



## Mites gone Mad!

**First Annual Mite Madness Jamboree Held March 6-8**



The 2009 Mite Madness Jamboree held March 6-8 was a huge success. Announcers, music and referees all made for a festive atmosphere and was a big hit with the kids. The youngest members of the LHA showcased their skills to an appreciative crowd. The 2010 Jamboree is already being planned!

**Jersey Return**  
All traveling team jerseys should have been returned to a team manager or coach. If you have not done this, please do so ASAP. It will help the LHA be more organized for next year's season.



## Lakeville Jr. Gold Wins Back-to-Back State Titles!

The 2008/9 Junior Gold B team captured their second consecutive **State Championship** trophy on March 22, 2009 in Rochester, MN. The JGB team defeated a strong, aggressive, and very physical White Bear Lake team. A quote from one of the Lakeville players, "that was the sickest game I've ever played in." Being older, I think that translates to, "fun, exciting, and entertaining." The two teams gave the fans (heavily favoring WBL) an exciting game finishing off their year with memorable experiences for all participants. Prior to Sunday's game, the JGB team faced Osseo/Maple Grove and won 6-2. Saturday's, championship semi-final game was against Wayzata Gold. After swapping being ranked #1 and #2 all season long, these two teams finally clashed on the ice. Wayzata came out strong and hammered shots on net. However; with strong play by goalie Nick Cook-Rostie, the team was able to win the game 5-1 and play for the big hardware.

Prior to the first game of the season, this team did not have a full roster of players. All players that showed up were on the team, nobody was cut or released. After Thanksgiving, a few

phone calls were made to individuals who had quit hockey to see if there was an interest in helping the team. After several calls, two players were added to the roster and we were ready to play. As the season progressed and the team moved forward, players started playing as a team. Leadership came from the seniors and a strong junior trio. At the end of the league season, the team finished first and won the District 8 League Championship.

Throughout the year, I stressed to my players that winning is not everything on the rink. Life skills are learned on how you play the game, respect your opponent, respect referees, listen to your parents, and play hockey the way it is meant to be played – **HAVING FUN.**

Thank you to the parents that provided many hours of support to your sons and helping them achieve their goals. Players, thank you for a great year!

Scott Orrey, Jr. Gold Head Coach

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# Lakeville Hockey Association



## North PWB Boys Advance to Regions!

The Lakeville North PWB team went 2-1 in the D8 Tournament and moved on to the Regional Tournament as the #2 seed. Their final D8 game was a close match against a strong Woodbury team. The boys did not advance out of Regions.

## Congrats U14A

The U14A girls beat Faribault and were defeated by a strong Owatonna team to gain the #2 seed to the National Regional Tournament. The girls did not place in Regions.

## PWC South Places 2<sup>nd</sup> in D8

The PWC South team ended their season losing a hard-fought battle to Sibley, 5-4, to earn a very respectable 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the District 8 Tournament.

## South Crimson Squirt B

The South Crimson Squirt B team captured the D8 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy after a tough loss to a strong Rosemount team.

## Lakeville U12s have a banner year, A and B!

The Lakeville U12 teams had a very successful season. The girls were split into one "A" team and two "B" teams. The U12B Red team finished 4<sup>th</sup> in Districts, narrowly defeated by Cottage Grove, denying them a berth to the state tournament.

The U12B Gold team advanced as the runner up in the District 8 tournament and went on to the American Region Tournament where they beat Cottage Grove, Edina Green and Tartan to make it to the championship game. The championship game was an exciting quadruple overtime win over Eden Prairie Black. They advanced to the state tournament as the #2 seed. The girls faced a formidable Princeton team in the opening game of the State Tournament, and lost in triple overtime.

The U12A team played a strong District 8 tournament, emerging as D8 Champions. They beat Eagan, Rsmt/Eastview, and Cottage Grove to

advance to the National Regional Tournament. Lakeville triumphed in 3 of their 4 games in Regions to emerge as the #2 State seed. The girls came out shooting in the State Tournament and beat their first opponent, Roseau, by a score of 7-1. Anoka narrowly beat them in their second game, 2-1. The final game was lost to a strong Burnsville team, earning the U12A team a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish. Congratulations to all U12s, what a year to be proud of!

## Bantam A South VFW Champions!

Congratulations to the Bantam "A" South team for their impressive victory in the State VFW Tournament. The boys beat Brainerd 7-2 in the opening round. An OT 2-1 victory over Rochester Red and a 8-0 solid defeat of Bemidji put them into the championship game with White Bear Lake. The boys finished off WBL in OT by a score of 3-2.

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## *Letter to the Editor from the Burns Family*

Thank You...

Sixteen years of playing hockey in LHA came to an end for our family this past week. What an exciting ending it was, a State Championship and an All-Star game at the Jr. Gold level.

Scott Orrey (the head-coach of the Jr. Gold team) was key in making this ending so much fun. Scott is a non-parent coach that has been coaching in LHA for the past six years. He has helped take five teams to state tournaments in the past six years. Besides continuing a winning tradition, Scott started having a Senior Night for his Jr. Gold families and annually organizes a District 8 Jr. Gold All-Star game. A father of a Rochester player said that the All-Star game was the highlight of his son's last season playing hockey. It is what and how Scott gives to these young men that make him a truly remarkable man. His former players always talk about how much fun they had playing on his team.

Our boys have played at every single level in Lakeville from Ponies through High School. We would like to thank all of the coaches, assistant coaches, managers, board members, volunteers, parents, captain's parents, players, friends, family, and even the refs for all they have done.

Special thanks to....

Scott Orrey, Bill Forbord, Troy Mertens, Jerry Moore, Rocky Amaro, Bill Schommer, Jeff Crandall, Mark Olsen, Larry Corsby, Myles Sturlaugson, Keith Haglund, Dave Delmonico, Mike Miller, Paul Hubacher, Mike Brown, Jay Olson, Jim Johnson, and Tarik Yumusaklar.

Thank you for sharing your love of hockey with our family.

The Burns Family

## **U10A South D8 Champs!**

Congratulations to the U10A South girls for taking the District 8 Championship. The girls ended their season shutting out a solid Woodbury team, 2-0.

## **Bantam South C Ends Great Season**

The Bantam C South team won a nail biter to give their team the Championship Trophy in the District 8 Tournament. Beating Farmington 2-1 was the final "score" on a season with only one league loss.

## **PWB2 Teams Do Well in Districts**

The PWB2 teams from Lakeville took 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the District 8 Tournament. The South B2 team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place after narrowly losing to Woodbury 3-2. The North B2 team secured 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a victory over Rosemount 3-1.

## **Coach Survey**

Thanks to all parents who participated in the year-end coach surveys. 432 surveys were completed. The HDC thanks you for your cooperation!

## This Month's **Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q: Why do we have warm-ups for our players? Why not just let each team decide what they want?**

**A:** The subject of warm-ups often brings with it a certain amount of debate. The initial reasons for designing a uniform warm-up for all traveling LHA players were many. With the North/South split, it was seen as a way the LHA could unify the players in our association. From a different perspective, the warm-ups were a way to "even the field" between the teams. In years past, coming up with the coolest sweatshirt /sweat pants/warm-ups took on the tone of a popularity contest and was very time consuming



for the manager or coach. Often the "A" teams seemed to be better outfitted than "B" and "C" teams. Another factor was cost. When orders are done in such small quantities, the price tends to be relatively higher than it should be. Teams that had a parent who was in the garment/printing business could get a great deal, while other teams paid a high price to keep their teams looking as good as the next. The cost of the warm-ups that our kids have been provided for the past 4 seasons is approximately \$52 + \$11 for the decal on the back. Not many \$63 clothing investments pay back with a minimum wear rate of 30+ times/season.

# LHA Elections Held March 31st

The LHA annual meeting and elections were held on March 31<sup>st</sup> at Kenwood Trail. The turnout for the annual meeting and election was minimal, as only one position was contested. The encouraging news is that at least one candidate stepped up to the plate and volunteered for all open positions. The new board members' first board meeting will be on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Dave Rucki will assume the role of President Elect. Bill Monohan will continue his role as President while working with Dave throughout the upcoming year. Bill will pass more and more responsibility to Dave and eventually turn over the reigns sometime next hockey season. Bart Winkler is the new VP of Development. Carol Pankow will assume the role of Secretary. Brian McKinney will lend his expertise as the Player Development Coordinator. Liam McDonald has once again stepped up for a board position as Mite Prep Director. Dan "Fuzz" sender will take on the responsibility as the new Mite Director. Deb Hazlett continues her board presence by transitioning from Secretary to Squirt Director. Brett Belschner was triumphant in the contested battle for Equipment Director.

The LHA Board would like to thank these members for stepping up and volunteering their time and talents to the youth hockey program in Lakeville. Their dedication and commitment will ensure that the LHA continues to evolve as one of the premiere hockey associations in Minnesota.

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## Sled Hockey Event a Success Sled Hockey Event a Success

The Sled Hockey exhibition held on February 22nd was a huge success. Almost \$1300 was raised for the Sled Hockey Association. The money will be used to buy more sleds and help defray the costs of the adult team traveling to out of town tournaments. Sled Hockey teams have to travel out of town to play another team rather than scrimmaging themselves each week.



The event was fun for the sled players and families to have an event with lunch, goodie bags and medals - things our kids take for granted having multiple tournaments every year. The thanks from the families are reason enough to keep doing it. However, the Lakeville teams involved in the event benefit tremendously by giving their time and positively impacting others.

Bantam A South - hosted the player and family lunch, manned the doors to help families get in and out, and pushed youth sled players during the game.

U14A - manned the Silent Auction Table, door prize drawing, ran Chuck-a-Puck and announced the kids' names handing out medals and goodie bags.

LSHS Varsity and JV - Played hockey in sleds with the adult team, a task that was no small feat. Staying upright in sleds and self-propelling proved to be very challenging. There was a lot of laughter and camaraderie out on the ice!

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