

Homer Hockey Association/ 907-235-2647

## Update from the Board:

Hello Homer Hockey Fans!

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and had a fun time at the rink! Thank you, **Tommie**, for all your hard work organizing the 3 on 3 tournaments - I believe these "mini tourneys" will become a holiday tradition!

I also hope your hockey season is going well and you are playing hard and taking advantage of the new Shooting Gallery we have at the rink, compliments of **Tim Stage, Buck Laukitis and Tommie!** This is a great opportunity to work on a crucial skill learned primarily by repetition.

While you all are working on your skating, passing and shooting, the board members have been working on the following:

- The grant committee is ramping up to **seek out funding** for programs, operations, and rink improvements (floor systems and wind generators)
- Participating in the **Co-Host committee** to possibly establish a recreational service area in the borough;
- **Investigating alternative energy** resources including wind generation;
- Updating our website to include events and schedules;
- Soliciting Kenai Peninsula Region and ASAA members on the proposed **change to ASAA Bylaws** to allow AA schools to coop for sports;
- Gearing up for **Kevin Bell Day, April 10<sup>th</sup>**
- **Looking for new board members for 2010-2011.**



This has been a fantastic season with everyone working together for the success of our rink. On behalf of the board of directors, I sincerely appreciate all of the time and energy so many families have put into the rink this year; your dedication is inspiring..... thank you!

Play hard everyone! See you at the rink!

Cinda Martin, HHA President

*The next HHA board meeting is February 10th at 5:30 pm at the Rink. Join us!*

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Rink manager update:

I would like to start with a HUGE "thank you" to all the board members for their hard work and dedication. This rink would not be here if it weren't for them.

Another big "Thanks" to **Tim Stage, Andy Kita & Buck Laukitis** for making the Shooting area such a huge success. (see article below)

We are all very appreciative of the parents who help at the rink as scorekeepers and timers. Spectator behavior has been exceptional and very sportsmanlike all season.

The volunteer contest has been a great success, with the mites winning FREE ICE for the month of

December and the Bantams winning FREE PIZZA! Remember, your team can be a winner next month - just be active and help at the arena. Thanks again to everyone for your hard work and support this season!

**Congratulations to the new Zamboni Drivers:**  
**Josh Weston**  
**Vincent Tillion**

If you are interested in being trained on the Zamboni, let Tommie know.

Don't forget the arena HOT LINE 235-8-ICE for ice times and events.

Buck's 500 Puck Club - Shoot pucks, make the rink bucks!

The purpose of the Club is to improve your shot. By practicing off-ice you will improve your strength, accuracy, confidence and technique.



The goal is to have players shooting 500 pucks every two weeks, exercising perfect form.

The FIRST 500 shots should be big sweeping

forehand wrist shots to the lower half of the net. Place ten pucks in front of the practice net. Take care to draw the puck behind your back heel every shot; transfer your weight from the back to front foot, like throwing a ball. Set up center of the net and hit the net each shot; don't lift the puck more than two feet. Rink Rules for the Shooting Corner are posted. Membership in the Club includes a

shooting certificate. You are starting on your way to having a wicked hard shot. Goalies will fear you. Fans will love you. In February we will continue with the next type of shot.

Contact Buck at 299-0112; talk to your coach before you begin. Pick up the sign up sheets by the rink office.

**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:**  
A scholarship fund has been established to help hockey families that are feeling the pinch of ice bills. If this sounds familiar, find out if you may qualify! Contact Cinda at [duggansdiva@hotmail.com](mailto:duggansdiva@hotmail.com) for an application. We hope to make participation at the Kevin Bell Arena available to as many as possible!



## KEVIN BELL DAY:

Save the Date!!!! April 10<sup>th</sup> will be the third annual Kevin Bell Day fundraiser, a celebration of life, sportsmanship and family fun. We are looking for coordinators. If you are interested, please contact Cinda for particulars at 399-4574 or [duggansdiva@hotmail.com](mailto:duggansdiva@hotmail.com).



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## JOIN THE TEAM!

There are many ways to get involved at the rink. Many of you volunteer on a regular basis, but have you ever thought of taking the next step? HHA needs valuable committed people like you to keep things running smoothly. With the HHA Banquet and 2010 Annual Meeting coming up in April, this is a perfect time to get involved.

### ANNUAL BANQUET:

Organizers are needed to help coordinate the HHA Banquet. This is a fun and fulfilling event designed to recognize all who are involved in Homer Hockey.

### HHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We are also looking for dedicated individuals who are interested in sharing their positive energy and varied talents. There are several seats available on the HHA Board of Directors. Please consider serving the association and contact Cinda at [duggansdivas@hotmail.com](mailto:duggansdivas@hotmail.com) with your intent and a brief bio. The pay is little but the rewards are great!

Board of Directors Positions Available:

- President (2-year term)
- Secretary (2-year term)
- Two HHA Advisory Board Members (1-year term)
- Two KBA Advisory Board Members (1-year term)

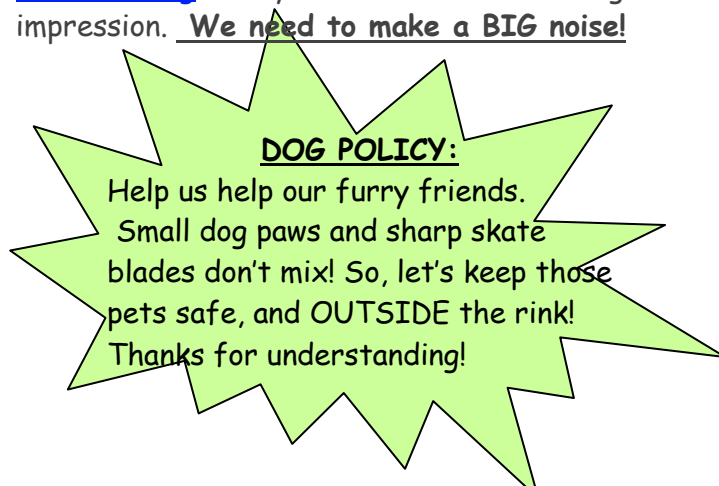
## RUSSIAN PLAYER UPDATE:

The KPBSD By-Law Waiver request which would have allowed our Russian skaters from Voznesenka and Kachemak Selo to play on the HHS hockey team was denied last October. The issue is not dead though, and we are pursuing an amendment to the cooperative schools by-law which would allow 1A or 2A schools (small schools) who do not offer sports to go to the nearest school that does to play. HHS being classified as a 4A school, can provide those activities not offered at smaller schools like Voz or Kachemak Selo.

ASAA has a board meeting February 21 and 22 in Anchorage where this will be under discussion. **We encourage ALL members of HHA to make comments to the board members.** Their names and addresses are on the ASAA website; [www.asaa.org](http://www.asaa.org). Every comment will leave a big impression. **We need to make a BIG noise!**

### DOG POLICY:

Help us help our furry friends. Small dog paws and sharp skate blades don't mix! So, let's keep those pets safe, and OUTSIDE the rink! Thanks for understanding!



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## SPRING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

### FEBRUARY:

February 12-14<sup>th</sup>: Glacier Girls Tournament

February 19-20<sup>th</sup>: Women's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jamboree

February 27-28<sup>th</sup>: Midgets Frozen Four Tournament

### APRIL:

April 2-4<sup>th</sup>: Alaska State Broomball Tournament



HHA would like to give a HUGE  
"THANK YOU!"

to  
SWAPA

For donating new sheets of  
glass to the rink last month!