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Board Votes for New Jerseys for 2005-06

Pam Lange

The Board of Directors voted at their last meeting to change the color of Geauga's team jerseys from Avalanche maroon and blue to Toronto blue and white. They also voted to retain the Maple Leaf logo with the puck "swoosh." It was felt that keeping our logo was very important and that changing our colors would add a spark to our teams on the ice. The new jerseys will be available sometime this summer in both embroidered or screen print. Blue and white striped sox will also be available. New helmet stickers will be supplied free of charge courtesy of Cleveland Hockey Supply – thanks, Pete!



Anyone looking to change or need to get a jersey numbers for the 2005/2006 season need to call me at 440 256-3919 Home or 216-695-0717 Cell. If you have left Geauga and are coming back your old number may be gone and you will need to call me.

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Barons Night Out Re-Cap

Barons night out raised a little over \$500.00 dollars we sold 120 tickets. It was not our best showing but all who attended had a great time. The intermission was fun for all the kids it was an 8-minute defensive battle and ended up a 0/0 tie. Thanks to all who participated and the team managers for helping to sell the tickets. Spring is almost here and the golf outing is only 5 months away. Eat sleep hockey.

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GYHA would like to give a special thank-you to Smyth's Trophies in Akron, for again providing us with our trophies at a very special price. If your "other" life's activities ever require trophies, plaques or awards, please give Smyth's a call at 330-253-2660 - and ask for Becky.

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Top 10 Ways to Tell a Hockey Parent

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8. YOUR NEW BABY'S FIRST WORD IS ZAMBONI.
7. YOU USE THE TERM "ILLEGAL RECRUITING" IN A POST DISCUSSING MITE TEAMS.
6. YOU HATE SENDING CHRISTMAS CARDS, BECAUSE THE STATS ONLY SHOW HALF THE SEASON!
5. YOU BUY A NEW \$135 STICK BECAUSE OLD ONE WAS OUT OF GOALS.
4. YOU THINK A '93 MERLOT SELECT IS A NEW MICH. HOCKEY TEAM.
3. YOU KNOW A FEW 5 YEAR OLDS THAT ARE GOOD BUT "LACK FOCUS".
2. YOUR KIDS ASK IF CHRISTMAS IS HOME OR AWAY.
1. WHEN SOMEONE ASKS HOW OLD YOUR CHILDREN ARE, YOU RESPOND "I HAVE A 93 AND A 96".



FUN HOCKEY STUFF



Note from the editor:

Thank you to everyone that has taken the time to contribute to this issue of the monitor. This will most likely be the last issue until late summer when we announce conditioning and evaluation schedules.

Please help the Monitor to reach out to others by sending the names, addresses and e-mails of anyone you think would be interested in receiving a copy. E-mail this information to Pam Lange at pam_lange@ameritech.net. Try to include grandparents, neighbors or potential sponsors.

Have a great Spring and Summer and we'll see you at the rink soon! --Dave Markley--





L2P



Learn-To-Play Wraps Up Another Successful Season

It's hard to believe that our Learn-to-Play season has come to an end. Although we see the week to week improvements in the kid's hockey skills, we sometimes forget how much they've progressed since last Sept. Most of the kid's are ready to transition into travel league hockey, yet many will return to the L2P program next year to master the intermediate and advanced skill development.

In the meantime, there will be opportunities for some spring and summer hockey to keep the kids "in tune", and allow them to have some fun with the game. Please try to keep the kids playing throughout the spring.

The L2P kids need to participate in one more event, the Awards Party on 4/9. See below.

Learn-To-Play / In-House Awards Party

Two weeks ago, we announced the Awards Party for all L2P and IHHL players.

On Saturday 4/9, at 5pm, we will begin the party with an on-ice family skate. Moms, dads and siblings are all welcome to grab their skates and come on out. Free skate rentals from the rink will be available. There will also be on ice games, prizes and fun.

While everyone partakes in on-ice activities, we will also offer pizza, snacks and beverages in the lobby for all to enjoy.

Around 6pm, we will have an awards presentation for all L2P and IHHL players. This is to recognize the hard work and achievement of the kids throughout the season.

L2P Parents vs. Kids Game

For the REALLY adventurous moms and dads, we will be having our Third Annual L2P Parents vs. Kids Game. This will take place right before our awards party on 4/9, at 4pm.

The cost for this is \$15 per parent and player pair. In an effort to keep the numbers balanced, kids and their parents need to play in pairs. Please sign up for this event at the registration table. Space is limited, and this is typically a very popular event.

Parents must wear helmet, gloves, shin-guards and elbow pads (see Bob Henderson if you need a loaner). There will be a few rule modifications to make things interesting.



IN HOUSE

In-House Spring Extension

Everyone's been asking about this - now it's time to sign up.

The current In-House schedule shows our last games being on 4/10. This extension will take the schedule out until 5/22 (the week before Memorial Day weekend). We will continue to play on Sundays, in the late afternoon timeslots (4-6pm). The older kids will only get 4 games in this six weeks, due to "byes" each week, but the younger kids will get a full six games - thus the price difference:

7 and Under = \$65
8 -11 yrs = \$50

Please sign up for this extension as soon as possible, at the registration table. We are currently holding spots for all the kids playing, and teams are full.

Congrat's to the Mini-Mites

A few weeks ago, a group of our L2P 5, 6 and 7 yr. olds played a scrimmage game against Garfield. Of course, we don't keep an official score, but "off the record", Geauga dominated. And more importantly - the kids had a blast!

Skate-A-Thon Results

The first GYHA Skate-A-Thon was announced on short notice, and the participation level was a little light. But for those that did participate, they raised over \$1200 for the L2P/IHHL group! This will go towards our awards party, and another equipment shed. Great job kids (and parents)!

AND, thank-you to the Arctic Freeze for donating the icetime for this event.



MITE 1

M1 ADDS MORE TO THE RAFTERS

Since the last publication, our Mite-1 team has managed to put a couple more feathers in their cap.

We went on to beat Tri-County and Rocky River to capture the Mite A1 Playoff Championship! This brought one more banner to the team, along with an individual player trophy to compliment the other for Division Championship.

But the team had one more weekend of great hockey (not to mention fun) at the Hogan Tournament in PA. They beat three teams to make it to the championship game, only to be defeated by an excellent team from Johnstown. The kids also showed off their talents in the Skills Competition, and brought home 7 individual and group trophies. But the best part was all the parties, mini-stick, swimming, luncheons and general fun that the team experienced on their end-of-the-season excursion.

So many players, parents and coaches have stated that this has been their favorite season ever. I find that interesting, in that for some of them, this has been their ONLY season ever.

A special "thank you" is in order for coach Jack Subel and team manager Craig McConnell for all their hard work, and a "tip of the hat" to our assistant coaches: Bob Henderson, Matt Javorsky and Brad Vargo. Great job guys. And one more "thanks" to the parents for their support during this very busy and successful season. See ya at the Awards Party. Coach Petre

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MITE 2

NEWS FROM THE WORLD OF MITE 2

Congratulations to the Mite 2 Hockey Team! What an awesome job they did at the Laurel Tournament in PA. Making it to the championship game seemed nearly impossible, but with a lot of hard work from all the players we walked away with the 2nd place trophy. This is a real accomplishment considering where we started at the beginning of the season. "I'm thankful for this particular group of parents and kids" said Coach Menges. "It's been a great experience watching these kids grow throughout the season".

For most of the Mite 2 players this was their first "away" tournament. The kids had no problem keeping themselves entertained in between games. If they weren't running through the halls of the hotel or swimming, most likely you'd see them using their mini-sticks to play cops and robbers. There was, however, a few more injuries at the hotel than at the rink. Thank goodness for ice packs and ointment to get the helmet on at game time! Overall the kids had a great weekend. Even a few tears were shed because they didn't want it to end.



The Weemhoff family graciously volunteered to host our "End of the Season" party at their home. We're sure the kids will have a great time hanging out together, as well as receive their individual awards and watch a video of the seasons highlights. Thanks to Ken Holland, our teams "unofficial" cameraman/videographer for putting it together. We are also looking forward to Geauga Banquet Day April 10th. It's a fun time for the players to be recognized and for the family members to get on the ice with the players. Just don't be surprised to see these kids skating circles around the parents!

Thanks for a Great Season of Mite 2 Hockey!!
See you on the Ice!!



SQUIRT 1



OUR PEOPLE MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

It seems like just 7 months ago we were all stretching our legs after a relaxing season of baseball (or soccer). Of course we eased back into hockey with 14 straight nights of conditioning followed by 14 evaluation sessions (slightly exaggerated for emphasis). When the dust settles you are standing with the 30-40 people that you will be living with until the snow melts, sometime in June. This year we had an unbelievable team of players and an even better team of parents and siblings! It made this hockey season one of the best I've ever experienced.

I asked for help exactly once at the first team meeting and I haven't needed for anything since. Jim Haluska (team manager) has become such an integral part of my life that yesterday he scheduled my annual check-up and reminded me about my mother's birthday. Mike and I have every stat know to man thanks to Matt Smith who also handled all the tournament coordination. Barb Douglas has raised so much money as fundraising chairman that we are having our end of year party at the Ritz...in Paris. Coach Licata and I



had to change our cell phone plans because we spent so much time on the phone together, and he didn't even have a kid on the team. We had social directors, communications managers, videographers, photographers, and an entire multi-specialty medical staff. Our clock staff even pitched in with the occasional delayed start of the clock. Everyone was always ready to help in anyway possible even down to the lowly job of filling water-bottles.

The best part of this team was the attitude. Things stayed positive all the time. We decided early that we weren't going to let a loss dictate the type of people we are. Winning a hockey game is great but its not worth our dignity. I believe that kids heard that in the lockerroom as well as the car ride home...this was a true team. Our team and parents conducted themselves with the highest level of sportsmanship all year and I am extremely proud of all of them. Too bad the parents don't have their own division because we would hoisting yet another banner! Thank you to everyone for the help in making this a season that the kids will remember for a life time. -Coach Markley



SQUIRT 2

The S squirt 2 (A3) team entered this weekend's Laurel Valley tournament with something to prove after missing the CSHL playoffs by just two points. They left town having made their point, winning the tournament and outscoring their opponents by a combined 25-2 margin. Inspired by the "Lucky Penguin" the team played its best hockey of the year. The boys also played well in the Steel City A2 tournament over President's Day weekend that featured two A1 teams in their flight. The kids battled in the hotel swimming pools as well, giving Coaches Thomas, Lyons and Pohle all they could handle.

In CSHL league play, the team just missed a playoff spot with a 5-6-3 record. They started the year slowly, going 1-3 in their first four games, before finding their stride and going 3-1-1 in their next five games. The boys proved they could play with the best teams in the division, compiling a 3-3-1 record against the eventual play-off teams and beating the tournament winner Columbus twice. When they were "on" Geauga was the top team in the league. Opposing coaches and even the referees complimented the boys on their passing and positioning.

Alex Jeffers, playing his first year in goal, did an outstanding job, recording a GAA of just 2.07 in league play. Playing solid defense throughout the year were Emory Butcheck, Dominic Thomas and Luke Turbin. Opponents quickly learned that standing in front of our net or poking at Alex would lead to an abrupt introduction to the ice – no questions asked.

Scoring goals was a struggle for the team, despite usually having the puck in the other team's zone for most of the game. Centers Hunter Maggs, Patrick Lyons and Will Julian played unselfishly throughout the year. Wingers Tommy Lucci and Sam Bender (the bookends) combined with Hunter on some of the prettiest plays of the season. Eric Pohle and Sandy Satullo, centered by Will, were tough in the corners and scored most of their goals within a foot of the crease. Dominick Horvath and Garrett Ferry combined with Patrick for a perfect mix of speed and grit.

The parent-son game was a great time; the boys want a rematch after they become Pee Wees so they can knock us around a little more.

Thanks go out to Coaches Thomas, Lyons and Pohle and to team manager Dina Thomas. It was a fun year for everyone!!





PEEWEE 1



PEEWEE 1 – THANK YOU TO ALL!

When it came to close games, learning new skills and having fun, it was a successful year for the PWA2 team. Every league game we played this season was a 1 or 2 goal game. In league play we never allowed more than 4 goals per game (except for one fifth goal empty netter.) We were always close! The players bonded during the last half of the season, giving it everything they had and they never quit. Players came back to the bench exhausted when their shifts were over. One of our best games of the season was a 7-1 loss in the Niagara tournament where we scored the only goal against the eventual tournament winners in the entire tournament. Spirits were very high after that game because of the way the team played.

Peter Kampf and **Chad Sanders** were our *Playmakers* (3 assists in one game), **Justin Hawley** won the *Hat Trick* award (3 goals in one game) and goalie **Ronnie Schwartz** won the *Zero* award for a shutout.

My thanks to our coaches, **Chuck Rex**, **Tim Donnellon**, **Jon “out of town” Manke** and honorary coaches **Marty Johnson** and **Ken “new addition” Hammond**. A salute to **Debbie “team manager” Joseph** making this season much easier for me with all her hard work, to our Score Keepers and Penalty Box Parents, **Scott Noble**, **Steve Joseph**, **Bill Kampf**, **Steve Sanders**, **Marty Johnson** and **Tim Donnellon**, to **Pam Lange** and **Jan Isakoff** for their assistance on numerous occasions and especially to the **parents** for getting the kids to the games during snow storms and to late night practices. We learned what car pooling was about this year! It was great meeting and spending time with the new Geauga parents this season, the **Ponas**, **Kuniegas**, **Hawleys** and the **Hammonds**. And how can I forget the successful Blanket fundraiser headed by **Polly Manke**! THANKS TO ALL!

We will always remember **our team motto** coined by **Tina Schwartz** at Laurel: “dot dot dot dot dot”

—Mark Schwartz



Ronnie's “cat like” reflexes



Chad with great follow through!!!



The suffering sisters....



BANTAM 1

The Bantam AA team is wrapping up the season with 3 tournaments. In the first one, which was a Sports Weekend played at the very end of February, the team won their first 3 games against the Columbus Blue Jackets 6-2, the Chicago Hawks 5-3, and the Cleveland Stars 5-3 and made it to the Semi-Final round where they lost to the Cincinnati Cyclones 2-1. The Cyclones went on to win the tournament. The next tournament was a Sports Weekend on March 11-13 where the team tied the Buffalo Saints 2-2 and lost to both the Findlay Oilers 6-0 and Buffalo Regals 6-1. The final tournament of the season is the Mentor Ice of March Tournament, where the team will play local teams as well as teams from Butler, Pennsylvania and Geneseo, New York.

Although it was a long season, the Bantam AA team had a great year of both hockey and life development. The current record is 32-34-7. So far, the patch award winners are as follows: Hat Tricks (3 goals in a game) - Kyle Weemhoff and Jordan Herrington; Playmakers (3 assists in a game) - Kyle Weemhoff, Jordan Herrington, Greg Revak, and Alex Barrett; Zero Club (Goalie shutout) - Kyle Regan and Charlie Moog.

Congratulations to ALL the players for a fantastic year. Every player on this team contributed to make it a strong AA team. This team was a good example that the sum is greater than the parts. With every player performing his role and using their strengths, it lifted the team to new heights. Great work guys!!! I can't wait to watch all of you play high school or junior hockey.

Special thanks to all the coaches and parents who all contributed in some way to another successful season!

-Coach Revak-





RINK NEWS

Arctic Freeze Arena – a fun place to play!

As someone fairly new to the Arctic Freeze staff, I wanted to introduce myself and tell you about some of the good things happening here. There have been some big changes for the better.

In the past there has been a lot of staff turnover, so consistency hasn't always been our strong suit. In order to improve the rink, we have made improvements in staffing and organization. Some of these improvements may not be visible to the public as yet, but please bear with us and you will see results. Trying to play catch up, making improvements, hiring and training new staff takes time and money. Yes, time is of the essence and we want to assure you that our customers do come first and we are working as fast as we can to make these improvements. Also, remember that many of the rinks in the Cleveland area are subsidized by the taxpayers in their community and not privately owned. A rink's upkeep and daily maintenance is a very expensive proposition.

We have learned a lot recently about why some of the things here aren't up to par. Now that we are armed with the right information on some of the mechanical and utility problems with the rink we are making the proper changes and improvements. Our plan is to keep improving and make the best of what we have. We can't change the past, but we can choose to make the best of each and everyday. Our goal is to make you happy!

The Arctic Freeze has a lot to offer and a lot of potential. Our Spring program includes our "3 on 3" Hockey League which has divisions from Mini Mite to Midget and Team Ohio which will have two High School Divisions and one Bantam. We also continue to offer Learn to Skate classes, our Adult Hockey League and our "Be a Better Player" summer program. Come on in, check them out and join one of our exciting programs!

We want to make our customers happy and encourage all of you to bring your friends. Geauga Youth Hockey is a vital part of our family and we want to make you comfortable in every way possible. Our office door is always open and we'd love to have your input. We are diligently working to make for smooth skating in the years ahead. Thank you Geauga Youth Hockey for all your support!

--Susie Berigan--





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BANQUET!

On Sunday, April 10, all teams will gather at the Arctic Freeze Arena for the GYHA Annual Awards Banquet.

There will be a free open skate for all members, parents and siblings from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. (thank you Matt and Arctic Freeze!). Food tickets for kids will be sold for \$3.00 which can be used to buy a simple meal – soda, pizza and chips.

Yummy food for the grown-ups will also be available this year for a minimal cost.

We will be using 3 rooms for team awards and presentations (Geauga locker room, Arctic Freeze party/meeting room and the Chagrin Hockey team locker room). The schedule for teams using the rooms for their awards and presentations follows:

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	PeeWee 1
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Mite 1
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Squirt 3
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Squirt 1, Squirt 2 and Mite 2
3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Everyone together for banners raising
4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Peewee2 , Bantam 2

You are welcome to come and spend the afternoon if you wish, or just come for your team's presentation. We encourage **everyone** to come celebrate our four new banners at 3:30! Congratulations to the three teams that brought them home this year:

MITE 1 - Division & Playoff Champs
SQUIRT 1 - Division Champs
SQUIRT 3 - Division Champs

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LAST ISSUE FOR 2004-05 SEASON -- PREVIEW OF 2005-06

This is the last issue of the Mapleleaf Monitor for the 2004-05 season. Spring hockey is still going strong, 3 on 3 leagues are playing and plans are being made for summer camps and skill sessions. And thoughts turn to baseball!

Our next issue will be out in July and it will include everything you will need to know to prepare for the 2005-06 season of GYHA hockey. Travel team conditioning and tryouts will be in August, as usual and LTP and IHL will begin in September. Included in the July mailing will be all the forms you will need to register for the season.

USA Hockey is giving all members the option of registering with them directly and paying online for membership in USA Hockey (\$30) instead of registering through our organization. After you register directly with USA Hockey, you can bring your proof of registration to Geauga and your fees to our program will reflect that discount. You can still register through Geauga, as you always have in the past if you do not want to do it online. We look forward to a great year and the Board wishes you a relaxing and fun summer!

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