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Announcing Northstars Night at the Oil Kings!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 7, 2012! Edmonton Northstars is pleased to sponsor Northstars Night at the Oil Kings game against Swift Current. Join the Northstars sea of green as we cheer on another NE Edmonton team, the Edmonton Oil Kings!

The Northstars have purchased tickets for each Northstars team to attend the game on January 7th. Every Northstars player will be provided with a complimentary ticket to the game, and every Northstars team will have an opportunity to enjoy at least one very special Oil Kings experience. Your team might be selected to be the flag bearers during the national anthem, high-five the Oil Kings during an intermission, or warm the Oil Kings bench while the Oil Kings have a pre-game skate. Northstars players, coaches, and other volunteers will also be entered into draws to receive other incredible opportunities, like delivering a water bottle to the Oil Kings goalie during the game, participating in an Oil Kings autograph session, and watching an Edmonton Oilers game from the catwalk at Rexall Place.

In order to attend, each team will be required to purchase at least 6 additional tickets at \$15 each for coaches and/or parents to serve as chaperones. Additionally, we'd love to see as many of our Northstars families at the game as possible cheering on our Northstars players. Teams can purchase as many extra tickets as they'd like for \$15 each.

Team tickets can be ordered through your Northstars team until December 12th, with ticket pick up on December 19th. Additional tickets can also be purchased after that deadline, though we can't guarantee seating in the same area. For more information, please contact Kim Green at kim@sweetzir.com.

Grey Cup Pool Winners:

Congratulations to the following winners of our Grey Cup Pool Contest:

Josh Attwell
Rick Herder
Darci Janzen
Chris Butlin
Ken Moore
Christine Zerbeski
Miki Wilson
Ken Carbert

Olga Craig
Ryan Wight
Thelma Melnichuk
Krystal Belitsky
George Fuller
Mike Smith
Sasivimol Kho
Kris Grue

We offer our thanks to all of the players, parents and other volunteers who worked so hard to sell the tickets for our annual fundraiser. All the funds raised help to pay for our technical ice program, and your contribution in making this venture a success is sincerely appreciated.

We also want to thank Colleen LeMercier, our long time Raffle Chairperson, who makes it all look easy ... thanks Colleen!

Upcoming Bingo Dates:

Check your calendar to see if you are signed up to volunteer at our upcoming bingo dates.

Saturday December 10 @ ENEBA 10:45 – 4:00 pm
Sunday January 8 @ Castledowns 5:00 – 12:00 am
Sunday January 22 @ ENEBA 10:45 – 4:00 pm
Saturday February 4 @ ENEBA 10:45 – 4:00 pm
Tuesday February 21 @ Castledowns 5:00 – 12:00 am

Volunteers are needed to serve as Bingo Chairpersons. Contact Bingo Coordinator Hallie Hall at hallieh@telus.net if you'd like to sign up for this job or need more information about your bingo shifts.

**Wishing you and your family a happy
holiday season!**

President's Message

Hard to believe we are already starting to prepare for Christmas activities and that the second round of hockey is underway. It is a very exciting time as all teams are in full swing. With tiering, team meetings, and pictures behind us we can look forward to practices, games, tournaments, and more technical sessions.

Speaking of pictures, I'd like to thank Christine Batdorf, our coordinator for the event. Initial information suggests that the format was a great success and by now, most of the teams will have received their photos. Getting the pictures out to the families in time for Christmas has been an objective that we have long strived for and we are pleased to have finally accomplished this goal.

As mentioned previously in this newsletter, the Northstars will be hosting a special Northstars Night with the Oil Kings. This activity will be a great way to celebrate the New Year by getting all of our teams, players, coaches, and parents out to the game. Information will be sent out to all teams and we encourage all parents to come enjoy this fun filled evening with their children. I'd like to thank Kim Green for doing all of the work to make this event happen successfully.

I would also like to offer congratulations to some our own in the Northstars organization. First, I'd like to offer congratulations to Jason and Hallie Hall for the new addition to their family. Second, congratulations again to Marvin Heise for being recognized by the Northeast Zone for his outstanding contributions to hockey. Marvin does an incredible job for the Northstars and we are very fortunate to have him as a volunteer.

In the coming months, as your team experiences great moments worth capturing on film, I'd encourage you to submit photos of team games, tournaments, or other events that we can post in our office and perhaps our website (www.nstars.com). Thanks to Rob Stocks for getting our new and improved "RAMP" web system up and running.

Please be aware that the Northstars office is open every Monday night but will be closed over the holidays. We encourage you to pop by and share your thoughts as to how we can continue to improve our program.

If you are stuck thinking of what to buy your son or daughter for Christmas, stop by on Monday nights and see Robin or Melanie as the Northstars have a large stock of apparel ranging from toques to hoodies, all at reasonable prices.

As we prepare for Christmas please accept my greetings and best wishes for fun and time for family over the holidays. I would also like to say thanks to all of the many volunteers who work hard every day so our children can have a great hockey experience. If you have the time, we'd love to see you stop by at our Christmas Open House on December 19th (7 – 9 pm), where we can share a little Christmas cheer.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas, Rick.

Upcoming Events

December 19, 2011 Christmas Open House – Northstars Clubhouse, 7-9 pm

January 7, 2012 Northstars Night at the Oil Kings Game

January 13-22, 2012 Edmonton Minor Hockey Week

Team Profile:

Northstars Pee Wee NE 178

Our Northstars Pee Wee Team NE178 has just finished our first round and have had some really good "nail biting" games! We are getting ready for an exhibition game at Rexall Place against our NE Zone rival Eagles on December 1st, 2011.

December 3rd, we will be having our "Pub Night" at the Canadian Brewhouse for our fundraising event.

After that we have been accepted into the Confederation Tournament from December 27th – 29th in which I'm sure will prove to be a very competitive and challenging tournament.

So far it has been a great year and look forward to more great hockey games in the upcoming year! From all of us at the NE178 Pee Wee hockey team, a very Merry Christmas to you and your families and all the best in 2012.

Christine Yetman

Do you have some retired hockey equipment you'd like to sell? Try listing it in our Hockey Classifieds section at www.nstars.com

Team Profile:

The Junior 'C' Northstars

The Junior 'C' Northstars have started off the season stringing together wins, playing in some hard fought games, and, overall, enjoying success in their league. Jumping out to a 5-2-3 record, the team sits in 5th place in the fiercely competitive Noralta Junior Hockey League. They are led by a top line that includes three of the league's top ten scorers: team captain Tyson Bakstad sits eighth with 23 points, Mark Craig is sixth with 25 points, and Tyler Herder leads the league with 35 points in the team's 10 games. The team will continue its work to become one of the league's premier teams through hard work, dedication, and preparedness for the upcoming games. The team would like to once again thank the Northstars Athletic Club for their continued support.

Check out these Northstars Junior C upcoming home games:

December 7th 8:45 PM at GTA

December 17th 6:30 PM at GTA

January 17th 9:00 PM at LOA

Kyle Craig