

ICE CHIPS

The Official Newsletter of the Enfield Hockey Association

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Welcome to the 2014-2015 Hockey Season

It is shaping up to be a great season for EHA and all our hockey players. With nine travel teams along with the U-6 Mites and Learn to Skate teams, EHA has built on its foundation in recent years. There has been some great additions to the Board of Directors, all with young kids in the league and showing a lot of enthusiasm to continue building our great organization.

With so much coming up in the next few weeks and months, I would like to take a minute to look back on last season and the summer.

All of our travel teams played hard in the 2014 State Tournament last March. We had two teams win their division tournaments. The U-8 Mite B team beat Avon 3-1 at Enfield Twin Rinks.



The Mite B Team showing off thier hardware
The PeeWee B team won their games down in Shelton, beating the Northeast Ice Dogs 1-0



Pee Wee B Team holding up their State Tournament Championship Trophy (photo by Christina Kaliff)

Congatulations to both hockey teams!

Over the summer we had over 90 skaters participate in the EHA Summer Skate. This summer skate had numerous different coaches and had some outside help come in and provide instruction. The Cutting Edge provided great coaching for two of the 8 weekly sessions. Also, EHA Alumnus, Brian Daly, ran numerous sessions in all of the age groups to bring some different skills and drills to the kids. Of course, our own EHA coaches taught some of the sessions as well as supervised the Pond Hockey events on the weekends. It was a great way for the kids to keep their hockey skills fresh in an encouraging environment.



The Bantams and Midgets get together for a group photo during Summer Skate



Brian Daly running some drills during Summer Skate

Rob Vose - ICE CHIPS COORDINATOR

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EHA AND ENFIELD/FERMI HOCKEY TEAM UP TO CLEAN UP RENTSCHLER FIELD

To fundraise for both EHA skaters and the Enfield/Fermi Hockey Team, 38 players and parents volunteered to clean up Rentschler Field on September 28th after a UConn Football game. The group arrived at the field at 7:45 AM and cleaned the upper and lower seating areas for the entire stadium in about 2 hours. They raised \$1,280 total for the two organizations. Lorraine Votta, Val Breda and Cathy Partridge did a great job coordinating the event.



The clean-up crew at Rentschler field

2013-2014 BACKYARD RINK CONTEST

In case you missed it, EHA's own Stefanowich family was voted as one of the 3 finalists for the Backyard Rink Contest for the 2013-2014 Season. You can check out some great interviews and video of the action on the Stefanowich's rink at <http://www.gottalovecthockey.org>.

Congratulations on a great rink, having all those kids over to enjoy playing hockey and making it so far in the Contest. Here are a few pictures of the handmade rink by Mike Stefanowich and his father-in-law, Joe Ouellette.



The frame for the 40 feet by 28 feet rink



The U6 and U8 Mites (plus older siblings!) at the Stefanowich's Rink enjoying the finished product

EHA 2014 SCHOLARSHIPS

ENFIELD HOCKEY ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is given to an EHA graduating senior attending college in the fall and one who has given his or her time back to the association over the years.

This year's recipient has been a member of the Enfield Hockey Association for 15 years and has volunteered with EHA as a student coach for the past six (6) years. Playing hockey has taught him that talent and skill can make you good but only hard work, dedication and passion can make you great. And, it is this lesson in life he wishes to pass onto tomorrow's youth to make each day better than the last. The Booster club is honored to award this scholarship to:

Mr. Rudolph Anthony O'Konis

East Windsor High School
Graduating Class of 2014

WAYNE VOSE ENFIELD HOCKEY ASSOCIATION MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is in memory of Wayne Vose who was an exceptionally active member of the Enfield Hockey Association since 1970. He was passionate about the importance of spending time with today's youth not only teaching them the game of hockey but lessons of life in general and how to be a better person. Wayne is remembered as one of EHA's best coaches, a very good ref, but a better friend, and a wonderful and caring husband, father and grandfather.

This scholarship is awarded to a candidate who plans to attend college this fall and played for EHA for only a short time. However, it is her understanding of just how sacred a "Hockey Family" is and her desire to pay forward to

tomorrow's youth the lessons of life Hockey has given to her. The Booster Club and Kathy Vose are honored to award this scholarship to:

Miss Marci Macsata

Enrico Fermi High School
Graduating Class of 2014

USA HOCKEY SAFESPORT TRAINING

From the USA Hockey Website Training section:

One of the most exciting aspects of the USA Hockey SafeSport Program is the online training/education that is available to help our members become aware of the information necessary to help prevent abuse from occurring in our sport.

USA Hockey registered coaches, officials, employees and volunteers are entitled to take the training at no cost. The training was produced by the United States Olympic Committee. The training is comprised of short video segments that take approximately 90 minutes to complete, however, not all training needs to be completed in one session.

The SafeSport Training is valid for 2 seasons. Thus if you took the training for 2013-14, you will not need to take the training again until the 2015-16 season (at which time a shorter "refresher" course will be available).

Jerry Knisley and Jill Birmingham, who are our EHA SafeSport Coordinators, relayed to the EHA Board and the Coaches that all parents can participate in the training. You need a USA Hockey number, which you can get free by following the instructions at USA Hockey website.

For more information go to:

www.usahockey.com/safesport

GAME REPORTS

Here is the section where we recap some of the action during the month and recognize the kids' effort and hard work. Parents on the travel teams have sent in some pictures from games that are included in this issue. If you have a write up or a picture you want to include send me an email at rvose@snet.net. You can also fill out an ICE CHIPS report on-line at the EHA website (www.enfieldhockey.org) by selecting ICE CHIPS from the left side menu and then selecting "Online Form"

LEARN TO SKATE/LEARN TO PLAY HOCKEY

The Enfield Hockey Association invites all boys and girls, ages 3-10, to join our Learn-To-Skate / Learn-To-Play Hockey Program.

The program consists of 3 8-week sessions, which are held on Sunday mornings, from 8:10am-9:10am. Each session will focus on basic skating skills, safety, and LOTS OF FUN AND GAMES! The fee for each session is \$100.

Session dates are as follows:

September 14, 2014 – November 2, 2014

November 16, 2014 – January 18, 2015

February 1, 2015 – March 29, 2015

Registration is currently open for all sessions.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Tom Terhune, EHA's Learn-To-Skate Director, at thomasterhune@gmail.com.

See you on the ice!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Enfield Hockey Association Mandatory Concussion Seminar

Date: Thursday Oct 16th

Place: Anchovies Pizzeria/ Joanna's Cafe
145 Main Street, Somers, CT

Time: 7:00pm-8:30pm

Who: Mite U-8, Squirt, PeeWee, Bantam and Midget Divisions
Pizza will be served.

We strongly encourage every coach and at least one parent to attend with their player. Discussion will include how to recognize a mild head injury and what steps coaches, parents and players need to follow in order for each player to recover fully.

Speaker will be Regina Kostyun, MS.Ed, ATC; Concussion Program Director at Elite Sports Medicine. Please go to <http://www.connecticutchildrens.org/esm/index.php> for further information regarding concussion management.

Questions please contact Janine Liddell at jlshortstuff1@att.net or Cathy Partridge at m.partridge@cox.net

Enfield Runs For A Reason - 10/25/14

We would like to encourage EHA Families and Friends to support the Enfield 4th Annual 5K Run/1 Mile Walk for Breast Cancer Awareness and Research. The past 3 years, we have had many families partake in this event. All have truly enjoyed giving back to the community by being a part of this wonderful cause and sharing the experience.

Their website is www.runsforareason.com. You are welcome to sign up directly online at <https://runsignup.com/Register/?racelid=1836> or you may mail your **Enfield Runs For A Reason Registration Form** in. All pre-registrations include a free t-shirt, deadline for pre-registrations is October 3, 2014.
