

Homer Hockey Association/ 907-235-2647

Update from the Board:

Hockey Greetings! I don't know about you, but as the days get shorter I sure am glad I have a bright happy hockey rink to go to! My family may be on the extreme side since we have at least one skater on the ice every day of the week - Mites, Squirts, Mens, Womens, Noon hockey, and coed!

There are so many people to thank who make this time at the rink possible. Next time you are at the rink, take a minute to thank your coach or manager, or that parent who offered to tie your skater's laces while you ran to get their stick. Take a look at who is tinkering away in the Zamboni room making sure we have great ice to skate on. Say "Thanks" to whoever is sharpening skates.

Ask Domenic if there is anything you can do to help out. You don't have to commit to a whole season's worth of work, but every little bit helps our rink be a better brighter place.

Speaking of brighter...you may notice that there are fewer lights on these days. This is an effort reduce our monthly electricity bill which runs about \$5000 a month. Ouch... and that is not a typo!

Check out Domenic's white board of tasks to see how you can help - I know right now he is looking for someone to help make sleds for kids to use while learning to skate. (is anyone handy with PVC?)

Karen Weston, HHA President



The next HHA board meeting is January 12th at 6:30 pm at the Rink. Join us!

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Rink manager update:



Busy, Busy, Busy! That is how I describe the first three months here at the Kevin Bell Arena!

Some of the new events happening this year: **Stick Time** - Bring a helmet, skates and a stick to Practice individually or pull together a mini-game. **Birthday Parties and Special events** - HHA members or Non-Profit organizations pay only \$75 per hour. **Public Skate** - help us find sponsors for Sunday Public Skate times in 2011. **Co-ed Adult Hockey** sponsored by Down East Saloon- come join this fun team!

I would like to Thank **Tim Stage, John Butcher, Travis Larson, Rick Pitta, Scott Simmons, The DIVAS**, and all the others for helping at the rink. I have posted needed items and jobs to be done outside my office. I will teach a "Rink School" on Sundays for folks to learn more about helping at the Arena.

Remember to participate in the upcoming Christmas and New Years Eve events! There will be a Christmas Eve skate from 11am- 4pm and the New Year's Eve events will be announced as they develop.

EVENTS and ACTIVITIES

CHRISTMAS EVE SKATE

On Christmas Eve there will be a Public Skate from 11am - 4 pm sponsored by the **American Legion and the Sons of the American Legion**. The jolly fat man will be here on Christmas Eve from noon to 2pm. Interested players are asked to bring a plate of cookies for this event if they can.



NEW YEAR'S EVE Extravaganza!!!

Ring in the new year surrounded by your favorite teammates and doing the sport you love! Only \$25!

Be a part of this new Kevin Bell Arena tradition! This will hopefully be fun and games followed by a fireworks show around 8:00 pm. If anyone is interested in volunteering their time or help with the planning of either of these events, please contact me here at the rink.

New Rink Fundraising FUN!

If you came to the Homer Mariners End of the Road Tournament last month you surely saw the excitement between second and third period... that is the mastermind of our new fundraising committee. **CHUCK A PUCK!** You buy a numbered puck and throw it on the ice. The puck that ends closest to the center ice splits the pot. Just ask Tracey Tillion - she actually landed her puck at center ice! That's a TRUE hockey mom!



SCORE!
Homer Hockey Association

Chuck-A-Puck

\$5 could win you \$225!!!

at Homer High School Games

Fans attending games will have a chance to purchase a (numbered) puck. Then toss it toward the center ice. New-08 order.

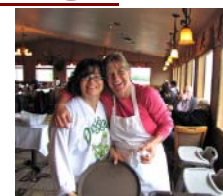
Will take place between 2nd & 3rd period of every game!

CLOSEST PUCK WINS & WILL SPLIT THE PROCEEDS with HHA

If you would like to help the fundraising committee please contact Vanessa at: vfuson@gmail.com

HELP WITH UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

The fundraising committee is working hard on many upcoming events, including a **chili feed and a quilt raffle...** but they can't do it alone. Please consider helping them out contact Dina at gunz@xyz.net, so she can put you to work!



New MAAST Employee: Larson King

We are incredibly fortunate as an organization to have qualified for the MAAST program (mature adult skills training program). We are even more grateful that we were able to recruit such a talented and hard-working employee as Larson.

Mr. King is an all around handyman who has already

proven to be a welcome addition to the Kevin Bell Arena Family.

You may have seen him hard at work sweeping, mopping, vacuuming, and fixing multiple things. Be sure to introduce yourself and thank him for all of his hard work!

THANKS A MILLION!!!!!!!



CHIP DUGGAN: HHA's MOST VALUABLE MEMBER

HHA would like to send out a collective "THANK YOU" to Chip Duggan for all his help and support over the years. All HHA teams and members have benefited from Chip's generosity - he has sponsored multiple teams, coached the girls, funded building locker rooms, organized tournaments, played on the men's team, and held fundraisers multiple times a year for the rink. He has been a member of the board since the rink was built. He is an endless source of ideas and helpful acts. As he moves on from owner of Duggan's Pub to "Chip Duggan Man About Town", we hope he realizes that all his generosity and kind gestures have not gone unnoticed. THANKS A MILLION, CHIP!!!!

Thanks to all the **Pee Wee** parents who helped clean the rink after the End of the Road Tournament!

Thank you **Dean Kildow** for picking up all of the team uniform socks and sweatshirts and couriering them from Palmer to Homer - it saved HHA both time and \$.

High School Mariners win local End of the Road Tournament



The Mariner hockey team won all of its home games during the End of the Road Tournament last month. They outscored Bartlett, Tri-Valley and Kenai's JV team. Goals by Stage, Reutov, Duggar and Erik Rosencrans carried the Mariners to victory of the tournament. The team this year includes four players from Voznesenka and Kachemak-Selo schools.

Spread the word.....
There is a new "**donate now**" button at the bottom of our HHA website page.
Donors have the option of using a major credit card or paypal.

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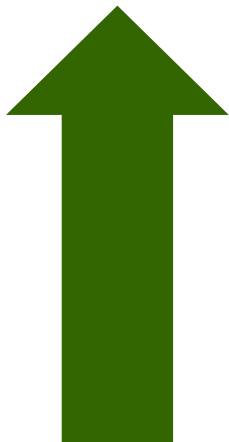
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www.homerhockey.org



KEVIN BELL ICE ARENA WISH LIST:

The hockey rink is always in need of supplies and odds and ends to keep it up and running. If you would like to make a donation, the following supplies are on the "wish list" for December...

Cleaning supplies:

Sponges, soap, brushes, trash bags, paper towels, mops, cleaning gloves.

Other Supplies:

Tools, pennies for team practice

Glass for the rink boards. Please consider helping by purchasing a sheet of glass for us! Contact

Coaches for MicroBells. Contact Susan at sjwills@yahoo.com

WINTER SCHEDULE

December

December 22nd: 7pm HHA Alumni Game

December 24th: 11am Christmas Eve Skate

December 25th: Rink CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

December 31st: New Year's Eve Events

January

January 8th and 9th: noon and 5pm Squirt C Games

January 8th: 10am and 2pm Mite D games

January 11th: 5pm Homer Mariners High School Game

January 14-16th: Women's Jamboree Tournament

January 21st- 22nd: Homer High School Mariners and Bantam Games

January 28th: 8pm Bantam Game

January 29th: 5pm Homer Mariner High School Game

Website Update:

www.homerhockey.org

All teams have their own page and can have things added as you like! Each team's schedule is also posted on their own page. We can link to your facebook or web page as well! contact Heidi for more info: (hstage@homericerink.com)