

## Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Thanksgiving Tournament Time

October was Breast Cancer Awareness month. Members of EHA participated in the Enfield Runs for a Reason Annual 5K race on October 25<sup>th</sup>. The race raises around \$5,500 for The Breast Cancer Research Foundation each year. Also, the Mites held a "U-6 Go Pink" Fundraiser. Coach Tom Terhune and Deborah Samek organized the event, which included selling kits that included a pink jersey, pink tape, pink laces and a sticker. Their hardwork collected \$130.41 above thier costs that they were able to donate to the Susan G Komen Foundation which raises money for Breast Cancer research.



*Enfield U-6 outfitted with pink tape and laces to support breast cancer awareness month*

Around the Thanksgiving holiday there was a lot of hockey being played. EHA hosted a Greater Springfield League (GSL) Novice Jamboree on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and ETR. Also, four Teams from Enfield participated in the Avon Thanksgiving Tournament with three teams taking home the Championship Trophy including the Bantam A, Bantam B and Squirt B Teams. Coming up, the PeeWee B team is traveling to Lake Placid the weekend of December 5-7. We have some pictures and write ups from the Thanksgiving tournament later in the newsletter.

Rob Vose - ICE CHIPS COORDINATOR

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### EHA Midgets Finish Pre-High School Season.

With players from Enfield/Fermi, Tri-Town, Windsor Locks, Suffield, Stafford and Springfield making up the 23 man roster, the Midgets completed their half-year season on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Many players had played their earlier youth hockey careers in EHA. Although some had moved to other organizations they reunited as old friends for some great hockey. They competed in the A division of the Greater Springfield League, which provided excellent competition. The opposition was often made up of mostly high school upper classmen and provided a good tune-up for the high school season. They finished with an overall record of 8W-10L-1T.



*Head Coach Pat Hughes gives the Pre-Game talk to the Midgets before the BCR Whalers game in Bolton*

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## U-6 Mites Host Jamboree at ETR

On November 23rd the EHA Mites hosted a cross-ice Jamboree. They hosted 14 teams including the Maroon and White teams from Enfield. Many volunteers including older players from various EHA teams, Booster Club members, parents and Coaches kept the event moving smoothly. EHA gave out Mini-hockey sticks to each participant. Both rinks were split into 3 cross-ice games and the teams played 20 minute games before switching opponents. All the kids I saw had a smile on their face and the fans were cheering loudly. The teams came from Holy Name, Ludlow, Nonotuck Valley, WTM and Westfield and all the coaches from the teams said they had a great time.



*EHA Bantam players volunteer for the Jamboree*



*A face-off between WTM and Ludlow*



*Enfield Maroon stickhandles with the puck up the ice against Holy Name (picture by Christina Kaliff)*



*Enfield White races Westfield for the puck*



*Cathy Partridge and Jill Birmingham check in the players and hand out the mini-hockey sticks*

## Enfield PeeWee B Dedicate Game to Grandmother Angela Beaudry

The November 11<sup>th</sup> game was a special event for the Pee Wee B Team because it was dedicated to our team's # 1 Grandma , Angela Beaudry. Her grandson Michael Jr plays center for the B team. Angela is starting treatment for Pancreatic Cancer the following week and this may be the last game she will be able to attend for a while. We wanted to make it special for her and it turns out that November is Pancreatic Cancer awareness month as well. Purple is the color for pancreatic cancer awareness so we decided to have the kids use purple tape on their sticks.

Of course we started thinking and this was just not enough. Coach Bezdelovs started to work with the team Mom Amandine Lowderback. She was amazing and really pulled this event together. There was a nice ceremony before the game in Angela's honor. The coach from Salisbury A was involved and all his kids had purple on their sticks. Most of the spectators were covered in purple. Tom Higgins wrote an amazing speech and Angela was presented with a purple shirt that said LOSING IS NOT AND OPTION. This was in the kids mind and this is how they played.

Opening puck drop and Michael B takes the puck up ice by the whole Salisbury team and scores the first goal in 15 sec for his Grandma. Two minutes later Alex G scores a goal with an assist from Michael B. Michael B scores unassisted two minutes later to give Enfield a 3-0 lead. Salisbury settled in to our intense play and scored one goal at the end of the first and one goal two minutes into the 2nd period. The 2nd period came to the end with 3-2 Enfield lead. Special shout out for incredible endurance to Ryan B and James T (JT). We had one of our three defensemen go out for most of the 2nd period. In this time Ryan and JT

skated the whole time with no rest. The one long shift was almost 10 minutes before we had our 3rd defensemen back. They did not do this alone however because of the speed and aggressiveness of our forwards knowing that we were a man down on defense. The 3rd period was again dominated by our intense play and 5 minutes in Alex G scored with an assist from Michael B. To make it 4-2 and the game was put away with Michael B's 4th goal assisted by Ryan B. Enfield Won 5 to 2 for Grandma Beaudry. LOSING WAS NOT AN OPTION.



*The Salisbury Red Hawks and Enfield Eagles join together against Pancreatic Cancer*



*The Eagles show off their Purple Tape and Coach Dan's Purple Hat in support of Angela Beaudry*

**Article Submitted by Coach Dan Bezdelovs**

## PAST EHA COACH DONATES BANNERS

As mentioned in the last issue of Ice Chips, our Mite B and PeeWee B teams won their 2014 State Championship. Those teams are usually recognized with a banner that hangs on the wall in Rink 2 at ETR. A former board member and long time coach from EHA, Ray Embury, generously donated the banners for the 2014 Champions.

Ray started out with EHA when his oldest son Andrew was 6, 28 years ago. The current President of EHA at the time was Jim Burke and he asked Ray to join the Board of Directors. Ray to the position of Vice President of Public Relations from 1987 - 1999. Along with those duties Ray was a coach for his two sons Andrew and Chad from Instructional all the way up to Bantams.

During that time he was the Head coach of the PeeWee A team in 1998 with his son Chad. This is the team that Pierre and Carol Lessard arranged a trip to Canada for us and we went 4-0, ranked #2 in Division 1 and came in 2nd in the State Championship. They were one step away from going to Anaheim, CA for the National Championship, but lost in the New England Regional Final Game. Bob Nadeau and Scott Boucher were his assistants.

Ray went on to be the President of the Enfield High School Booster Club from 1999 - 2004, and announced at the home games. After "retiring from hockey" in 2004 He was called out of his short retirement by Bill Bolton who recruited Ray to coach with Tim Harris for a new club he was putting together the CT Lasers. Frank Carpenter joined him as goaltending coach. They had three very successful years as the Bantam Minor (1 year) and Bantam Major (2 years) coaches and really enjoyed the high level of hockey even

though his boys were too old. His youngest son Chad went on to play one year of juniors for Bill Bolton's Junior Team in the ECHL. Ray finally retired from coaching for good in 2007.

We want to thank Ray for his generosity for the banners and to recognize his impressive career at EHA. His many years of volunteering have helped to make EHA the great organization that it is.

## Val Breda and Ray Embury contributed to this article

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## 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. They are currently in their 2<sup>nd</sup> Session now with the 3<sup>rd</sup> session starting in February. Each session will focus on basic skating skills, safety, and LOTS OF FUN AND GAMES!

The fee for each session is \$100.

### **Remaining Session dates are as follows:**

November 16, 2014 – January 18, 2015

February 1, 2015 – March 29, 2015

Registration is currently open for the remaining 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](mailto:thomasterhune@gmail.com).

See you on the ice!

## 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](mailto:rvose@snet.net). You can also fill out an ICE CHIPS report on-line at the EHA website ([www.enfieldhockey.org](http://www.enfieldhockey.org)) by selecting ICE CHIPS from the left side menu and then selecting "Online Form"

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### Squirt B

#### Avon Thanksgiving Tournament Champions

The Enfield Squirt B team played hard in the Avon Thanksgiving Tournament 2014. They played their first game on Friday against the Riverhawks A1 (they lost 0-2). They played again Friday night winning against Avon A1 (6-1). The Eagles played two games on Saturday, winning both against Echo A1 (4-0) and the Riverhawks (6-3), thus moving into the championship round. Sunday's game was a great battle between the Enfield Squirt B and West Hartford B. Enfield pulled through and won 3-2! Congratulations to our Squirt B Eagles!



*Squirt B team celebrate after a tough victory over West Hartford to win the Championship*



*Squirt B Team shows off their hardware  
(Pictures by Kerri Albano)*

Article Submitted by Kerri Albano

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### Bantam A

#### Avon Thanksgiving Tournament Champions

During the holiday break from 11/28-11/30 the Enfield Bantam A Team participated in the Avon Thanksgiving Tournament. The Enfield Bantams were the defending Champions from last year's tournament. They played in the A1 division this year against fellow Tier 3 teams Simsbury A1, Avon A and Whalers A1 teams. The Eagles were led on the ice by their Captains for the Week, Mike U and Nate R.



*Michael K comes out to cutoff the angle*

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Their first game was at Simsbury Farms on Friday. Despite leading for most of the game the Eagles gave up a late goal in the third period with 0:38 seconds on the clock to tie Simsbury A1 2-2.



*Jake E creates some space and looks up to headman the puck from his defensive position*

The late goal to tie the game by Simsbury was a wakeup call for the Eagles and they played a lot harder against Avon A and held on to a 2 goal lead in that game, for a final score of 2-0. Net minders Alex J and Michael K combined for the shutout. The defensive pairs of Nate R/Jake E and AidenC/JakeS played outstanding in the game as well as the whole tournament.

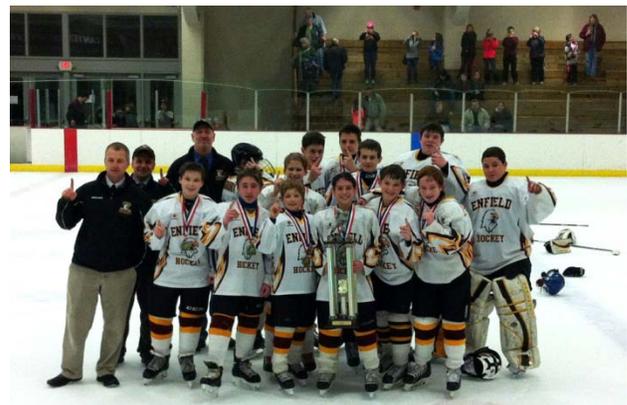
The Eagles then faced-off against a team they had lost to earlier in the season the Whalers A1. Enfield needed either a Win or a Tie to move on to the Finals. The game was tied 1-1 after the first period, but then the Whalers went ahead 3-1 and it was looking pretty bleak for Enfield going into the 3<sup>rd</sup> period. The Eagles, however, had been through adversity before and their experience and toughness helped them maintain their composure and stage a dramatic comeback. The line of Ben K, Nick B and Mike G had been clicking all tournament and they combined for the Eagles 2<sup>nd</sup> goal. With time running down, with under a minute to go, Robert V wheeled out of the corner and fed Connor J who took a one-timer that found its way under the Whalers goalie for

the tying goal. The Eagles and Alex J held on to the 3-3 tie despite a 6 on 5 push by the Whalers at the end. The tie gave the Eagles the top seed in the Championship game.



*Alex J makes a save sliding across his crease.*

On Sunday at Avon Old Farms the Eagles would face the second seeded Simsbury team in the Championship Game. This game would not be as dramatic as the Eagles last game. They jumped out to an early 2-0 lead thanks to goals by Ben K and Ryan M. Ryan and Ben would score again and the Eagles led 4-0 going into the third. Simsbury never gave up and tried to rally with a goal early in the third period. The Eagles regained the momentum on a goal by Robert V and Ben completed his Hat Trick as the Eagles went on to win by a score of 6-1 to take home the Championship.



*The Bantam A shows off their hardware*

Some more Bantam A Action Shots.



*Ryan M maneuvers away from the opponent as he looks for his shot off the half-boards.*



*Robert V looks for an open man during the breakout*



*Connor J goes to his knees to knock the puck away from the defender (Photos by Christine Juhasz)*

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## **\*\*UPCOMING EVENTS\*\***

The Enfield Hockey Association  
Annual Family Skate *and* Coach's Game

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

Family Skate 6:00PM-7:00PM  
Chuck-A-Puck 7:10PM

*followed by...*

Coach's Game 7:30PM -9:00PM

### **ADMISSION**

1 Nonperishable Food Items/Person or  
\$5/Family

To Be Donated to Enfield Food Shelf  
<http://www.enfieldfoodshelf.org/>

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## UCONN vs UMASS Hockey Game

January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 at 7:00PM  
At the UMASS Mullins Center

Tickets are only \$6.00 for EHA.  
All orders must be placed 48 Hours  
prior to the game date.

See the EHA Website for the Ticket  
Order Information



SAVE THE DATE FOR EHA'S  
**6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COMEDY NIGHT**

**Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 PM**  
**Social Hour 6-8PM**  
**Polish National Home**  
**9 First Street; Windsor Locks, CT**  
**More Details Coming Soon...**