



Northstars News

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Message From the President

With this being the final newsletter for the 2010-2011 hockey season, I thought it would be fitting to have a look back on our year as well as giving you a preview of what's to come.

I want to thank all of the wonderful people who have contributed in some way to make our year such a success. You may have been the parent who was up early in the cold of the morning, making sure your child was at the rink on time. Or, you might have been working as timekeeper, faithfully recording goals, assists, and even the odd penalty for your team. Perhaps you participated in the bottle drives, raffles, pool tickets, and a host of many other fundraising endeavors to make your child's experience a great one. Undoubtedly, you were the one who set the stage by offering your encouragement and support so your child could feel good about what they were doing. Thank you!

To those of you that have let your name formally stand as a volunteer for the Northstars, whether as coach, manager, or board member, I thank you. I am constantly encouraged to see so many wonderful people step up to make our organization better and ultimately enhance the experiences of our youth.

Thanks to all of you for working those pesky bingos. Just so you know, so far this year, bingos have brought in about \$25,000 in revenue, which goes a long way to paying for ice, referees, jerseys and other equipment. It's often not the most desirable job, but it's important to our success, and your commitment is appreciated.

The Northstars have already started planning for the 2011-2012 hockey season. You will have the opportunity over the next few weeks to complete an evaluation of your team's coaching staff. This information is extremely important to us so that we can further develop those that take on a coaching role with the Northstars. At the same time, I would like to hear from you so that you have an opportunity to let us know how we have done as an organization. Finally, your coaches will be asked to evaluate the development of the players so that we have some information for preparing technical programs and better efficiency in tiering.

We are pleased to announce an early-bird registration night in June. August can be both busy and very expensive, so if you'd like to register early, come on out and register June 12, 2011. Players who register early will be entered to win a free registration to our August conditioning camp. Watch for further details in your coming registration package.

We are very excited to announce that Jeff Wood has agreed to come on-board as the Northstars Technical Director. Jeff has a wealth of knowledge and is already planning the August Conditioning Camp.

Finally, please visit our website (www.nstars.com) for information on upcoming events, contact numbers, and the latest Northstars news. Have a great playoff series and all the best for a great summer. See you at the rink!

Rick McAdie
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It's a Wrap! Tying Up Loose Ends as the End of the Season Approaches: Attention Coaches / Managers / Treasurers

Jersey and Equipment Return:

All team jerseys and equipment must be returned to the Northstars Clubhouse no later than Monday, April 18th. Returns must be made by appointment and we'll need about 45 minutes to complete the returns. Jerseys and pinnies must be returned clean and free of other appliques along with the jersey bags. A \$10.00 removal fee will be charged to teams for every crest that needs to be removed. Please check your pink equipment receipts for other items signed out by your team that must also be returned: first aid kits, pylons, puck bags (pucks), clipboards, etc. Any items not returned will be charged back to the team at replacement cost. Deposits will be authorized for release by the Equipment Manager and cheques will be forwarded to teams. Contact Robin at rthain@telusplanet.net to book an appointment.

Team Reporting:

Please be aware as the season comes to an end, you will need to hand in ALL financial information to the Northstars Treasurer. If you have any questions on how to handle remaining funds in the account, please contact Kerry Heise at 780-473-8097 to discuss. If you had any fundraising activities throughout the year, you MAY or MAY NOT be able to redistribute back to the families. Please speak with Kerry to determine if your team can do so. Team financials should be wrapped up by April 30th, and handed in by May 15th.

Have a Blast at Galaxyland- Northstars/Braves Year-End Celebration

Once again, our two clubs are joining together to offer a fun-filled night at Galaxyland. Each Northstars/Braves player and coach will receive a ticket to attend our Galaxyland celebrations on Friday, April 15th from 7:30 – 10:30 pm. Attendees will each receive chips, chocolate bar, and a pop as well as having access to all of the rides.

As this is a private function only open to ticketholders, everyone must have a ticket to enter Galaxyland. Family members can purchase as many extra tickets as they like for only \$10 each. Orders can be placed with team managers, and extra tickets can be picked up at the Northstars office. Tickets can be purchased on Mondays between March 14th and April 11th.

For further information, contact Kerry Heise at mkheise@telus.net.

Team Profile:

Northstars Atom Team NE166

Our Northstars Atom 1 team began its season on October 1st, 2010, with an Exhibition game vs. the Whitemud West Wolfpack. Some 45 games, and 75 hockey practices later, we are just days away from the beginning of playoffs, our ultimate test, to display what it is we have accomplished and learned this season.

Our team is a combination of both first year and second year Atom players, and has competed at both the tier one and tier two levels. We have thus far played two tournaments, The Confederation Christmas tournament, and the Tofield Atom Invitational, which was definitely our most successful effort all season. We managed to win the Tofield Tournament, and considering the stiff competition, it was an accomplishment our club should be very proud of. Another season highlight included an exhibition game at Rexall Place, versus our NE Zone rival Eagles.

We will compete in two more tournaments following playoffs: Calahoo, Alberta, the latter part of March, and the local Eagles Spring Tournament at the beginning of April. All in all, it has been a very busy and successful season. We will end our season with about 55 games under our belt. As coach, and a first-hand witness to the growth and compete of our players, I can confirm, hockey is alive and well at the Northstars Athletic Club.

Jeff Wood, NE166 Atom Team 1 Coach

For Sale at Northstars: Apparel

It's not too late! Many items are still in stock. If you need something to wear to the playoffs and want to show your Northstars pride, contact Melanie at melanie@telusplanet.net or phone 780.471.4043.

NORTHSTARS HOCKEY 2010 - 2011 Apparel

- Kowl Track Jacket #P131K** with left chest embroidered logo
Youth \$42.00 Adult \$49.00
- Kowl Track Pant #P132K** without creasing
Youth \$28.00 Adult \$30.00
Knee logo \$6.00
- Arctic Wear Pullover Hoodie #B05** Available in Black or Grey with left chest embroidered logo
Youth \$24.00 Adult \$26.00
- KNP Tugue AC2230** with embroidered logo \$9.00
- Canada Sportswear #3100** Quilted Softshell Jacket with embroidered left chest logo
Youth \$72.00 Adult \$78.00
- KNP Tugue AC2890** with embroidered logo \$9.00
- Whiteridge #200** Backpack with embroidered logo \$27.00
- Whiteridge Chair #412** with embroidered logo \$28.00
(Note: Logo ALWAYS on back of chair)

Additional Embroidery Options:
Name \$4.00
Number \$3.25
Coach Manager Trainer or Asst. Coach \$3.25
Position \$4.00

Note: GST not included in any pricing

Upcoming Bingo Dates:

Monday April 4 Castledowns 5:00-12:00
Saturday April 23 Eneba 10:45-4:00 pm
Tuesday May 3 Castledowns 5:00-12:00
Monday May 9 Eneba 5:00-10:00
Saturday May 21 Eneba 10:45-4:00
Wednesday June 1 Castledowns 5:00-12:00
Sunday June 19 Eneba 10:45-4:00
Thursday July 7 Castledowns 5:00-12:00

Parents, please remember that it is your responsibility to track your bingo commitments. If you are not sure when you are scheduled to volunteer, please contact Bingo Chairperson Hallie Hall at hallieh@telus.net.

