



STIX 'n PUX

BMHA Newsletter

December 2021

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Most BMHA teams are solidly into the season. Tomorrow however marks an exciting time for our U8 and U9 players as they get their first opportunity to play games! U7 players will finally get to join in the additional fun of games after the holiday break starting January 1st. Next time you are at the rink, check out the players on the ice before or after your ice time and cheer them on (after vax verifying of course)!

We are now 2 months into the Provincial Health Order requirement of vaccination verification. This has been a particularly involved assignment for volunteers. Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped scan QR codes and checked IDs!

I'd like to take a moment and acknowledge the work being done by a couple of very busy people at this time of year; BMHA Ice Allocator Angela Sam has once again done an amazing job of performing what is nothing short of "scheduling magic". BMMHA Registrar David Jacobucci has rostered over 266 "A" hockey players and over 500 "C" Hockey players. All these players along with over 300 officials have been placed onto a total of 56 teams. Thank you to both Angela and David for your great work!

In addition to BMHA Board volunteers getting the season going, new committees, Player Development Committee & Goalie Development Committee, have been formed to make BMHA hockey better. Also, last year BMHA introduced Team Snap to take member registration online. This year the BMHA Board is helping you fundraise online too. Stay tuned for information on "FlipGive"; an easy-to-use cashback app for teams, designed to help sports parents lower the cost to play. There are also a couple of new initiatives underway including a new Referee mentorship program being put in place to support our newest referees and further develop - with only 50% of referees returning this season across BC, our refs need our continued support.

As a volunteer run association, BMHA has a lot to be proud of. We are a community sport with volunteers who do a lot to get and keep the kids on the ice.

Let's keep the fun of hockey going for everyone!

- Cheryl

BMHA's 7th ANNUAL TOY & SPORT DRIVE - Dec. 4 & 5!

We're pleased to be able to bring back our annual Toy & Sport Drive! After the challenging last while and in the spirit of giving back, Burnaby Minor Hockey Association will be working with the Burnaby Christmas Bureau again this holiday season. The Christmas Bureau works within our community to ensure local families have enough food and gifts for the holidays – something everyone should have!

This year, we will be holding the 7th Annual Toy & Sport Drive during **BMHA Picture Days on Saturday, December 4th from 10am to 4pm and Sunday, December 5th from 10am to 2pm at the IUOE Auditorium.**

While dropping your child off for pictures, you can come drop off a new toy or a piece sports equipment such as a basketball, a baseball glove, a volleyball, a floor hockey stick, skipping ropes, hula hoops and the like, it doesn't have to be anything expensive or high-end.

For your added convenience, we will also be accepting monetary donations which we can then purchase toys & sports equipment on your behalf! Donations can be made through this [TeamSnap link](#) until December 3rd. (Please note: the auto-email you will receive will say you've registered for a "sport" but please ignore as it is for your donation.)

With over 800 BMHA members, we can work together and help bring smiles to other kids in Burnaby this holiday season!

Burnaby Minor Hockey Association
7th Annual
**Toy & Sport
Drive 2021**

Help bring smiles to the children of Burnaby this holiday!

Donate a new, unwrapped toy or piece of sports equipment during Picture Days on Dec. 4 (10am-4pm) & Dec. 5 (10am-2pm) at the IUOE Auditorium or make a monetary donation through this TeamSnap link: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/295593>

All donations will benefit Burnaby Christmas Bureau

PAT QUINN CLASSIC - One Month to Go!

The 2021 is just Pat Quinn Classic around the corner, we wanted to share our Top 10 list why we're excited for the puck to drop:

1. Burnaby Minor Hockey Association is hosting the tournament!
2. This will be the largest Pat Quinn Classic in history!
3. Over 55 teams are participating from across Canada and the USA to compete in the tournament
4. BMHA's home ice - Bill Copeland Arena will be the feature rink and the hub of all the action
5. Bring your friends to check out the touch-free photo booth in the lobby of Bill Copeland
6. Championship games will be held on Dec. 30th and 31st
7. There's a NYE twoonie skate at Kensington Arena (December 31 from 1- 4pm)
8. There will be another year of the world famous U15 Team Basket Raffle!
9. There will be prizes, contests and much more
10. Jump at the opportunity to watch and cheer on future hockey superstars



The tournament is hosted in Burnaby from December 27-31. Please visit the tournament website at patquinnclassic.com for the latest information.

REFEREE ROUND-UP - Message from Dennis

Hello Burnaby!

You've probably heard the stories about referee shortages across the country. Unfortunately, a large portion of the shortage is occurring in the higher divisions. BMHA has been very fortunate to have a very enthusiastic corps of officials covering U13 and below. Although the participation was a little slow at the start of the season, we have been steamrolling along now. The senior group from two seasons ago has gotten into a good rhythm and has been a reliable, dependable, strong group of officials. Last year's group that got shut down before they even had a chance to start has jumped right in and are working game after game.

On Nov 6, BMHA held its annual clinic for new officials. This season, an incredible 60 applications were submitted, of which 30 were accepted for the program. There is already a waitlist of 20+ for next year! After a four-hour classroom session and a one-hour ice session, they all completed the clinic and officially became certified BC Hockey Officials. A handful have already officiated in their rookie game and the rest are not far behind! With the help of Referee Mentors, James Cooper and Lauren Howes, everyone has been gaining a lot of knowledge and experience. My appreciation and gratitude to all the great kids and also the great parents who are out there with the support! (and the rides to the rink)



PS. Please remember that though we have a group of great, enthusiastic officials, many are still learning. Mistakes will be made, calls will be missed... but unless they make mistakes, they won't learn the right calls. As the sayings go, "without refs, there are no games" and every coach dread hearing the words "bring your skates" lol...

I am grateful that these kids are really eager to get on the ice! I hope that everyone appreciates the courage and determination these kids show by being officials! Let them have fun just as much as the players. Thanks.

See you at the rink!

- *Dennis Sato, Referee In Chief*

REMEMBRANCE DAY TOURNEY - Another Successful Year!

The BMHA Wildcats hosted a massively successful Remembrance Day Tournament. After a one year hiatus, female hockey teams from the lower mainland eagerly signed up for the first major female recreational hockey tournament in over 18 months. The Wildcats hosted over 40 teams, including 12 U9 teams, of which for many, this was their first real hockey game experience. The upstairs of Scotia Barn was adorned with a peace wall for players and families to leave messages of peace and gratitude for members of the Burnaby Legion. There was a photo booth where teams could choose fun digital backgrounds and get instant photos with their friends, courtesy of Sport Burnaby. 50/50 sales were well supported by all Scotia Barn patrons with the Thursday winner taking home over \$1000! But the highlight of the tournament was the basket raffle. Once again, mom of 3 Wildcats, Marcy McCabe went above and beyond assembling enticing baskets of various themes including snow day, games night, dinner party and so much more. The Wildcats are exceptionally grateful to all our supporters who donated basket and silent auction items, and to all the Wildcats parent volunteers who gave their time to ensure an awesome tournament experience for all.

A shout out to Scotia Barn for working with us to provide a safe and enjoyable tournament. And a special thanks is extended to the Remembrance Day Tournament committee- Pearl Leung, Joanne Lee, Margaret Young, Kelly Liew, Angela Brnjac, Gurdeep Kainth, Betsy Lam, Louisa Stanlake, Marcy McCabe, Jennifer Sydor, Courtney Hoang, Willa Cheng, and Katie Larson.

We would like to extend a special thank you to tournament director Pearl Leung who will be passing the torch next year. Pearl's expertise in project planning and skill for facilitating efficient meetings has laid the foundation for many more successful tournaments to come. Thank you for the many years of leading the tournament committee, Pearl!

Tournament Winners:

Division U11

- Pool A - Surrey Female HA U11 C1
- Pool B - Richmond Ravens U11 C1
- Pool C - Langley Girls IHA U11 C1

Division U15

- Abbotsford Female HA U15 C1

Division U13

- North Shore Female IHA U13 C1

Division U18

- North Shore Female IHA U18 C2



Joanne Lee and Pearl Leung, two Remembrance Day Tournament committee members.



Members of the Wildcats U9C5 having fun in the photo booth.



Action on the ice with excited parents and family members watching.



Members of the Wildcats U9C4 team taking a fun in the photo booth.

UPCOMING NO ICE DATES -Winter Break

Just a reminder to everyone about upcoming no ice:

- The last day of ice before Winter Break is Sunday, December 19th
- The first day back on the ice are:
 - Sunday, January 2nd, 2022 for BLA, Copeland, Kensington
 - Monday, January 3rd, 2022 for Scotia Barn



CONGRATS - Volunteers/Players Award Winners & Graduating Midget Rings

A few weeks ago, we were finally able to arrange a mini-presentation of awards to our annual BMHA Volunteer & Player Award Winners as well to as our Graduating Midget Ring recipients! Congratulations again everyone!



BMHA STORIES - AROUND THE RINK!

BURNABY U15C2 BULLDOGS COME HOME WITH GOLD!

BMHA U15 C2 travelled to Vancouver Island to take part in the Cowichan Valley U15 Recreational Tournament the weekend of Nov. 13th and 14th. After playing a game in Vancouver the evening prior, the team made the 8:30am ferry to Nanaimo the next morning and arrived at the Fuller Lake Arena in Chemainus in time to win their first two games; against Kerry Park MHA, and later, in a very 'spirited' game, against Cowichan Valley MHA. The following day the boys beat Sooke MHA to qualify for the finals, played at the Cowichan Community Centre in Duncan. The final game, against Port Moody MHA, was close through two periods before the Burnaby boys pulled away in the 3rd, winning 6-0! After that it was a 'white-knuckle' drive from Duncan back to Nanaimo and onto the ferry, beating the worst of the storm by a few hours. After five games in 48 hours the team arrived home after 1am the morning of the 15th.

Everyone, boys and parents, had a great time! We thank the organizers of the tournament, and our own parents who arranged for our accommodations and team meal, for all their hard work. It was worth it just to see how the boys all came together!



Burnaby Bulldogs U15 C2
1st Place
Cowichan Valley U15 Tournament
November 13-14, 2021

BURNABY U7 & U9 WILDCATS CHEER ON THE EXPRESS!

Our U9 and U7 Wildcats enjoyed a night out at the Coquitlam Express game last month – go Express!



BURNABY U15A1 BULLDOGS CAPTURE GOLD!

BMHA U15 A1 travelled to Vancouver Island as the lone mainland rep team in the Comox Valley Invitational Tournament Nov 13th and 14th. There was a lot of anticipation given that COVID had impacted the ability to play and travel last season, and the boys worked incredibly hard from the start of the event. The team had a decisive victory in their first game against Juan de Fuca A1 winning 9-2. The following day, BMHA beat Comox and Campbell River with a combined 11 goals for and 0 goals against. At the championship, Burnaby worked through adversity with penalties, injuries and a very talented opponent. It was a great game where the boys showed their skill, discipline and resilience. In the end, they emerged from the tournament undefeated and took first place with a 7-3 victory over the Juan de Fuca A1 team.

Having been the first tournament in a long while for almost all of the parents, players and coaches, it was a memorable and positive experience for everyone involved. The impending storm created mobility challenges and less than ideal condition for travel, but taking home the trophy made the entire experience worthwhile. Thank you to all of the parents, players, coaches and tournament organizers for a wonderful experience. Congratulations to BMHA U15 A1 as they continue their undefeated streak since Oct 24th. Go Bulldogs!



REMINDERS

CLINIC FEE REIMBURSEMENTS

Team official certifications deadline is December 1st!!!! Once you complete your certifications, you can then submit for reimbursement.

- **HCSP & RIS Reimbursements** - For Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP) and Respect In Sport (RIS) clinic costs, please email admin@burnabyminor.com with your name, team that you were rostered to, and a copy of your receipt and completion certificate, along with the address to which to mail your cheque all contained within one email.
- **Coaching Clinic Reimbursements** - Coaching clinic attendees are required to complete post-task assignments that must be first verified and signed-off by the Head Coach of BMHA before you can submit for reimbursement. Please contact Jon at headcoach@burnabyminor.com for details about getting your post-task assignment verified.

DATES TO REMEMBER - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- December 1 – Team Official Certifications Deadline
- December 4 & 5 – BMHA Picture Days – please check with your manager for your time slot and have your picture form completed and ready to go!
- December 4 & 5 – BMHA Toy & Sport Drive at the IUOE Auditorim
- December 19 – Last Day For Ice, all arenas
- December 27 to 31 – Pat Quinn Classic tournament, Bill Copeland Arena
- January 2 – First Day Back For Ice – BLA, Copeland, Kensington
- January 3 – Frist Day Back for Ice – Scotia Barn

