



IYHA Update November 16, 2006

This week I'm going to try sending the IYHA Update out as an email. But I will also be saving it as a PDF and posting on the IYHA Website. So, if you have difficulty with the email format, you can check the website for the latest IYHA news.

I am also starting a new regular feature on IYHA history. Peter Littman and Lorie Hine have done a fabulous job collecting the historic memorabilia of our 50 year history. I'll be sharing a piece of this interesting story each week.

IYHA 50th Anniversary History

This letter below, written by one of IYHA's founders Dave Cutting, appeared in the 1976 Exhibition Day Program. I know of two guys still involved with IYHA who were a part of our inaugural season, Mahlon Perkins and Tom Hartshorne. Who else was a part of that initial group of youngsters playing in knit hats and gloves?

March 8, 1976

Some 20 years ago the Beebe Lake boys met to form the Ithaca Pee Wee Hockey Association. Their aim was to bring the great sport of Hockey to Ithaca youngsters in the soon to be constructed Lynah Rink.

I would guess that 75% of our early organizers and coaches were alumni of the wonderful days of Beebe Lake and Nick Bawlf, Cornell's colorful hockey coach. Many were locals: Clayt Smith, Ray McElwee, Joe Cosentini, Dave Barr, Paul Kiely, Dave Allen and the late Thad Fairbanks. The rest of us were former Cornell Hockey players, nearby college players and fortunately a few Canadians with true Hockey backgrounds. All were dedicated to youth and Hockey.

We started in 1957 with 50 non-skaters. All boys were to wear a knit hat and gloves. Any boy could play, regardless of ability. There would be no cuts. All boys would be provided with a jersey, thanks to our local service clubs. Exhibition nights started in 1960 and are still an important part of the program. In 1963 helmets and mouth guards became mandatory. The Airport Hanger Rink was developed by Dick Webster and Harry Bortz for the 65-66 season.

I well remember our first away game, or travel team, if you will. It was by bus to Clinton. When Paul Kiely presented the bill for \$250 that ended the busing of travel teams but certainly not travel teams that have become an important part of the program.

My guess is that some 2,000 boys have participated in the program over the years. Many of today's coaches are former Youth Hockey players of only a few years ago.

High School coaches Bill Scoones, P. J. Kiely, Laing Kennedy and Art (Finland-Sweden) Cicchetti have all come from the program.

There is a wonderful bond between man and boy in sports. It is this fiber that has kept the Ithaca Youth Hockey Association strong these many years.

Dave Cutting

This past week, the IYHA 50th Anniversary Committee met to discuss an exciting project that we would like to embark on during this season. We would like to capture the history of IYHA in a book format. This book will be filled with interesting stories, memorabilia and photos from the Beebe Lake Boys and the founding of IYHA, early days at Lynah, the Airport Hangar Rink, opening of Cass Park and The Rink, the Team Ithaca trip to Finland, the teams that have played in Silver Stick, State and National Championships, the players who went on to high school State Championship teams, college and the pros, the coaches, officials, and countless volunteers who are the legacy of one of the country's oldest youth hockey associations.

To help us pull together this project----- we're looking for a few good men, women or youths, who would like to see this history be told! Whether you have writing skills, computer skills, artistic talent, or just have a lot of enthusiasm and want to help in any way you can, we would like to invite you to join our project team. You can contact me by hitting your reply button. Or contact Peter Littman at: plittman@centralnylaw.com or Louise Watson at: lmw417@twcny.rr.com

Travel and UNY Reports



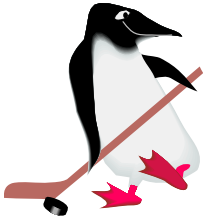
Sorry, didn't get any updates from the team coaches or managers this week. Next week, I hope to have results from the Travel Team's Q games vs Auburn this weekend.

Snowbelt Report



The IYHA **Squirt SB Team # 3** added another win to the list this past weekend by defeating Cortland with a score of 4-2. The team's defense had a solid game, anchored by Chris McVannan with a strong performance in goal with 11 saves and fronted by Mitchell Doney, Blaise Colbert-Vrana, Mark Colbert-Vrana, and Alex Shutz. Once again, Ithaca out shot their opponent by a margin of well over 2 to 1. Ithaca's goals were scored by Andrew Wheeler, Patrick Judd, Gaige Gregoire and Brandon Shirley.

Mite/Initiation House Report



The Mite House teams have been selected. In addition, this weekend's schedule has been determined for the teams. Craig McAllister sent an email out to Mite families earlier today. If you did not receive his email, please contact me and I will get you onto the Mite list serve.

Certified Properties of Tompkins County

Head Coach Shane Varricchio

Kyle Anderson	Collin Case
Giulio Ciaschi	Dylan Davenport
Devon DiMarco	Madison Gneo
Ben Jordan	Julie Miettunen
Nick Miller	Nick Pagliaro
Matt Pagliaro	Jack Salmon
Griffin Varricchio	James Vought

McCarthy Building Companies

Head Coach Craig McAllister

Alex Bahar	Michael Barbar
Steven Carman	Owen Crane
James Cronin	Ryan Franzese
Jarek Makarchuk	Duncan McAllister
Craig Moster	Hyo Rip OH
Sean O'Neil	Yoon Shin
CJ Smiley	Grady Simpkins-Marston

Papa John's Pizza

Head Coach Alison Shull

Mateo Bakula	Aaron Greenberg
Drew Goldberg	Walker Gruen
Daniel Halpern	Cameron Hartman
Nick John	Kai Lego
Nathanael Minnick	Scott Partington
Sophie Partington	Sam Roach
Mason Thomas	Andrew Troy

Reamer Recycling

Head Coach Rick Kuhar

Terrance Brand	Bailee Brekke
Brian Conuel	Ben Hallisey
Woucheol Hyun	Jaeyoon Kim
Richie Kuhar	Uro Lyi
Graham Mandl	Keane Niday

Cameron Riley
John Travis

Connor Thayer
Alex Zavaski

The schedule for this weekend will be:

11/17/2006 The RINK
5:45 to 6:45pm Practice Certified Properties/Reamer Recycling
6:45 to 7:45pm Practice Papa John's/McCarthy Building

11/18/2006 The RINK
9:00 to 10:00am Practice Certified Properties/Reamer Recycling
10:00 to 11:00am Practice Papa John's/McCarthy Building

You can also check the IYHA website www.ithacayouthhockey.com for the mite schedule for the rest of the season (the schedule will be posted by tomorrow)

Fundraising



Don't forget the **Pee Wee Travel Team Spaghetti Dinner** this a Fri., Nov. 17th, 5-7:30pm (I mean it this time!). The menu includes: all-you-can-eat spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread, beverages and deserts. The American Legion is located at 1231 Danby Road, South of I.C. on Rt. 96B, Ithaca. Price is \$6.00 adults, \$4.00 children (10 & under).

Wrapping It Up

If you are looking ahead to coordinate your holidays and the hockey schedule, check the IYHA website. Tom has posted schedules (as up-to-date as he has them) for each of the teams and levels.

See you around the rinks ----- Rick Kuhar