



# Rampart News

**Genesee Amateur Hockey Association G.A.H.A.**

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## Mid Year Meeting!!!

It's amazing, the season is underway and we are already preparing for our mid year meeting. It has been a great year so far, with a lot of new faces as well as some familiar old ones. We have some new faces on the board which is a much needed infusion of new ideas and new energy. We are an organization of volunteers, run by the elected officers and board members, who donate, in some cases, hundreds of hours to the organization. As you have probably experienced, most people running organizations like ours are not CEO's of corporations, they're just moms and dad's trying to help out. With that said, the Board is not perfect, they are human and they do make mistakes like everyone else. So they would take this opportunity to invite all organization members to ask questions, give input or "put your hat in the ring" to join the Board and help take GAHA to the next level. New members with with new ideas can only make us better.

***The meeting will be held at JK School Auditorium on December 3rd at 7:00 P.M.***

***We Hope to see you there!!!***

## Thank You to Our Sponsors ! ! !

Each and every year GAHA has approached local businesses for their support and we have been fortunate that they, like us, see the benefit in supporting a local ice hockey league. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their support. We would like to also take this time to make you, our recipients of their generosity, aware of who they are, so that every opportunity that you will patronize their businesses as a way to say thank you!

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The generosity shown by these local sponsors simply helps offset the cost of each players ice fee. These businesses realize that supporting local youth organizations will not only help the kids themselves but will also help support the rest of the community and for this we thank each and everyone of our sponsors, without them we wouldn't be where we are!

***Thank you sponsors!***

## GET YOUR TEAM IN THE DAILY NEWS!

Our sponsors at The Batavia Daily save space in each Saturday edition for reporting local youth sports. If you would like your teams game highlights, email the game report to sports@batavianews.com by Wednesday to be in Saturday Sport's section of the Batavia Daily.

In the subject line of the email, please insert GAHA Hockey.

Include the opponent, the score and those scoring the goals and assists as well as one or two defensive standouts. If you have a team sponsor **PLEASE** include the sponsors name (i.e. Logo It Pee Wee Tier III team wins over Geneseo) when submitting your game story.

Please have your team manager submit the game reports each week. It's a great way to get your team in the paper, exposure for your sponsor and your kids love to see their name in the paper.

The Daily News is looking for local "color", so it's a win-win for everyone. Remember,

**Go Ramparts!**

## Wreath & Poinsettia Fundraising!

The Annual Wreath & Poinsettia Sale is back by popular demand. The sale has been a great fundraiser for GAHA in the past but also gives everyone who purchased, a great deal for Christmas. These Poinsettias, wreaths and swags are great decorations for your home as well as great gifts for family and friends.

**Poinsettia's—\$8**  
**Swags - \$12**  
**Wreaths—\$17**

Orders need to be **turned in by November 26th** to Jodi Nichols mail box in the coaches room. **Pick up will be Saturday December 6th from 10am—1pm. (Homecoming weekend).** If you did not receive an order form, please contact Jodi at 585-786-8174 or email her at hockey-mom5166@yahoo.com.

All proceeds go wards lowering everyone's ice fees.

**Thank you for your support !**

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!

Santa will be making a early scheduled stop in Batavia on Saturday, December 20th from 8 am—11 am. He will be at Applebee's on Lewiston Road.

He will be meeting the kids during the Pancake Breakfast (Presale tickets are \$5.00 each and quantities are limited). There will be gift basket raffles & Holiday fun! \$4 of every ticket goes to GAHA to help offset ice fees.

Please join us in Supporting your hockey organization. Contact Jodi Nichols for tickets at 585-786-8174 or hockey-mom5166@aol.com. If anyone would like to volunteer for this fun event, Please contact Jodi.



**Help Celebrate Homecoming!**

**It's Rampart Homecoming, Come and join the celebration!**

Each year the Batavia Ramparts celebrate homecoming. This is the weekend when all Rampart teams have a home game scheduled. It is two days of non stop hockey showcasing the Ramparts talent for those GAHA families who would like to support the balance of the organization. It also gives you a chance to see at what levels the other teams are playing at and gives you a chance to get to know others in the organization.

**Where else would you rather be then right here right now watching Rampart hockey?**

**See you at the Rink!**

**Congratulations Tylor!**

Tylor Klien - Winner of the Tournament Booklet Ad in Top Sales. Congratulations! For Tylor's hard work he will receive \$100 off his ice fee this year.

## After opening loss PeeWee Tier III stage "Classic" comeback to win tourney

The Logo It Ramparts Tier III pee wee youth hockey team overcame an opening- round loss and went on to capture the championship of the Batavia Fall Classic Tournament last weekend.

In the first game, the Ramparts dropped a tough 2-1 decision to Jamestown despite the 17-save performance of goaltender Matthew Anauo. Zack Laird scored the lone Batavia goal, assisted by Julien Schimley. Jake Bower, Drew Wiseley, Kaylin Young and Dylan Cory played well defensively.

Game two saw Batavia trim Geneseo 3-2. Laird, Richard Francis and Mason Versage netted the goals for the Ramparts, with assists going to Cory, Alex Bison and Will VanAuken.

In the third matchup, the Ramparts crushed Brockport 15-2 as Versage collected two goals and four assists and Adam McCoy and Tristan Aldinger each recorded three goals and one assist.

Schimley and Francis notched two goals and one assist apiece, with Bison and Laird each contributing a goal and two assists. Kris Bank had a goal and an assist, while VanAuken also chipped in with an assist.

Two-goal outings by Laird (one assist) and Bank — including the game-winner — helped the Ramparts avenge their earlier loss with a 4-1 triumph over Jamestown in the championship game.

Schimley also assisted on two goals in support of Anauo, who made 17 saves and got the win in goal. Bower, Wiseley, Cory and Young provided strong defensive play.

## Batavia Squirt Tier III Falls in Fall "Classic" Final

The Wyoming County Chiropractic Ramparts suffered a 3-2 overtime loss to Jamestown in the title game of the Batavia Fall Classic Tournament.

Ty Wiseley's goal in the third period off a Tim Pellitteri assist tied the game for Batavia, which jumped out a 1-0 lead in the game's first minute on Pellitteri's goal off a Bryce Polito assist.

Jamestown pulled even in the second period and took the lead two minutes into the third.

The Ramparts started the tournament with a 4-1 triumph over Geneseo, thanks in large part to Pellitteri's hat trick.

Brett Nichols netted the other Batavia goal, with assists going to Peter Madafferi, Sam Lang and Cole Hudson.

In game two, goals by Pellitteri, Polito and Cole Boller sent the Ramparts past Jamestown 3-1.

Batavia then trimmed Clarence 3-2 as

Pellittieri and Boller led the offense. Also playing well were Sam Haile, Ryan Anti-nore and Greg Recheberger.

Goaltender Conner Hamilton had a strong tournament for the Ramparts and got defensive help from Olin Hoffman and Jerry Reinhart

## **GREAT JOB RAMPARTS!**

## **2008-2009 Tournament Schedule**

### **LABOR DAY "LIGHTS OUT"**

MIDGET 16U & 18U  
AUGUST 30th - SEPT 1st

### **"FALL CLASSIC"**

PEEWEE III/SQUIRT III  
OCT 30th - NOV 2nd

### **"WINTER CLASSIC"**

BANTAM III/  
BANTAM A/ PEEWEE A  
JAN 16th - 19th

### **"SPRING KICK- OFF CLASSIC"**

BANTAM B/ PEEWEE B  
FEB 13th - 16th

### **"SPRING MITE CLASSIC"**

MITE A/MITE B  
MAR 7th - 9th

### **"SPRING CLASSIC II"**

SQUIRT A/SQUIRT B  
MAR 12th - 15th

### **"MIDGET SPRING CLASSIC III"**

MIDGET A/MIDGET B  
MAR 19th - 22nd

**GO RAMPARTS!!!**

## **Team News & Updates!**

This spot has been set aside for the coaches and teams. First we would like to thank the coaches and managers who have stepped up to take responsibility for some very important positions within the organization. They teach, mold and guide our children not only in hockey but also in life issues. They work with our young adults on sportsmanship, respecting others, teamwork and communication as well as the details of the game. Without these people, we have no organization.

So remember the next time something may not go just right and your upset, rather than flipping out on one of the volunteers, remember the things our kids are learning: sportsmanship, respect, teamwork and communication.

Our coaches, managers and assistants are listed by team:

**Mite B:** Geof Dusky, Mike Freeman, Pete Corbelli, Steve Mellon, Andy Pfalzer

**Mite A:** Tim Hens, Laurie Conrad, Randy Anauo, Steve Tanner, Kevin Sneisko, Clarence Conrad

**Squirt B:** Fred Lord, Jill Majewski, Mark Jonathan, Kevin Carmichael

**Squirt A:** Gary Schum, Kerry Hylkema, John Hylkema, Jim Hagelberger, Rob Smith, Bill Kusmierski

**Squirt III:** Kevin Hamilton, Jodi Nichols / Julie Haile, Dan Hudson, Scott Nichols

**Pee Wee B:** John Baumler, Dawn Baumler, Mike Misiak, Ray Tourt

**Pee Wee A:** Al Kurek, Kent Miller

**Pee Wee III:** Jeff Bower, Donna VanAuken, Missy Dispenza, Jim Cory, Randy Anauo, Eric Bison

**Bantam B:** Nick Martell, Tammy Martell, Tom Martell

**Bantam A:** Mike Reich, Tom Brinkworth, Trevor Brinkworth, Jeff Bates, Tom Boyd, Joe Ryan

**Bantam III:** Dan Eckerson, Charlie Johnson

**Midget B:** Tom Cervone, Bill Walter, Tom Scott, Dave Tran, Russ Borden, Joe Mahler Jr,

**Midget A:** Joe Miano, Andrea Aldinger

**Midget 16U:** John Riter, Michelle Marr

**Midget 18U:** Ange Polito, Heather Sweeney

**Thank you coaches and managers!**

## **A Word from the Coaches!**

**From Pee Wee B Head Coach John Baumler:**

I would like to thank and wish good luck to the PeeWee B team. This past weekend, November 7th, we started our season. The PeeWee B team has 11 players, 8 of which are either brand new players, or are from another organization and have transferred, or are squirts that have moved up to play. If it was

not for the hard work of the GAHA board members, the new families and the existing families ( who allowed the child to play up a level), we would not of been able to field and compete at the PeeWee B level. So for this I would like thank everybody !

**From Midget B Head Coach Tom Cervone:**

I could not be happier with our team. We ended up with 20 young women and men, and at this age level the large number shows how important hockey is to young adults lives. The team has wonderful chemistry together and we are all enjoying the season. We have been blessed with five assistant coaches who all contribute a

great deal of experience and hockey knowledge. We would also like to thank our sponsor, The College Network.

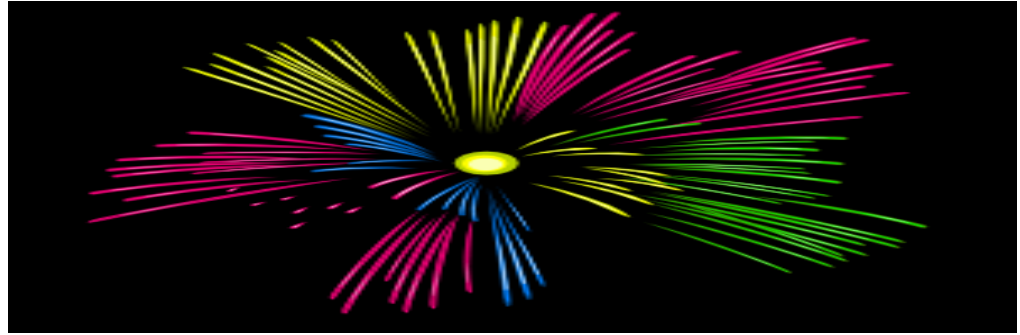
**From Mite A Head Coach Tim Hens:**

I have been thrilled with our progress this year. The kids are a great bunch and they listen and work together very well. I am confident we will have a tremendous season. We had 6 kids score goals yesterday--that thrills me to death. We had defensemen scoring from the point, we moved kids around and still scored. We began our season with three convincing wins 8-3, 10-1 and 5-0 in scrimmages. We have opened the season with two 8-0 wins, giving us three shutouts in a row. I'm having a good time and I hope everyone else is as well. Thanks to our sponsors Clark Patterson Lee Associates.





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## ***Congratulations Midget 16U & Coach John Riter State Tournament Qualifiers !***

All of the Rampart players and coaches share in the pride of your accomplishment. Have great high school seasons and we will see you back in late February as you prepare for your tournament. March 20th-22nd Onondaga, NY.

### ***A message to our State Bound Team from outgoing Board member Mike Reich:***

This is an awesome accomplishment for John, the team and the organization.

First, John Riter is an **exceptional** hockey coach who has worked for many years to help numerous players and teams learn more about this special and intense game, while having a positive experience. He has also assisted many other coaches, including myself, with their teams, and has also been a staunch supporter for GAHA in even the darkest days. His hockey knowledge, hours put in and sensitivity to the kids have benefited a generation of our players and the entire GAHA organization. He is totally deserving of this exciting triumph.

For GAHA, it is also a validation of many things. First; fielding this team for the kids who needed a minor split season because they are also young high school players, even though we were unsure of how it would do. Plus, we allowed the Bantam aged high school players to try out for it. Not everyone, Bantam or Midget aged made the team, but they were all given an equal shot. This was a great decision to support our kids and I think it speaks volumes about what we have been trying to do the past few years. The people on the board are committed to trying to lead the organization in the right direction and making the best decisions they can.

Also, as a C center we are competing against appropriate sized organizations and we are doing very well. This was Kevin Pacer's idea and he nailed it. We have had teams in the state tournament for the past 3 years from Squirt, and Pee Wee. Hopefully we will have another team or two qualify this year as well!

For his team this is a terrific accomplishment. This is a very tough competitive arena and they have shown that they were more than deserving of our decision to field this team in the first place, and to let John pick it as he saw fit. The kids have worked hard and while many of them are younger, or less travel experienced than their rivals, they prevailed!

The state tournament is a very special accomplishment. John's team will represent all of us against the best teams from similar sized organizations from across one of the elite hockey states in the country. What more could anyone ask! Whether they win the state title or not doesn't matter as much as getting there to get a shot. I love the idea of another team wearing the Rampart sweater earning a berth at the state championships!

It's awesome, enjoy it!

Mike Reich

### ***COMMITTEE MEMBERS:***

**Budget (Finance)** – Scott Klotzbach, Jen Bower, Ray Tourt  
**Equipment** – Tony Vallance,  
**Banquet**- TBD  
**Communication** – Clarence Conrad, Mike Bank  
**Ice-Coordinating** – Jen Bower, Tony Vallance  
**Tournament** – Ray Tourt, Clarence Conrad, John Hylkema  
**Coaching Committee** – Jerry Wolcott, Tom Aldinger, John Hylkema, Jen Bower, Tony Vallance  
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**Nominating Committee** – Mike Bank, Tony Vallance  
**Ace Coordinator** – Marc Staley

***“Motivation will  
almost always beat  
mere talent.”***

***~Norman R.  
Augustine~***