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Homer Ice Rink

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Presidents Message:

Hello Homer Hockey Fans,
I hope everyone enjoyed the fabulous weather we've had this summer and that which continues into the fall - right into hockey season!

This upcoming year at the rink is going to be an exciting one. This year you all will experience a new focus in our facility: **OWNERSHIP** and **ACCOUNTABILITY**. The Kevin Bell Arena and Homer Hockey Association exist because of and for its members, but with that comes the responsibility of caring for it as your own. This year you will find changes to the rules of the rink, as well as the organization of a volunteer data base.

Rink manager update:

We'd like to thank Rick Pitta, our charter rink manager and manager of 4 years. He has paved the way for our association and our rink, and without him we would not have enjoyed as many successes. We all wish him well in his new career - **THANK YOU RICK** for all you have done for us and all that you continue to do!!!



Everyone's help is needed to keep our association solvent and the facility a well-maintained and safe environment. Sign-up sheets to begin our volunteer data base will be available at registration. Please sign up to help!

Enjoy the remaining sunshine while it lasts! We'll be waiting for you at the rink in the meantime!

Cinda Martin, HHA President

On the same note, we would like to welcome our new rink manager, Tommie CarlinSchauer. Tommie comes to us from Wisconsin with an extensive hockey and soccer background. His enthusiasm for the sport and strong desire to succeed will be a great asset to our association. **WELCOME TOMMIE!**

In the News:

- New Rink Manager!
- Registration September 19th
- New Website: www.homerhockey.org

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HHA Registration and gear swap:
September 19th: 10 am - 2 pm

We are excited to get the 2009-2010 season underway!

Registration will be on Saturday, September 19th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm at the Kevin Bell Arena.

Our Registrar, Kim Duggar has done an outstanding job preparing.

Please follow the three easy steps to complete your registration for the '09-'10 hockey season. If you have gear to buy, sell, trade or donate bring it to the rink @ 10 am and space will be available. You will be responsible for selling your own gear.

1) Register with USA Hockey on-line. Go to www.usahockey.com and on the right side of the home page you will see **register on line**. Click and follow the directions. The fee is \$35 (no charge for 6 and under, but still must register). Print the receipt. If you do not have a printer, you can e-mail the receipt to Kim Duggar, HHA Registrar @ homrdugr@alaska.net .

2) Print the **CONSENT TO TREAT** and **PARTICIPANT CODE OF CONDUCT** on this website and complete.

3) Bring the three forms to HHA Registration: 1) USAH Registration Receipt, 2) Completed Consent to Treat 3) Completed Participant Code of Conduct

FEE SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:

MicroBells: \$125 for Oct - Dec or \$50/month Fees pay for gear and Saturday ice time.

All other levels Youth - Adult: \$120 (monthly ice fees to follow and varies between groups)

Family Discount: First two members full fee, third member 50%, 4th member 75%. Family discount does not include MicroBells.

New website:

Have you checked out our new website?

www.homerhockey.org

It is awesome and has great potential for future enhancements! Visit it now to get registration information!

The next HHA board meeting is 6pm September 14th at the Islands and Ocean Visitor Center. Join us!



Coaches, Referees, and Volunteers needed:

Food For Thought:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rWjBvcfhRX0>

The Magic Hockey Helmet on You Tube

Are you looking for ways to get involved at the rink, and don't know where help is needed? Look no further....below are three vital ways to help.

1. Become a referee. Talk to Leslie Slater (gazelle@xyz.net) for more information. Local ref clinics are being hosted on the following dates/times:

Referee levels 1, 2, & 3:

Anchorage: Sept 12, Oct 3.

Soldotna: Oct 23-25.

Homer: TENTATIVELY Oct 30-31

Level 1 only - Anchorage: Oct 30-31

Levels 1 & 2 - Wasilla: Sept 12

Level 3 only - Soldotna: Sept 8-9.

Wasilla/Palmer: Oct 17

Must pre-register online through usahockey.com.

2. Become a coach or manager.

Coaches and managers are currently needed for Mites, Squirts, PeeWee, Bantam, and IP. If you have ever been interested in teaching kids to skate, now is the time and the Homer Ice Rink is the place! Contact the rink for details. Coaches Clinics are being held:

Level 1: Anchorage: Oct 24, Nov 21
Soldotna: Nov 14

Level 2: Anchorage: Oct 25, Dec 5;
Homer: Nov 15

Level 3: Anchorage: Dec 12

3. Volunteer with fundraising or outreach.

These vital positions are often the most needed and understaffed. If you would like to contribute to staffing booths at fairs, hanging fliers, and other rewarding work, contact Lisa Pitta at: lcharboldpitta@hotmail.com



Homer Hockey Association Handbook:

Our HHA Advisory Board has created a Member Handbook which will be given to each member's family at registration. Parents are required to review a copy as well as sign a Code of Conduct much like the players do, in accordance with the Alaska State Hockey Association

rules and regulations. This handbook will also be available on our website for quick reference. Thank you to Lisa Pitta and her committee for all the hard work on this handbook. It is a good foundation and is meant to be amended as needed.

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KPBSD Bylaw waiver request update:

By Kim Duggar

The KPBSD bylaw waiver request to allow our Old Believer students at Voznesenka, Kachemak Selo and Razdolna to play on the HHS hockey team remains on the table. A decision will be made at the October 5th ASAA Board meeting in Anchorage. Alex Trout, Voznesenka principal, is arranging

a time to speak which will hopefully include time for the Russian students. The Alaska Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) researched this issue all summer and concluded that it is worthy of support; they are submitting a letter to ASAA to support us.

Important Dates:

Sept. 4 - Rink Opens!

Sept. 14 - HHA Board Mtg.

Sept. 19 - Registration