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Letter from the Prez...

Happy New Year to you all!!! I hope everyone made it through the holidays and are ready to begin the second half of the hockey season, which in my mind is always the most fun! From reading all of the team reports, I am happy to hear everyone has settled in and all of the kids are making improvements, having a good time and are gearing up for Play-downs.

SHAW has had a busy season so far. I want to thank so many of you who have stepped up to make things run more smoothly for me in my first half of my term. It has been a challenge to say the least. But I do want to thank you for giving me this opportunity to make SHAW a better place for everyone.

We have MANY events coming up at our rink. We have Badger State Games, the Cofrin & McGuire Cup, Play-downs and the Mite 2B State tourney. So far we have pulled together to make the events we have had very successful. Brigit Wilson put together a fun 40th Anniversary Event for SHAW. It was great to see the history behind SHAW and even more fun to see some of our coaches back in their playing days at SHAW. If you didn't get to see some of the things that were there, the plan is to have some of it displayed at the Cairns Showcase as well. My older son played in Eagle River this past weekend and I was able to walk through the Wisconsin Hockey Hall of Fame. I was really surprised at how many times SHAW and its members were mentioned there. Two of our Founding Fathers, Jimmy Paull and Bud Shedlon, are inductees! We certainly have been around for a long time and have a lot of history in Wisconsin hockey!! Be proud to be part of this club.

I also want to commend Bunny Blaszak for her continued efforts in making our concession stand one of the best I have seen in any rink around. We have gotten many compliments, of the new look, the food selection and the staff even from other clubs,. So far I think we can say it has been a huge success. So, thank you to all of you who have stepped up to do the scheduling for your team, worked your shifts and to those of you who have worked more than your shift. It doesn't go unnoticed!!!!

I have so many people to thank for everything they have done this year so far and it would take more paper and computer memory than is available to recognize them all. But, I do want you all to know every hour you put towards SHAW is one hour closer to a successful and fun season. So, keep up the hard work.

See you at the rink!!!!

Carisa Ludwig

Devos

Devos began in late October with 40+ players. With the cooperation of SHAW scheduler Kendra Bradford and the Officers, at our fourth practice Devos split into two groups, which skate in back-to-back 45 minutes, practice sessions. It is much easier for me to give better lessons to smaller groups.

Thanks to team manager Chris Reineck, Assistant Coaches Josh Blooming, Debbie Burnside and Sara Lovas, all the on-ice volunteers and parents. I have good news to report: (1) No Devo needs to skate with a chair (2) Most Devos stay on the ice for the entire practice. (3) Most Devos participate in group activities. (4) Forward skating, backward skating and stopping are where they should be given the player's ages and experience. (5) Skill development for passing and receiving is ahead of schedule.

For the most part we have met our team goals: try hard, play fair and have fun. Success is due in great measure to the team's commitment to praise, encourage and gently correct. Patience and a positive environment pay dividends. Check out the coach's blog for an insiders view of Devos. <http://shawdevos.wordpress.com>

Mini Mite Stars & Ducks

The Mini-Mites are adjusting well to the intense practice plan. Stars are led by Coach Jon Ludwig and Coach Corey O'Connor. The Ducks are led by Coach Bill Stornello and Coach Kim Hunt. They are focusing heavily on skating skills. Our kids definitely show a higher skill level and have a better on ice knowledge than our opponents thus far. They are already understanding positioning. Many of our mini's attended the Mitron Camp over the holiday break and held their own in a fast passed practice plan. The most important part of our season so far is that the kids are having a blast!!! That is what hockey is all about! Some of our Mini Mites will be playing in the Monsters On Ice Tournament in Appleton March 20 - 21.

Mite A

Mite A has had a very successful year so far. Team is 15-2-1 thru 1/3/10. Won our division with a 5-1 record and getting ready for Play-downs in February in Sheboygan. Tournaments upcoming are Stevens Point, Badger State Games, and the Culvers Classic in Middleton. Our team is currently being led in scoring by Ted Marion, great goaltending efforts by Austin Bartell, and solid defensive efforts by John O'Conner, Jake Orton, and Sebastian Hoth. We are receiving strong efforts from the entire team in aggressive fore-checking and back checking. Dominic Martinetti and Alex Thundercloud are really playing well coming up from Mini Mites to Mite A - Great job guys! Steve Delikat, Jackson Hodel, Ryan Beierle, Evin Stultz, Franklin Montes, and Matthew Armbruster round out this strong core of solid Mite A players - again Great Job Guys and lets push for a strong finish! The team as a whole is jelling at the right time when all in attendance running three lines and rotating three defense. We wish all the SHAW teams good luck at Play-downs and hopefully the State Tournament. Good Luck from SHAW Mite A with the rest of your season.

Mite B

The Mite B team is currently 5-8-2 with another game this weekend. They are showing solid improvement each week and are really getting the fundamentals of their positions down. Of the 8 losses, 5 were by two goals or less and 4 were by one goal. The team has been very competitive with the exception of two games. More importantly, the kids are getting along well and having a lot of fun. Our first tournament is the weekend 1/8 in Waupaca.

Squirt A

The Squirt A season so far has been full of excitement, development and progress. The team is really starting to gel and has shown incredible potential, which was validated with the Consolation Championship trophy at the Chippewa Falls tournament. They won a nail biting overtime victory over Onalaska 2 - 1 and brought home another beautiful piece of hardware for the Timberwolves trophy case. They have improved their record to .500 and are excited and ready for the Badger State Games at the end of the month. These boys are playing inspired and focused hockey with a goal of returning to state.

Squirt B

So far we are undefeated in our region. With only 1 tie! We are going into Play-downs as the 1st seed and we should be going against Arrowhead with the winner going to state! Our goalie, Carson Blaszak in his first season being a goalie and he is playing an amazing season with a bunch of shut-outs. We have 2 girls, Brittney Wargolet and Brianna Heikkinen which are doing fantastic! Our head coach is Charlie Hansen, and assistant coaches are Jeff Mocco, Ric Semanski, and Tom Runnells. Our coaching staff is doing an amazing job having our kids stay focused and teaching them new drills. We just played against a Division 1 A team on Sunday, 1/3/10 and won, we played awesome!! Looking forward to finishing as strong as we have started.

Squirt C

The Squirt C team is made up of 11 players (Finn Brennen, Joe Champagne, Brendan Danielson, Tyler Drezek, Ethan Erenz, Jake Hyatt, Kean Kearney, Frank Mitchell, Nate Peterson, Jacob Wroblewski, and Makinzie Youngblood) who all have a passion for hockey and a lot of heart and soul. The team started off this year in a rough way with 1 player new to hockey and 2 players new to the whole skating world. We have now played a total of 23 games and are really progressing in our skating skills and hockey "know-how" thanks to a great coach (Sean Kearney). Chris Champagne stepped up and took over the position of Assistant Coach about a quarter of the way into the season. Our last games show how much progress we have made. We played against Milwaukee Winter Club Blue on January 2nd, trailing with a score of 2 to 1 with only a couple minutes left in the game. Coach Kearney strategically pulled our goalie and we came close to tying the game, but fell just short and MWC scored the final goal just seconds before the end of the third period, making the score 3 to 1. The next day the team came right back and played Janesville Squirt C to a victorious final of 6 to 2. The team will play in its first tournament January 23-24 in Sparta. Here's hoping to some victories in hockey as well as some great life's lessons that hockey provides.

Pee wee A

Overall the Pee Wee A's are having a great season with an overall record of 10-6-2. Currently they lead their division rivals with 6 wins and 0 losses. The Pee Wee A families will trek to Eau Claire the weekend of Jan. 9 and 10 for their first tournament and follow that up with a La Crescent MN tournament at the end of January.

Pee wee B

The Pee Wee B Team is made up of players with a wide range of skills and hockey experience. They have been working on fundamental skills and developing hockey knowledge. They have also been developing the concept of "team" and how working as a unit helps to build success. They have showed some growth the last 2 weekends, including some good, exciting play in a tournament in Fox Valley. The team has much promise and should continue to develop and play well in upcoming games, including tournaments in La Crosse and Elmbrook. Their talented, highly respected, coaching staff are proud of their efforts and see good things ahead for the team.

Bantam A

SHAW Bantam A was off to an ominous start with 5 injuries after the first couple games. A broken arm, two concussions, and two lower back injuries that usually occur over the course of a season, plagued us at the start. Bantam B players helped out for a couple games and got us through until we could finally put two full lines on the ice.

A relatively young team, we have 8 first year Bantams and only 1 returning Bantam A player. We have quickly been exposed to the fast pace and aggressiveness of Bantam A hockey. Wins have been few, but players have been moved around and lines have been tweaked.

Our first tournament led us to the Waupaca Bantam Challenger Cup on Dec 11 - 13. After defeating Eagle River 5-4, and Green Bay 3-0, SHAW faced undefeated Beloit for the Championship. With a 3-0 lead after two periods, SHAW blew the game open in the 3rd period with a final score of 8-1. The tournament Championship definitely gave us some needed confidence. Notable weekend performances were displayed by goalie JJ Murnane, defenseman Josh Burke, and offensive efforts by Jake Lipski and Mitchel Klopp.

Finishing the yearend play-down seedings, Bantam A finished 3rd in Region 5 and is looking forward to playing No. 2 seed Arrowhead in order to win the wildcard spot for the State Tournament.

With most players back from injuries, many are learning team play with new teammates, implementation of some new team play strategies and tactics, and adjusting to some position changes. This is a tall order for 7th, 8th, and 9th grade adolescents with over six years of habits. Progress has been measurable, and the skaters are finding that to be successful at this level, all players need to work together, on and off the ice.

Bantam A, chugging to State!

Bantam B

The Bantam B has had some ups and downs so far this year. Although we are in last place in the Region, we look forward to continued improvement, and feel like we will be able to advance to State with a strong showing at Playdowns. The low part of the season so far was at the Baraboo tournament, where we dropped all three games. There have been many individual achievements so far, however, including a shutout by Max Trevisan, Hat Tricks by Matthew Wargolet, and Philip Miron, a Playmaker by Philip Miron, and a "First Goal" by Jack Roberts, who is in his first year ever playing hockey, while many others have also contributed to the team's success. Although we were shut out at the Baraboo tournament, this is where the team high light of the season came from by winning first prize for the most Laffy Taffy's bought! How many teams can say that?!

JV

The SHAW JV team has overall had a good year so far. We have won 11 games, lost 7 and 1 tie plus playing in the Thanksgiving Glacier Tournament and winning 2 games and losing 2 games. We are looking forward to celebrating Senior day at Wilson Park on Jan 16th at 2pm against Beaver Dam and then in Feb we are heading to Detroit to play in the Motown Cup (Feb-12-14). Thank you to the coaches for the time and effort they put into the team.

Varsity

After a few early season losses in October, the team picked up a number of wins in November. An outstanding 3-2 win in Manitowoc gave the team some momentum heading into the Thanksgiving weekend Glacier Tournament in Illinois. The team worked hard to get into the finals, but fell short in the championship game, losing 4-2. December started with a great fundraiser at Applebee's and more wins in both league and non-league play. A tie in DePere on the day after Christmas snapped a 7 game win streak, and the team finished the month without a loss.

The New Year started with a win at home, and at balmy Plover in -10° F weather. The team suffered 2 losses this weekend at a tournament in Eden Prairie, MN, played against teams that would easily compete against the best WIAA teams in Wisconsin. A 1-0 win in the 3rd game of the weekend made for an enjoyable ride back home.

Future highlights for Varsity will be upcoming games at Michigan Tech in January and the Cofrin Cup at home in February.

Battle of the Bantam Tournament Recap from Tournament Director, Paulyn Socher

The SHAW Battle of Bantams was a HUGE success!! We had 8 teams who participated in the tournament, Waukesha C-Gold, Ozaukee White, Ozaukee Green, Pettit, Elmbrook, Chippewa Falls, SHAW Bantam B and even a team from Arizona, The Inside Edge Runners. We received many compliments from the teams and families that participated in it. I wanted to thank all the families from the Bantam B team for stepping up and helping out whenever we needed a volunteer to work a spot. All spots were filled for every game. Many Bantam B parents spent the entire weekend working a penalty box, time clock, score sheet, raffle table or chuck a puck. This tournament couldn't have been so successful without all of your help. The Bantam B team also donated a basket of healthy snacks for each team. Wade VanWesten and Sundance Beverage Company donated cases of water. They decorated the SHAW lobby with beautiful signs for each team. I also wanted to thank all the Mite families who worked the concession stand this past weekend. You guys made sure that all spots were filled so the concession stand could make as much profits as they could. I wanted to thank all the families who volunteered to work or donate a raffle prize because without you guys we couldn't have done it.

The Championship game was a showdown between the Elmbrook Eagles and the Arizona Inside Edge Runners. Elmbrook won 3-2. The 3rd place battle was between Ozaukee White and Ozaukee Green and that ended in a shoot out with Ozaukee White winning. Our own SHAW team battled to the end winning the Consolation Championship against a hard fighting Chippewa Falls team. We look forward to next year's tournament which can only be bigger and better!!!

Also, a HUGE thanks to Paulyn Socher for all of your efforts in planning and running another successful tournament.

Senior Day

This Saturday, January 16th SHAW is celebrating Senior Day! This is a whole day dedicated to honoring our graduating seniors that have skated with SHAW for many, many years. We as high school parents would like to invite the entire SHAW organization to come out to honor our seniors, watch some GREAT hockey, try your skill at chuck-a-puck, and maybe take home a \$50 iTunes card or a brand new Ipod nano (\$145 value!)! The games are at:

12 noon VARSITY vs. Stevens Point

2pm JV vs. Beaver Dam

Each SHAW skater will receive a raffle ticket into the drawings for the card and Ipod.

These will be handed out to each skater through your team manager by the end of this week.

You must be present at the games to win! The drawings will be held between the 2nd & 3rd periods of each game. We will be selling additional tickets at the game for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. All proceeds from the raffle and chuck-a-puck will go to the SHAW Senior Scholarship Fund.

Come show your support for our Seniors and watch some GREAT hockey!!!!!!!!!!

SHAW graduating seniors

Maxwell Groth: Max will be graduating from Nathan Hale High School in West Allis. He has been playing hockey for 7 years with the past 4 years at SHAW. Max's hobbies include hockey, of course, going to concerts, playing guitar, and weightlifting. Following his graduation this year, he will pursue a degree in Sociology at UW Stevens Point. Max is supported and encouraged by his parents, Marty & Margo Groth.

Benjamin Heikkinen: Ben will be graduating from Wisconsin Lutheran High School in Wauwatosa. He has been playing for SHAW for 11 years. Ben's hobbies outside of hockey include tennis, where he's been a varsity player all four years at high school. Following his graduation this year, he will attend a college and pursue a career in the Medicine or Pharmaceutical field. Ben is supported and encouraged by his parents, Pat & Wendy Heikkinen.

Zachary Lopez: Zach will be graduating from West Allis Central High School. He has been playing for SHAW for 14 years. Zach's hobbies include hockey, football, baseball, friends & X-Box. Following his graduation this year, he will be attending UW Stevens Point for a degree in Civil or Architectural Engineering. Zach is inspired by the strength and courage of his #1 fan, his mother, Lara Lopez.

Nicholas John Matelski: Nick will be graduating from Waterford Union High School. He has been playing for SHAW for 14 years. Nick's hobbies include fishing, hunting, football, four-wheeling, baseball & snowmobiling. Following his graduation this year, he's unsure where he will go, but plans to pursue a career in Electrical Engineering. Nick is encouraged by the support of his parents, Matt & Sandy Matelski.

Matthew Riekona: Matt will be graduating from Horlick High School in Racine. He has been playing for SHAW for 14 years. Matt's interests include his involvement in the Model United Nations program, life guarding, and boy scouts. Following his graduation this year, he plans to pursue a career in Culinary Arts or International Relations. Matt is supported, today and every day, by his parents Dwayne & Karen Riekona.

Shaun Robert Snow: Shaun will be graduating from Nathan Hale High School in West Allis. He has been playing hockey since first year Pee-wee year and been playing for SHAW for 5 years. Shaun's hobbies include hunting, fishing, weightlifting, baseball & carpentry. Following his graduation this year, he will be attending UW Stevens Point to pursue a degree in Resource Management. Shaun is encouraged by the love and support of his parents, Jeff & Tina Snow.

Mark Your Calendars

BADGER STATE GAMES - Wilson Park is hosting its first Badger State Games. Our Mite A and Squirt A teams will be participating in the tournament at some of the Milwaukee area rinks. This will be an easy fundraiser for our club so much help is needed. Please watch the website and volunteer in any way possible.

PLAY-DOWNS Plays downs are posted on the WAHA Website. As soon as the teams are assigned they will be posted at the rink and on our website. Squirt Play-downs are being held at Wilson Park again. Please watch the website for volunteer opportunities.

FOX VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY LEAGUE COFRIN & MCGUIRE CUP TOURNAMENT - February 27th & 28th at Wilson Park Our high school teams will be competing in this divisional tournament. Very good hockey to watch. Come support our high school teams. Watch the website for volunteer opportunities

MITE 2B STATE TOURNAMENT -MARCH 13th & 14th SHAW will be hosting the 2010 Mite 2B State Tournament. Details to come

CAIRNS SHOWCASE - The Paul Cairns Memorial Showcase will be held April 7th through April 12th. The schedule of MANY events is being finalized. Chuck Smalley is looking for a few people to help him organize this event. Please contact him at chuck@skimmertackle.com

BANQUET - April 25' 2010 at Serb Hall. SAVE THE DATE!!!

Elections

This year there are three Executive Board members that are up for election. They are:

Vice President On-Ice

Position currently held by Todd Oleson

Vice President Off Ice

Position currently held by Jeff Lamster

Secretary

Position currently held by Kathy Erickson

These people are in the process of creating a job description for you to review. If you want to make a difference at SHAW please consider running for any of these positions.

Annual Awards

The following Luminary awards are given out at the Banquet every year. Here is a brief description of each one. Please consider nominating the best people for these much-deserved awards, which are based upon a committee selection. More information on that will be coming soon.

The Sandy Przybyiski Award - awarded based on the following criteria

- a. Outstanding volunteer contributions to SHAW over the past season only.
 - b. The recipient will be selected by the Awards Committee without Board Approval
 - c. The award is not to duplicate the Old Timers Award
 - d. The Award cannot be won by the same person twice
- Last year's recipient was Sara Waldschmidt

The Oldtimers Award - awarded based on the following criteria

- a. Outstanding continued volunteer contributions to SHAW over a minimum of 5 years of participation within the association
 - b. Presented to the adult with skaters at the Bantam level or higher
 - c. The recipient will be selected by the Awards Committee without Board approval
 - d. The award is not to duplicate the Sandy Pryzbyiski Memorial Award
 - e. The same person cannot win this award twice.
- Last year's recipient was Pat Heikkinen

Steinbrenner Family Award: is in recognition of the SHAW Husband, Wife and family who have exhibited strong family values, maintained a positive attitude of courage and perseverance, regularly performed various volunteer duties and promoted the family atmosphere to all, which is indicative of the Southeastern Hockey Association of Wisconsin. Last years recipient was Mark and Corin Plucinski.

Don Peeslee Award - in recognition of the coach who goes above and beyond the call of duty for the direct benefit of the skaters. Last years recipient was Jimmy Paull