



Spokane Youth Hockey News

December 2009

SCHEDULING ~ JOHN GRASSO ★ PRESIDENT

Scheduling practices and games has been a real challenge this year. SAYHA has more teams now than we've had in many years. We have a new girls hockey team this year. This team is providing a great opportunity to those girls seeking additional competition. We have a Mite Select Team, a Squirt Select Team, and a Bantam Select Team in addition to the Rep Teams in those divisions.

We are also helping our friends from CDAHA by inviting them to join the SAYHA house league while their new rink gets built. Many of our Rep Teams are playing in the

PNAHA and WK leagues. At this point, it is providing more opportunity for hockey players in our region. At the same time this puts a substantial burden on Eagles Ice-A-Rena and SAYHA's Scheduler, Frank Lukas. The Rep leagues now have their final schedules in place and the House league is off and running. This will allow for more consistency going forward for the rest of the year.

House schedules will be emailed to the coaches and posted three weeks in advance. Changes to those schedules will be kept to a minimum. The dreaded 6 a.m. ice times will be rotated by division

each weekend from Jr. Mite through Bantams with each division skating that early ice time each weekend. Notice of any extra ice that opens periodically during the rest of the season will be emailed to the coaches for House and Rep, to be taken on a first-come/first-served basis. This ice will be paid by those teams separately from their House registration or added to their monthly Rep ice bill.

All of this will allow for much more consistency as we finish out the season. If you see Frank at the rink, please let him know you appreciate his efforts.

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OPEN POSITIONS AND BOARD POSITIONS 2010

It seems like the hockey season just started but we must talk of business and keep this Association running for another 50+ years!

The following Board Positions will be open for the 2010 season. If you are interested, please contact the SAYHA office at 509-327-7383.

- Vice-President
- Treasurer

- Disciplinary Director
- Tournament Coordinator(s)

These positions hold a two-year commitment term. For full job descriptions, please visit the SAYHA website and read the Bylaws.

Other positions opening for next year:

- Newsletter Editor

This job is yours as long as you want it and are rocking it!



Have you misplaced your jacket or jersey? Contact the office today to identify lost and found items!!!!

MID-SEASON TUNE-UP ~ STEVE MURPHY

Hello again everyone. I hope everyone's hockey season is off to a great start. I would like to let everyone know that Scott Johnson, the Northwest Regional Manager for GDI, will again be doing a mid-season tune-up for our regions 'goalies at TRAC in the Tri-Cities on December 27—29.

Here is a brief outline of what the tune-up schedule will look like:

8 a.m.— check in

9-9:30 a.m.— on ice

9:45-10:30 a.m.—tech development (On-ice)

10:45-11:30 a.m.—off-ice training

12:30-1:45 p.m.—tech development (on-ice)

2-2:30 p.m.— lecture series

The cost will be the same as last year \$299.

Last year's mid-season tune-up was a big hit with seven goalies at Eagles Ice-A-Rena in Spokane even though the snow was something else. Word got around and the summer camp in Kennewick was almost full and the one in Spokane was full as well.

Something new for this year is Scott will be doing a coaching clinic after the goalie camp is done. Details for this portion have yet to be released and you may contact Scott directly for that information.

Scott Johnson

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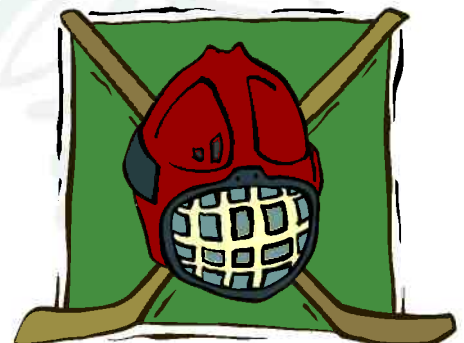
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A PDF flyer is available on the SAYHA website or you may contact the SAYHA office for that to be sent to your email address.

Good luck to all of our goalies who attend and let's represent Spokane and SAYHA will pride!

Kick Ice!



TOURNAMENT NEWS ~ BY VICKI GARDNER & ROLANDA WEBB

The Winterfest Tournament is over and the next three tournaments will be here soon. The Young American Days Tournaments (YAD) start off in January with the Midget and Bantam House teams. This tournament is held January 8—10, 2010. The date of this tournament was changed due to the Ice Skating Championships. There will be 24 teams playing in this tournament.

February 12—14, SAYHA will host the Peewee and Squirt House tournament with 24 teams also playing in this tournament. The last

tournament for the House teams will be held March 5—7 for the Sr. Mite and Jr. Mite divisions. Our tournaments are as successful as they are because of the many folks who step up to volunteer for the Fall Classic and for the Winterfest Tournaments and to those who have tournaments coming up, your help is greatly appreciated.

We would also like to remind our members that while attending tournaments and other events to please keep all valuables out of site and secure. In addition, we have

had some thefts from locker rooms lately and would encourage all coaches to carry a lock to keep items secure in the locker rooms while your team is on the ice, whether it be for practice or games. During tournaments, locks will be provided by SAYHA.

Also, we can all work together to keep our facility safe and secure by making sure that doors are securely closed and not propped open at any time.

PEEWEE A FUNDRAISER

The Peewee A team is conducting a fundraiser for really cool 15-month hockey calendars (must see to appreciate!).

Calendars are available at the Ice Arena Sports Shop or contact Travis at 953-8291.

Great Christmas Gifts!

The cost is \$20 per calendar WITH profits going to the Peewee A team.



SPOKANE JETS WIN MISSOULA BRUIN BLASTOFF TOURNAMENT

The Spokane Jets (SAYHA Squirt House #3) travelled to Missoula Montana to attend the 2009 Missoula Bruin Blastoff Tournament the weekend of December 4—6.

The Jets competed in the Squirt B division facing some tough teams and enduring some bitter cold temperatures. The Jets ended up in 2nd place with a record of 2-1 after round robin play. During the round robin The Jets defeated Missoula and Moscow but lost to Idaho Falls by a score of 9-4.

“Playing those two round robin games against Moscow and Idaho Falls in Missoula’s outdoor rink was a lot of fun but it was also very cold. Our parents never stopped cheering despite the cold and the wind chill as the boys heated it up on the ice. I think at one point during the night game the parents even had snow blowing on them.” Stated Coach Gus Porco.

The stage was set as The Jets would get another opportunity to play Idaho Falls (3-0 in round robin) for the tournament Championship. In the first game between the two teams Idaho Falls dominated the Jets by building a 6-1 lead after the first period. The Jets mounted a second period comeback scoring three unanswered goals before Idaho Falls would take control and outshoot the Jets 25-18 over the course of the game.

In the Championship game, The Cinderella Jets came out strong. Lead by team captain Cody McDonald’s two first period goals, the Jets led 2-1 after the first period. However Idaho Falls would mount their own second period comeback scoring three unanswered goals as they started to flex their muscle taking a 4-2 lead going into the third period.

The two teams, in true Rocky fashion, would exchange blows throughout the third period with hard play, ringing posts, and great saves made by both goaltenders. The Jets, and goaltender Caleb Ball, started to wear down and frustrate the Idaho Falls team. With just under seven minutes left in the game, Kaleb Stinson (assisted by Cody McDonald) would score to pull the Jets within striking distance. Stinson would then follow up three minutes later with a game tying power play goal.

The Jets had big Mo on their side and could start to taste the upset when Idaho Falls took another penalty with 2:28 remaining in the game. Teagan Ball (assisted by Stinson and Luke Gonzales) found the back of the net for the game winning goal with just :30 seconds left on the clock. The Jets ended up out shooting Idaho Falls 27-23 for the game.

December 2009

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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Chiefs Home vs. Seattle | 5 |
| 6 Chiefs Away vs. Portland | 7 | 8 Chiefs Home vs. Prince George | 9 | 10 | 11 Chiefs Away vs. Chilliwack | 12 Chiefs Home vs. Swift Current |
| 13 | 14 | 15 Chiefs Away vs. Seattle | 16 Chiefs Home vs. Portland | 17 | 18 Chiefs Home vs. Seattle | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25  | 26 |
| Happy Holiday's to all the Chiefs' fans, supporters, and spon- | | | | | | |
| 27 Chiefs Home vs. Portland 6 p.m. | 28 | 29 Chiefs Away vs. Portland | 30 | 31 Chiefs Away vs. Tri-Cities | Jan 1 | Jan 2 |

PRESENTS, PUCKS AND POWER PLAYS...

Celebrate your birthday with the Spokane Chiefs, Savage Land Pizza and great hockey action

With exciting entertainment for everyone and great party packages, a Spokane Chiefs game is the perfect place to celebrate your special day with me, Boomer the Bear!



RECEIVE • 10 tickets • coupons for free Savage Land pizzas • a Chiefs autographed t-shirt for the birthday kid • \$50 in Arena Bucks • a parking pass for the parents • coupons to the souvenir stand • and much more!

To inquire about a birthday at a Spokane Chiefs game, please call Jake Patterson at 509.328.0450 x 315 or visit www.spokanechiefs.com for more information.