



Northstars News

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Message From the President

Wow, it's hard to believe we are already into the final round of hockey and we will be starting playoffs very shortly. I would like to congratulate all of the Northstars teams for their excellent showing during Minor Hockey Week. Even though some teams had a quick exit I believe the players always look forward to playing in this tournament and get a lot from it, win or lose. Minor Hockey Week is a great testament to the spirit of hockey and it is demonstrated by the commitment of volunteers, coaches, players, and parents. A special thanks to the LeMercier family for coordinating the Northstars' commitment at Glengarry over the ten days of Minor Hockey Week. Finally, I offer my congratulations to Orest and Joanne Zaozirny, Northstars Lifetime Members, who served as the Honourary Chairs of Minor Hockey Week this year.

I would also like to pass on best wishes and thanks to the McAra family as they continue with their next steps in hockey. Shayne McAra has stepped down as hockey vice-president and Laurie McAra has also stepped down as our registrar. We wish them the very best as they follow the progress of their son who is now playing for the Maple Leaf Athletic Club on one of the bantam teams. I would like to also announce that Marvin Heise has agreed to step into the position as interim Hockey Vice-President. Previously, Marvin has done an excellent job as Ice Allocator and Bantam Director. Marty Schulz has agreed to come back and help out as Ice Allocator allowing more time for Marvin in his new role. The Northstars are excited to have these two gentlemen back and in these positions.

One of the first issues that the revitalized Northstars Executive is examining is the executive structure. As we recognize the importance of hockey and baseball to our organization, we are looking at increasing the resources given to these areas. As it becomes increasingly difficult to recruit volunteers, and the demands placed on volunteers continues to remain high, we are looking at ways to retain and encourage new volunteers. At present we are looking at enlarging the scope of our executive to include an extra vice-president position of both the hockey and baseball positions. Additionally, we are currently searching for a new Registrar. This position ensures that kids are registered, coaching credentials are monitored, and that teams are managed and registered with Hockey Edmonton each hockey season. If you are interested in learning more about this very important volunteer position, please contact me at rmcadie@telus.net.

I am committed to keeping you informed and welcome all feedback. Your comments are valued and help us on our way to ensuring the strength and long-term viability of the Northstars organization. Good luck as you prepare for the playoffs and remember we have monthly General meetings which occur the first Sunday of every month, 7PM, at our office. Stay tuned for upcoming information on the Northstars/ Brave-Raider year end party.

Rick McAdie

To add your name to our emailing list, send your email address to: newsletters@nstars.com

Grey Cup Pool Winners

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

Doug Crotty
Wes Craig
Northstars team NE179
Kris Ryan
Gordon Ness
Laura Trottier
Christine Yetman
Ric Ptak

Brad Lewis
Wayne Barber
Ted Bryan
Oscar Garcia
Sandy Kowalyszyn
Kim Belloin
Krystal Smith
Joanne O'Hara

We offer our thanks to all of the players, parents and other volunteers who worked so hard to sell all of 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.

Making Changes to Northstars Day and Team Photos

We have received considerable feedback regarding team pictures and not having them available for Christmas. After much discussion at the Board level about to approach this issue next season, we've decided to look at a new format for both team photos and for celebrating Northstars players and teams. Currently, we are looking at an option that will see each team have pictures taken in a more efficient manner and then receive them in a timely fashion. We're looking at a process where the club will establish a contract for all our team photos and then each team will be given a timeslot sometime in early October where their team will go and have their picture taken in the photographers' studio. We're speaking to photography studios now to determine how to best ensure that there is enough time for the pictures to be processed and returned directly to each team for Christmas.

By ending the tradition of team photos at NAIT, we'd also no longer be offering our BBQ and afternoon pool rental on Remembrance Day. We've begun to look at other options to build Northstars team spirit. One suggestion we are actively examining is to look at offering a Northstars night at an Oil Kings Game. Wouldn't it be great to spot a sea of Northstars jerseys in the stands cheering on another team from our very own neighbourhood? It would also be a great opportunity to bring players, parents and friends out and have a chance to socialize and enjoy a fun night of hockey excitement.

We're just in the planning stages right now and would welcome feedback or other great suggestions. We'll keep you posted as we finalize details for the 2011-12 season.

Upcoming Bingo Dates:

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

Sunday February 27 @ eneba 10:45-4:00pm
Tuesday March 1 @ castledowns 4:45-12:00 am
Sunday March 6 castledowns 4:45-12:00 am
Monday March 14 @ eneba 5:00-10:00 pm

Volunteers are still needed for the bingo on March 1st. Contact Bingo Coordinator Hallie Hall at hallieh@telus.net if you'd like to sign up for an extra shift or need more information about your other bingo shifts.

Calendar of Events

March 11-24, 2011 EMHA Playoffs

March 25-28, 2011 Northstars Jasper Extreme Tournament

April 15, 2011 Galaxyland Year-End Party (watch for details soon!)

April 23 & 24, 2011 Casino, Fort Road

May 29, 2011 Annual General Meeting

June 12, 2011 Northstars Earlybird 2011-2012 Registration

Lifetime Member Profile: Dale and Doris Clarke

Dale and Doris Clarke joined the Northstars in 1986. Dale was a coach for a Northstars novice team. In 1988, he took on a new challenge and became Tournament Director. After mastering that, he moved on to an even bigger challenge in 1992, when he was elected President. He was not the most seasoned of presidents, and so his first term came to a quick end. But, he was back at the top just a year later and served as President with only a small interruption until 2005.

Dale was instrumental in developing the baseball program at Northstars, and established the first AAA Northstars peewee baseball team. He also guided the hockey program with a capable hand, putting in countless hours at the Northstars office.

Doris Clarke stood hand in hand with Dale. Whether it was keeping score in the rain at the Northstars sponsored Western Canadian Championships or bringing supper to the Northstars office where Dale seemed to live most of the season, she never complained.

As you will often hear Dale state, he bleeds green and gold. These days, you'll likely spot Dale and Doris in the stands at the rink cheering on a new generation of hockey players - their grandchildren - as they sport the green and gold jersey.