



Eye on the Puck

September 2010



A Message from the President

Phone 682-2098

Dear MCYHA Parents and Skaters,

MCYHA LAWN SIGN TIME!!

Show your support of
MCYHA by placing a sign
in your yard.

Contact Marie Hammill at
682-8750 to get your sign.

The time has arrived for another hockey season! Welcome back to the rink. In this newsletter you will find valuable information for the upcoming season. Team meetings will take place within the first week of practices. Please plan on attending as these meetings are vital to sharing all important information for the season. This season we have many changes and some new challenges. First, we are transitioning our Mite team to meet the guidelines for the ADM as encouraged by WAHA and USA Hockey. For the Mites, they will only play ½ ice games, which will begin in December. Their season will end in February and will not include attendance at the State Tournament. Secondly, our Pee Wee numbers are quite low. Unfortunately, we have not had all potential Pee Wee skaters return this season. The MCYHA Board is reviewing all potential ideas to field a Pee Wee team this year, including bringing up some Squirrel players. The Coaching Committee will evaluate all skaters during the first week of practice to determine the skill level and potential of playing up a level. We must remember that our kids and their skill development is what is important here. It also serves as a reminder that we need to focus our efforts on recruitment and programs that will attract new skaters and families. Furthermore, we must focus on providing an environment that will retain the skaters we do have. The MCYHA Board is focused on these goals. Should you have any questions, concerns or comments please feel free to contact myself, or any board member.

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VALUABLE
INFORMATION
WILL BE GIVEN!**

Here's to a positive hockey season!

Carmen Persaud
MCYHA President

**WE ARE IN NEED OF
BANTAM, JV AND
VARSITY SKATERS TO
SIGN UP TO REFEREE
MITE, SQUIRT AND PEE
WEE GAMES.**

**VOLUNTEER HOURS
WILL BE GIVEN TO
FAMILIES WHOSE
SKATER REFS GAMES
FOR MCYHA.**

**PLEASE CONTACT
CARMEN PERSAUD IF
YOU ARE INTERESTED.**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT
REGISTERED PLEASE
DO SO!**

2010 – 2011 PRACTICE SCHEDULE:

Beginning October 11th.

Bantams will practice with the Pee Wee team on Thursday night instead of Wednesday night for the first practice week.

MONDAYS:

Mite/Squirt: 5:00 – 5:50p

PW/Bantam: 6:00 – 6:50p

High School: 7:00 – 9:00p

TUESDAYS:

High School: 7:45 – 9:45p

WEDNESDAYS:

Bantam: 8:00 – 9:00p

THURSDAYS:

Basic/Mites: 5:00 – 5:50p

Squirts: 6:00 – 6:50p

Pee Wees: 7:00 – 7:50p

High School: 8:00 – 9:00p

2009-2010 MCYHA Board Members

**"If you train hard,
you'll not only be
hard, you'll be hard
to beat."
- Herschel Walker**

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 Carmen Persaud at least 5 days prior to the meeting. The next meeting is Oct. 4th.

	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Carmen Persaud -President	682-1130	2012
Becky Markusen-VP	645-1063	2012
Jill Schullander-Secretary	242-1092	2013
Brian Kiley-Treasurer	682-3094	2011
Mark Herzog	652-0183	2011
Jennifer Rogler	726-4183	2011
Ken Deschene	684-1976	2012
Catherine Livingston	793-5733	2013
Mark Persaud	682-1130	2013
Josh Heimerl	684-7888	2013
Nathan Abbey	860-4152	2013

FUNDRAISING 2010 – 2011

City Savings Cards will be available at the start of the season. Please come to your team meeting prepared to purchase two cards/family. Each card will cost \$10 and includes savings to area restaurants, stores and other businesses. Additional cards can be purchased at any time throughout the season.

Pizza Sale will begin October 11, 2010. You will receive your order sheet at your team meeting.

Skate-A-Thon pledge forms will also be available at the team meetings. Remember to ask family, friends, teachers to pledge money for your skating. Each skater that brings in \$100 in pledges will receive a free t-shirt.

Blade Bash 2011 stay tuned for details. Each team will be responsible for assisting in some aspect of Blade Bash. Details will be given at the team meeting.

EACH FAMILY MUST COMPLETE 10 HOURS OF FUNDRAISING!

**Any questions regarding fundraising??
Contact Fundraising Chair, Lisa Johnston**

"The five S's of sports training are: stamina, speed, strength, skill and spirit, but the greatest of these is spirit." - Ken Doherty

2010 – 2011 HEAD COACHING ASSIGNMENTS

MITE: JODY NEILSON
SQUIRT: NATHAN ABBEY
PEE WEE: MELISSA HORSTKETTER
BANTAM: MARK PERSAUD

The Coaching Committee is continuing to review all applications to determine assistant coaches.

"What a player does best, he should practice least. Practice is for problems." - Duke Snider