



## WHAM C DIVISION NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2011

*“I'd like to think we're better than any one player.  
I think that's the sign of a great hockey club.”*

- Robert Esche -

### **2010 – 2011 WHAM CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT**

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The season-end tournament featured some changes from last season: free admittance, no team volunteer hour requirement, vendors, commemorative hockey pucks for all rostered players and T-shirts for the winning teams in each division. A special thanks goes to Erika Hockinson-Spande, our league administrator, for all of the hours of planning and her organization of the tournament. Congratulations to all teams for advancing to the tournament. There were some very close games (with several shoot-outs) and exceptional play. Hopefully a good time was had by all. Here are the final standings:

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	C1 Division	C2 Division	C3 Division
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Zambonis	The Cardinal	Victorious Secret
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Tracy's	Thunderbirds	Fine Lines
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Power Play	Surge	Breakaways
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	River Heights Raptors	Ice Pirates	Penalty Box

### **LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING**

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Occasionally the Board hears about disputes when a team member does not fulfill their financial obligation to the team. A player is not allowed to transfer to or join another team if she has any outstanding financial obligations to her previous team. To clearly delineate expectations teams have regarding payment of monies or, for example, disposition of jerseys, some teams found it helpful to create a letter of understanding that all team members sign at the beginning of the season. This is not a Board or league requirement, but if your team wants to consider such an option, the Board has placed a “Team Letter of Understanding Template” on the Rules/Forms tab of the website that teams can use as a starting point for customizing their own letter.

### **SPRING MEETING**

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The Board is considering trying an alternative to the traditional in-person Spring that will make it less burdensome and still convey the needed information. More details will be forthcoming within the next couple weeks so stay tuned for more information.

### TEAM DECLARATION

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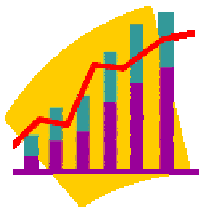
The deadline to declare your team's intention to play in the 2011 – 2012 WHAM season is **Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**. To declare, you must email your division commissioner the following information:

- ⌘ Team name and division
- ⌘ Contact information (name, phone, address and email) for TWO team managers/contacts

For new teams forming or teams changing names, remember the team name must be non-offensive and uniquely different from existing team names. For example, there cannot be both a "Penguins" and "Penguins II" even if they aren't in the same division. Check with the C Vice-President EARLY and BEFORE ordering jerseys to make sure the name isn't already taken and is acceptable. Also, remember all teams must have both home (predominantly white) and away (predominantly dark) sets of jerseys.

### C DIVISION GROWTH

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The C Division is the largest division in WHAM and continues to grow every year. This growth is exciting and we want to make sure the league is meeting the expectations of the membership. Look for a survey later this Spring that will be sent to all teams to solicit feedback on the past season, and the best ways to manage this growth and provide parity of teams and player abilities. The Board will then consider the feedback of the membership as it makes plans for next season. Along those lines, Summer is the time when the Board considers changes to the rules and edits to the league handbook. If you have suggestions

for rules changes for next season, please forward these to the C Vice-President. This league is for you and as it grows, we want to make sure it meets the needs of the membership!

### C LEVEL ASSESSMENTS

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Players new to WHAM must go through a skills assessment unless they meet certain experience (high school or college) requirements; see the league handbook for complete details. C Level assessments are intended for players with NO previous high school (JV or varsity) or college (or equivalent) experience. The tentative dates that have been scheduled for C Level assessments this summer include:

- ⌘ **Monday, June 20, 2011:** 6:30 – 7:30 pm; St. Paul Academy Drake Arena, St. Paul
- ⌘ **Thursday, June 23, 2011:** 7:00 – 8:00 pm; St. Paul Academy Drake Arena, St. Paul
- ⌘ **Thursday, July 21, 2011:** 7:00 – 8:00 pm; St. Paul Academy Drake Arena, St. Paul
- ⌘ **Thursday, July 28, 2011:** 7:00 – 8:00 pm; St. Paul Academy Drake Arena, St. Paul
- ⌘ **Thursday, August 18, 2011:** 7:00 – 8:00 pm; St. Paul Academy Drake Arena, St. Paul
- ⌘ **Monday, August 29, 2011:** 7:00 – 8:00 pm; St. Paul Academy Drake Arena, St. Paul

All sessions cost \$15 and pre-registration on the website is required. Website registration will open soon and more dates for the Fall will be posted as soon as they are scheduled. Watch the website for further details.

### **WHAM BOARD OPENINGS**

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This Spring the membership will vote on three open Board positions: C Vice-President, A Vice-President and Secretary. The Board meets once a month throughout the year but with the addition of a league administrator the time commitment for Board members has become less burdensome. These terms are for two years. Please consider volunteering for one of these important positions:

The **Secretary** is a voting member of the Board and attends all Board meetings. She records and publishes all proceedings of such meetings. The Secretary maintains files and documents for the organization and performs such other duties as prescribed by the Board or by the President.

The **C Division Vice-President** is a voting member of the Board and attends all Board meetings. She appoints and supervises the commissioners for each of the C1, C2 and C3 divisions. Working with her commissioners, the Vice-President is responsible for:

- ☑ Organizing, supervising and managing the duties of the C Division;
- ☑ Supervising and enforcing the rules and regulations of the organization;
- ☑ Organizing all aspects of the league for the C Division each season including, but not limited to: game scheduling and statistical standings
- ☑ Collecting any fees assessed by the Board
- ☑ Mediating issues between member teams
- ☑ Answering questions and acting as a resource to member teams
- ☑ Acting as a liaison between member teams and the Board;
- ☑ Assuring that the interests of the member teams in the division are represented at a Board level;
- ☑ Assisting with the season-end tournament; and
- ☑ Performing such other duties as prescribed by the Board or by the President.

Here's your opportunity to have a direct impact on our league! The league can't run without members who are willing to help out. If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else for either of these positions, please send an email expressing your interest to the league administrator, Erika Hockinson-Spande, to [leagueadmin@whamhockey.org](mailto:leagueadmin@whamhockey.org) by Sunday, April 17th. Please include a brief summary of your hockey experience, any other relevant experience, and why you're interested in the position. Information on the voting process for these positions will be sent out with the information about the Spring meeting.

### **SUMMER SKATING & CLINIC OPPORTUNITIES**

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Worried about going into hockey withdrawal this summer? Check out all the skating, clinic and tournament opportunities at: <http://www.whamhockey.org/page/show/157573-more-hockey-opportunities>.

### **I LOVE THIS IDEA!!**

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Pick up an open weave laundry bag from a department store and use it to store your hockey socks in your hockey bag. The open weave allows the socks to dry, yet keeps them from sticking to Velcro on equipment and pilling. Use it also to store other small items (e.g. headbands, skull caps, undergarments) that get wet but are hard to find at the bottom of your bag.



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### THANK YOU

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Three years ago the Vice-President role had been recently approved in the league bylaws and I signed up having no real experience in WHAM, other than having played at the C3 and C2 levels for a few years. I didn't really know what I was getting myself into, but the last three years have taught me much about women's hockey, and about how proud I am to be associated with the largest adult women's recreational hockey league in the nation. While not perfect, I hope that I've made a tiny difference and leave it in slightly better shape than when I started on the Board. I'll continue to volunteer for WHAM because I find this league an immensely wonderful opportunity to make friends, socialize, get exercise and embarrass myself in front of my family. I started on the Board with no experience and was "baptized by fire" so if any of you are considering getting involved on a Board level and are worried about knowing what you're doing, be assured that all you need is a desire to learn and make a difference. I am especially grateful to Sara Reisdorf and Susan Welles for their patience, contributions and expertise, and for mentoring me along the way; they have done more than most will ever know to advance our league. I also believe that you are only as good as the people you surround yourself with, so I am eternally grateful for Sandi Wewerka (C3), Erica Weiler (C2) and Gina Ryan (C1) who have done a phenomenal job as commissioners overseeing the day-to-day dealings of their divisions. Without them, we would not be where we are today. I want to thank Sue Brunette (Stat Coordinator from the C Division); Jeanne Vestal (Stat Coordinator for the C Division); all of the dedicated assessors who helped with the C Level assessments; the team managers and coaches who volunteer their time for their teams; Erika Hockinson-Spande, who does an amazing job coordinating league activities and making the job of the Board easier; the current Board members (Beth Larson, Sandi Wewerka, Alison Hanson, Lori Jorgenson, and Carrie Peterson) who selflessly give of their time and talents to keep the league running, growing and improving; Sue Sentieri, Nancy Wefler and Carol Carlson, our friends and supporters at Minnesota and USA Hockey; and Dennis Alm, Pam Loftus and Kevin Loftus, who provide us with competent and conscientious referees to keep us in line and penalize us for our cat fights. It has been a privilege to work with all of you. See you on the rink!

Cheers,

*Terry Provo*

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

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- \* **Saturday, April 23, 2011: Spring Meeting:** Watch for forthcoming information
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- \* **September 1, 2010;** last date to register a team for the 2011 – 2012 season

### C DIVISION CONTACTS

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