



Saint Francis Youth Hockey Puck News



<http://sfyha.com>

July/August 2005

President's note

I hope everyone is having a great summer. As we start to get prepared for the upcoming season I would like to get everyone up to date on a key issue. A proposal was made to St Francis from Cambridge Isanti to form a combined "A" level team at both the Pee wee and Bantam level. After a lengthy discussion our board decided to sent Cambridge a counter proposal which included only the Bantam age group. This was subsequently rejected by the Cambridge board. It now appears that both our Pee wee and Bantam age groups will be fielding teams in St Francis with only St Francis players. Levels of play for both groups will be determined at the upcoming board meetings. If you have any input please feel free to attend a meeting or you may contact me direct.

Thanks

Jim Herlofsky

5th Annual St. Francis Hockey Ice Breaker Golf Tournament

Saturday, September 17th

Sponsors: St. Francis Center Ice Club
St. Francis Blueline Club
St. Francis Youth Hockey Assoc.

Rum River Hills Golf Course 16659 St. Francis Blvd

\$80 Adult	Fee includes: Complimentary dinner, golf cart, sweatshirt for adult, t-shirt for youth, 18 holes and a chance at great prizes
\$60 Youth	

Or join us for the banquet at the end of the day for only \$12.
Call Tonja Anderson for more information
763-753-2183

Registration dates set

Registration dates for the 2005-2006 season are as follows:

August 20th from 9am to noon

August 24th from 6pm to 9pm

Location for registration is the East Bethel Ice Arena, highway 65, in East Bethel. Registration costs are determined by the level of the player. For more information and for a registration form, visit our website at sfyha.com and click on "registration" in the left hand column.

Youth Coaches Needed

Coaches for all levels are needed for the 2005-2006 season. Coaching applications are now online. Visit sfyha.com to download the application form or use the one on the back of the *Puck News*. Applications are due to John Dreshar, ACE Coordinator, by August 7th. Print out a copy of the application and mail to 2508 Hillview Road, Mounds View, MN 55432 or call him at 612-369-5287 if you have questions.

SFYHA Annual Golf Tournament set for September

The annual SFYHA golf tournament will be held on Saturday, September 17th, 2005 at 1pm. Look for more details on our website: <http://sfyha.com>.

At this point, we are looking for volunteers to help in a variety of areas. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Karen Wagner at her email address: wagnerkenkaren@aol.com. Those who volunteer will earn hours to cover their annual volunteer fee collected during registration.

Equipment Turn-in a must!

SFYHA is requiring that all previous years' coaches, managers, and players return all equipment provided by SFYHA last year or during prior years. Our Equipment Director, Doug Folk, is taking inventory and will be purchasing necessary equipment for next year. All equipment was supposed to be checked in at the end of the year and then reissued only with the Equipment Director's knowledge

and permission.

Unreturned, missing, lost and stolen equipment results in new expenditures for the association which can result in higher yearly association fees. If you have jerseys, pucks, first aid kits, or goalie equipment it is IMPERATIVE that you contact Doug and let him know. You can contact him at 763-413-6998 or at tammyfolk@aol.com. Organized drop-offs will be an hour before each

board meeting, the next being on August 2nd at 6-7pm. You may also turn in equipment during registration times: August 20th from 9am - noon and August 24th from 6pm - 9pm.

Also, if you have any decent equipment you would like to donate to our first year players or to other players who may be in need of equipment, you can do this at these times as well.

Words from the Vice President

Registration is only a month away, and summer seems to be passing by to quickly. I hope everyone is enjoying what summer we have left. Hopefully August brings more of those 90 plus degree days with high humidity. It makes looking forward to going to the ice arena that much better.

As I mentioned in last month Puck News, we are very close to finalizing gaming. We as an association, we need to make this work, so we can lower the costs of hockey, and open the doors to youth hockey for those families that couldn't afford to play. For our association to be able to compete at the highest level we need to increase our membership numbers. Low costs will do this. But before any of this can become a reality, we need you to step up and volunteer some of your time. Meat raffles take less than an hour to complete and you'll receive a minimum of one hours credit either towards your volunteer time or

towards your ice bills. You decide how you want the credit to be applied.. Bar Bingo is a little different. This will take a minimum of two hours, but again, you decide on how to apply the credit. If you are interested and not quite sure what is involved call me 434-2221, or better yet, every Friday and Saturday at Hunters Inn at 5:30pm we hold a meat raffle. Come on out, get involved, and have fun.

Mark your calendars! August 20th, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, and August 24th, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at East Bethel Ice Arena are the registration dates.

See you at the rink!

Bill Karas

FREE ICE TIME!

SFYHA has open hours of ice for new, returning or high school hockey players. All hours are at Schwan's Super Rink.

Returning girls are asked to bring two friends to their open ice session. This is an effort to increase the interest and the numbers in SFYHA girls' hockey..

Boys' hours will be available for open hockey. Players must bring all necessary equipment.

Girls

August 1st 6:30 - 7:30pm

Boys

Bantams/HS

August 28th 1:30 - 2:30pm

Squirts/Peewees

August 28th 2:45 - 3:45pm

A message from Marty DeKanick, your mite director

WOW, I hope you are surviving this heat wave. We were able to get into the East Bethel Days Parade (June 16th) to promote our sport. It was HOT, but the players and parents that participated had a lot of fun. Thanks again to Bill Karas for driving and Tonja Anderson for getting us registered. We have our final summer parade coming up, Acorn Days (City of Oak Grove), on August 6th and it would be fun to end our summer festival season with our largest number of participants. Mark Brigham has asked his players to participate. It would be great to see at least 5-10 players from each level there promoting our great sport. It is important to captivate the community's interest with registration just around the corner. I will be posting the meeting time, parade time and line up number on the website as soon as I receive it.

A REMINDER to all mites, Tony Schmid skills clinic started last Sunday. We had 40 mites and 6-7 coaches show. If you are still interested in coming out to skate, our next ice time is Sunday July 30th from 2:00 - 3:30pm at Andover's new community center located at the intersection of Hanson Blvd. (Cty Rd 78) and Crosstown Blvd. Enjoy your summer and see ya at the rink!

Check the website for SFYHA *Puck News*

The Saint Francis Youth Hockey Association's *Puck News* is now an online document and monthly reminders are sent to those members on our email database. Paper copies of the *Puck News* will no longer be sent via US mail unless warranted. If you are not receiving a monthly email reminder and link to the *Puck News* and would like to, please contact Dan King at dan.king@mpls.k12.mn.us.

If you do not wish to be on our email database, you can still view the *Puck News* by going to our website, <http://sfyha.com>, and clicking on "Newsletters" in the left hand column.

Mites and 8-10U girls Summer Clinic

Contact:

Tony Schmid
(763)753-4565

Remaining ICE DATES and TIMES

Sun. July 31st 2:00-3:30pm
Sun. Aug. 7th 6:00-7:30pm
Sun. Aug. 14th 2:00-3:30pm
Sun. Aug. 21st 2:00-3:30pm
Sun. Aug. 28th 7:50-9:10pm

The next SFYHA Board of Directors meetings are Tuesday, August 2nd and Thursday, August 18th. Both meetings will be held at 7pm at the East Bethel Ice Arena. Guests are welcome.

ATTENTION ALL SFYHA PLAYERS:

OAK GROVE ACORN DAYS PARADE

We have another opportunity to show our hockey pride on Saturday, August 6th, in the Acorn Days parade. Any and all players who would like to rollerblade in it **MUST** be at 203rd and Nightingale at station 44 between 11:00 and 11:30 am. Drop your players off at this site with St. Francis apparel on and park your cars near St. Patrick's church. We look forward to seeing you there. Any questions call Marty DeKanick, (763) 753-7425!

ACCELERATION MINNESOTA

Acceleration Minnesota training will be available for SFYHA members this fall on Saturdays and Wednesdays. If you are interested, please contact your age director.

We are trying to keep you informed, but we need your help. Please check the St. Francis Youth Hockey Association website regularly for updates, announcements and upcoming events.

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