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WELCOME TO KV NEWS

Welcome to the 2011/12 season and the NEW “KV News”, the Kensington Valley Hockey newsletter. We hope the newsletter will help keep you apprised of what’s happening at KV Hockey. We have attempted to divide the newsletters into standardized sections. “*From the Front Office*” will be updates from the Board that is of general interest to the membership. “*View From Center Ice*” will provide updates on our house, travel and girls hockey programs. “*From the Bleachers*” will address topics of specific interest to Parents, while “*Off the Bench*” will touch on topics of interest to players and coaches.

The newsletter will also include a calendar of upcoming events, hockey trivia, spotlights on our travel, girls and house teams, and some insightful musings from our most senior board member “Grandpa Bob” Kittridge. We hope you enjoy this inaugural issue and that you find it informative as well entertaining. We welcome your suggestions on any additional features you would like to see.

See you again next month.
KVHA Board

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VIEW FROM CENTER ICE

RAVEN NATION

by Mike Wainwright - Director, Girls Program



One very bright spot for KVHA has been the new KV Ravens Girls Hockey program. Launched just a short year ago, the Ravens now boast an impressive 6 teams between house and travel. Thanks to the hard work of many, the Ravens momentum continues to grow and we could likely have 150+ GIRLS playing the great sport of Hockey out of our association this fall!

The Spring season typically attracts fewer return players from the fall season due to other sports and families looking for a break from hockey but ALL of the Ravens 10U House and 10U Travel players signed up for this spring season! That’s pretty spectacular and testament to the fun these girls are having. This fall the Ravens expect to have an 8U Development team, a Tier 2 10U, 12U, and 14U team, as well as multiple Tier 3 10U and 12U teams. That’s a lot of girls! Our goal is to find the best place for every girl who comes into our program, whether they can play or not, and keep them growing. Check out the [Girls page](#) at the KV Hockey website to find out more and connect with one of the Ravens coaches.

Raven Nation is alive!

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FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

Welcome to the 2011/2012 Season

Tim Gilbert - KVHA President

Welcome to the 2011/12 season, I would like to welcome our newly elected board members Scott Staby, Brad Dedrick, Len Pietila, and Scott McLaren.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Try Hockey for Free

June 4, 11, 18 @9:00 AM,
Kensington Valley Ice House
Call 810-494-5555 to register
See Page 4 for details

Ravens Fun Fest

June 11
1:00 to 6:00 PM
Kensington Valley Ice House
See page 4 for details

KVIH Spring League Playoffs

June 18-19
Kensington Valley Ice House

KVHA Board Meeting

June 20
6:00 to 8:00 PM
Kensington Valley Ice House
Open to Members

Lift Off Hockey 2011 Youth Development Camp

July 18-21
Ages 4-8: 4:00 to 6:00 PM
Ages 9-12: 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Kensington Valley Ice House
Cost: \$150 per player
For registration see www.liftoffhockey.com

Fall Early Registration Deadline

July 31
Registration Fee: \$150
Prices go up to \$250 after this date

I also would like to thank Mike Wainwright for the great leadership during the last few months during our transition.

There are several opportunities the board has identified for improvement, and one of them is communication, and why the advent of this newsletter. I hope you look forward to receiving these on a regular basis. Another is more member friendly office hours, stay tuned for an announcement regarding the new hours.

Third we will be adding a member suggestion box on our website, this suggestion box will allow you to provide input, and suggestions anonymously. It also will allow you to share news you would like us to know about.

[Tim Gilbert](#)

No Increase in Fees for 2011/2012

With all of the unpleasant economic news surrounding us, are you ready for some great news for the Kensington Valley Hockey family? With the coming 2011-2012 season, this non-profit, volunteer association was able to maintain the current player fee structure. While other Detroit area associations are increasing fees by as much as 20%, there will be no increase in player fees, at all levels, for the upcoming season for KVH families. With costs for gas and food skyrocketing, the KVH Board understands that now more than ever it is important to control our costs to keep hockey as affordable as possible for all of our members.

Please refer to the chart on page 3 for the established fee structure.

Early registration fee is \$150. Deadline for early registration is July 31, after which the fee increases to \$250. While this may seem like a steep jump, it is important for the Association to have a clear estimate of the number of players prior to the start of the season due to early financial commitments that must be made, so get your [registration](#) in early and save!



Membership Fees for 2011/2012 Fall Season

Division	Total 2011/2012	Monthly (Sept~Feb)
Little Rebels	\$252	\$42
Mini-Mite/U8	\$780	\$130
Mite/U10	\$900	\$150
Squirt	\$1038	\$173
Peewee	\$1290	\$215
Bantam	\$1692	\$282
Midget	\$1692	\$282

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IN THE HOUSE

Brad Dedrick - Director, House Program



The House Hockey program at KVHA is the lifeblood of the organization. Most of our hockey players start in the house program and the population of that program represents the largest number of players on an on-going basis.

Because of these reasons, we are conducting a thorough evaluation of the program and are soliciting ideas / suggestions about how it can be improved.

There are two areas in particular where we are already spending time and energy: Player Evaluations and Coaching Preparation / Evaluations.

The player evaluation process has run pretty well in the past but we are making an effort for it to be more efficient and more accurate. A sub-committee has been formed to address this area. Adam Zebari, Joe Kocur, Brian Mulcahy, and myself will be

brainstorming ways to make improvements and we are happy to listen to any suggestions out there.

The selection and placement of head coaches is also an area where we are seeking improvement. It is awesome that so many people dedicate their time as coaches and we will continue to encourage as many people as possible to get involved. I think, as an association, we can do a better job of preparing and helping coaches, especially those that are new, in order to help provide more consistency in coaching across teams. We will be working toward this goal on an on-going basis. The association relies heavily on coaching evaluations submitted by families so please be diligent in filling them out. These evaluations are all reviewed and are also considered when making coach selection decisions.

Registration for next season is already open and there are lots of camps and clinics this summer that are scheduled too. Take advantage of some of these great instructors. I look forward to seeing you around the rink this summer!

ON THE ROAD

John Maley - Director, Travel Program



While the Stanley Cup Playoffs reach the finals, the hockey just keeps getting better and better. It was the same story for our travel teams last season. There was a ton of success for the entire program including many great tournament wins, lots of competitive play-off games, and 2 district championships.

The 2001 Squirt A Rebels, Coached by Jim Duhart, took the District 4 Championship and were state finalists. The 1994 Midget A Rebels won the District 4 Championship and Head Coach Tommy Miller won his 5th District Championship. Congratulations to both these teams for their success!!



Fall tryouts are just around the corner. For tryout information visit the [KVHA website](http://www.kvhockey.org), click on the travel link, and select your team.

The KVHA is looking for a coach interested in coaching the 1997 Bantam AA Renegades. If you are interested in this position please contact John Maley @ jmaley_9@comcast.net.

As we all look forward to summer, the KVHA will be working hard to improve all aspects of our travel program. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact any member of the KVHA board.

Thank You for continued support of our great game!!

VIEW FROM THE BLEACHERS

Ravens Fun Fest

The Ravens Girls Hockey Program is having a “**FUN FEST**” for all Girls to come out and play hockey on June 11th, 2011 from 1 pm to 6 pm at the Kensington Valley Ice House. This is a **FREE** event and is designed to give new female players the opportunity to try hockey in a positive environment. Ravens “**FUN FEST**” is a great way for new female hockey players of any and all ages to learn the basic skills and rules of the game. All of the development activities taking place during the event will instill important qualities such as confidence and sportsmanship, while also giving them a chance to make new friends and have fun. We have seen significant growth in female registration over the past several years and plan to continue growing our numbers in the years to come. So come out and play and bring a friend!!!

Try Hockey for Free

The [Kensington Valley Ice House](#) is sponsoring play hockey for free on 3 consecutive Saturdays in June. The sessions will start 9:00 AM beginning on June 4th and will run through June 18th. The program is targeted for children ages 4 to 9 with no prior experience necessary. Free equipment and instruction will be available. If you have a child that has not yet decided if they want to play hockey, or a friend or neighbor on the fence, this is the perfect opportunity to try it out without any financial commitment. Contact the Kensington Valley Ice House at (810) 494-5555 for information and registration. Come on out and play hockey, still the coolest game in town!!

GRANDPA BOB A New Logo for KV Hockey

Bob Kittridge - Board Trustee

A past survey of the “Rebels” logo revealed that a slight majority of members would like to see the logo updated to reflect a more contemporary image. The KVHA Board launched a study committee to not only revise the Rebels logo but to investigate a universal KV logo that would appear on all uniforms and KV endorsed products including the Renegades, Ravens, House, and any affiliated AAA programs. After an extensive study and the attempts of multiple graphic artists, the Board decided on a submission by Gemma Porter of TSS Photography. This was done free of charge as a service to KV. I would also like to thank Steve Thiele and Sean Flynn for their time and efforts.

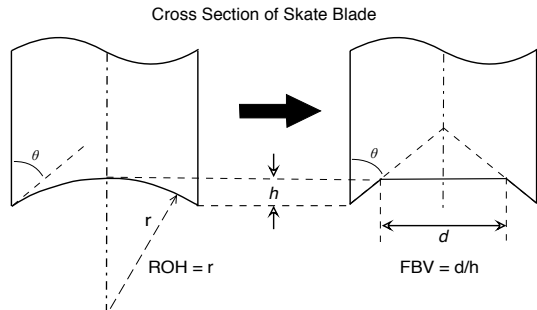


This will be the parent logo for the Association with any team or travel designation to be around and outside the border of the design with no infringement of the design by characters, numbers or letters. The colors are Kelly Green, Navy Blue, White and Gray as an alternate. No other colors are acceptable. The new design was launched at the end of the House Playoffs with hats given to all participants. Going forward this will be our only logo for the KVHA, and as you can see on the front page, the new logo has also been incorporated into our Newsletter masthead. We will still be designated by our team names such as Rebels, Renegades, Ravens, Admirals, Brigade, Calvary, Destroyers, Eagles, Federals, Generals and Hornets but we will be more readily recognized as KV when and wherever our teams play.

OFF THE BENCH

“Flat Bottom V” Skate Sharpening

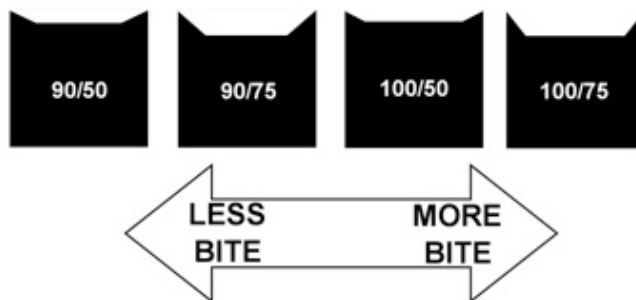
The circular arc profile is the traditional shape of the skate blade edge. This profile was created because of the traditional methods of shaping the grinding wheel itself. The groove of the blade is determined by the radius of the grinding wheel edge. When considering skate performance, the key characteristics of the groove profile are the angle of the edge and the depth of the groove. Smaller, or sharper, edge angles provide better bite and turning ability, and shallower depths provide lower friction and superior glide speed. The problem with the circular arc profile is edge angle and depth are linked by the circular geometry and cannot be varied independently. A small grind radius (Radius of Hollow, or ROH) creates a sharper edge angle for improved turning but also a deeper groove depth at the expense of glide speed. Conversely, a larger ROH creates a shallow depth for superior glide speed, but degrades turning performance. The most common ROH values among hockey players are 1/2” and 5/8”.



The Flat Bottom V (or FBV®) profile is an attempt to overcome the primary shortcoming of the circular arc profile; the fact that you cannot vary the edge angle and depth independently. This profile has straight edge angles rather than arced and would form a V shape if projected upward until they intersected. The bottom of the skate blade then forms a flat bottom of the groove, giving the profile shape its name. This profile allows the skater to vary both the edge angle and depth to achieve the best balance of turning performance and glide speed for their style of skating.

When asking for a FBV edge, the skater has to specify two numbers, such as 90/75 or 100/50,

rather than a single ROH value as in the traditional circular arc profile. The first number is the width of the flat bottom in thousandths of an inch, and the second number is the height between the edge of the blade and flat bottom (in 10 millionths). Each of the variables can be changed somewhat independently to give varying amounts of bite and glide performance. The diagram below shows various FBV profiles. Most shops advise skaters to start with a 90/75 profile. The player can then decide if they need the edge to be more or less sharp.



The Flat Bottom V was first introduced by Blackstone Sports in Kingston, Ontario, in February 2009. The St. Louis Blues was the first NHL team to adopt the FBV profile, but by early 2010, 20 NHL teams adopted this profile, attesting to its inherent advantage over the traditional ROH profile.

For more information on the FBV profile, you can visit Blackstone Sports website [here](http://www.blackstonesports.com). If you are interested in trying out the FBV for yourself contact Perfect Edge Hockey in Howell.

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TRIVIA CORNER

Why is scoring 3 goals in a game called a Hat Trick?

The term was first used in the late 1800's in cricket to describe the feat of taking 3 wickets in 3 balls, which entitled the bowler to receive a hat from his club commemorating the feat. According to the NHL Hall of Fame, the origin of awarding a hat for scoring 3 goals occurred in Toronto in 1946 when local businessman, Sammy Taft, offered to give visiting Chicago Black Hawks forward Alex Kaleta a free hat from his shop if he scored 3 goals against the Maple Leafs that night. That night on January 26, 1946, Kaleta scored 4 goals, and Taft made good on his promise.

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- [Mike Wainwright](#) - Director, Girls Program
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STANLEY CUP FINALS



Vancouver Canucks vs. Boston Bruins



Date	Location/Time	Network
Wed, June 1	Vancouver, 8 PM	NBC, CBC
Sat, June 4	Vancouver, 8 PM	NBC, CBC
Mon, June 6	Boston, 8 PM	VERSUS, CBC
Wed, June 8	Boston, 8 PM	VERSUS, CBC
*Fri, June 10	Vancouver, 8 PM	NBC, CBC
*Mon, June 13	Boston, 8 PM	NBC, CBC
*Wed, June 15	Vancouver, 8 PM	NBC, CBC

* If necessary
 All times Eastern Daylight Savings