

The Vipers Pit...

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Happy Holidays, and Lot's More to Do!

*You know you
have been
bitten when...*

*for the last
50 (+) years you
have had
every
Thanksgiving
at home
with
your family.*

*And now you
find that your
"family" has
increased by 14
skaters, their
Moms and Dads
and siblings*

*and you all
celebrate
together...*

*in
Hershey PA.,*

*and just
had the*

greatest time!

*Thank God for
Cracker Barrel!*

Dear Viper Families,

I hope everyone enjoyed your Thanksgiving holiday. Congratulations to our **Mite A** and **Squirt A's**, for winning their Silver Stick Regional Tournaments. Both teams faced very tough competition, and each had to endure a nail biter to bring home the banner. Squirt A won their championship 3-1, while our Mites needed **Overtime** to finish off their opponent.

Congratulations to Coach Judson and Coach Will, who separately and for the first time, each brought home a banner. The Squirts move on to Canada Jan 15-17, while the Mites head to Michigan on Jan 22-24.

Good Luck to both teams & WELL DONE!

It has been a very busy month of November for all of our other teams. All of our State Bound teams are in the hunt for a birth in the State Tournament. As we enter this month, all of the games yet to be played mean more and more. Our **Tier I Girls** team hit the road in November sweeping the competition in Washington DC, Syracuse, and Albany. They will host some of those teams in December so try to catch a game and cheer them on.

I am very pleased to see the turnout in the stands at the games to support our Viper teams. The constant support for our kids is a great motivator when they hit the ice to take their shift. Keep up the cheering as we move forward! It is also great to see our other Viper teams cheering on our players who are on the ice and I encourage the teams to keep this up (*and wear your own Viper jersey*).

As we move into December and the Holiday season I am sure you all have reviewed the practice schedule. We are working hard to

move the program forward as well as incorporating the requests of both the teams and the coaches.

Our fundraising committee led by **Joe Kelly** has done an incredible job organizing and coordinating our various activities. The **Raffle Drawing** set for December 12th is moving ahead at full steam. We still have some tickets available for those who have yet to get theirs. The **Tag Sale Coordinators** are collecting all types of sporting equipment in preparation for the sale in late January. Please clean out your closets and garages and donate to our sale.

Our latest endeavor will be our **Social Gala** in late February. We have an incredible night planned and you will all be receiving invitations in the mail shortly. I look forward to seeing you all at our various activities as our Viper family continues to grow.

Finally I would like to remind you all to visit www.viperpix.com to catch up on the latest action photos of all of our players.

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*I
wish
you all a
very Happy and
Healthy Holiday season
and a very Prosperous New Year.
I hope 2010 is a good one for all of you
and a championship year for all of our
clubs!*

*Dave Mensi
President
Vipers Hockey*



Is hockey hard?

"I don't know, you tell me.

We need to have the strength and power of a football player, the stamina of a marathon runner, and the concentration of a brain surgeon.

But we need to put all this together while moving at high speeds on a cold and slippery surface while 5 other guys use clubs to try and kill us.

Oh yeah, did I mention that this whole time we're standing on blades 1/8 of an inch thick?

Is ice hockey hard?

I don't know, you tell me."

-Brendan Shanahan



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for over 1000 images
of our Skaters

There's Still Time for Raffle Tickets!

Drawing is 12 Dec at WSA

Buy a raffle ticket and win a chance to take your family and friends to a Giants, Ranger or Knick Game! Buy one (or more) for the Coach!

Increase your chances of winning by buying more than one (or more than 10).

These prizes would make a great gift for friends, family or clients (coaches)!

Let's Go Rangers!

4 amazing seats at center ice including "club seating" which allows you to order food and beverages right from your seat. These are some of the best seats at the Garden!

Rangers vs Philadelphia Dec 30th 7pm
Value \$900.00

These great prizes have generously been donated and **all the proceeds** go right back to the organization.

For information or to purchase tickets please contact:

Dave Mensi skymensi@aol.com
Joe Kelly at joekelly318@aol.com

NY Giants

Enjoy the NY Giants From these 4 Lower Level seats! Includes paid parking!

Giants vs. Carolina Dec 27th 1pm
Value \$450.00

Please take a chance
and at the same time
support the
Vipers!!

NY Knicks

Watch the Knicks from 4 awesome seats Enjoy the Garden Atmosphere and all it brings from these "Club Seats". Food and beverage orders taken right from your seat.

Knicks vs .Pacers Jan. 3
Value \$960.00



Ref's Corner

Can you answer this correctly?
(Answer is on pg 7)

What is the maximum length of a regulation hockey stick from its heel to the end of the stick? 43, 53, or 63 inches?

What is the maximum length for the blade of the stick? 10 1/2, 11 1/2, or 12 1/2 inches?



Thank you!
Laura, Mark, Eric.



Squirt B Penalty shot goes in!
Lorna Mendelson





Squirt A's
Coaches
Will Spodnik
&
Matt Garro

Silver Sticks **WINNERS !!!**

Mite A's
Coaches
Judson Selig
& Brett Bilodeau



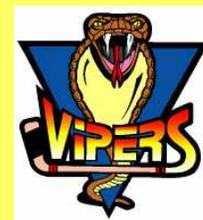
The Tag Sale



It's time for the Bi-Annual
Westchester Vipers
Gently Used Sports Equipment Sale.

The sale will be held the weekend of

**January 23-24,
at WSA**



Please save the date and plan to come down to the rink to peruse what we hope will be a large and varied selection of gently-used sports equipment.

All proceeds of the sale go directly to defray the costs of the Westchester Vipers.

We are giving you the opportunity to do a pre-holiday cleaning!

We are asking all Viper families to collect any gently-used sports equipment that you would like to donate.

Please ask your friends and family if they have equipment they would like to donate as well.

The success of the sale really depends on the quality and quantity of what is donated.

Some suggestions include:

Bicycles and bike helmets
Soccer cleats
Ski poles, helmets, boots
Lacrosse sticks and equipment
Football equipment
Rollerblades and knee pads
Baseball bats, balls and gloves
Tennis and squash racquets and balls
Golf clubs, bags, shoes
Team jerseys

**...and of course,
all things hockey!**



To drop off your donations or if you have any questions,
please contact Suzanne or Laura at the numbers below.

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Vipers Hockey Contest

Win a new
Hockey Stick
or other great prizes

Entries must be Received by December 20th

1st place - A Hockey Stick of your choice
2nd Place - Xbox, PSP, or Wii game of your choice (\$50.00)
3rd place - \$25.00 Pro-shop credit

We are offering all our Viper Skaters
the opportunity to win an exciting prize
in a contest that shows how much you
enjoy the sport of Hockey.

The contest is open to all Viper Skaters
and you may enter the contest with either a
Drawing or a short Essay.

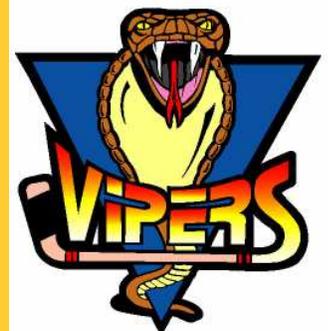
Topics might include, but are not limited to;
What I love about Hockey
Teamwork and why it matters
A funny hockey story
An essay or drawing about a tournament you were in
The USA Hockey team and the Winter Olympics
Sportsmanship

Each entry will be judged by the Executive Committee based upon its originality, content and the age of the participant. **All entries must be submitted Dec 20th** and will be judged and prizes awarded by December 30th.

Drop your creation in the Vipers Hockey Contest Box at the rink,
or have a parent email your submission to Vipernewsletter@optonline.net.
Make sure your name and skate division is on it somewhere.



**Good Luck,
&
GO VIPERS!**



The Game Page



Hockey Trivia

So you think you know Hockey? Lets see...

Can you answer these correctly?
How did you do last month?

Last Month's Trivia....

1. Name the three teams that Pat LaFontaine played for during his NHL career
2. Wayne Gretzky broke Gordie Howe's career point record. What team was he playing for when he did so?
3. The ice surface of an international rink is wider than a regulation NHL rink. Is it wider by 10 feet, 15 feet, or 25 feet?

- 1) Phil and Tony Esposito are brothers. What two teams have retired their jerseys? **Bruins and Blackhawks**
- 2) What goaltender was assessed over 400 minutes in penalties over his career?
Billy Smith of the Islanders
- 3) What was Maurice "Rocket" Richard's jersey number? **(9)**

JUMBLE

Can you unravel the Jumbled

Can you unscramble these three current NHL head coaches?

O J E C O A C S
D Y L I N F U R F
S Q U E J A C R A M I E E L

As always, a special thanks to
Greg Feliu
for his contributions!
(Answers on Pg 7)



Remember this is your Enewsletter
and it's success means making it relevant
to all the Skaters
and their families.

If you have contributions, send them to us at;
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Want to
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to the Vipers Pit?
(Or help clean up
our email listing)

Do so with an
Email to

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Please place
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in the "Subject
field"

That's all!



The Wine Tasting Gala is coming!

You Are Invited To A Very Special Wine Tasting Event



Hosted By the Westchester Vipers

*Wines From Around the World
& an Elegant Cocktail Buffet*

*Friday February 26, 2010
7:00 P.M.*



Sleepy Hollow Country Club!

Rt 9 Scarborough, N.Y. 10510

Wonderful Wines,
Great company,
Music (with a Special Guest Performer),
Silent Auction & Memorabilia
Viper Slideshows and much more.
Cash bar

Come and join your friends
(or bring some, and then make some new ones)
at this event.

We are still looking for contributions to the Silent Auction for this event.

If you can donate items of interest such as; sport tickets, sports memorabilia, theater or concert tickets, Time Shares, one of a kind items, and other creative silent auction items.

If you can help please let us know at joekelly318@aol.com

All The Answers!

Jumble

Answers: Coaches jumble

O J E C O A C S
(Joe Sacco)

D Y L I N F U R F
(Lindy Ruff)

S Q U E J A C R A M I E E L
(Jacques Lemaire)

Sports Plus
Pro Shop

Refs Corner...The answer is;

What is the maximum length of a regulation hockey stick from its heel to the end of the stick? 43,53, or 63 inches? **(63')**

What is the maximum length for the blade of the stick? 10 ½, 11 ½, or 12 ½ inches?
(12 ½')

