



# Eye on the Puck

APRIL 2009

## A Message from the President

Dear Hockey Family,

We have completed another excellent season of hockey, and I'm sure all of us have looked forward to the break most of us are enjoying from the rink right now. Thank you again for all of your energy and support this year. It has been a season full of great accomplishment, challenge, development and growth. Congratulations to the Varsity HS team on their incredible season, and to their first year Coach Craig Everson on placing *second* in the State. For all of the changes this team had an incredible run, and we are proud of each and every player, parent and coach. As you may have noticed in the HTR, this was the MCYHA's final season as the sponsor of high school hockey. Due to changes which were nearly universal in NEW, transitioning this level to WIAA status was the only practical way to continue our program and, indeed, make hockey even more attractive to youth. Thank you to our WIAA task force of Theresa Smoter (Chair, MCYHA Board), Jennifer Rogler (MCYHA Board), Diane Mayer and to Coach Everson for their hard work and success in making this happen. We will publish an informational Newsletter and FAQ in the next few weeks giving more details. We have several board seats open again, and we will be soliciting candidates for terms beginning in May. Please look forward to this and help us make our Association a success! There are more opportunities for off season camps, conditioning and other hockey activities than ever before. We're trying to list as many as possible on our website as we hear about them, so check it often.

Thank you for being part of youth hockey and have a great Spring!

Mark Herzog  
MCYHA President

### Summer Ice will be available

June 22 – July 23

The programs and coaching committee are in the process of organizing summer hockey programs and/or clinics. Watch for more information coming soon. If you would like to help plan summer hockey or be a coach for summer, please contact Cassy Braun at 684-1898 or [mantyhockeymom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mantyhockeymom@sbcglobal.net).

### MCIC Summer Ice

The Ice Center needs hockey families to volunteer their time to help:

- Put in ice/boards June 15-21  
If interested in helping, please call the MCIC at 682-2098.

**\*\*Reminder these hours can be applied to your hockey volunteer hours (either fundraising or team hours)\*\***

## From the Coaching Committee Chairman

The year progressed smoothly even with a limited number of coaches this season. Thank you! We will be having an end of year Coaches meeting to thank the coaches and collect the player evaluations. Coaches ID/Key cards will be due at this meeting as well. Next year will bring new challenges as we will again need to try to fill coaching positions. If you know anyone interested have them contact the Coaching Committee as soon as possible. Ideally, we should have (3) coaches at each level. One Head Coach and (2) Assistant Coaches. Also, we could use some additional members on the coaching committee.

Thank you,  
Jay Hetland  
Coaching Committee Chairman

## [MCYHA SOON TO JOIN THE WIAA](#)

The Manitowoc school board met on March 10th, 2009 to give final approval on our WIAA co-op request. A huge thanks go out to Mark Swanson, our superintendent, and John Johnson, our Athletic Director for their invaluable help in getting this done in 1 year. Next year our high school teams will play WIAA sanctioned hockey against our fellow Fox Valley athletes. There will be no change in uniforms or official colors. This change will prove to be a positive step in the development of youth hockey in Manitowoc County. Our high school program will be sanctioned through the high school and players will be able to Letter in hockey. In addition, this will greatly cut down on the travel involved at the high school level. The following article was in the Herald Times Reporter on March 11th 2009.

Lincoln High School students will be hitting the ice during next year's hockey season as the Manitowoc Public School District Board of Education unanimously approved a Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association team at no added cost to the district Tuesday evening. The program will be a cooperation with other schools throughout Manitowoc County. The Denmark and Two Rivers school districts already have entered into the agreement.

Manitowoc Superintendent Mark Swanson said he anticipates at least three additional schools to join — Valders, Manitowoc Lutheran and Roncalli high schools. "We are confident that all three of those will be participating," he said. The majority of the costs will be paid for through a \$1,100 student fee, and the Manitowoc County Hockey Association will pay any remaining amount. "I am looking forward to seeing some games," board member James Protsman said.

### **2009 Kids Expo April 18, 2009**

We are looking for volunteers to be at the Hockey Booth, answer questions, and hand out info. We will also have a net set up and some Equip. that kids (and adults) can try on. We need help there too. We are looking at 1 hour shifts (or longer), 3-4 people/shift. 1-2 at the booth and 1-2 helping w/pucks and equipment. We would also need help setting up AND taking down the booth and any sticks/equip that we could borrow. For more info, contact Shannon @ [zcps99@lakefield.net](mailto:zcps99@lakefield.net)  
**\*\*This CAN be used as volunteer hours for the 2008-2009 season\*\***

### **MCYHA BOARD MEETINGS**

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 Mark Herzog at least 5 days prior to the meeting. The next meeting is May 12th.

### **2009-2010 MCYHA Board Members**

	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Mark Herzog-President	652-0183	2011
Shannon Nickels-VP	684-3970	2009
Missy Christensen-Secretary	682-4413	2010
Lowell Johnson-Treasurer	683-3207	2009
Cassy Braun	684-1898	2009
Theresa Smoter	683-2273	2010
Brian Kiley	682-3094	2011
Jennifer Rogler	726-4183	2011
Ken Deschene	684-1976	2012
Carmen Persaud	682-1130	2012
Angie Morelle	473-7654	2012

# SENIOR NIGHT

## Varsity Hockey was a great success!

A special thank you to all those that helped make the evening a memorable one for our Varsity Team & Senior Players!

2 Ryan Popple*	10 Tyler DeVooght	17 Ben Braun*
3 Braden Just	13 Jayme Hetland	19 Matt Mayer
5 Beau Anderson*	14 Mike Deschene	20 Jake Eisenschink
7 Tyler Johnson*	15 Patrick O'Connell	21 Joseph Jost*
8 Kory Jacquart*	16 Brandon Bartels*	23 Randy Callsen

\* Denotes Senior Players

Coaches: Craig Everson & Jay Hetland

### ~ Special Thank You ~

Nate Abbey	Paul Braun	Cheryl DeVooght
Ken Deschene	Dan Eisenschink	Branden Hakala
Kim Kracht – MCIC	Jeff Just	Dianne Mayer
MCFSC	Molly O'Connell	Dick Orth – MCIC
Mark Persaud	Amy Schroeder	Kevin Schroeder
Mike Steimle	WCUB Radio Bruce & Matt	Barbershop Chordsman
Manitowoc Garage Door	Blue Line Club	Greg Carrier

### ~ MCYHA Hockey Teams ~

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| • Mites   | • Peewees | • JV  |
| • Squirts | • Bantams | • VAR |

Apologies if inadvertently anyone was missed. Lori Deschene

