



Saint Francis Youth Hockey Puck News

<http://sfyha.com>

August 2006



2006-07 Registration dates

Registration for all SFYHA hockey players will be held at the East Bethel Ice Arena in late August. Avoid a late fee by registering on the following dates:

Wednesday, August 23rd from 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Saturday, August 26th from 9:00am to 12:00pm

Late Registration (a late fee will be assessed if registering on these dates):

Wednesday, September 6th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Saturday, September 9th from 10:00am to Noon

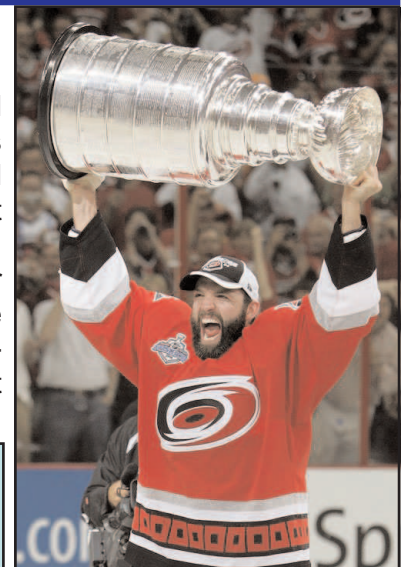
IF YOUR PLAYER IS NEW TO THE ASSOCIATION, YOU MUST BRING A BIRTH CERTIFICATE AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.

Equipment Turn-in

SFYHA is requesting that all coaches, managers, and players return all equipment from last year or 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 before or at the end of the year banquet 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 Dfolkequipmgr@aol.com.

Fall Hockey Opportunities

If you are looking for a fall league or a pre-season conditioning camp, you may want to look at what the Superrink (www.nscsports.org) has to offer, including Super Skate, offered by our new high school coach, Jeff Palmer. Also, Elk River Ice Arena is offering a program called [Breakaway Hockey](#). For more information, contact the Elk River Ice Arena at 763-635-1141. Additionally, Andover Ice Arena offers [open skating and open hockey](#) opportunities. Lastly, look for a preseason skills program being offered by SFYHA in the second half of September. Information will be posted on our website, <http://sfyha.com/>, soon.



Bret Hedican hoists Lord Stanley's Cup

Carolina Hurricane Bret Hedican, formerly of North St. Paul and of St. Cloud State University, will be bringing the Stanley Cup to Minnesota on Saturday, August 12th. For more information, go to <http://www.nsphockey.org/>.

President's Notes

Hello Everyone,

The season is rapidly approaching. Registration is only two weeks away and lots of positive things are happening. The first issue I'd like to bring to everyone's attention is that we have a new management team responsible for the day to day operation of the East Bethel Ice Arena. The Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission and the National Sports Center, led by Pete Carlson and his team, will have the task of running the arena and will take those demands away from the city. Their primary goal is to make the arena profitable.

So far the new management has been a win-win for our association. We have all of our ice needs scheduled already for the upcoming season—something we always seemed to struggle with right up to the beginning of the season. We have also been promised that we will have ice available on September 18th. Two weeks before tryouts. The NSC is also going to keep ice into April, so we can offer a spring clinic.

The NSC will also have the responsibility of running the concessions area. That has been taken away from the association. Now, I know that some of you have depended on the concessions to help offset your ice bills. That option is still available to you. Instead of you working for SFYHA, you'll be employed by the NSC and paid a regular salary. You can then apply that money towards your ice bill. If you are interested in working the concessions, please email or call Amy Underwood or me and we'll get your name on the list. This is on a first come-first served basis, so if you wait, there is no guarantee you will get the hours you need.

Other exciting news is that St. Francis boys' high school hockey has a new head coach. His name is Jeff Palmer. Jeff comes to us with outstanding hockey credentials and is highly regarded as an innovator in skills and player development. Some of his approaches are being used locally and nationally. Jeff was previously women's head coach at Bethel College.

I would like to recognize and thank Marty DeKanick for his many years of service as the high school coach. Marty decided to step down as coach for all the right reasons. Marty wants to spend more time with his family. We're not losing Marty completely; he is still actively involved with our youth as the Mite Director. I see only good things happening at the Mite level, and that's because of Marty. Thanks Coach!

We are looking for help with tryouts. Anyone interested in helping with that committee needs to contact me or John Dreshar. As always, we need your input and attendance at the board meetings. This is your association; participate.

See you at the rink!

Bill Karas

SFYHA NEEDS COACHES

SFYHA is accepting coaching applications through August 15th and will be interviewing candidates for coaching positions during late August and early September. If you are interested in volunteering as a coach, contact John Dreshar at 612-369-5287. To download an application, go to <http://sfyha.com>.

Please support SFYHA by joining us for our weekly meat raffles and bingo at Fatboys Bar and Grill.

6pm Tuesdays: Meat Raffle

7pm Tuesdays: Bar Bingo

Meat Raffle workers are needed. Contact Sue Schuster at 763-434-8345 if interested.

SFYHA welcomes Jeff Palmer

The St. Francis Youth Hockey Association would like to welcome our new boys' high school coach, Jeff Palmer. We look forward to learning from him and are excited his desire to build a stronger program.

CHAD BRUNER BENEFIT

Aug. 13th from 1-5pm @ Fat Boys

Donation requested: Adults \$15.00 - \$5.00
Children 10 & under.

Donation includes BBQ Dinner from 2-5pm. In addition, there will be a silent auction, live DJ, food, drinks, and prizes.

The father of one of our players was recently severely injured in an ATV accident. In order to help defray costs of rehabilitation, a benefit will be held. Please attend if you are able or make a donation in your absence.

For those unable to attend, any donation will be gratefully accepted and can be mailed to any TCF bank payable to: **Chad Bruner Benefit Fund**. All donations are tax deductible. Or you can mail donations to:

SFYHA PO box 181 St. Francis, MN 55070

For questions you can call Marcia Bruner@763-757-2310.

We are looking for volunteers for the following positions:

Tryout Committee
Policy and Procedures Committee

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact Bill Karas at 763-434-2221.

The Next SFYHA board of directors meeting is 7pm Tuesday, September 5th at East Bethel Ice Arena.