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EYE ON THE PUCK

MARCH 2011

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear MCYHA members,

The time has come to close out our 2010-2011 season. I appreciate everyone who has stepped forward to help out our organization by volunteering their time, talents or finances. Working together for the common goal of helping our kids become not only better hockey players, but also better people, is a goal that I would love to see flourish for MCYHA!! Our board will be busy throughout the summer making plans for next season. As always, if you have any comments, concerns, questions or ideas, the board would love to hear from you. Open communication is key in running a successful organization. Do not be afraid to attend any board meeting and share your thoughts...again, working together is an important facet of being successful!

Blade Bash 2011 is also upon us. As always, we need to come together and volunteer our time and talents to make this successful. If you haven't already, please sign up to work that evening. Many spots are still open and must be filled in order for this event to even take place. \$10,000 Raffle tickets are also on sale! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we need to sell all 300 tickets! Please consider inviting friends and family to attend Blade Bash...your kids will appreciate it! More money = more ice time for our kids!!!

See you all at Blade Bash!!

Carmen Persaud
MCYHA President

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MCYHA
\$10,000
Raffle
Tickets
 Drawing Held
 MARCH 19
 @ Blade Bash
 920-682-1130
 For More
 Information
Only 300 Tickets
Printed
Cost: \$100.00 / Ticket

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The highest compliment that you can pay me is to say that I work hard every day, that I never dog it.

- Wayne Gretzky



END OF SEASON SURVEY WILL BE SENT OUT TO EACH FAMILY SHORTLY

Once you receive the survey, Please help us evaluate how well we did this season by telling us about your child's hockey experience. Information gathered from this survey will be summarized and used to improve our coaching programs, and organization. Specific comments are not shared with coaches, but tendencies are identified and discussed with them. Attaching your names to the survey will be optional.

Manitowoc County Youth Hockey Association



Presents

15th Annual Blade Bash 2011

CASINO NIGHT

Saturday, March 19th 2011

6:30 pm – 12:00 am (Adults Only Please)

Manitowoc County Expo

\$10.00 Admission

Advanced tickets available at:

Charcoal Grill

Admission Includes:

\$25 Casino FunBux

Donations accepted for additional FunBux

Catered By: Bryce Waldron

DJ Provided By: Entertainment Specialty DJ Service

Sponsored By:

Just Orthodontics
Masters Gallery Foods
Jens Family Funeral Home
Thrivent Financial For Lutherans
Mark & Carmen Persaud
MCYHA Bantam Team
Mark & Pam Herzog
Assist to Transport



Kaysun Corp.
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SILENT AUCTION & \$10,000 RAFFLE

PEE WEE TOURNAMENT

This is going out to all of my wonderful volunteers,

I want to extend my sincere "Thank You" to all of the wonderful help for the Pee Wee tournament. I know that I was a little stressed thinking we wouldn't have enough help for the entire weekend, but you all proved me wrong, and I thank you for that. It felt like we all just pulled together and became a great team. I have never had so many people come to me and ask where they should go next or if there was anything else that needed to be done. Volunteers and organization made the weekend a huge success. I have heard from two teams already how much they enjoyed watching our kids work on their fund raising (and singing the National Anthem). I know that quite a few people only bought the 50/50 raffle tickets because the kids were working so hard to raise money for themselves. I think we have a great group of kids in our organization and we have the parents to thank for that. Every one of our children are respectful and pleasant and that comes from home, so great job to the parents! That is such a great compliment to hear, especially from strangers, and I got so many of those compliments through the weekend. I really could not have done this tournament without all of the volunteers who pretty much gave up an entire weekend, that means a lot to me, so again, Thank You!!!! I am going to share an email with you that I received on Sunday afternoon, it came from Marinette parent:

I just wanted to let you know how nice it was to see the Manitowoc hockey players working at this weekends state tournament. That group of young boys put in a lot of hours! . They were respectful and so darned cute!

Your association should recognize the hard work they put forth and the hours they dedicated. You guys did a great job!

*Hollie Jersey
Marinette Peewees*

So on that note, all of the hard work and dedication obviously does not go unnoticed. Now let's get together and make Blade Bash just as big of a success, our kids are depending on us!!!!

—Jill Shulander

BLADE BASH NEEDS YOU!!

As the flyer on page two indicates, on Saturday, March 19th we are hosting our 15th Annual Blade Bash Casino Night. We need **TWO** things to happen:

1. **WE MUST SELL \$10,000 RAFFLE TICKETS!**
Please contact Carmen Persaud at 682-1130 or 645-1411 for tickets to sell.
2. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS** to work that evening. Too many spots are still open and unless we get volunteers we will be unable to hold this event! Sign up needs have been sent out to all association email contacts. If you are interested in volunteering to help please contact Carmen Persaud at 682-1130

Sports do not build character. They reveal it.

—Heywood Broun

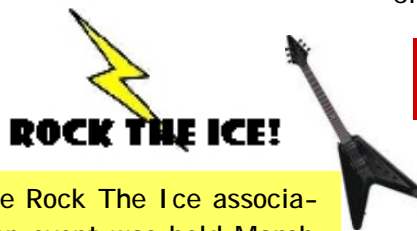
HIGH SCHOOL COACH'S CORNER

"The first season that a team enters a new division, conference, league is always a bumpy road. However these players smoothed many of them out this season and the subsequent teams will ride on the shoulders of this team's giants. It was a learning process for all of us, and since it didn't kill us, it made us stronger. You all have extremely strong willed young adults that carry big hearts, something no one can ever take away from them. It takes a lot for a high school student to go through a processes of humility, and learn first hand how to become humble. I hope they all look back at this season not reflecting on the amount of losses, but the fact that they exposed themselves at a higher level and challenged themselves...never quitting and never losing their commitment. After every game I was always congratulated by the officials on how these guys never gave up and played to the end of the game. As a coach that's all you can ask for, and something these guys inherently brought to the team this year. So, if your son/daughter is playing a spring sport I wish them the best fortune in their upcoming schedule. If they are not playing a spring sport, well then the 2011-2012 hockey season begins now!!!"

---2010/2011 JV/Varsity Coach Jake Steimle



If you're on a USA Hockey registered team and will be between the ages of 8-12 on March 31, 2011, you're eligible to enter. Tell your story about how you demonstrated confidence and you could win the Degree® Cool & Confident Kid Award, which includes a VIP Skills Clinic hosted by a U.S. National Team Player and \$500 for your USA Hockey team. Go to www.manitowochockey.org and click Cool Kid Award Application. link.



The Rock The Ice association event was held March 11th. Thank you to those who came out to participate. Fun was had by all!

MCYHA BOARD MEETING

The MCYHA Board meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Ice Center. Board meetings are open to all association members. If you have something you would like placed on the agenda, contact Carmen Persaud at least 5 days prior to the meeting. The next meeting is April 4th.

MCYHA BOARD MEMBERS

	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Carmen Persaud -President	682-1130	2012
Becky Markusen-VP	645-1063	2012
Jill Schulander-Secretary	242-1092	2013
Brian Kiley-Treasurer	682-3094	2011
Mark Herzog	652-0183	2011
Jennifer Rogler	726-4183	2011
Catherine Livingston	793-5733	2013
Mark Persaud	682-1130	2013
Josh Heimerl	684-7888	2013
Nathan Abbey	860-4152	2013
Angie Morrelle	905-5901	
Jared & Laura Glines	652-0935	



USA Hockey Magazine March 2011
 Hockey recently received an endorsement of the highest order when first lady Michelle Obama teamed up with USA Hockey and the NHL to detail the virtues and health benefits of playing hockey for her "Let's Move" initiative!

