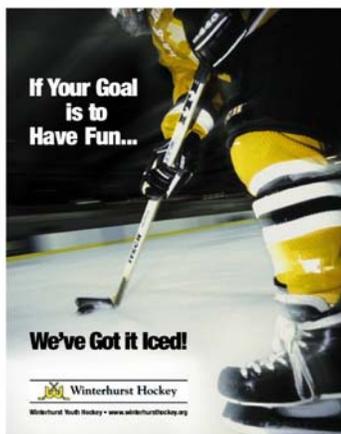


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A Message From Our President

The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is just that little *extra*.

As we embark for yet another exciting and successful 2006-07 hockey season with the Travel and Select teams, I want to give recognition to the many volunteers whom are responsible for helping to shape and mold the WHA. Without most of these volunteers, we would truly be an *ordinary* travel hockey organization. Whether it's updating the flashy web site with new and informative content, assisting with the annual holiday skate party, accepting manager duties for a team, organizing and planning fund raisers, helping with the Presidential Tournament—it is ultimately every volunteer's efforts that helps to make us *extraordinary*. Teamwork often allows common people to attain uncommon results.

The WHA is always looking for additional volunteers to help in various capacities. Volunteering a mere 15 minutes a week during the hockey season goes a long way. If you enjoy meeting new people and love the game of hockey, then make an effort to attend a WHA Board Meeting or contacting a board member for additional information. You can check the web site for times and dates of monthly meetings which are typically held the second Thursday of every month.

I especially would recommend that parents of younger skaters such as In-house, Mites or Squirts really consider contributing in some role small or large. Skaters at this level have the most to gain from your proactive participation at such an early phase. Moreover, as board positions become vacant through natural turnover, it is always best for an organization to have equal representation from all areas of the association.

Remember....

"volunteers are not paid – not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless!"

Pete Ratycz
President
Winterhurst Hockey Association



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2006-07 WHA Coaches

Congratulations to the following coaches who have been selected for the 2006-07 season.

In-House: Pat Patton

Mite 1: Rick Thrasher
Mite 2: Dan Kovach

Squirt 1: Ed Ward
Squirt 2: Ed Patton

PeeWee 1: Mark Greenaker
PeeWee 2: Steve Wisniewski/ Ron McCann

Bantam 1: Geoff Novack
Bantam 2: TBD

H.S. Club: Joe Geither/Kris McCrone

Cleveland Warriors (Select 96): Joe Geither

Cleveland Warriors (Select 95): TBD/Assistant: Matt McClain

Cleveland Warriors (Select 94): TBD

Cleveland Warriors (Select 93): Ron Short/ Mike Shockley



Team Rosters Will Be Posted On The Web

Just like last year team roster selections will be posted on the Winterhurst web page. The only difference will be that there are no group divisions, final rosters will be selected after the last tryout session. The mite one team will be selected after the third session and the mite two team will be selected after the fifth session.

The web process worked very well last year and we appreciated the positive feedback.



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Don't Forget to Attend Our WHA Fundraisers!

WHA Night At The Races - September 30, 2006

Mark your calendars now for the WHA Night at The Races scheduled for September 30, 2006 at the Ampol Hall on Pearl Road in Parma. Proceeds will go towards reducing costs of the new WHA jerseys. In order for this event to be successful we need many volunteers! All teams will be required to participate...look for more information coming soon! Please contact Jane Fazio to see how you can help. (440) 532-9347

WHA Golf-Outing - August 25, 2006

Time is Running Out!

All WHA Members ... have no fear, all skill levels are represented. We Really need all families to help out, whether golfing or volunteering. Please consider golfing, or soliciting donations, or hole sponsors (see below). Friday, 25 August 2006

12:00 Lunch, 1:00pm "shotgun" start, at Avondale Golf course located in Avon. Maximum of 144 Golfers, on 36 four-person teams, (2 teams per hole). Captains of teams may register by contacting Registration (Joe Geither @ 216-534-1214). You can register as a two-some and we will pair you with another WHA two-some. Cost is \$80.00, covers green fees (18 holes), cart, lunch and dinner, and libations. Water and Beverages will need to be carried individually, so a small cooler is recommended.

- Lunch prior to Tee off.
- Steak dinner at the end.
- Can join us late for dinner/drinks only for \$35.00
- Each team eligible for grand prize drawing.

There will be many other fund raising activities like an Auction, Chinese Raffles, Closest to the Pins contest, Longest Drive contest, etc. A "Stanley Cup like" trophy for the winning team, with names to be engraved, and display in the WHA trophy case on a year-to-year basis. Think of the joy of walking around at the barbeque, hoisting and kissing this trophy. For questions, or information contact any of the below persons.

The Golf Outing Committee

Joe Geither Phone : cell 216-534-1214
Joe Tuleta Phone : cell 216-702-2509
Kris McCrone Phone : cell 216-509-2262



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WHA Sponsorship Incentive Program

As we all know, team sponsors are a vital way to defray the out of pocket costs related to hockey. Last year WHA implemented an incentive program on team sponsors. This idea turned out to be successful, so it will be used again this year. The premise of the program is to encourage the solicitation of more sponsors. Any hockey player that brings in a sponsor has a choice to donate the entire amount to his or her given team, or have 20% of the dollar amount credited to their personal dues. We are hoping this will serve as a motivational tool to maintain past sponsors and seek out new sponsors, as it did last year. If you have questions regarding this program or any sponsorship issue feel free to contact Paul Teets by phone, 440-724-7293, or by email, pteets2669@wideopenwest.com.

96's Go To Canada

Coach Geither took a group of 1996 (and a few 97s & 98s) up to Toronto Ontario for a summer tournament in July. This just happened to coincide with his family vacation in Ontario, (imagine that). This was just a fun chance to play a little hockey in the summer and to visit Toronto. Well, the hockey went much better than expected. Especially in light of the fact that 1996 is FULL CONTACT in Canada and needless to say it was an eye-opener for our boys. We lost our first game to the Quinte Greyhounds 3-2 but won our next two 8-3 over the Durham Demons and 5-4 over the Toronto Aeros to put us in the semifinal. We won a close semifinal, and unfortunately lost once again to the Quinte Greyhounds in the championship.

All-in-all a great effort. Special mention to our younger players, Aidan Spellacy (game winner against the Aeros), and Timmy Gettinger (5 goals and 5 assists). Also special mention to Harry Smith, Trent Glasser and Luke Walkush with four goals apiece and Matty Geither with five assists. Only Danny Nugent, Aidan Spellacy and Luke Walkush were able to go five games without a penalty. The team also took a subway ride to see the Toronto Blue Jays play the Seattle Mariners.

WHA Web Page Closes In On 50,000 Visits!

Initiating a strong focus to develop the WHA web page over two years ago has been an effective way to provide current and up to date information to our organization. It is clear from the web page counter that our organization is utilizing this resource. This year we will continue to encourage team managers to develop and update their respective team pages with schedules, game results, photos and specific team information...it's easy to do!

Look for new upgraded features to our site this year such as downloading your team schedule into your Outlook calendar or PDA, sponsor flash ads and more disc space for pictures!



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New Jerseys for Winterhurst Hockey

As we have been advising in the newsletters and on the web site, the WHA is changing uniforms this year. The board is very aware of the specific financial burden this places on all of us. It was for this reason that we are running the "Night at the Races" Fundraiser to allow us to lower the cost of each jersey from \$75.00 to \$60.00, (each player needs two Home/Away). In addition, we have maintained the team dues the same as last year to help make this added burden more palatable. Now to the point, with the fact that we will need to order and make over 600 jerseys in about 1 months time, we need to all be diligent about the ordering process.

Geigers Sports will be at both in-person registrations (August 8th and 10th). When you register you can get your player sized for the proper jersey. Please remember to bring their shoulder pads. Once your player is sized, the "Jersey Coordinator" (Jane Fazio) will record the players name, birth year, size and three uniform number choices. We will also need to know last years team and last year's uniform number. A DEPOSIT OF \$20.00 WILL BE REQUIRED AT THIS TIME.

Once tryouts are complete and teams are named, the "Jersey Girl" will quickly forward a team list with Uniform numbers to Geigers. If there are any uniform number conflicts we will use WHA policy (see web page) to decide. Geigers will then order the jerseys with the appropriate size/number combination. When the Jerseys are received (approx 3 weeks), you will be notified, and you can go to Geigers, pay in full and pick up your jerseys. Due at pickup will be \$100.00, (2 x \$60 -\$20 deposit).

If you have registered via the mail, and cannot make it to in person registration for sizing, then you will need to be sized during the first few tryout sessions, or you will need to get to Geigers Sports for sizing prior to the end of tryouts.

* ALSO NOTE: ALL PLAYERS WILL BE WEARING SOLID-BLACK SOCKS FOR BOTH HOME AND AWAY. THESE CAN BE PICKED UP AT GEIGERS AS WELL.



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Penalty Hand Signals



Boarding



Cross Check



High Sticking



Hooking



Icing



Slashing



Tripping



Off sides



Holding



Penalty Shot

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The Winterhurst Board holds regular meetings and all are invited and encouraged to attend. Check the "Board & Committees" link on the web page for the next meeting. As of September, all team managers are requested to be at the board meetings.