



BURNABY MINOR HOCKEY

STIX N PUX



APRIL 2023



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a fantastic season! Please read on through this season wrap up edition of Stix n Pux to learn about all the great successes of all our Burnaby Minor Programs.

As a community driven and volunteer run association, everything we do is for the kids. To make this possible there are a tremendous number of hours put forward by so many.

I'd like to thank all our coaches, managers, and team safety officials for all the work they do daily for kids on the ice. I'd also like to express appreciation for all the Board of Directors and Support staff for all of they do for the kids off the ice too!

This year we celebrated some exceptional contributions at the Volunteer Banquet, please read further to hear about the award recipients and what their nominees wrote.

Our next AGM will be virtually the evening of June 1st. Have great ideas and passion for delivering a great experience for BMHA players and volunteers? Look at the positions coming to term completion and consider joining the board.

Enjoy your time away from regular season hockey. Encourage the kids to try other activities and sports that will be great cross training and prevent hockey burnout. Taking some time off for other things will also promote coming back with a positive attitude and renewed passion for the game of hockey. If you or someone you know may need support, please visit:
<https://burnabyschools.ca/counselling-and-mental-health-resources/> <https://crisiscentre.bc.ca/>

Have a great summer!

Cheryl Reesor Volunteer – President

Burnaby Minor Hockey Association



GROWING THE GAME

2022/23 season was a great success for the growth focus of BMHA.

Starting with the First Shift program, we had 72 players over two cohorts who participated this year, which is the highest number of players in several years. With the support of SFU Hockey, Vancouver Canucks Alumni, and several BMHA on-ice volunteers, those players and families were treated to a memorable introduction to hockey experience and we expect many will continue on their hockey journeys with BMHA.

Next, the Microhockey program, under the stewardship of Mel Madrazo, had a significant uptick in players in the second half of the year, primarily from players who have continued on from First Shift. We also had players transition from MicroHockey into regular league play, which is in line with our overall growth strategy, by giving players a stress free path to try out hockey before committing to full league membership. We are always looking for on-ice assistants for both First Shift and Microhockey, so if you are interested in helping out for next season, let me know.



Our U6 program hosted a BMHA jamboree for the first time in 4 years, with participation from New Westminster and Coquitlam minor hockey. Definitely a highlight of the season for those players and setting the stage for a bigger and better U6 Jamboree next season.

Our U7, U8 and U9 programs were all successful, with increased membership and there were teams from each age group that were able to participate in Vancouver Canucks intermission games, Minor Hockey appreciation at Rogers Arena, and several tournaments.

Special thanks to all the rostered volunteers at every age group, the Development team of Travis Deaust and Lance Bourne who help our players learn, and all the parents and families that help to support the growth of the association. This growth will help the association secure more ice from the City of Burnaby, and with the opening of more rinks, we are hopeful that more and more kids from across Burnaby will get to play this incredible game we all love!

Bill Cunningham

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REP HOCKEY

After two challenging seasons due to the dreaded “C” word I’m very happy to say this past season we were able to go back to “normal”. Teams were excited to participate in tournaments again and we were able to host the Pat Quinn Classic for the first time in two years. Tryouts allowed spectators back into the building and we brought in independent evaluators to help our development team and coaches with player and goalie assessments. Tournaments were back on and a few of our teams took advantage and traveled for tournaments while others stayed local. Regardless of the destination or the end result all were excited about being able to compete with teams outside of their flights.

This year our U11 A2, U15 A2 and U18 A1 team received banners in their flights.

The results for all teams are below.

U11 A1 League Play 3rd place Playoffs 4th place
U11 A2 League Play 8th place Playoffs 1st place
U13 A1 League Play 6th place Playoffs 3rd place
U13 A2 League Play 2nd place Playoffs 3rd place
U15 A1 League Play 5th place Playoffs 2nd place
U15 A2 League Play 1st place Playoffs 1st place
U18 A1 League Play 7th place Playoffs 1st place
U18 A2 League Play 2nd place Playoffs 3rd place



Next year we hope to add an A3 team to our U13 division and have secured head coaches for our rep teams for next year.

I would like to take a moment to thank all the parents who volunteered to help throughout the rep tryouts with dressing room and bench supervision, Zachary Alviar for being our designated time keeper, Micaela Godfrey and Harjashan Brar who have put in an infinite amount of hours to help to ensure the rep tryouts run smoothly for the last 5 years. To Sue Wong, Marie Kazuta, Sandra Alviar, Michelle Gerow, Louise Tagulao and countless other volunteers who continue to answer my texts and calls for help, knowing how much time and effort it takes to start a season. To our Ice Allocator Angela Sam and our Development team who helped me in planning for our season in early July. I would also like to thank all the Coaches, Team Managers, Treasurers, HCSP, time and score keepers and those who played music for your teams. Your volunteerism helps make everything run smoothly and makes for a more enjoyable season. Your efforts do not go unnoticed.

Enjoy your summer and I’ll see you at the rink!

Wendy Godfrey

Director-A Hockey

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C HOCKEY

We were happy to have a full season in 2022 / 2023!

First, a sincere thank you to our Division Managers:

U11 – Rebecca Nguyen

U13 – Amy Mao

U15 – Jason Uy

U18 – Roger Mlait

U21 – Rebecca Chau

Many teams joined tournaments around the province and into the USA with many wonderful memories for the players, coaches and parents.

A huge shout out to Jason Uy and his amazing team of volunteers that put together an unforgettable Spring Blast tournament right here in Burnaby for U11C and U15C.

The U11 Hockey Canada Pathways program was complemented this year with development sessions held throughout the season and U13C saw development for the first few months of the season.

Thank you to all of those involved!

I would like to extend my appreciation to all coaches, team staff and parents for all of your hard work, and for continually encouraging our children to work hard, be good teammates and most importantly – have fun!

Keith Renfrey

Director-C Hockey

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SPRING BLAST

Last year, we revived the Spring Blast tournament and restarted it as a BMHA only tournament. This year, we went big and opened it up to everyone! We hosted fifteen U11 and U15 teams including three out of town teams from as far away as Whitehorse.

Most of the tournament went without a hitch. We were thrown a curve ball when the Kensington Arena was all of a sudden unusable for some of the final games were scheduled for the U15 division. At the end of the day, we managed to avert the crisis and got all the games rescheduled. Feedback from many parents were all very positive.

Through our hard work and partnership with Biosteel and Team Rogers, we were successful in providing a very memorable tournament for all the players who participated. The tournament committee and volunteers worked hard to make this tournament the best we can do.

Some of the new things added to this year's tournament were the following:

>> Livestream of all the games to the Spring Blast youtube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/@springblasttournament/streams>

>> Live play by play and colour commentary for both bronze and gold medal games

>> National anthem before the medal games

>> Frozen pucks for the medal games

Spring Blast is one of the few tournaments that hosts an all star skills competition. We had over 100 kids who participated in the event. Fastest skater, highest accuracy, hardest shot, and Shootout were the 4 events that we did this year.

Hosting a tournament takes a lot of time and effort. This year's Spring Blast wouldn't be possible without the dedication of the following BMHA volunteers: Derek Atkinson, Ray Lian, Ed Toivanen, Jon Tagulao, Hansi Atkinson, Brian Patrick, Wallace Pank, Steven Reddy, Rebecca Nguyen, Dennis Martignago, Nancy Lam.

Special thanks to the BMHA executives who supported the tournament and all the parents who helped us in all aspects of the tournament.

Jason Uy

Spring Blast Tournament Director



SPRING BLAST

Congratulations to teams making the podium!

Medal	U11	U15
Gold	Aldergrove U11 C2	Prince Rupert Seawolves
Silver	Burnaby U11 C3	Burnaby U15 C2
Bronze	Burnaby U11 C4	Richmond U15 C8



GOLD: Aldergrove U11C2



GOLD: Prince Rupert Seawolves



SILVER: Bulldogs U11C3



SILVER: Bulldogs U15C2



SILVER: Bulldogs U11C4



SPRING BLAST

Congratulations to Skills Competition Winners!



Relive the skills competition here:

U11: <https://youtube.com/live/bxjoo7wlkZI?feature=share>

U15: <https://youtube.com/live/FLkyz6GZFPo?feature=share>



WILDCATS NEWS

It was a very busy final chapter of the Wildcats of 2022/2023 season!

First, 7 Wildcats teams finished top of their playoff pools and hosted banner championship banner home games: WU11C1, WU11C3, WU13C1, WU13A1, WU15C1, WU15A1 and WU18C1.

4 teams were successful in winning their PCAHA Playoff Championship banner: WU11C3, WU13C1, WU15A1 and WU18C1.





WILDCATS NEWS

Year End Tournament at the Tricities Female Ice Classic

To conclude the season, almost every Wildcats team competed in the Tri Cities Ice Classic which saw WU13C1 and WU18C1 take home gold; while WU11C1 and WU13A1 took home bronze.



WU11C1 wins BRONZE!



WUC1C1 wins GOLD!



WU13A1 wins BRONZE!



WU18C1 wins GOLD!



WILDCATS NEWS

Esso Fun Day! Girls Try Hockey Event

Next, the Wildcats hosted our semi-annual Esso Fun Day: Burnaby/New West Girls Try Hockey event.

A hearty group of Wildcats parents, players and alumni provided gear for over 50 girls to try hockey for an afternoon.

Special thanks to our organizing committee, specifically Margaret Young, the incredible registrar for this important event

If there are any little sisters out there who would like to try hockey, our next event will be held in August. You can [sign up for an opportunity to register](#) before it goes out to the general public.



It was a fantastic end to a season that saw continued growth and development in the BMHA female division.

Immense gratitude is expressed to all of our volunteers and rep coaches. Specifically, our division managers, **Athina Beemish** (U7/U9) and **Kelli Tibbles** (U11/U13) are recognized for their mentorship of new managers and behind the scenes organization of all things Wildcats this year.

We want to wish our graduating players, We look forward to seeing everyone back on the ice in the fall.

All around there was lots to celebrate about at the team wrap up parties. Congratulations to all our teams on a successful season!

Katie Larson

Director of Female Hockey

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WILDCATS NEWS





VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Each year, we ask for nominations of outstanding individuals who have helped make the season great! Awards are available for both our integrated Bulldogs programs and our female Wildcats programs.

This year at our Volunteer Appreciation & Awards Banquet we recognized some very worthy individuals who help make BMHA a great place for hockey!

- Don Boyd Memorial Award - Service to the Association - GURDEEP KAINTH
- Rep Coach of the Year - MATTHEW SHONG - U18A2 Bulldogs
- House Coach of the Year - CHRIS QUAN - U9C2 Bulldogs
- Female Team Coach of the Year - MICHAEL MARCHIORO - U13C1 Wildcats
- Tony Marzitelli Memorial Award - Outstanding Team Manager - SUE WONG - U18A1 Bulldogs
- Safety Award - Outstanding HCSP - DANIEL ROBINSON - U15A1 & U13A1 Wildcats





TEAM STAFF AWARDS



HOUSE COACH OF THE YEAR

"Worked amazing with the kids and developed them and had so much patience for the kids and the parents."
"He shares his love of the sport, encourages player development, and sets expectations for what it means to be part of a team. Blending dedication, commitment, and fun is not easy, but Chris manages to give everyone on the team the attention and support they need and deserve."

CHRIS QUAN

U9C2 BULLDOGS



FEMALE TEAM COACH OF THE YEAR

"The team and parents have bonded so much this season, and a lot of that is thanks to coach Mike creating a positive, safe and fun environment. Mike is quiet and humble off the ice. On the ice and on the bench, he coaches and motivates his team in a positive way. He is not a yeller and does not lose his cool, even when faced with challenges during a game. The team respects Coach Mike, and so do the parents."

MICHAEL MARCHIORO

U13C1 WILDCATS



REP COACH OF THE YEAR

"Matt has a unique ability to inspire his players to bring out their best on the ice. He encourages positive attitudes and sportsmanship among the players, while promoting teamwork and individual skill development. Under Matt's guidance, our team has achieved a level of success, both on and off the ice. What sets Matt apart is the amount of time and effort he puts into preparing his team for each game. He carefully studies our opponents' strengths and weaknesses and develops a game plan that maximizes our own strengths. His emphasis on practice and technique has helped the players to progress in their skills and achieve personal successes. Additionally, Matt is a great role model for the players. He instills values such as discipline, hard work, and respect, which will serve them well both on and off the ice."

MATTHEW SHONG

U18A2 BULLDOGS



TONY MARZITELLI MEMORIAL AWARD MANAGER OF THE YEAR

"Sue has made significant contributions to our organization both on and off the ice. She is always there to lend a helping hand and could always be counted on to volunteer during tryouts helping wrangling up volunteers for dressing room duty or to stand on the bench, she acted as interim manager, then managing teams after they were formed. Even when her son was unable to attend games, Sue still attended to perform her duties as manager and make sure there weren't any issues. When there were not enough Managers for the U18 scholarship games this year she offered to help out and took on a team. Sue has a genuine passion for the game and cares about the well-being of the players."

SUE WONG

U18A1 BULLDOGS



TEAM STAFF AWARDS



SAFETY AWARD

"Dan was an exceptionally attentive safety person who would consistently follow up with injured players after the game had ended. He has a calm and reassuring approach when assessing injured players which made both the athletes and parents feel confident that everyone was looked after, even when he had the night off."

DANIEL ROBINSON

U15A1 & U13A1 WILDCATS



DON BOYD MEMORIAL AWARD

Service to the Association

Gurdeep is an exemplary volunteer in hockey and with the Burnaby Minor Hockey Association for the past 14 years. He has involved himself in so many aspects of our Association, both with the Bulldogs and Wildcats programs. This includes work as a team manager and taking on leadership roles with our tournaments, especially the annual "Remembrance Day Female Tournament". He has always been a "go to" person when the team or Association needs a hand.

Gurdeep Kainth



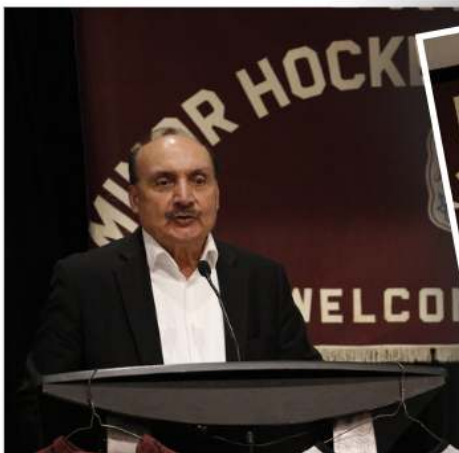
PRESIDENT'S AWARD

"Katie's family really hit the road running when they joined BMHA. From the beginning they got involved organizing events for the kids, always with the goal of making hockey fun both on and off the ice. Katie is not only great at organizing but is also highly organized herself, always finding ways to do things more efficiently. Her volunteerism kept evolving and she became more involved organizing association level events and community events... events to help attract new families to hockey. Katie is responsible for 68% growth in the female hockey program since joining the board. In 2021."

KATIE LARSON



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION & AWARDS BANQUET





JOIN THE TEAM

Annual General Meeting

Hello BMHA Members,

Regarding the upcoming election for the 2023/24 BMHA Executive Committee at our Annual General Meeting the evening of June 1st 2024, please find below an update on the various Executive Committee positions;

- President: Cheryl Reesor intends to complete term ending AGM 2024.
- VP Programs: Joe Rocchetta intends to complete term ending AGM 2024.
- VP Risk: Douglas Leung intends to complete term ending AGM 2024.
- VP People: Andrew Spence intends to complete term ending AGM 2024.
- Director "A" Hockey: Term complete. Wendy Godfrey intends to seek re-election. New nominees welcome. New term ending AGM 2025.
- Director "C" Hockey: Term complete. Keith Renfrey intends to seek re-election. New nominees welcome. New term ending AGM 2025.
- Director Female Hockey: Term complete. Katie Larson intends to seek re-election. New nominees welcome. New term ending AGM 2025.
- Director BMHA Growth: Bill Cunningham intends to complete term ending AGM 2024.
- Director of Volunteers: New nominees welcome. Term ending AGM 2024.
- Director of Coaching & Development: Term complete. New nominees welcome. New term ending AGM 2025.
- Treasurer: Term complete. New nominees welcome. New term ending AGM 2025.

***** Note – The duties of each existing BMHA Executive Committee position is outlined in Part 12 of the BMHA Constitution & Bylaws. An amendment to the BMHA Bylaws was voted on and passed at the 2021 AGM and came into effect 2022 AGM.***

If you have any questions or if you are interested in putting your name forward for election, please contact Larry Hayes, Executive Administrator at admin@burnabyminor.com.

Cheryl Reesor

Volunteer – President

Burnaby Minor Hockey Association