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Mark Your Calendars!

- October 15th – Goalie Clinics begin, 4:45 pm
- October 16th – Fundraising Mgr Mtg, 7:00 pm, Bingo Hall
- October 19th – Hockey Fest Mtg, 7:00 pm, Bingo Hall
- October 23rd – Mite/U8 Mtg, 7:00 pm, VFW Red Barn
- October 27th – CGHA Face-Off Dance, VFW Red Barn
- November 6th – General Membership Mtg, VFW Red Barn
- November 22nd – Level I CEP class – CG Arena

Getting To Know Darren Reiter

Darren Reiter, recently named Park Varsity Girls' Head Coach, is a 7th grade American History Teacher at Cottage Grove Jr. High. He was born and raised in a small town in the Upper Peninsula, Ironwood, MI. Darren, his wife, Penny, and their two children, Madison (2 yrs) and Tyler (2 wks) live in Hastings. Darren's hobbies are hockey and golf.

GREENLINE: CGHA would like to congratulate you on your new position as Park Girls' Varsity Head Coach, and, on behalf of our Greenline readers, I would like to thank you for agreeing to this interview, giving us a chance to get to know you.

How long have you been teaching and what do you enjoy most about your career?

REITER: This is my 9th year teaching and my 8th year at Cottage Grove Jr. High. What I enjoy most about my career are the students. Every day is a new adventure, especially with 7th graders. I really enjoy watching them change and gain the responsibility and maturity they need to become successful, young adults.

GREENLINE: Give us a snapshot of your hockey experience and what experience in your hockey career has been a highlight for you?

REITER: Most of my coaching career has been spent on the boys' side working with the varsity programs in Ironwood, MI, Waseca, MN, Woodbury, MN, Amery, WI and the Park boys. Last year was my first year coaching girls' hockey in Hastings, MN. The sport of hockey has given me too many "highlights" to list. I am just thankful that I have had the opportunity to love this sport for the last 26 years of my life. It has been an incredible ride and I cherish every moment I'm able to be around the game and the people involved in it.

GREENLINE: What are your reasons for your interest in the Varsity Girls Head Coaching position?

REITER: It's a program that I've been able to watch grow for the last 8 years while I've been teaching in the district. It's been fun watching how the game has changed for the girls and to watch the maturity of the Park program. Many people have put in countless hours to make this program one of the largest in the state and to push the athletes to expect greatness and it shows when you talk to parents & coaches at the rink. There is a great sense of pride in all that has been accomplished but there is still the feeling that the best is yet to come. The future is very bright and I am honored to have the opportunity to be a part of that.

GREENLINE: You have a very young team – what are your strategies for player development?

REITER: I really feel that we have surrounded the athletes with a great group of coaches in our youth programs as well as the Varsity program. We will continue to work on the basics and fundamentals while increasing their hockey knowledge. We are in a unique situation where our young players are very skilled and very driven to be successful. As a coaching staff, we will feed off of their enthusiasm and put players into positions where they can be successful and gain confidence that will help us in the future.

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(Getting To Know Darren Reiter continued)

GREENLINE: Give us idea of your coaching style and philosophy –

REITER: My coaching style is to bring positive leadership every single day. The players in our program are going to have an understanding of what it takes to be successful by doing the right thing and following the rules and guidelines laid down by the coaching staff. Our philosophy is based off of 6 basic principles that we try to instill in our athletes. They are:

- 1) **Commitment** - Our athletes and coaching staff should have a full commitment to perfection.
- 2) **Leadership** - Our athletes should be strong leaders in the classroom, in the community, and at the rink.
- 3) **Sacrifice** - The feeling of success and winning will motivate our athletes and staff and will make the sacrifice for a rewarding experience.
- 4) **Visualization** - We must have vision for all of the good coming out of our program.
- 5) **Simplicity** - Work on the basics and fundamentals and master these skills.
- 6) **Intensity** - High energy and enthusiasm, combined with desire, will make us successful on and off the ice.

GREENLINE: How can CGHA help you to prepare our young hockey players to become strong Varsity and JV players someday?

REITER: As far as the program, the members of the CGHA are doing an outstanding job recruiting new players as well as providing quality coaching. The biggest thing we will continue to need is constant communication and support between the youth program and the Varsity program.

GREENLINE: Is there anything you'd like the CGHA membership, players, parents and fans of Cottage Grove hockey to know about you? Anything else you would like to comment on?

REITER: As a coach, I want what is best for the program as much as you do. I am a strong believer in the idea that this game is there for our student-athletes to play and for our parents/family members to enjoy. Please allow your athletes the opportunity to enjoy this game so that they can have positive lifelong memories of the sport we all love.

I would like to thank the many people that have made our program what it is today. I am very honored to have the opportunity to be the head coach of such a dedicated, quality program.

Thank you, Darren, for sharing yourself with us and allowing us a chance to get to know you better. CGHA wishes you a very long, successful and rewarding career as Park's new Girls' Varsity Head Coach!

ATTENTION COACHES:

Level I CEP coaching class will be offered on Wednesday, November 22nd. This class will be held at CG Hockey Rink meeting room starting at 7:00 pm and will only be offered to CG Hockey coaches. For more information, please contact Bill McClellan or Scott Strand.

The 2006 Kick Off Dance is set for Friday October 27th !!!

This is our 8th year of this fundraising event. It's a fantastic way for us as a community to meet one another and have some fun before the season begins.

Tickets will be available through your fundraising manager on October 16th or you can contact Patty Boyd. \$5.00 in advance \$7.00 at the door.



Would you like to Own THIS Wild Jersey Signed by all the Wild players?

If so, go to the CGHA Kick Off Dance on Friday and place your bid during the silent auction! This is your chance to own your very own, one of a kind, Wild Jersey signed by the entire Wild team!

Thanks to the Odd Couple of Edina Realty for donating the Jersey!

Mite/U8 and Termite/U6 News

There will be a parents meeting for Mite and U-8 parents, held at the VFW Red Barn on Monday October 23rd at 7:00 pm. Parents please try to make this meeting, as important information will be covered regarding the Mite/U8 season. This meeting is optional for Termite and U-6 parents, however you are welcome to attend.

The Mite and U-8 season will start the weekend of November 4th. The weekend of Nov 18-19, we'll hold skills testing. This testing will allow kids to be placed on proper teams – please mark your calendar for these dates. Coaches will be contacting the kids for clinic groups later in the month.

The Termite and U-6 season will start the weekend of December 2nd with coaches contacting team members later in the month of November.

We are still accepting new player registrations for the upcoming season and are especially looking for 4-5 year boys and girls. Please pass the word on to friends and neighbors. Anyone interested may go online and register at www.cghockey.com

Regarding the equipment needed for playing, I strongly suggest that players wear full gear. This will help with any falls and collisions the kids may have. Necessary equipment is a helmet with mouthguard, shoulder pads, elbow pads, breezers, athletic supporter, garter belt (used to hold up socks, also available in total short packages which include supporter and Velcro straps enclosed in a pair of shorts), shin pads, skates, and a hockey stick. Street hockey sticks are not allowed.

New this season, parent will have the option to purchase a pair of matching team hockey socks which will be ordered when the various teams start their seasons. The price for team socks will be \$8.

See you at the rink,
Scott Strand- Mite/Termite/U-8/U-6 Director

Fun, fun, fun way to earn your volunteer hours!!!! Hockey Fest is looking for committee members w/ fresh ideas and/or to work the day of Hockey Fest. Your 4 hours will be over before you know it, and you'll meet other hockey parents. Next meeting is Oct 19th, 7pm at the Cottage Grove Bingo Hall. Mark your calendars for Jan. 28, 2007!

Contact Mikki Dorma at: cdmd74@msn.com

PARENTS:

Practice your patience and keep your cool...please go to www.usahockey.com and view a 3 minute video on 'New Standards of Play' for a better understanding of penalty rules.

*To submit a story for the Greenline, please send it to: r_villari@msn.com
Submissions are subject to approval and editing.*



WHERE ARE STEVE'S PUCKS?

Recently, Steve Morse set his puck bag, holding his valuable collection of pucks, down in the breezeway at the arena. He hasn't seen them since and is beside himself! If anyone has information or knowledge of the whereabouts of this very special puck collection, please contact Steve Morse @ smorse@kingsboroughhomes.com

Attention All Coaches and Goalies:

All goalies interested in attending a Goalie clinic conducted by Mike Moline are invited to show up on the following dates on the Main Rink:

- October 15, 22 & 29
- November 12 & 19
- December 3, 10 & 17
- January 7, 14 & 21

All sessions start at 4:45 pm - have the kids dressed and ready to go...

Please direct your questions to Mike Moline at 651-458-5915, or by email at moline@sqi.com

Women's Pro Hockey in Cottage Grove!

The Park Girls Hockey Booster Club is hosting the Minnesota WhiteCaps vs. the Saskatchewan Prairie Ice, Saturday, October 21st, 6:30 pm, at the Cottage Grove Ice Arena. The WhiteCaps feature several 2006 USA Olympians, college stars and local standouts including Natalie Darwitz, Jenny Potter, Winny Brodt and Ashley Albrecht.

Join us for an evening of family entertainment, high-caliber hockey and support the Park Girls Varsity and Junior Varsity Programs. Discounted tickets can be purchased in advance, \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students/seniors. Group purchases of 10, 20 or more receive additional discounts on adult tickets. Adult tickets day of the game are available for \$10.00.

Local teams looking for fundraising ideas will receive an attractive discount rate to promote the event.

For ticket information, please call Keith at 651-458-3614.

Pucks & Pillows - Hockey Overnight at the Cottage Grove Ice Arena

Bring your pillows and pucks to Cottage Grove Ice Arena for an overnight on the ice... There will be plenty of activities to participate in throughout the night including games, relay races, movies, and a radar gun to clock your shot. Pizza, snacks, treats, and soda will be provided all night. There will be donuts and juice for breakfast in the morning.

Male and female adult staff from the Cottage Grove Recreation Department will be supervising. Separate locker rooms for boys and girls will be available. All skaters must wear a helmet at all times on the ice.

Dates - October 20 - 21, 2006
 Drop-off - 9:00 p.m. on 10/20/06
 Pick up - 7:00 a.m. on 10/21/06
 Ages - 6-13 years old
 Place - C.G. Ice Arena
 Cost - \$27

Call 651-458-3400 or log on to www.cottage-grove.org for more information or to register. Or just stop in the office next time you are at the rink...

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COTTAGE GROVE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

The Cottage Grove Athletic Association is involved in charitable gambling. Board meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at which gambling issues are discussed. All active members of more than 6 months have the right to vote on any gambling issues. These meetings are held at 7282 E. Pt. Douglas Road, Suite 100 Cottage Grove, Minnesota 55016 at 7:00 p.m.