

Arrows Youth Hockey Fall Newsletter

04-05 Season

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WELCOME

For all those who are new to the organization, welcome to the Arrows family. To all our members, we hope that you are enjoying the start of the 2004-2005 season.

RAFFLES

It's time to get your raffle tickets in to your G.M.'s. Our lucky winners will be drawn at the next board meeting on Thursday, November 11th. Winners need not be present. Board meetings are held at the Freeport Recreation Center the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 P.M. **All are welcome.**

REGISTRAR

Final tuition payments are due on November 1st. Any questions regarding payments should be directed to Sandy Bobb at 516 223-0009 or jfjbobb@aol.com

FUNDRAISING AND JOURNAL ADS

Fund raising suggestions are always welcome. Please contact Dana Karp with any ideas at 516 781-8234, or djag429@aol.com. All journal ads must be submitted **print ready** to your G.M. or Dana Karp. Remember the price of your journal ad was included in your tuition.

PICTURES

Team and individual pictures are scheduled for November 10th and 11th. See your G.M. for details.

NEW SEASON PARTY

The party, held November 5th, was a hit. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes and their time. Pictures of the event will be available on our website under News & Events, 2004-2005 Highlights.

ARROWS APPAREL

We have it all – jackets, boxers, hats, warm-up suits. Introducing the “new” Arrows trading pin – buy two, one to keep and one to trade at our upcoming tournaments. For more information on our extensive list of apparel, please contact Sandra Volino at 516 741-1202, or sandra.volino@fairchildpub.com.

OTHER GOOD HOCKEY NEWS

Neil Robbin's hosted a leadership seminar on October 8th for Pee wee level players and older. Prominent community leaders spoke to our players about assuming a leadership role.

Earlier that day Neil's Bantam player's helped the L.I. Blues physically challenged children with their skating and hockey skills. Great job guys!

Congratulations to the Bantam and Pee wee teams who advanced to the semi-finals and finals, respectively, in the SilverSticks Tournament.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

DATE

Thanksgiving, 11/26-11/28

Christmas/New Years, 12/27-12/30

Dollars for Scholars, 2/18-2/21

LOCATION

Philadelphia, Pa.

Ajax, Ontario Canada

Freeport, New York

WEBSITE

www.sportswweekend.org

www.ajaxminorhockey.org

www.arrowsyouthhockey.org

YOUR INPUT

If any one would like to share pictures and/or newsworthy Arrows stories, please contact Jodi Burke 516 594-3061 or e-mail jaburke@optonline.net

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PEEWEE C CYCLONES DAY

Sunday, September 26th, 2004

Where else would Dennis Macklin's PeeWee Minor team be after playing a great game at Abe Stark Rink in Brooklyn, NY? You guessed it I am sure if you know Coach Dennis and his gang of boys and the parents. After winning a game and feeling really good, the team started a chant as they changed in the locker rooms. "We're going on the Cyclone; we're going on the Cyclone" and who was the ring leader of such a chant, Yes indeed it was Coach Dennis. So in rush of excitement the boys changed quickly and threw their bags and sticks in the cars and grabbed their parents for monetary support and off they followed the leader of the pack, Dennis. Laughing and running down the boardwalk of Coney Island the PeeWee Team went. The sun was shining, it was 80 degree's and you couldn't ask for a better start to the team's year. As we arrived at our first destination, the Go-Karts, Dennis was two fistful with hot dogs, ready to hop aboard with the boys and go cruising and bumping on the cars. No one told Dennis these weren't life size cars, so after a little squeezing of the knees to fit them in the car, Dennis and the boys were off, bumping, racing, rubbing and totally spinning out. The cars were great and it was off to "The Cyclone". As we roamed across Astroland with our sweaty boys, periodically feeding them, we made it to the 'gem' of the park, the rickety, old, wooden 'roller coaster'. If you have never been on the Cyclone, it's a 'must do' kind of thing. Nothing compares to the sound of wood splintering, wheels grinding as they lift off the rails and the screams and thrills of the kids as they go over and under the 2X4's of a 75 yr. old wooden roller coaster. As though Dennis had never been on a ride, (we all know he's the biggest kid of all), Dennis moved to the front for the first position, as any good coach would do. He led his boys on the ride, only to end and go again. It's cheap, it's scary, and it's a true test of your ability to keep down a hot dog from Nathan's. The ride ended and we continued our day, more lunch, lemonade and perhaps, some tropical drinks on the boardwalk. Some of us had to go then but a few stayed a little while longer. By late afternoon it was time to go, but before any of us left it was a huge Thank You to Dennis Macklin, Coach Dennis. Dennis told it like it is "the boys will remember this time together, hanging out with one another, going on The Cyclone, not the game they just won, it's about being friends and being a team not just on the ice but off".....Thank you Dennis for being a great coach and showing the boys what it means to be a team! Here's to another great year!

Sincerely, Peewee Goalie Mom Mary

WORDS TO PLAY BY

"Regardless of how you feel inside, always try to look like a winner." Arthur Ash, tennis

The Trying Times of a Hockey Parent

It is very hard to explain the full range of emotions that a parent can experience during three periods of their child's hockey game, but I will do my best. Now understand this, most of the time it is an enjoyable game for both the parent and the child. But there are so many factors, that need to be just right for this to be the case. You need to have a group of children that work together as a team, with a coach who has dedicated his time to teach your children how to be the best that they can be, not only on the ice, but outside of the rink as well. You also need to be part of an organization that has values, and passes these values down through their members including coaching staff, parents, and children. Then, you need to find another team to play. It is always nice to find a team that comes from an organization with the same goals as yours, making sure the kids have fun, learn the game, and learn the importance of good sportsmanship. Now once you have all of these factors in place, it is always a plus when you have referees that will call the game fairly both ways, and of course depending on which team you ask, opinions will always differ on this matter. If you can manage to get all of the things in one game, consider yourself lucky that day, and enjoy the game.

BUT...There are always going to be the games, when this is NOT the case, and that is the reason why I sit here now typing away. Maybe this is something you may want to carry around in your wallet, for the trying times, when nothing in the game seems to be going your way, there are some very important things that you need to remember and this can serve as a little reminder.

First and foremost, always remember that your child is on that ice, and can hear every word that you scream at the other team, the other coach, your child's coach or the referee's. Don't embarrass them or yourself!

No matter how big and tough they look on the ice, they are CHILDREN!!!! They are playing a tough sport and they will make mistakes. SUPPORT them no matter what happens, win or lose! *(continued)*

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Yelling at the referee is not going to change the call, let the coaches handle talking a call over with the referee. The more you yell the more likely you will be removed from the rink. Think of how your child would feel!!!!!!

The coaches at times have a very difficult job, which they do not get PAID for!!! They are doing their best and have the best interest of your child in mind. Use the 24 hour rule: Do not approach the coach regarding anything that happens in a game for 24 hours, it will give you time to think about it, and also remember the coach may be emotional after a game as well, 24 hours gives you both the time to settle down, and most of the time it doesn't seem that important the next day. After a game excitement and frustration can lead to things being said that are better off left unsaid. Give it time.....24 hours, then if is still important to you, you are in much better emotional state to get your point across more effectively, without screaming and yelling.

The parents of the opposing team are the same as you. They are there supporting their child. Don't yell anything to their children, this upsets them the same way it would you if they were yelling at your child. Fighting amongst the parents is the worst way to teach your child to be a good sport.

I know that during a game, it can be extremely difficult to keep your emotions controlled, I know because I have been there. I have watched as my son was on the ice, being tripped and elbowed and hit from beyond. I have screamed my head off at the referee's, the coaches, to the Gods above....I have also watched games where my son and his teammates were clearly the better team, and saw the sadness in the eyes of the other children as they lost the game, the same sadness I had seen in my son's eyes the last time they lost. I have been to games when the kids just couldn't do anything wrong, but then again there were the games when they just couldn't do anything right either it happens, they are KIDS!!! but do yourself a favor, video tape one of those games where you feel your emotions are a little high and then go home a play it back. You will realize that you sound like an insane maniac. You have embarrassed yourself, your child and your organization. It is ok to cheer your children on and sometimes, you may even throw in a "What are you blind ref?" But always keep control!!!! Always remember, you are watching your child play the best game on earth, enjoy it, because when all is said and done, win or lose, we all love the sport, we all love watching our children play, and life will actually go on if you lose the game!!! Trust me!!!

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www.ArrowsYouthHockey.org

Are you looking for news and happenings within the organization?

Our website's main or HOME page will usually have up to date information on notices and events such as congratulatory notes, parties, picture day info or clinics available to our members.

Where can I get a list of my travel team's full schedule?

Go to www.ArrowsYouthHockey.org, from the menu click on Schedules. Select your team from the list. This will be your team's full practice and game schedule.

What if I only want a game schedule, or a list of results for past games?

Go to www.ArrowsYouthHockey.org, from the menu click on Teams. Select your team from the list. This is your teams "personal" home page. From here you can:

- ? E-mail your GM.
- ? View your team's full schedule.
- ? View your team's roster.
- ? View the master schedule.
- ? View the results of your prior games.

I took a picture/video of my son's game. Can it be put on our website?

As long as you have signed a Player Photo Release form, photos or video clip's can be posted on our website either next to your child's name or at the bottom of the roster as a "Game Clip". Please submit these digital pictures to your GM or ArrowsHockeyMom@aol.com with your child's name and team. For game clips, please give game date, team versed and players involved.

What else is available on our website?

The following is a sitemap of available pages on our website.

