



## *March Team Newsletter*

Would you like to contribute to our new monthly newsletter? Let us know when your team is playing each month, what you're doing for fund-raising, and any exciting news or pictures you want to share. Do you have a player that's doing something great on or off the ice? Submissions are due by the third Wednesday of each month before the CCYHA board meeting. Send us an e-mail at: [lakersnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:lakersnewsletter@gmail.com).

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### *Message from the Board of Directors*

Please join us for our board meetings on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Our annual meeting is coming up on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come out and see how you can help our association grow the game! Here are some notes from our last meeting...

**Please note there is a change in the fee needed at tryouts this year.** Families with one player trying out will need to bring a total of \$160 (non-refundable with \$100 toward tryouts and \$60 toward 400 Club fundraising tickets). Families with multiple players will be responsible for only one extra fundraising ticket (for a total of \$90 in fundraising). We do anticipate a subsequent \$100 fundraiser, like Hockeymania tickets, later in the season.

Anyone who would prefer not to participate in the two mandatory fundraisers for the association may opt out at the time of tryouts for \$200 in addition to the tryout fee (for a total of \$300).

**Tryouts are coming up soon. Be on the lookout for tryout dates from your team managers.**

Our CCYHA Jamestown Lakers 400 Club is coming up Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at The Village Casino, 1 Lakeside Drive in Bemus Point. Only 400 tickets will be sold, and all tickets will be drawn. The first and every tenth ticket drawn will win \$20 each. The 100<sup>th</sup>, 200<sup>th</sup>, and 300<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn will win \$100 each. The last five tickets drawn win \$50, \$100, \$150, \$200, and \$400 respectively. One re-draw of all losing tickets wins \$50. (Need not be present to win.) Dinner is homemade spaghetti and meatballs. Donation is \$30 per couple. Extra persons are \$10 each at the door but are not eligible for the drawings. We will also be having basket raffles, so be thinking about how you can help with donations!

Uh-oh! Do you have a past-due ice bill? Those \$10 per month late fees (that started February 1<sup>st</sup>) can really add up, and **bills must be paid in full in order to tryout** for next season. Payments can be given to our treasurer (Christine Munson), your team manager, or be made online by visiting our website at:

**<http://jamestownlakers.com/member-resources/make-a-payment>**.

### **TOURNAMENT UPDATE** from our Tournament Coordinator, Russ Bell:

Our Mid-Winter Classic is now over and it has been another successful year. Many thanks to all the parents, coaches, and team managers who made it all possible. I think this year had more participation from parent volunteers than in the past 5 years. It's not easy filling all 65 games with time clock and score sheet personnel, not to mention 35 plus hours of bake sale, Chinese auction, and registration workers. Those that helped coordinate really worked hard to fill those in a short amount of time.

In looking back on the games, there were a few blow outs, but there were a lot of close 1-2 goal games as well. Many of the championship games were close to extending into overtimes, but late third period goals sustained some exciting wins. Personally, the most rewarding part of the tournament for me is watching the kids throw off their equipment after an exciting championship game.

While the final numbers are not in yet, this tournament should come to serve as a much needed fundraiser for CCYHA. Our bake sale and Chinese auction netted over \$2,000 and we sold around 300 apparel items. Keep your eye out for those Mid-Winter Classic hoodies when traveling next year! We will have some final numbers once all of the expenses are tallied and paid.

We do have some T-shirts leftover from this year and a few from previous tournaments. We will have a one-time only clearance sale on those items during tryouts. All T-shirts will be priced to clear out (and make room in my garage!)

### **UPDATE** from our Treasurer, Christine Munson:

I would like to send out a **HUGE THANK YOU** to Russ Bell for all the work he does for the tournament; his commitment to this organization is so appreciated. I would also like to thank Tammy and Kurt Johnson for helping us with the pasta dinner fundraiser on the Sunday of the tournament at Shawbucks. They raised \$450 for the organization!

## HockeyMania Fundrasier Results

### Winning Ticket Holders:

Michael Calimeri	\$25	sold by Stefano Isabella	ADM
Mike Stratton	\$25	sold by Ryan Miraglia	Beginners
Collette Keith	\$50	sold by Randy Keith	U18 Midget
Jordan Eckwahl	\$150	sold by Taige Eckwahl	Beginner
Debra Heiser	\$75	sold by Brayden Smith	Beginner
Russ Bell	\$25	sold by Spencer & Drake Bell	Squirt A & Bantam
Eric Weatherell	\$25	sold by Zach Jordan	U 18 Midgets
Diana Pillittieri	\$25	sold by Cole Mazzurco	ADM
Michael Troutman	\$25	sold by Xavyvian Crawford	Beginners
Kim Millard	\$25	sold by Lucas Lisciandro	Squirt A
Chris Spence	\$25	sold by Alexi Spence	ADM
Desarae Abrams	\$25	sold by Henry Abram	Beginners
Nora Becker	\$25	sold by Case & Mitchell Owen	Beginners
Stephanie Deponceau	\$25	sold by Luke Deponceau	Bantam
Joe Hirliman	\$25	sold by Baylor & Brenden Hirliman	ADM & PEEWEE A

All prize money to date has been sent out as of February 24, 2015. I will be sending out prizes monthly. There are still 7 more weeks of winnings to go. We have had 22 total winners from the association.

Please be prepared for an increase in ice bills next year. New procedures will be going into effect this tryout season to help with our fundraising efforts.

**Many of our players will also be participating in the 24 Hour James(Hockey)town event coming up at the rink Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. to Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. The rink will host 24 hours of non-stop hockey with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the WCA Heart Center in recognition of February American Heart Month.**

**The rink will also provide opportunities for attendees to go online and nominate our very own Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena at [www.krafthockeyville.com](http://www.krafthockeyville.com)**

**Our rink could be chosen to host an NHL® Pre-Season game!**

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## *Beginners*

We all know our beginners have been learning a lot on the ice this year, but some of them are now learning what it means to be a part of something even bigger. Some of our beginners had an opportunity to help out at Senior night recently, where they had the opportunity to represent one of our graduating seniors when they were little hockey players. The beginner season ends at the end of February, but we hope to see our new friends at public skates and other rink events. And, of course, we hope to see them ALL back next season! Thank you to the coaches and the Lakers players who volunteered so many hours this year to share the love of hockey with the newest members of our hockey family. An even bigger thank you goes out to all of the beginner parents who shared their children with us for a short while each week. Your kids have brought many smiles to our ice this season!



# Beginner Medal Night Pictures



## *A.D.M. Program/Mite Hockey*

The Chautauqua County Youth Hockey Association - Jamestown Lakers Mite Select team (A) ventured a step up into the white division at the Erie Otters Jamboree in February. The scores were a tie with the South Hills Panthers 1-1, a loss 0-1 to the Steele City Renegades, a win 6-1 over the Erie Lions and a loss 4-2 to the South Hills Panthers in the playoff game. The kids played great for stepping up a level! The B team also played fantastic in the Blue division going 2-1-1 on the day. Great job Lakers!



## *Squirt MOHL*

The Squirt B season is not over yet. The Squirt B team will continue to practice Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7 until March 19<sup>th</sup>. They will finish up the year with a trip to the Academy of Hockey on March 25<sup>th</sup>. There are still some open spots available if others are interested in going please let Christine Munson know.



### **Our remaining schedule is as follows:**

Mar 7, 2015 (Sat) 9:00am	Wheatfield #3	Hockey Outlet 3385 Niagara Falls Blvd, North Tonawanda, NY 14120
Mar 12, 2015 (Thu) 7:15pm	at Erie	JMC Arena 423 W 38th St Erie, PA 16508
Mar 20-22	Luke's Legacy Tournament	West Seneca

The Squirt B Team is doing one last team fundraiser to raise money for end of year expenses.

Win a Freezer Full of Meat  
\$5 Ticket per chance  
See any Squirt B player for a ticket!

The winner will receive a mixed assortment of chicken, beef, and pork donated by the Covert Family (\$350 value) and a Kenmore 5.0 cu ft chest freezer donated by Sears at the Chautauqua Mall (\$249 value). Drawing Sunday, March 15, 2015.

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### ***Squirt Travel (State Bound)***

The Squirt travel team has stayed very busy over the last few months. It's hard to believe the season is almost over. Especially when our Lakers Squirt A team is starting to play some of their best hockey all season! After looking back on the season, the team was off to a rough start – losing 3 of their first 4 games. However, the season turned a corner in November.

In the next 11 league games, the team only allowed 1 loss (1-0 to 2<sup>nd</sup> place Brockport). The team's final league record was 9-4-2 and finished just 4 points out of first place in the WNY Squirt Mixed Division. Much of the credit goes to the coaching staff, but their success is attributed to a couple great goalies, a strong defense, and a group of forwards that have come to play very well with each other. It has been a whole team effort.

In addition to a winning record in the WNY league, our squirt team had some great accomplishments in their tournaments as well. They earned first place in the Pittsburgh tournament this past December and second place in the Cleveland January tournament. They also won our home Mid-Winter Classic squirt white division with a win in the finals over the Erie Lions 6-4. This group has really come together both on and off the ice.

The team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the division which was enough to qualify for the WNY playoffs coming up on February 28<sup>th</sup> in Cheektowaga. The team will face 2<sup>nd</sup> place Brockport on Saturday with the winner advancing to the championship game against the 1<sup>st</sup> place Purple Eagles. While the Lakers were not able to beat these teams in league play, they did tie both teams in the second half of the season. Hopefully, they can pull out a couple victories in the playoffs and bring home a division championship!

In March, the Squirts are planning on playing in a tournament in Niagara Falls. The team has had a remarkable season with a lot of sweaty, smiley kids!

Check out some pictures of the Squirt travel team:



## *Pee-Wee (NTB)*

It's been a winter wonderland on and off the ice! It's sad when the rink is warmer than outdoors, and you have to prepare for the outdoor chill and not the chill of the rink. Our spectators and fans were certainly plenty warm cheering on our favorite Pee Wee Lakers team in the Snowbelt Classic Tournament where the team took 1st place! Congratulations to MVP, Chase Jones #75, and the VIP, Tristan Spillane #19. They continued to light it up at our home tournament with two big shut outs and a nice 7-1 win and closed the tournament out in 2nd place with a 4-3 tough loss. Congratulations to MVP, Elias Akl #35, and VIPs, Ryan Mead #3 and Jakob Guimond #37. Thank you to our FANTABULOUS families who volunteered countless hours, contributed to the Chinese auction, and contributed to the bake sale. The team is looking forward to their upcoming final weekend of hockey as they are once again Cleveland bound and looking for more wins! Wish them luck! Thank you for all of your support throughout their season on and off the ice! They will be wishing ½ of their team well as they move up and on preparing for Bantam tryouts and the other ½ of the team well as they move into tryouts at the Pee Wee level for the 2015-2016 season at their end of the year celebration at Jamestown Bowling Company on March 7th. They are ready to strike up some fun and bond for their final time as a team.



## *Bantam Travel (State Bound)*

The Bantams headed to the league playoffs on Saturday, February 21. After a hard fought game, they lost to Fredonia. Come cheer on the Bantams at their next game on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 p.m. at the 24 Hour James(Hockey)town event



## *High School JV*

Congratulations to our all stars! Jacob Tota and Jerod Anderson made first team, and Tommy Chapman made second team. Way to go boys!



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## *High School Varsity*

The varsity team won their two games in the best two out of three series for playoffs against Alden with scores of 5-0 and 7-3. With those two victories the Raiders have secured a spot at Super Sunday this year and the NYS tournament.

The Raiders will be taking to the ice at the First Niagara Center on Monday Feb 23rd at 4:00 to take on Cheektowaga/OP for the WNY first seed position and Super Sunday Champs. This is a great honor for our Raider boys! Thank you to all those who could make it. We greatly appreciate all the support we get!

The Raiders will then be hitting the road on Feb 26th to take off for Long Island, NY for the high school state championships. Wish them luck!





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### *House Program*

If you are a member of this team and would like to submit information for next month's newsletter, please send it to us at [lakersnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:lakersnewsletter@gmail.com).

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### *Sled Hockey Program*

Lakers Sled Hockey is an innovative program for the handicapped athlete. Created in 2003 through the generosity of corporate and community sponsors, the program is open to children at no cost to their families and offers both an exercise option and social interaction with others their own age. The players use an aluminum sled and shortened hockey sticks. For more information on the FREE Lakers Sled Hockey Program (for qualified individuals), email [lakerssledhockey@stny.rr.com](mailto:lakerssledhockey@stny.rr.com).

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For more information about our newsletter or to have an email address added to our mailing list, email us at [lakersnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:lakersnewsletter@gmail.com) or see Patty D'Angelo or Stephanie DePonceau. See you at the rink... GO LAKERS!!!

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JAMESTOWN LAKERS YOUTH HOCKEY PROGRAM!***