



NOVEMBER, 2009 ♦ NEWS FROM RAYHA TO ITS MEMBERS

FOR PARENTS

Let's Play Hockey!

by Kari Kennedy

Communications Director & Webmaster

The 2009-10 hockey season is under way! Tryouts are nearly complete as our Junior Gold and 14U players take the ice this month. Other youth and girls travel teams have been hard at work practicing on and off the ice, scrimmaging and playing their first games.

House teams are skating and working hard in prep for their first games. New players are learning to lace up those skates and get back up after falling down.

Parents and players have been getting to know each other at potlucks, pizza parties and pasta feeds all around the association.

As we all settle in for another fun-filled season of hockey, it's time to step back and take a look at all the hard work and long hours that have gone into putting our players on the ice for another season.

In addition to your hard working Board members, many other people contribute

countless hours to our hockey association at the beginning of each season to get all of our players registered and skating with a team. Please take a look at the lists in this edition of the Goaltender as we recognize all of our hardworking volunteers. We are very fortunate to have so many people dedicated to our youth hockey players. We truly could not do it without all of you!

We also are very fortunate to have incredible success with our Charitable Gambling during the past several years. Many thanks to Gambling Manager April Borash and her hardworking staff as they continue to take on the many challenges of staying profitable in this economy. And don't forget to check out the Bingo sessions sponsored by RAYHA!

Because of this financial success, we are able to continue the assistance we provide to all RAYHA players. Registration fees were reduced across all levels of play several years ago and we have strived to keep those costs steady. We are in the fourth year of our equipment program for new players at the entry levels of hockey. Rink Rat hockey was again a huge

success at the Oval last season and will be returning for a 4th season on Monday nights. Check the website for this year's dates. And please consider volunteering an hour or two of your time to help provide adult supervision during Rink Rats.

In addition to the savings aimed at our younger players, we will continue assistance to our older players and traveling teams this season. RAYHA will cover one tournament for each of its teams at the C Squirt level and above. We continue to strive to subsidize ice bills for youth and girls traveling teams in order to help ease the budgets of those individual teams, while managing rising costs to our association.

We're excited for another new season of hockey to be getting underway. Please take time to thank the people around you who help make it all possible. Please contact a Board Member today to let us know how you can help make the 2009-10 season the best ever for all of our kids!

See you at the rink!



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HATS OFF TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS!

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We couldn't have done it without you!

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RAYHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

2009-10 Board Meetings

RAYHA Board meetings are held monthly at the Roseville Skating Center and are open to all members. The board reserves the right to caucus and limit the amount of time for discussion of any issue. Members are encouraged to attend meetings to maintain communication between themselves and the Board and to provide input and ideas for the benefit of RAYHA.

The following is the 2009-10 Board meeting schedule, subject to change. All meetings are in the Raider Room at the Roseville Skating Center, unless noted. All Board Meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.

Any schedule changes will be posted at rosevillehockey.org

December 14
January 25
February 22
March 22
April 19
May 24



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Celebrate the success of our youth players on and off the ice. To get your stories and pictures published in either edition of the Goaltender and posted on the website submit them to: kkennedy@tpt.org

Once you've sent me an article and photo, consider sharing it with a wider audience by submitting it to "Let's Play Hockey!" Kids (and parents) love to read about themselves. Click [here](#) for guidelines on how to submit articles and photos to LPH.

Attention Coaches and Managers! If you haven't contacted me yet to set up your team site, there's still plenty of time left in the season to use this communication tool to reach your team members. It's a great way to keep track of your team schedule AND celebrate the success of your players and team.

House/C Teams Director – Greg Hoag 651.486.8295 ghoag1@comcast.net

It has been a very busy month for the House Director. With the help of many others we have set all of our teams for the season. This year there are 6 Mini Mite teams, 5 Mite teams, 5 Squirt, 3 Pee Wee, and 1 Bantam team. All of the teams have about 15 players each, for a total of 20 teams and 300 players. This was no easy task. All of the teams were put together trying to keep the talent as best balanced as possible and to honor as many friend/Coach requests as possible. Now it is time to enjoy the season. Make sure to check the website for the Rink Rat schedule. See you at the rink.

District 2 Representative – Mike Murphy 612.817.5159 m.r.murphy@comcast.net

District 2 – Folks at the district have been fairly busy going over the particulars of the new season. Many teams have new coaches and managers unfamiliar with the requirements for a successful season. To help manage the process the district runs a couple of meetings that cover the basics, and provide for a thorough Q & A session with the District 2 President, District Director, Director of Officials as well as most of the level directors.

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The early word is that when the term of District Director Greg Nagan expires, he will not be running for another term. If working with Minnesota Hockey, representing District 2 is something that appeals to you, let me know, and I can tell you more about it.

Fundraising- The fundraising part of RAYHA has been quite an experience so far. The candy fundraiser was good as always. While it has been a long term success, I think it may be time for a change. Over the course of the season I will be looking at other possibilities for RAYHA. If you have something you would like me to look at, please feel free to share it with me.

Sponsors – Wow, are we lucky! We have a fantastic group of folks that care deeply about youth athletics. When you are on the website, click a sponsor banner and learn a little more about these folks. And when you are in their shops, please let them know that they are appreciated.

Icebreaker – I can not tell you how excited I am about this event. The Booster Club has really taken this concept and expanded it into much more than I had ever imagined. Please mark January 23 on your calendar. This is truly an event not to be missed!

Coaches & Managers Director – Jay Henthorne 651.766.0588 mjhenthorne@comcast.net

Student Coaches

Student Coaches can be a valuable tool for RAYHA. There has been some confusion in the past about who can and can not be on the ice as a Student Coach. RAYHA will be following the guidelines set out by USA Hockey and MN Hockey (listed below). If you have questions or comments regarding Student Coaching please contact me.

What are the rules and regulations for using a Student Coach?

A player between the ages of **13 and 17** who is currently properly registered with USA Hockey may serve as a student coach under the following conditions:

- Must attend a training session conducted by the local hockey association.
- Must always be under the supervision of a carded, screened adult coach during all practices, clinics, try-outs, and in the locker room.
- May help out at practices, clinics, try-outs only. (May not play during scrimmages or games).
- May not act as the head coach or assistant coach during practices or games.
- Must wear a helmet with full face shield, gloves, and skates while on the ice. Must wear helmet during games while on the bench.

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- May only work with players at least one full playing age level down.
- The organization that is using the student coach must provide a form indicating on what team he/she is participating as a student coach, and, if applicable, what team he/she is properly registered/rostered as a player. Located on USA Hockey website
- Upon reaching the age of 18, the student coach must comply with all USA Hockey coaching and screening rules and regulations.

In addition all student coaches who meet the above criteria must be listed on the team roster for which they are a student coach. **Anyone who does not meet these criteria will not be allowed to skate, demonstrate drills or otherwise help coach any team on which they are not rostered.**

Shooting Clinics

Shooting Clinics for the association have been scheduled and distributed to the coaches. Please keep your scheduled shooting clinic time. Coaches have volunteered to conduct the clinics and they are difficult to reschedule. If clinics need to be rescheduled please get in contact with Keith Colvard. If as a coach you would like to assist in conducting the clinics please contact Keith for more information.

Coaching and Managers Clinic

The coaching and manager clinic on Sunday, October 25th went very well. The Hockey Operations committee conducted classroom and on ice sessions for coaches. At the end the managers and coaches got together for information presented by Board members Barb Suci, Mike Murphy, Greg Hoag, and Jay Henthorne. Thank you to all coaches and managers who attended the clinic.

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RAYHA Mission Statement The purposes of our programs are to TEACH and to promote amateur youth ice hockey, develop GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP and fair play, and to teach each participant to ACCEPT both victory and defeat graciously. Above all, we want our youth to have FUN. We want to develop individual and team skills, TEAMWORK, knowledge of the game, LOYALTY, RESPONSIBILITY AND SPORTSMANSHIP.

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Registration Director – Kris Swanson 651.415.1821 kmswanson@mmm.com

The registration dates have passed but the work has just begun. To date we have 470 players registered not including 14U and Junior Gold.

Level	Teams	Players	Staff
10U	2	29	5
12U	2	22	7
Mini-Mite	6	85	19
Mite	5	68	21
Squirt	7	101	33
Peewee	6	95	32
Bantam	4	70	19
Total	32	470	136

We also have 136 coaches and managers registered. The teams are formed and roster books are being completed for official sign off with District 2.

I still have a couple of missing birth certificates I need on file, so please, if you are one of them, get them to me ASAP.

Thanks to everyone for completing the On-line USA Hockey registration step for our registration this year. Doing registration this way helped eliminate many extra steps that were in the old

process. A BIG thank you also goes out to those that helped with registration. It's a big day that went smoothly, thanks to all of you.

What's all the Buzz about Roster books?

Did you know that for each team rostered by RAYHA, we are required to assemble a Roster Book of team credentials? These books carry important team information and actually reside for the season with the Team Manager or Head Coach for all teams except Mites and Mini-Mites (those books are still assembled but remain with me!)

So, what are team credentials? For coaches, Credentials include a copy of the CEP (Coaches Education Program) card verifying that they have been certified to the required level for the level of team they are coaching. They also must have a signed Waiver of Liability form in the book. For players, Credentials include a copy of a government issued Birth Certificate and a Consent to Treat form signed by a parent or Legal Guardian. (Registering on-line helped us eliminate the need for

a paper Waiver of Liability.) Finally, a formal USA Hockey issued Roster is created and initialed or signed by every player, coach, and manager with the team.

Once all the forms are in place, the assembled books must be brought to the Officials at District 2 – MN Hockey for their approval. They review the books to see that all the credentials are there and that players are playing at the correct level for their defined age group. Any player or coach that is missing a credential has a BIG RED LINE drawn through their name and we have to start over in gathering their credentials for D2 approval.

Once the books are approved from D2, they go back out to the teams. They are needed for tournament registration and in case of injury at a practice or game. In previous years, the birth certificates stayed with the book all season, but new this year, I remove them after D2 approval, and the roster indicates they have all been verified. The birth certificates are then re-filed in your players folder and kept on hand so you do not have to provide another copy next year.

Sponsor Spotlight

Sponsors Rock!

Oh sure, we see their names above the website banner, but have you really ever taken a close look at who is investing time and money into your youth athletic association? Over the course of the season this page will feature some of our sponsors. Take a little time and get to know them. They are fantastic folks!

Roseville is blessed to have a very solid core of sponsors, as well as some energetic new comers. In the RAYHA stable we have folks that:

- Insure our homes and loved ones
- Equip our teams
- Keep us on the water (when it is not frozen)
- Straighten our teeth (Come on, We are hockey players!)
- Fix our equipment
- Take care of our dogs while we are at tournaments
- Keep our vehicles running
- Make us faster
- Improve our sorry golf game
- Make sure the roof over our head does not collapse with the weight of the snow
- And so much more!

But the one thing they all have in common is the willingness to invest in their community. When you are out and about this season, let them know how much we appreciate their help!

Know of someone that should be a sponsor?

I would love to talk to them! Send me an email at m.r.murphy@comast.net with the contact info and I can take it from there.

Sponsor Spotlight



Boaters Outlet
1705 W. County Road C
Roseville MN 55113
651-639-9000

Q - Why did you decide to sponsor a team?

A - This is our 1st year as a RAYHA sponsor. Our children growing up all played youth sports and all have done well as active community members. We had such a positive experience with sports as a family that when we were approached by RAYHA to sponsor a team, it was a very easy decision. It

is nice to be able to pass on the advantages our children had, especially with the financial difficulties everyone is facing today

Q - What has your involvement in youth sports been?

A- Up to now our involvement with youth sports has been as cheerleaders for our kid's games, and just enjoying seeing their excited faces.

Q - What is your favorite hockey or youth sports memory?

A- Our most memorable sports moment occurred between periods at the last North Stars home game. The North Stars had invited various mite teams throughout the season to play, and the last game of the year, (and the last home game they every played at the Met) featured our grandson in nets. What a thrill for him, and for us!

Q - What does Boaters Outlet do?

A -Boaters Outlet is a retail establishment selling the finest pontoons, trailers and boat accessories. We also do boat brokerage. We feature a full service department with highly trained technicians. We winterize boats, shrink wrap and store them for the season, as well as get them ready to hit the lake in the spring. We have a full accessory department as well as parts department for Mercury and Evinrude-Johnson.

Sponsor Spotlight



Harold's Shoe Repair
2940 Rice St. Little Canada
651-484-6109

Wayne Westphal
email: haroldsshoerepair@q.com

Q - How many years have you been a RAYHA sponsor?

A- This is our 1st year officially sponsoring a RAYHA team.

Q - Why did you decide to sponsor a team?

A - We have been repairing equipment for RAYHA for many years now. Our relationship with RAYHA has been very good so it is a good way to give back to the community. It is great to be involved with a program like RAYHA.

Q - Favorite hockey or youth sports memory? There is nothing that can compare to meeting Herb Brooks!

Q - What does your business do?

A – We do skate sharpening while you wait. As for hockey equipment we repair/re-palm gloves, bags, and a lot of goalie equipment, often making it stronger than the original construction. We also have Roseville Letter Jackets and patches in stock, and repair zippers on coats, bags, etc., as well as top notch shoe repair.

Come On Out to the 33rd Annual Thanksgiving B1 & B2 Bantam Tournament on November 27th, 28th & 29th!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Roseville Hockey Families, Friends and Alumni:

For more than 30 years the Roseville Hockey Association has hosted a Bantam Tournament on Thanksgiving Weekend. The tournament is run by volunteers from our association with significant support from the families of our B1 & B2 Bantam teams. Without all of this people power to keep things running smoothly, the tournament would not survive. There are still many shifts open and volunteers are needed to help sell tickets, be locker room attendants, run the scoreboard, open penalty box doors and much, much more.

When you volunteer your time to help out at the tournament, you also get to come out and watch some great Bantam Hockey. This season we are hosting Bantam teams from around the state and from as far away as Winnipeg!

Please consider giving some of your time to help out. Bring your kids! All current RAYHA players get in free to the tournament. Wear this year's team jersey and receive one free Chuck A Puck. Come on out and support the Roseville Bantam teams this Thanksgiving!

To volunteer your time to help at the tournament, please contact John Olander at rosevillebbantam@aol.com as soon as possible.

B-I-N-G-O!

The Roseville Bingo Hall is now SMOKE FREE!

We have more sessions than any other Bingo Hall. Roseville Hockey sponsors sessions every Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday and alternates every other month Friday or Saturday.

NOVEMBER RAYHA SESSIONS:

Sunday 1, 3, 7, 9 & 11 p.m.
Wednesday 3, 7 & 9 p.m.
Thursday 1:30, 7, 9 & 11 p.m.
Saturday 7, 9 & 11 p.m.

DECEMBER RAYHA SESSIONS:

Sunday 1, 3, 7, 9 & 11 p.m.
Wednesday 3, 7 & 11 p.m.
Thursday 1:30, 7, 9, & 11 p.m.
Friday 1:30

JANUARY RAYHA SESSIONS:

Sunday 1, 3, 7, 9 & 11 p.m.
Wednesday 3, 7 & 9 p.m.
Thursday 1:30, 7, 9 & 11 p.m.
Saturday 7, 9 & 11 p.m.

Happy Birthday to You!!! We LOVE birthdays at the Roseville Bingo Hall:

The day of your birthday you receive a \$10 admission package every session, just bring in your state ID. The last Tuesday and Wednesday of your birthday month, receive your admission package for half price!

Monthly Birthday Party

Come to our monthly birthday party and receive your Admission package and a gift bag. Don't forget to bring your ID! Birthday parties are the third Sunday of every month at the 9 pm session. Winter birthday parties are on Dec. 20th, Jan. 17th and Feb. 21st.

Happy Holidays!

We're open Thanksgiving and Christmas Night, sessions at 7, 9 & 11p.m. Door prizes all evening.
New Year's Eve Party: Sessions at 1:30, 7, 9, & 11 pm. Door prizes and party favors at 7 & 9 pm.
Super Bowl Sunday is Feb. 10th. Sessions at 7, 9 & 11 pm. Door prizes and \$500 cash for a trip to Vegas.

We now have our own web page for the Roseville Bingo Hall. Check it out at www.rosevillebingo.com Make sure to look for monthly web specials and coupons.

The Roseville Bingo Hall is located at 2525 N Snelling Ave in Roseville. **Come out and support your local charities.**

Hope to see you there!

April Borash
RAYHA Gambling Manager

NEWS FROM THE RAH BOOSTER CLUB

Icebreaker Update

The Countdown is on!

The countdown has begun for RAYHA's 1st Annual RAYHA Icebreaker January 23rd at the Roseville Ice Arena.

The Icebreaker is an opportunity for folks to get to know one another, for kids of all ages to learn we are on the same team, and most importantly, a chance to celebrate hockey! The *Ice Breaker* will be held in conjunction with Minnesota's Day of Hockey.

There will be plenty more info to follow, but the *RAYHA Ice Breaker* will feature; Open Hockey for the Kids, Food, Food, Food! Beverages for all ages, Live Music From *Moxie Blue*, Live Entertainment from *The Danger Committee*, 2 Roseville Raider Hockey games vs. Stillwater (separate ticket req), Big Screen TV to watch Gopher and Wild Games, Silent Auction and much, much more!

Advance tickets will be on sale at photo night on November 30 and December 7. Ticket Prices for this event are \$5.00 per person and \$8.00 to skate (includes skating pass for open hockey on Oval) Due to anticipated attendance tickets will be limited.

NEWS FROM THE RAH BOOSTER CLUB

Thank You From the RAH Booster Club!

The 2009-10 PASTA DINNER EVENT was a great success!

We could not have done it without the support from our local businesses and families:

Jim & Molly Ibister
Little Canada Recreation Association
Top Shelf Athletics
Rocco's Pizza – Little Canada
Cedarholm Golf Course
Flaherty's Bowl
Schroeder Milk
Fuddrucker's

Strauss
Mike & Heidi Murphy
Red Bull – Extreme Beverage
Ron & Carol Gardenhire
MN Wild
Pump It Up (Oakdale)
Island Lake Golf Course
Porterhouse

Chianti Grill
Dick's Sporting Goods
Billy's Coffee Shop
Culver's St. Anthony
MN Twins
North Hts Hardware Hank
Tony & Gordette Oliva
Play It Again Sports

In addition to the donors, we also want to express our appreciation to those of you who volunteered your time to make the event possible (set-up crew, servers, ticket sellers, & clean-up crew...)

On behalf of the RAH Booster Club a special *thank you* to everyone who contributed to and attended the event!

Karen Westerhaus & Kerry Keenan

If you are looking for a way to be involved in your child's sport, but cannot commit to the schedule of coaching or managing, give the booster club a whirl! It is a vital part of the success we enjoy at RAYHA, and gosh darn it; it's a lot of fun! Contact Ann Johnson at Ann@Teampro.net, Bonnie Nelson at randevin@yahoo.com or Heidi Murphy at Heidi.Murphy@YMCAtwincities.org to find out how you can help today!