



AHA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



WINTER IS COMING!

The snow is inching further down the mountain tops and we are beginning to see a lot more insulated jackets at the hockey rink. But all that cold air hasn't cooled down AHA one bit as we were still bringing the heat during the month of October. There were over 300 hours of AHA ice time this month which included 3 tournaments, 50 games, and many more practices! All of our programs are officially started for the 2023-2024 season which means the rinks are constantly filled with players wearing blue and gold while growing their love and passion for the great sport of ice hockey! Yes, it's getting colder, but our hearts are growing warmer the farther we climb into the hockey season.

10/13/23 - North Star 14U Girls vs AllStar 14U Girls

The first game for the 14U North Star girls in the 2023 Termination Dust Invitational was a highly anticipated match up against the All Star 14U Girls team. This game was a redemption game after the the AS pulled out a 7-0 victory in the first league game between the two. The North Stars came out strong and scored a few quick ones, accompanied by some great team play and solid goaltending to earn a 5-1 victory! Great job girls!

GAME OF THE MONTH





PUCKS STOP HERE: AHA GOALIE CLINIC

We held our first of many AHA Goalie Clinics on October 28th. We had 17 goalies out on the ice last Saturday morning fine-tuning their skills and having fun keeping the pucks out of the net. Thank you to all the shooters and coaches who came out to help! Our next clinic will be the morning of November 4th and open to all AHA goaltenders. Contact Director Cassi Campbell with any questions.



FAMILY HOCKEY NIGHT

The first Family Hockey Night of the season was a huge success! Kids were able to play knee hockey, soccer, basketball, corn hole and many other awesome activities during the UAA hockey game. The Family Hockey Nights are sponsored by Seawolf 5th Line and Anchorage Hockey Association and provide a safe and fun event for the whole family to enjoy. The next scheduled family night is November 11th at 4:00pm when the Seawolves take on Robert Morris University. Open and free to all AHA kids 12 and under.



A SPOOKY OCTOBER GIRLS SKATE



The AHA 10U girls skate set a new record for participants this month. A total of 39 spooky little hockey players hit the ice in their freaky, funny, and cute costumes! The girls worked on their skating and stick-handled around halloween candy buckets and played games. A couple sugary on-ice treats must have increased the energy level out there because the girls were having a blast! The next 10U girls skate is scheduled for November 5th from 12:15pm - 1:15pm at DA2. We can't wait to see you out there!

12U COMET FACEOFF



If you thought you saw a meteor shower in October, it might have been when these two Comets collided on October 21st. Our 12A Engel/Broady team went toe-to-toe with the 12A Comets Gastrock group in their first match up of the season. It was a back and forth game with Engel/Broady always going for the lead and Gastrock always having an answer back when the team needed to tie it up. Overall a great game and the 1st of many fun battles these two might have this season!

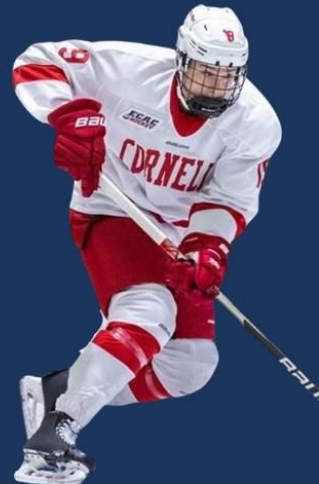
AHA ALUMNI: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

ALLIE MONREAN UNIV. ST. THOMAS

Allie is entering her 5th season with the Tommies and her 1st year of Graduate School where she is working towards a Masters in Nursing. Over her college career, Allie has 19 goals, 17 assists, and 36 points in 113 games.

SULLIVAN MACK CORNELL UNIV.

Sully is entering his Junior season as a forward at Cornell University where he is studying Agriculture and Life Sciences. In his first two seasons with the Big Red, Sully has 7 goals, 5 assists, and 12 points in 46 games.



UPCOMING AHA EVENTS IN NOVEMBER



GIRLS HS HOCKEY

October marked the start of Girls High School hockey and in November, things really heat up with 8 total games being on the calendar. Some of the notable games coming up are Dimond/West vs South/Bartlett on 11/3. DW is coming off of a season opening win 6-0 over the Valley and SB will be doing their best to make their record even at 1-1. Chugiak/Eagle River faceoff against Service/East on 11/10. All games will be live at Dempsey Anderson Arena.



ANCHORAGE NORTH STARS

November is jam-packed with North Star hockey action. Two teams will be traveling out of state with the 12U Bell group headed to Chicago at the beginning of the month and the 18T2 headed to Phoenix over the Thanksgiving break. The NS 16U & 14U Girls will be participating in the 34th Annual Turkey Shootout here in Anchorage, pushing the envelope and competing hard to earn their tasty thanksgiving dinner. Another Turkey worthy trio of games worth marking your calendar for: NS12 Maj vs Oilers Smulick 11/5 | NS14T2 vs Oilers 14T2 10/11 | NS14G vs Fairbanks Girls 11/19. Keep up the hard work and good luck to all of our teams in November!



RECREATIONAL PROGRAM

The Rec Programs have been off to a great start so far and the month of November will only add to the excitement. We have 5 Comet teams headed down to Soldotna the first weekend of the month for the PPP Tournament and the teams are excited to get out on the road together. All of our Rec teams will be participating in the 34th Annual Turkey Shootout so make sure you get the family out to watch some exciting hockey over the holiday weekend. Also, if you're at the rink and you get a sweet tooth there will be a Bake Sale by our 14B Rogness group on 11/24 and another Bake Sale on 11/25 by the 10U Comet Girls team!



LITTLE DIPPERS PROGRAM

The Little Dipper schedule continues to be packed full of fun for the month of November. The normal weekly routine of smile-filled, exciting and educational practices will continue Monday through Thursday with a lot of weekends filled the laughter and half-ice hockey games. The 8U Red group will be facing off against the Blue Devils on November 5th and another fun match later in the month between their cross-town rivals SAHA on November 19th. The kids have been having a blast out on the ice with their friends so far. Thank you to all the volunteer coaches who help manage all of the fun and instruction for all of our young hockey players!



ANCHORAGE SEAPUPS

The Anchorage Seapups Learn-to-Skate and Learn-to-Play programs have been off to an energizing start to this season. The more these players continue to step on the ice and learn the skills of the game the more and more they begin to love playing the sport of hockey. We are super excited about this next generation of young little hockey players and we look forward to seeing them out on the ice during our weekly routine skates. Reminder that this program will be taking the holiday weekend off from the rink starting on November 21st until the 27th.



The 34th Annual Turkey Shootout will be held over Thanksgiving weekend. More than 75 teams from all over Alaska are currently entered in 10 age divisions. We will need lots of help. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Brian Gross at bgross@anchoragehockey.com.



The Arctic Winter Games are coming to Alaska over Spring Break. The Mat-Su Valley will host the multi-sport Olympic style event that occurs every two years for regions of the circumpolar world. Alaska will field 3 hockey teams: 15U Male, 17U Male, and 18U Female. Registration deadline is November 15th. To register, go to www.teamalaska.org.

Our Online Store for Apparel is Now Live!

Check out our online store on Squad Locker and find a great selection of AHA apparel for the whole family! Christmas is right around the corner and these would make great gifts. All members of AHA get a 15% discount on all orders before November 17th. Link on AHA Website.



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