Classic November 28-30 in Champlin Park. The team started the tournament by showing a lot of tenacity and hustle. Their first opponent was Coon Rapids. After three periods, the score was tied 1-1, and Wayzata used an overtime goal to take the game 2-1.

although they battled hard, Wayzata came up just short, losing to Maple Grove 4-3.

Scoring in the tournament were Alec L (one goal), Phillip R (two goals), Brent P (one goal) and Ben B (one goal). Racking up an assist apiece were Zach C, George B, Matt H, Max W and Drew A. Squirt B2 White is led by Head Coach Paul Wallerius. He is assisted by Chris Birkholz, Tom Renslow, Jeff Rahm and Glen Prodahl.

Bloomington Jefferson dominated the semifinal game 7-0, limiting Wayzata to 7 shots. Despite the lopsided loss, the team came out and was ready to play in the final game versus Maple Grove. The third place game was a tough contest for Wayzata. The two teams were evenly matched and



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Team-Girls	Tournament	Title
Girls 10UA	Centennial Chill Classic	Champions!
Girls 10UB Blue	Centennial Chill Classic	Champions!
Girls 10UB Gold	Breezy Point Ice Fest	Champions!
Girls 12UB Gold	Richfield Tournament	Consolation Champs!
Team-Boys	Tournament	Title
Squirt B1 Blue	34th Annual Minneapolis Cup	Champions!
Squirt B1 Gold	SuperRink Spectacular	Champions!
Squirt B1 Gold	Alexandria Squirt B1 Touney	Champions!
Squirt B1 Navy	North Metro Pirate Classic	Champions!
Squirt B2 Yellow	34th Annual Minneapolis Cup	2nd Place!
Squirt B2 Yellow	Alexandria Squirt B2 Tourney	Consolation Champs!
Squirt C Blue	Rick Sura Classic	Champions!
Squirt C Gold	Rogers Youth Hockey	Consolation Champs!
Squirt C White	Bryan Opskar Memorial	3rd Place!
Peewee A	Eden Prairie Thanksgiving	Champions!
Peewee A	Spirit of Duluth	3rd Place!
Peewee B1 Blue	Stillwater Stampede	3rd Place!
Peewee B1 Gold	Panther Classic	2nd Place!
Bantam B1 Gold	SuperRink Spectacular	Champions!
Junior Gold A	Fort Frances Tournament	Champions!



Bantam B1 Blue Goes Goheen

By Linda Riley

The Wayzata Bantam B1 Blue team won the Moose Goheen Tournament held November 28-30 in White Bear Lake. They started the tournament playing Division 3 rivals Osseo Maple Grove. They handled them easily with a 4-0 win. Next up was Woodbury Bantam B1 Blue. Although the Royals had a strong record, this too proved to be a one sided contest and Wayzata easily defeated them 9-3.

For the championship, Wayzata faced Edina B1 Green. The Hornets came into the game with a record of nine wins, no losses and one tie. Always an opponent you don't take lightly, Bantam B1 Blue charged onto the ice and never looked back. They shut Edina down and defeated them 3-0, taking home the Championship.

Members of Wayzata Bantam B1 Blue are Alec Almquist, Brady Anderson, Christopher Chute, Ben Feeney, Jacob Hahn, Joe Haselman, Nick Kurszewski, Max Leschak, Eric Miller, Dalton Nowicki, Ryan Peterson, Alex Sorensen, Brock Sorenson, Dillon Starry, Jake Steinbach, Ryan Tapani and Kenzie Vold. Leading the team are coaches Bill Richardson, David Richardson and Todd Russ.



Playing for Squirt B1 Navy are Jared Bennett, Zach Binger, Adam Thielges, Michael Kelley, Tyler Young, Matt Cossette, Tyler Stevens, Richard Zejdlik, Matt Nelson, Dan Myhra, Colton Murphy, Luke Dockter, Dawson Spindler, Jack Greenshields, Pete Valerius and Dan Nispel. Coaches are Andy Cossette, Mark Myhra, Mark Spindler, John Stevens, Mark Young and Todd Zejdlik.

Wayzata Pee wee A Wins Eden Prairie Tournament



By Kris Machut

Eden Prairie's "First Test of the Best" tournament held over Thanksgiving weekend pitted 16 of some of the best Pee wee A teams in the state (and one from Alaska) against each other for early bragging rights. By the end of the weekend, Wayzata walked away as the champion.

Wayzata began by defeating Stillwater (score 7-1), Eagan (6-1), and Centennial (5-3) in pool play to move to the semi-finals against Roseau. In perhaps the toughest bracket of the tournament, Roseau advanced through pool play by

beating Maple Grove (6-2) and Rochester (6-4), but lost to Edina (3-4). However, since Edina suffered a loss against Maple Grove (4-0), the tie-breaker nod went to Roseau.

Wayzata scored 5 goals in the 2nd period as they beat Roseau 5-1 in the first semi-final match. Eden Prairie fought a tough battle to overcome Elk River in the other semi-final game (4-3). Even though Eden Prairie gave Wayzata a fight with outstanding goal-tending, Wayzata came out as the victor in the championship game with a final score of 5-2.

Wayzata players are Joe Silbaugh, Brandon Knutson, Jacob Scattergood, Derek Wiitala, Brian Machut, Mitchell Kowalski, Chase Heising, Michael Simone, Tommy McCollins, Chandler Lindstrand, CJ Bisanz, Jack Sorensen, Matthew Freytag, Nate Meyer, Rem Pitlick, Michael Orke, and Nick Pruden.

Wayzata coaches are Jon Maruk (head coach), Chris Jewett, Eric Jones, Sam Cornelius, and Jason Muthart.

Girls Wayzata 10UA wins championship at Centennial Chill Classic Tournament

The Wayzata Girls 10UA team (pictured at the top of page 1) captured first place in the Centennial Chill Classic Tournament December 5th - 7th. In their first game, the girls were up against Forest Lake and won 6-1. The team then advanced to play Blaine and won in a good game 4-0. For the championship game, Wayzata faced the tournament host team Centennial and played an exceptional game to beat their opponent 3-0. Members of the team are Sarah Stelter, Ally Wiitala, Maddie Wolsmann, Taylor Nelson, Sydney Simone, Sami Meister, Sarah Eyer, Celine Pelto, Haley Schmidt, Ellie Ankeny, Meg Ransom, Isabella Shannon, Sydney Hindrichs, Ashley Wiitala, Ellie Road and Nicole Oppenheimer. They are coached by Deno Ransom, David Meister, Wade Wiitala and Lynda Stelter.

Tip Drills Pay Off for Bantam B1 Gold

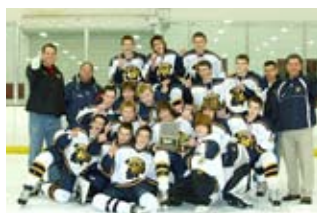
By Scott Hubert

The Bantam B1 Gold team skated away with the championship trophy from the 'Super Rink Thanksgiving Tournament' held at the Blaine Super Rink on November 28th - 30th. It was a pure 8 team bracket tourney where the first win was registered over a scrappy St. Paul Tartan squad 3-0. Next up was Moundsview where the team showed off their team passing game and won decisively with a score of 8 to 1.

The championship game matched a tireless travel team from South Dakota with our boys in blue. They called themselves the 'The Brookings Rangers'. The Bantam Gold team skated into the border battle with a confident step but quickly found themselves down 2 to 0 after two periods. The Rangers skate blades shimmered in the lights like the sun on a freshly polished set of spurs, and the bantam gold team found themselves in a gun fight with shots coming in on them from all directions. Down by 2, shorthanded and with 6 minutes to go, Jack Carlson (Jack) spanked in a rolling knuckler just off the faceoff finding the right upper corner and lifting his teammates spirits. Moments later Alex Turtinen

(Turt) and Chase Haller (Chase) found themselves charging the net on a 2 on 1. Turt took it himself and threw in a major league snipe over the goalies right shoulder bringing the score even with just over 2 minutes to play.

With 14 seconds to go, gold won the face off just right of the net in their offensive zone. Eric Lacey (Lacey) picked up the puck, skated behind the net, and with no where to go, dished it out to Joe Hubert (Hubs) at the point. He loaded and fired - the rifle shot was off target 6 inches to the left of the net! Gun fight over... Oh wait,



Alec Waszczenko (Wazzie) stuck out his stick and tweaked in a beautiful tip for the game winner with 9.7 seconds to go! "Great team effort, proud of the boys, they never gave up, and those tip drills do pay off," said Coach Tom

Patrek.

Members of Bantam B1 Gold are Logan Ambrose, Aaron Black, Chris Burk, David Bye, Jack Carlson, Jack Cassidy, Carter Eckerline, Evan Emslie, Chase Haller, Jack Higginson, Joe Hubert, Eric Lacey, Max Miller, Austin Melynchuck, Alex Turtinen, Alex Walsh and Alec Waszczenko. Head coach for Bantam B1 Gold is Tom Patrek. His assistants are Steve Lacey, Mike Melynchuck, Pete Carlson and Steve Bye. Team Manager is Kelly Cassidy.

Wayzata Squirt B1 Gold Takes First in the Schwan's Super Rink Spectacular Thanksgiving Tournament

By Steve Oberg

In its first tournament of the season, Wayzata Squirt B1 Gold started out the year in dramatic fashion with a shut out, a shoot out and a first place trophy all within the course of just three days.

In the opening game of the tournament, Wayzata Squirt B1 Gold shut out Tartan 7-0. Players Mitch Melquist and Will Oberg led the way with two goals a piece—propelling Wayzata into the semi-finals.

Taking on Maple Grove/Osseo the following night, two goals by Donny Schroeder helped stake Wayzata to a 5-4 lead going into the third period, only to have Maple Grove/Osseo score with one second remaining in the game. The teams played through a scoreless overtime period, sending the game into a nerve-racking shoot out. Down one goal, final shooter Erik

Aadalen scored—setting Jaret "Pogo" Pogliano up for the game-winning goal. Goalie Peyton Melin proved unfazed by the last second regulation goal, kicking away four of the five shots in the shoot out to help send the team to the championship game.

In the Championship game against Edina, Daniel Bye got the team off to a fast start scoring in the first ten seconds of the game. Wayzata never looked back cruising to a 6-1 victory and a first place trophy.

Members of the Wayzata Squirt B1 Gold team include Erik Aadalen, Daniel Bye, Jack Carlson, Carson Haefele, J.J. Heflin, Philip Iten, Collin Kubinski, Kevin Madden, Peyton Melin, Mitch Melquist, Will Oberg, Jaret Pogliano, Donny Schroeder, Mark Senden, Nick Shaleen and Tom Skoro. The team is lead by head coach Steve Bye and assistant coaches Drew Aadalen, Matt Carlson and Tom Schroeder.

