

Greenline

Volume 2, Issue 2

www.cghockey.com

September 2005

Special points of Interest:

- Letter from the President
- Hockey Fest
- Termite/Mite/U8 News
- Fundraising
- Arena Parking
- Concession Stand News
- Equipment Exchange

Mark Your Calendars!

September 6, 7 p.m.
General Membership Meeting at the VFW Red Barn. (Tuesday meeting due to Labor Day.)

Saturday, Sept 10 and Saturday Sept 17
Training Sessions for Concession Workers

September 13, 6-9 p.m.
New Player Registration at the Ice Arena

November 4
Kick-off Dance at VFW Red Barn

Thanksgiving Weekend
U10/Squirt Tournament at the CG Ice Arena

Sunday, January 29
Hockey Fest

Welcome to the 2005-2006 Hockey Season

While our children have been off playing other sports or attending clinics over the summer, your board of directors has been working hard to make a more enjoyable experience for all involved.

While there were a few glitches in the online registration process it seems to have gone well. Behind the scene, this will go to great lengths to save our association money and greatly increase our ability to communicate required information to both Minnesota Hockey and USA Hockey. Look for increased use of the pay online feature in the coming months. Big thanks to Jeff Miner, Kevin Oppold, and Julie Sova.

With clinics and tryouts just around the corner I'd like to take the opportunity to express some thoughts on the upcoming season.

We, as parents, are an extremely important influence on how and if our children learn to enjoy the sport of hockey and reap the life benefits of playing team sports. My personal belief is that our children need first and foremost our support and unconditional love. Try to recognize that the conversations you have with your child on the way to and the way home from the rink dramatically affect their experience playing our great sport. Hopefully their coaches have taken the steps to correct mistakes and teach them the game. An additional hour or so of coaching from mom or dad is generally as "pick up your socks" or "clean your room". Let them love the game for what it is: A game.

We, as coaches, need to recognize what a dramatic influence we can be on a child. We need to decide whether we want that to be positive or negative. The choice is yours. Take every opportunity to teach. When good things happen, teach. When the wrong things happen, teach. Remember, if you make winning and losing a life or death situation, you will have a lot of problems. For one thing, you will be dead a lot. Come prepared, communicate with your players and parents, and above all, take your influence very seriously.

Lastly, as we see others behaving badly, I believe we need to take that step to correct it. We often talk of how another team's parents are acting in the stands. Before you make it a conversation piece, check your own team. If we are to give the game back to the kids, it has to start at home. Politely ask a misbehaving parent to think about their actions and let them know they are not setting a good example.

Have a great season and good luck at tryouts.

Steve Morse
CGHA President

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 Sept 15th at 6:30 at the Cottage Grove Bingo Hall. Contact chair, Amy Listner at: JAZLIS@aol.com

Termite/Mite/U-8 News

Welcome to another hockey season. We are going to have a few changes with the upcoming season for our younger players. We will be having a parents meeting to discuss these changes.

We will be having our Mite/U-8 parents meeting on Monday, October 24th at the VFW Red Barn. The meeting will start at 7:00pm and should last about an hour. I would like to have at least one parent of each of our Mite/U-8 players attend this meeting. Termite parents have the option of attending, if desired. We will be discussing Team Selection Process, Hockey Fest, Board Meetings, and general questions. Please contact Scott Strand at skstrand@usfamily.net if you can't attend this meeting.

If interested in coaching or assistant coaching, please contact Scott Strand. We are looking for some termite coaches and a couple of mite coaches.

Please visit our CG Hockey home page (news from the board) to find some great prices from Top Shelf Athletics of Woodbury on equipment. Also, visit our NEW equipment swap bulletin board on our home page.

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

COTTAGE GROVE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

*To submit a story for the Greenline, please send it to:
keys@usfamily.net
Submissions are subject to approval and editing. Deadline for the October issue is 9/27.*

Fundraising

CGHA's Annual Kick-Off Dance will be held Nov 4, at the VFW Red Barn. Anyone interested in helping with the dance or other fundraising opportunities can call Kim Rheault at 768-9271, or e-mail her at ckrheault@uswest.net.

Arena Handicap Parking

Too many parents temporarily park in the handicap stalls to drop off, or pick up their kids. Please be considerate and do not park in one of these spaces unless you have a permit.

Attention Concession Stand Workers

Would you like to work in the concession stand this year? Did you work last year but would like a refresher on procedures, and how machines work? Please plan on attending one of these mandatory training sessions: Saturday, September 10th, or Saturday, September 17th. Training sessions will be held mornings from 9:30-10:00, 10:00-10:30 and 10:30-11:00. This will be the only training opportunity for this hockey season, so please make every effort to attend. If you are unable, call Sue Durden at 651-459-5807.

Have you worked in the concession stand for more than two years? Stop in during one of the training sessions to pick up hand-outs on what's new and some changes for the upcoming year.

Remember, working in the concession stand reduces your individual ice bill for U10/Squirt and above.

2005-06 Board Members

President.....	Steve Morse	480-8539
Vice President.....	Gary Sova	459-1133
Budget Director.....	Julie Sova	459-1133
A-B Director.....	Dave Pierre	459-0610
C Director.....	Mike Gutterman	459-0862
Girls Program Director.....	Brent Pinault	768-9510
Mite-Termite Director.....	Scott Strand	768-8807
Registrar/Secretary.....	Kevin Oppold	768-8644

Committee Chairpersons

ACE Coordinator.....	Eric Darwitz	283-7332
Concession Stand Mgr.....	Jay Jannetto	952-365-8378
District 8 Rep.....	Jackie Norbury	769-0581
Equipment Manager.....	Open	
Fundraising Manager.....	Kim Rheault	768-9271
Girls District 8 Rep.....	Tito Elumba	458-3996
Greenline Editor.....	Karen Keys	768-0638
Hockey Fest.....	Amy Listner	458-3899
Ice Arena Manager.....	Zac Dockter	458-3400
Ice Manager.....	Bruce Hill	459-7044
Referee Coordinator.....	Ken Atkinson	459-3083
S.K.A.T.E Coordinator.....	Mary Gutterman	459-0862
Tournament Dir.....	Deb Goodmanson	769-2450
Web Master.....	Jeff Miner	734-0864

Web-site Enhancements

Check out the new Equipment Exchange to swap, sell, or give away any used equipment to other members of CGHA.

www.cghockey.com

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.