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Executive Assistant Update

On October 18th, 2011, a representative from the Cole Harbour RCMP was available for the Criminal Record Check evening. The evening was a success as 99 volunteers showed up to have their paperwork completed.

Website Submissions

At CHBA we endeavor to post all requests to our website in a timely manner. To ensure your posting is not delayed please note the following:

Only mark requests as "ASAP" when in fact they would be of a priority nature. If everything is marked "ASAP" or "Urgent" then there is no way to prioritize requests. (think "Peter and the Wolf")

Ensure completeness and accuracy of information you wish to convey: date, location and time of an event.

Be cognisant of grammar and spelling (and size of font): if we have to rewrite or complete your posting then that will add to the time required to turn around the request and forward for posting.

Ensure the subject lines used in forwarding your articles for posting relate to the article to ensure it is not overlooked. Often times emails received are part of an exchange not related to the request at hand which makes it easy to overlook.

The Hockey Mom Song

Ice skates drying by an open fire,
Frost bite claiming your small toes,
Knee pads hung over top of a wire,
And kids dressed up like their heroes.

Everybody knows, a freshly-shoveled frozen pond,
Keeps them out until twilight,
Shooting pucks until mouths start to yawn,
Means they will stay asleep tonight.

They know that Santa's on his way,
He's loaded lots of sticks and jerseys on his sleigh,
And number "eighty-seven" is what they'll see,
When they spot Crosby's sweater hung by
the tree.

And so I'm making you this simple plea,
As children grow from year to year,
Cherish these times and the fond memories,
And a Very Merry Christmas, to thee.

*Adapted with thanks from poem Copyright P.Wortham
2005*

Seasons Greetings to the friends, families,
coaches, players and supporters of Cole Harbour
Bel Ayr Minor Hockey. All the best in 2012.



Female Hockey

As the 2011-12 season started, we saw some big changes to Female Hockey in Cole Harbour. At the Peewee, Bantam and Midget levels we regionalized our AA team with the other Associations in the Dartmouth Zone. This was a project taken on by our associations and will be mandated by HNS Female Council for next year. Response to this has been positive but there are still some challenges to be worked out. They are being dealt with and I am confident an improved process will be available for 2012-13. There will be an information session in the New Year on the changes for 2012-13

We are currently icing teams at the Atom, Peewee, Bantam and Midget levels.

This is the first time in two years that Cole Harbour has had an Atom team. They recently attended the Chicks with Sticks Tournament in Yarmouth and came home with a bronze medal. The game went to OT and a shootout. Both teams went through their entire rosters (14 players each) and it was not until the second round of the shootout that Cole Harbour emerged with the game winner. Way to go girls!

CHBA is the "host association" for the Peewee AA regional team. There are girls from Cole Harbour, Dartmouth, Eastern Shore and East Hants on this team. This team also attended the Chicks with Sticks tournament and came home with a Silver Medal losing out to Bedford in the final. The team spent a weekend at Mount Allison University in mid - November.

East Hants was supposed to host the Midget AA team but limited interest from players in East Hants saw the team move to Cole Harbour. There are players from Cole Harbour, Dartmouth and Eastern Shore on this team.

There are several players at the Peewee and Midget levels that are playing on A teams hosted by Dartmouth. After the regional process there were not enough girls left in either Association to form a team so the best possible solution was to join the two associations at the A level. Both these A teams play out of Dartmouth.

The regional Bantam AA team plays out of Dartmouth and several Cole Harbour players are on the team. We were still able to put a Bantam A team on the ice once a few players from other associations were added.

Female hockey is always looking for new players. If you know of anyone who may be interested in having their daughter play hockey, please have them contact me. The female festival in the spring is a great way for girls who have not played before to come out and try the game. There will be more information on this as the time approaches. I am also exploring some other avenues to get some girls out to try the game.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, drop me a line female_coordinator@chbawings.org

Good luck to all the teams in the current season and thanks to all of the volunteers that have stepped up to help. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Cheers
Brian MacPhee
CHBA Female Coordinator

CHBA Alumni Acknowledgement

Congratulations to Alexis Crossley who will be representing Team Canada at the 2012 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship and Nathan MacKinnon who will be competing at the World U-17 Challenge.

Concussion in Sport

At CHBA we make great efforts to ensure the safety of our players. Players, coaches and parents are encouraged to inform themselves about concussions by checking out the BIANs website at <http://www3.ns.sympatico.ca/bians1/>.

