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Kevin Bell Arena

Homer Hockey Association/ 907-235-2647

Update from the Board:

Board members have been working hard to make the 2009-2010 Homer Hockey Season the best ever. A huge "thank you" to everyone who helped with registration and the opening of the rink. You have really helped make this happen so far!

September registration was a huge success, with dozens of new members registering. We welcome all the new skaters, and are excited to see so many familiar faces returning to the ice.

The volunteer database has been established, with over 40 members signed up to volunteer in over 15 different areas. Thank you for your commitment to the rink - we will be

Rink manager update:

The rink is up and running with practices in full swing, games coming up and an encouraging start to the high school hockey season.

I hope you are all looking forward to a fun season at the rink, and I appreciate the positive behavior I have been seeing on all the teams. Remember to be respectful to everyone while having a great time.

The next HHA board meeting is November 11th at 5:15 pm at the Rink. Join us!

calling people and forming volunteer groups in the near future.

The directors have been talking about ways to grow a scholarship fund. One suggestion for those interested in contributing, is to tack on a few extra dollars to your ice bill to be remitted to and accounted for through HHA. If you have other ideas along those lines, please let us know!

A manager's meeting was held in Mid-October, and team schedules are all set. The website is up and running as well.

Jim's food bar is open most evenings and weekends during games. Stop by and enjoy his tasty food & beverages.

The Kevin Bell Arena schedule is finished and posted online. Don't forget to call the Ice Arena HOT LINE @ 235-8 ICE for ice times and events. Also check the calendar inside for upcoming events like Halloween Fun Night.....from 7 pm to 10 pm.

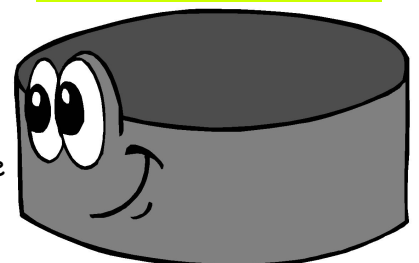
In the News:

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TEAM UPDATES:

MICROBELLS:

MicroBells are going strong, with the more kids on the ice than ever before! People are always needed to help out - please contact Matt or Andrea Stineff if you can help in any way at mstineff@kpbsd.k12.ak.us.

MITES:

The mites are off to a strong start - both on and off the ice. We have enough players for two teams, and are looking for COACHES. It is very rewarding to see them improve and have fun. Join us! Mites are also working hard to win that volunteer challenge - wish us luck! If you would like to help, please contact Dina Marion at gunz@xyz.net.

SQUIRTS:

Squirts are also looking to possibly split into two teams. They need just a few more players (and coaches!!!)...if you know any potential players send them this way! And contact Steve Dean at sjdean2@gmail.com.

GIRLS:

The girls won their first game against the women's team last week. 3-1. It was a great game and the girls team is looking forward to winning many more! Contact Blake Larue for more info at fourlarue@aol.com

Volunteer Contest - Win Free Ice!!! (and pizza)

If you don't know already, there is a HUGE contest going on between teams right now. All players of all teams are keeping track of their volunteer time at the rink. The team with the most volunteer hours for the month will win a free hour of ice time as well as a pizza party!



WOMENS:

The Divas have 13 new players this season! If you want to join the team, now is that time! The Diva's first tournament is in December in Palmer, where they will defend their C-Cup Championship title. They are real contenders to win the pizza party by volunteering at the rink as much as possible....Scott Owen is coaching the team this year. Contact Ingrid Harrald if for more info. (iharrald@hotmail.com)

MENS:

The Homer Adult Men's Hockey League "HAM Hock"? is playing Tuesday and Thursday nights. They are looking forward to a Homer tournament on November 13th - 15th. Teams are still being finalized, so send any men who play hockey (or even think they can!) to the rink on Tues. or Thurs. night. Contact Malcolm Milne at bcbmam@yahoo.com.

BROOMBALL:

See story next page..



The contest is going really well and everyone is working hard and helping keeping the Ice Arena a great place to be and play. Updates on team hours will be posted every week on the bulletin board at the rink. Currently, the Mite Team and the Women's Team are neck in neck to win..... stay tuned!



Referee Clinics and Coaches Training

Referee Clinics:

Talk to Leslie Slater (gazelle@xyz.net) for more info. This is the last chance for a ref clinic this year! Our local clinics are scheduled simultaneously as follows:

Referee levels 1, 2, & 3:

Training in Homer: Oct 30-31
Friday from 6-9 pm
Saturday 8:30 am - 2pm

Must pre-register online through usahockey. To do so, follow these ten easy steps:

1. usahockey.com
2. click "OFFICIALS" tab
3. click "SEMINARS" [on left side of page]
4. select "Click here to get started"

5. select "Click here to find a seminar in these areas"
6. type 99603 for zip code
7. select appropriate level
8. log in
9. choose "click here to enroll in this seminar"
10. fill in info and confirm

Coaches Clinics:

All people interested in coaching should attend one of the following coaches clinics. 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

Check the ICE HOTLINE for more info:

235-8-ICE
(235-8423)



Broomball Team Goes International!

On Thursday Nov 12, 2009, fourteen Broomball Players from the Homer Broomball League will be driving 948 miles (and across the Canadian border) to get to Whitehorse Yukon Territory — Why? - to participate in the first ever "Northern Cup" Broomball Tournament. Eleven teams are confirmed including 7 teams from the Yukon and 2 teams from Alaska (Homer and Anchorage). The format is a co-ed tournament with each team guaranteed four games--

The Homer team has been renting extra ice time to prepare for the tournament in order to compete with those Canadian teams that have been playing broomball for many many years. The team is stopping in Tok overnight to play an exhibition type game there to demonstrate this great sport to the locals. The goal for the five day trip is to make it safely up and down the Alcan and play four games. And "What ever happens in Whitehorse stays in Whitehorse!"

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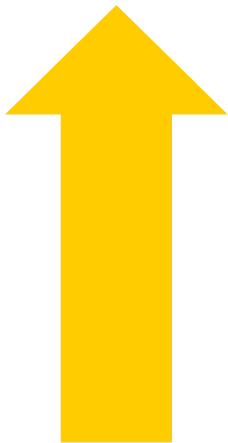
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We're on the Web!

See us at:

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 October...

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 Tommie for price
(tommiecs@yahoo.com)

Coaches for Mites and Squirts teams. Contact Cinda
(duggansdiva@hotmail.com)

New website:

Have you checked out our new website?

www.homerhockey.org

It is awesome and has great potential for future enhancements!

All teams have their own page and can have things added as you like or you can create your own homepage and provide us with the link; contact Heidi for more info: (hstage@homericerink.com)



We have a set of rink boards stored at Twin Peaks that we need to move. Anyone interested in creating an outdoor rink?
Call Cinda for more info.
399-4574