

TEAM UPDATES:

MICROBELLS:

MicroBells are going strong, with more kids on the ice than ever before! They are the true future of the Kevin Bell Arena!



MITES:

Dina Marion

Farewell Mites!

For most of the Mite C players, this was their last season as a Mite. Being a Mite is unique in that you can be one for more than the usual two years. Several of these skaters have been skating with HHA for over four years as Mites. It is fun to look back on the hockey memories they already have. I remember the first day some of them had on the ice with Kevin Bell... smacking themselves to see if their pads were working, making snow angels, popping up, falling down, popping up, falling down.....and finally staying on those blades long enough for a step, step, glide. They fell in love with a sport that will challenge and exhaust them, and their families fell right with them. They have seen victory and defeat but they keep coming back for more with a joy-filled smile.

As they reflect on this season, they may not have memories of holding a trophy but they will remember celebrating every goal as a team to the extent that spectators started asking "who scored that one?" They will remember learning how it feels to be a member of a team and how important it is to support their teammates. But most of all, they will remember the importance of playing hard and having FUN!!!

SQUIRTS:

Travis Larson

The 2010 State tournament was a big success for the 12 individuals who epitomized the meaning of "team". The Glacier Kings narrowly squeezed out a 2-1 victory in their first game, tied their second game 3-3 and played relentlessly to win their third game 3-0.

When the dust settled at tournament headquarters realized we were the #1 seed in our division. During the quarterfinal match, Homer absolutely dominated the Anchorage Comets. There was no stopping the sheer determination of the Glacier Kings.

On to the Semi-finals! It was at this point that we realized we would play Juneau, the best team in the tournament. In what many would call the game of the year in squirt hockey, Homer dominated the Juneau Black Bears from whistle to whistle... beating a team that, at times, looked unstoppable.

Glacier Kings were in the State championship game - to be against Palmer later that afternoon! Palmer played well from the start of the game and took an early lead. Our 12 young warriors (against a team of 18 from Palmer) could not pull closer than the 3-1 final. With excellent goaltending, a smothering defense, and unselfish offense, the Squirts made it all the way to the State championship only to fall a couple of goals short of the ultimate prize. The Glacier Kings took second out of a 12 teams from around the State. The Glacier Kings are; **Ali McCarron, Brenna McCarron, Brendan Fuson, Mychaela Pitta, Bradley Bordner, Charlie Menke, Dimitry Kuzmin, Lauren Cardwell, Douglas Dean, Robby Larson, Riley Wise, and Spencer Warren.**



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PEEWEEES:

Brad Roberts

The season has come to an end. The Peewee State Tournament was in Fairbanks and our team did great! After the first three games, we finished second in our division and had a match-up with the Comets in the first semi-final. Our team came from behind, with a **hat trick from Kiril**, to win. Our next crossover game was with Juneau and we lost 3-0. The team never gave up and played well. What is vital to remember from this season is that our team went 26 - 2 - 4 this year with our two losses going to the two teams, Fairbanks and Juneau, who played each other for the state championship. (Fairbanks won in OT). The team players and parents cannot thank **Coach Faulkner and Coach Sonnen** enough for their hard work and dedication to the team. I would like to thank once again the coaches and the parents for their ability to go through a season without conflict and make hockey enjoyable not only to watch, but to be involved in.

BROOMBALL:

Brandon Grochow

The 2nd Annual Alpaca Dung Pile Challenge sold 300 tickets and raised \$1500. Local resident **Judd Snyder** won close to \$1500 by winning 100% of the prize money with the first dung pile and biggest. The silent auction raised an additional \$2,000.

The Alaska State Broomball Tournament will be held on April 2-3. The field consists of 6 teams, the largest ever!

MEN'S:

Travis Larson

The Homer Adult League is hosting the ASH CUP Tournament over Easter Weekend, April 2-4th. Volunteers, refs, and fans needed!!! Come out and support the local men's teams!

MIDGETS:

Kim Duggar

The U18 Tier II Midgets hosted a very successful, high-energy tournament the last weekend in February called "The Frozen Four". There were three visiting teams and with Homer each team played four games in a two-day period. It was intense, fast-paced hockey. The next weekend we hosted two games with the Kenai U16 Tier II team, winning the first and tying the second going into a shoot out that remained a tie after going through our entire roster with only one score a piece. Great fun! State was held in Wasilla March 11 - 14 but proved to be a competition of strength, stamina and perseverance for the Homer team. We were down to only 5 forwards and 3 defensemen which makes it difficult to compete at the comp level. Goalie, **Alex Sanarov**, took a beating with a total of 246 shots in three games. We kept a positive attitude and smiles on our faces, but were more than happy to return home. That goes for the parents and the players!

WOMENS:

Ingrid Harrald

The Divas are having a great season! We are taking two teams up the road to the Fools on Ice Tournament in Anchorage April 2-4. With help of coach, **Buck Laukitis**, we hope to bring home a trophy! After that, the Divas head to the Labbatt's Tournament April 23-25th. Also, we have a great new logo thanks to **Stacy Naden**... check it out!.

