

STOWE TOURNAMENT

It was another adventure up North for all the EHA Teams that participated in the Stowe Winter Carnival Tournament. The Squirt , PeeWee and Bantam teams represented the Association well. Typically we are playing in some very cold weather (-4 degrees) in an outdoor rink up there, but not this year. The outdoor Jackson Arena was torn down and replaced with a brand new Stowe Arena. They tore down the old rink and put up the new one in a matter of 6-7 months. Anyone who was there in the past could really appreciate the new surroundings and the warmth that four walls can provide.



The new Stowe Arena in Stowe, VT

The Tournament was held on the weekend of January 11th and all the kids and parents had a great time. I saw a lot of camaraderie and support between the teams. It started before the tournament with car painting and at the tournament with the fans making posters to cheer on their team. Best of all we saw some competitive hockey and some smiles along the way.

There are some pictures and team reports later on in this issue.

Rob Vose - ICE CHIPS COORDINATOR

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EHA FAMILY SKATE AND COACHES GAME

Jill Birmingham and Cathy Partridge (Co-Presidents of the EHA Booster Club) along with volunteers from the Booster Club hosted the annual EHA Family Skate and Coaches Game on December, 18th at ETR.

Admission was a new, unwrapped toy or a monetary donation. Laura Martin collected the toys (4 large boxes of toys) to go towards her Senior Project which was called Project Elf. Project Elf provides toys for underprivileged children in the Windsor Locks community. We also raised \$135 which she used to buy more toys for the children.



Jill Birmingham of the EHA Booster Club introduced the Shoot Out Players during Half time of the Coaches' Game (Photos by Jerry Knisley)

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Many EHA families came out to skate with Santa and Screech (Springfield Falcon's Mascot). There were many raffle items, chuck a puck and a 50/50 raffle to raise money for the Booster Club. They were able to raise \$305!

The coaches' game followed. Tom Brady and Zach Audet were the goalies and over 20 EHA coaches and a few EHA alumni made up the two teams. Nate R and Joey P from the Bantam Team became certified referees this year and officiated the game.



Coach Gordon Perkins looks to make a centering pass from the corner during the Coaches' Game

During the event, the Booster club held the annual yearbook cover contest. The winner was Patrick F from the PeeWee B team.

The individual team Shoot Outs were held between the first and second periods. Two players from each team were selected by the Coaches to participate. The players included:

LTS: Robert K, Bruce H, Nikos G

Mite U-6: Jack M-J, Luke P, Quinn S

Mite B: Logan C, Maddox S

Squirt C: Cedric L, Nikolas S

Squirt B: Mason F, Declan H

Pee Wee B 1: Ryan W

Pee Wee B : Nora B, Andrew D

Bantam: Jake A, Alex J

Adult shoot out-EHA Alum: Brian Martin



Robert K skates in on goalie Tom Brady during the Shoot Out between periods of the Coaches' Game

Also between the first and second period the Booster Club announced EHA's Favorite Coach and Coaching Staff. The Booster Club held a penny war during the month of November to vote for the favorite coach and coaching staff. The winner was Rob Vose with coaching staff Dan Audet, Mike Ulitsch and Joe Partridge. Trophies were awarded along with a gift certificate to a local restaurant. The remaining proceeds of \$132 will be donated to the Wayne Vose Memorial Enfield Hockey Association Scholarship Fund in the name of the 2013 Bantam Coaching Staff.

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Winners of our Can/Bottle drive were also announced. The Pee Wee B team came in first place and will receive a team pizza party.



The Maroon Team won the Coaches' Game by a score of 4-2 thanks to strong goaltending by Zach Audet

Thanks to all who participated and had fun for some great causes.

Write-up Submitted by Cathy Partridge
EHA Booster Club Co-President

GSL NOVICE JAMBOREE

On January 26th from 7:30 to 11:00AM, EHA hosted the GSL Novice Jamboree at the Enfield Twin Rinks. There were 20 Teams involved from nine hockey organizations. Pioneer Valley, Holy Name, Nanotuck Valley, WTM, Springfield, Westfield, Ludlow, Amherst and of course Enfield.



This is a tournament made up of kids skating in the the American Development Model (ADM) program. There are up to 3 cross-ice games going on at the same time on one ice. There are no whistles and the only stoppages are after 2 minutes to allow for line changes. The idea behind the ADM program is that kids get more touches on the puck in the cross ice games and the focus is on having fun and not just winning and losing.



Nolan S, Gavin W and Quinn S waiting for a line change during the GSL Novice Jamboree.



Tyler G, Jack J and Maren D are all smiles during their game against Holy Name.

Many of EHA's players, board members, booster club members and coaches were on hand to help out. All of the volunteers helped check people in, set up the ice for the games, run the clock and help the hockey players out during the games. Jerry Knisley was there taking pictures for the players to remember the great day.



Nate R, Michael K, Jamie S, Joey P and Jake A get ready to help out the Novice skaters before the Jamboree

There was a lot of smiling players and parents afterwards. Additionally, many of the visiting coaches had some nice words to say to the volunteers thanks to how well the tournament was coordinated.



Larry Juhasz (EHA President) & Coach John Birmingham give instructions to volunteers Nora B, Brendan B, Remington F, Michael K and Emma B before the Jamboree



Some of the action between Ludlow and Holy Name Hockey Teams at the GSL Novice Jamboree

USA HOCKEY SAFESPORT PROGRAM

USA Hockey and EHA are committed to creating a safe and positive environment for all its participants' physical, emotional and social development and ensuring it promotes an environment free from abuse and misconduct. As part of the SafeSport Program, USA Hockey has implemented policies to address certain types of abuse and misconduct, and certain policies intended to reduce and monitor areas where potential abuse and misconduct might occur.

Jerry Knisley and Jill Birmingham, who are our EHA SafeSport Coordinators, met with all the Head and Assistant Coaches to go over what they learned at the SafeSport Seminar. At the meeting on November 21st, they reviewed and discussed the policies, how to report any incidents and how to prevent any incidents.

Following the meeting, in addition to their normal Coaching Certification requirements and Age Specific Module Exam, all the EHA Coaches were required to complete the SafeSport Training by December 31st.

For more information go to:

www.usahockey.com/safesport

MITES



Jimmy G takes a shot on net during the Mite B game against the Whalers in Enfield (Photo by Jim Gilbert)

SQUIRTS

STOWE WINTER CARNIVAL WRAP-UP

The **Enfield Eagles Squirt B** team began play with a pair of games on Friday. Enfield dropped its opener versus the North Shore Ice Hawks 5-1. Mason F. scored the lone Eagles goal on a breakaway. The Ice Hawks were a very strong team and would go on to win the Squirt tournament bracket.

The Eagles would get only a two hour break before their second game. Their game two opponent was the LAYHA Red Wings from Vermont. Enfield may have been a little tired as they fell behind 4-0 after one period. Enfield would rally all the way back to tie the score at 4-4 during the second period. Mason F. netted a pair of goals along with two assists. Tatum P. scored a goal and added an assist and Brandon S. recorded a goal and two assists. Unfortunately, LAYHA scored a goal in the closing seconds of the second period and held on for a 5-4 win.

The Eagles faced the Stowe Raiders in Game 3. Enfield got goals from Ryan H. and Brandon S., but it would not be enough as the host Raiders came away with a 5-2 victory.

Enfield and Stowe met again on Sunday. The two teams battled to a 0-0 deadlock after two periods. Stowe would finally break through with the game's lone goal in the third period for the 1-0 win. Enfield's defensive pairings of Savanna S. and Tatum P. along with Colby P. and JT T. played extremely well. Goalie Tommy T. made numerous saves to keep the Eagles in the game.



All the siblings show their support in Stowe making posters and cheering on the Eagles.

Each game sees a player from each team awarded "**Player of the Game**" recognition. The following four were the Eagle's award recipients: **Tommy T., Mason F. Jordan B. & Savannah S.**

**Write up submitted by:
Diane & Monte Ferrari**

PEEWEEES

STOWE WINTER CARNIVAL WRAP-UP

Enfield's Pee Wee B team began the tournament Friday afternoon versus the Waltham Hawks. After falling behind 5-2 the Eagles staged an impressive comeback and earned a 5-5 tie against a very strong Waltham team. Patrick F. scored a pair of goals and picked up an assist. Ben K. recorded a goal and two assists. Remington F. scored the tying goal and also assisted on a goal by Michael B.

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The Pee Wee's faced the host Stowe Raiders Saturday morning. The Eagles took a 1-0 lead when Remington F. scored from the right face-off circle off the drop of the puck, catching the Stowe goaltender by surprise. Patric F. broke a 1-1 tie scoring with a nice wrist shot, Jake E. assisted on the goal. Very strong play by goalie Michael K. and D-men Emma B., Jake E., Michael O. and AJ D. helped secure the 2-1 win.



Remington F and Emma B on the forecheck against the Stowe Raiders (Photos by Christina Kaliff)



AJ D battles for the puck against Barre VT

The Eagles earned their berth in the Championship game with a 1-1 tie versus the Barre Blades. Enfield trailed 1-0 with less than five minutes remaining. While killing off a penalty, Remington F. stole the puck at the blue line and raced down ice on a break-in. The goalie

stopped the initial shot, but Patrick F. jumped on the rebound and banged home a game-tying short-handed goal. More strong goaltending and defense were the hallmarks of the game.



The PeeWee B Team supporters cheer during the championship game against Barre VT

The Pee Wee Championship game would be a rematch of the previous day's Enfield vs. Barre 1-1 tie. Unfortunately, the Eagles never seemed to get on track and were beaten rather handily 7-2. Ben K. supplied all of Enfield's offense with a pair of goals. The Eagles Pee Wee B made a good showing finishing as runner-ups against some very good teams.

Pee Wee **"Player of the Game"** were:
Michael B, Michael K, Patrick F, Jake E



The PeeWee B Team goes over strategy during the championship game against Barre, VT

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BANTAMS

STOWE WINTER CARNIVAL WRAP-UP

Enfield versus Stowe Raiders (T 1-1)

The first game of the tournament was on Friday evening 1/10 at 7:50PM, at the new Stowe Arena. The Eagles took on the host Stowe Raiders team. Robert V, Alex J and Julian C led the Eagles onto the ice as Captains of the Week.

Robert would get the Eagles on the board first late in the first period deking around the defense. Joey P assisted on the play with a nice breakout pass to Robert off the boards.



Kyle D skates to the front of the net against Stowe

Thanks to some good defense by Nate R, Julian C, Jake S and Shane W and some solid goaltending by Alex J and Jake S the Eagles would keep the Raiders off the board until the third period. The game would end in a tie 1-1. **Nate R** got the **Player of the Game** for Enfield with his stellar defense.

Enfield versus Waltham Hawks (L1-7)

On Saturday the Eagles took on Waltham's AA team. This was a difficult matchup for Enfield, but they played hard all game. The Hawks got in front of the Eagles 4-0 in the first period and would go

on to win 7-1. Michael U would get the only goal with assists from Jake S and Shane W. **Jake A** would get the **Player of the Game** for his solid goaltending in the second half of the game.



Mike U, Tyler N and Shane W attack in the offensive zone as a unit (photos by Christine Juhasz)

Enfield versus Newport Whalers (W3-2)

In a crucial game where the Eagles needed a win to stay alive in the Tournament, they came up with a full team effort to hold off the Newport Whalers 3-2 to earn a spot in the Championship Game.



Connor J brings the puck up the ice against the Newport Whalers on his way to a Hat Trick

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Connor J would earn the Hat Trick in this game showing off his awesome offensive skills that he has been showing all season. Down 1-0 at the end of the first period, Enfield would score all their goals in the second. The first goal would come on the power play when the puck was brought behind the net by Robert V and sent to Julian C at the point. Julian took a shot on net and Connor tipped it in.

Julian would assist on Connor's second goal and the third one would be unassisted when Connor rushed the puck up the ice and beat both Whaler defensemen to get to the net.

Connor earned the **Player of the Game** honors to force a rematch with the Waltham Hawks in the finals.



Joey P controls the rolling puck on a rush up the ice with Nick B hustling to join the play.

Championship Game vs Waltham AA (L5-3)

The rematch against Waltham would be a lot different than the first time they met. The Eagles would stay neck and neck with the Hawks alternating scoring on the first two goals. Mike U scored the first goal with an assist by Nate R in the first period. Then Connor would keep his scoring streak going on an assist from Robert V. Down 4-2 going into the 3rd the Eagles would score the next goal to keep it close. After almost scoring on a Power Play that would have tied the

game, the Eagles surrendered a goal and had to settle for second place for the tournament.

The game remained close thanks to Enfield solid defensive core. Nate R, Jake S, Julian C and Cam G were not intimidated by the larger Hawks and took the body whenever they tried to get into the middle. Also, both Alex J in the first half and Jake A in the second half played solid in net thanks to their earlier experience in the Avon Tournament Championship Game.

The **Player of the Game** was **Alex J** for his solid goaltending in the first half of the game.



Robert V faces off against the Waltham Hawks.



The Eagles pose for a team photo after their Runner-Up finish against the Waltham Hawks AA Team

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

Enfield Hockey Association

5th ANNUAL COMEDY NIGHT

**Saturday, February
15th, 8:00 PM**

Social Hour 6-8PM

**Polish National Home
9 First Street - Windsor
Locks, CT**

***Tony Liberati,
Tommy Gilmore and
Rich Ceisler***

Sold Out Shows 2011, 2012 and 2013!!

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From Your Team's Ticket
Holder!*

*We are close to selling out again
this year!!*

*EHA Alumni May Contact:
Lorraine Votta (860)305-4074,
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Cathy Partridge (860)849-1438*

*Purchase Your Tickets at ETR:
Monday, February 10th from
5:45PM-7PM*

See Cathy Partridge in Lobby

**Cash Bar with BYOS
(snacks)**

**Advance Sales Tickets
EXTENDED**

**\$20/person by February
10th**

**\$30/person February
11th - February 15th**

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