



Pucks drop in dedication of new ice ATV winner drawn



Plymouth Mayor Judy Johnson speaks of the benefits Rink C brings to the community as city representatives, WYHAbord members and sponsors get ready to drop the puck during the dedication.

WYHA board members, city representatives and major contributors to the third sheet of ice christened the new rink with a ceremonial puck dropping on Sunday, Jan. 9 at the Grand Opening of Rink C.

About 30 people attended the Wayzata Youth Hockey Association's grand opening activities. The ceremony began with remarks by WYHA President Greg Gibson who thanked the city of Plymouth for its support and enthusiasm for the additional rink at PIC.

City representatives joined Gibson on the ice and Mayor Judy Johnson proclaimed the day the Wayzata Youth Hockey Day, thanking WYHA and Providence Academy "for giving us the vision" to build the third sheet of ice.

Johnson later remarked that the PIC

is a "jewel in the center of the city," and its growth is a direct enhancement to the growth of the city itself.

Her goal when she became mayor eight years ago, Johnson says, was to create a quality downtown environment. She says the PIC is the center of the city for the multi-generational community.

With the business the facility draws in from its many activities, Johnson says it is a great revenue-maker for the city's retailers, restaurants and hotels.

In lieu of a traditional ribbon cutting, Gibson, city representatives, WYHA board members and sponsors dropped ceremonial pucks on the ice.

Johnson then drew from a revolving caged basket the names of Mike and Cheri Nispel as the winners of the adult-sized ATV. Cheri and her youngest son, Dan, were at the ceremony.

"We're a total hockey family," Cheri said.

The Nispel's oldest son, Matt, 17, is a senior at Wayzata High School. He played hockey until a couple years ago, then became qualified as a Level 3 referee, which entitles him to officiate games up to the Bantam A level.

Their 16-year-old son, Brandon, is a sophomore on the Wayzata High School Varsity team and Dan, 7, is a Mite 2 for WYHA.

Cheri said their family will probably bring their new ATV up to their cabin on Lake Alexander near Brainerd. While the cabin isn't typically used during the winter months, she said the boys will most likely want to ride their

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Still time to qualify



Cheri Nispel (center) and her son Dan were present to hear their name announced as winners of the Polaris ATV during the Rink C dedication ceremony on Jan. 9. Michelle Tiller and Greg Gibson helped them celebrate.

new ATV on the frozen lake as soon as possible.

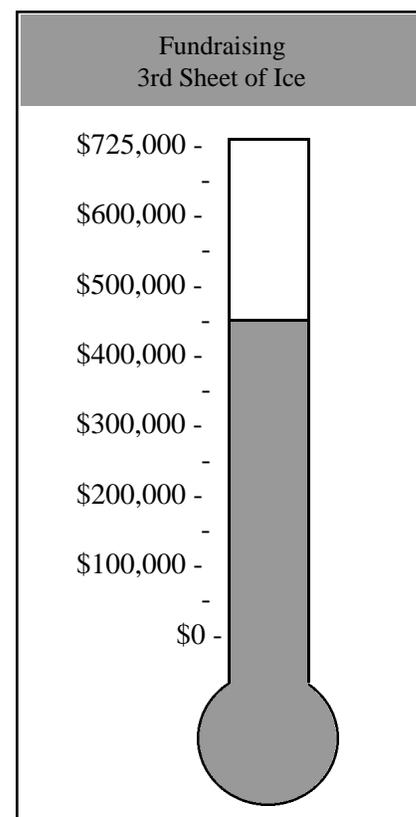
To help jumpstart the fundraising efforts for Rink C, WYHA hockey parents Tom and Michelle Tiller donated the Polaris ATVs to the association. Tom is the president and CEO at Polaris.

The effort worked, as \$500 contributions—the amount necessary to be entered in the drawing—increased once the ATV incentive was announced. According to Paul Hahn, WYHA vice president of administrations and head of the Rink C fundraising committee, about \$450,000 of the \$725,000 owed to the city has been collected. Nearly 120 families contributed \$500 or more for a total of 348 entries for the adult-sized ATV.

With the exception of Nispel's entry, these families are eligible to win the youth-sized ATV. Contributions to the Rink C fund can still be made through Hahn, but to qualify for the youth-sized ATV, donations of \$500 or more must be made by February 28. Families can add onto their previous donation to total \$500. The winner of that ATV will be drawn during the Mite Madness Silent Action the weekend of March 11-13.

“We’re really fortunate to have this third sheet of ice and we’re lucky to have a great family like the Nispels to win the ATV,” says Michelle Tiller.

Light refreshments and a half-hour of open skating completed the celebration.



Bubble bursts into action



WYHA President Greg Gibson joined other city and athletic association representatives in cutting the ribbon during the Central Sports Complex dedication.

Speaking over the sound of pucks slamming against boards, Wayzata School District Superintendent Bob Ostlund and Jim Brandel, director of Wayzata Community Education, praised the individuals and groups involved in building the Central Sports Complex during the bubble's dedication on Jan. 12.

The dedication of the CSC drew a mixed crowd of baseball, soccer, football and hockey representatives, as well as spokespeople for the city and school district. About 20 people viewed the ceremonial ribbon cutting.

Besides the hockey facilities inside the bubble, which covers the entire football field across from Wayzata Central Middle School, the CSC currently houses a soccer field and an area for baseball clinics and evaluations. Four baseball and softball batting cages were not installed at the time of the dedication, but were to be in place shortly.

The dome covering will be removed from April until November for the football season, enabling the field to be used year-round.

"The different associations wanted a way to utilize an existing building," says Greg Gibson, WYHA President.

The \$3 million cost of constructing the bubble was covered with a district-wide tax levy. The various sports associations

in school district 284 collaborated on the CSC and will share in the \$180,000 annual maintenance cost over the next 10-years. WYHA assessed a \$65-per-player fee this year for unlimited use of the facility.

"It's an economical way for skill training and development," Gibson says. "The feedback is that it's more like ice than people think."

Behind the speakers' podium, the WYHA Bantam C Blue team, apparently oblivious to the bubble's dedication, practiced shooting pucks on the one-third sheet of synthetic ice—equivalent to about the size of an offensive zone. Coach John DeSanto instructed the

players who shot at the four nets.

Across from small rink, is another 20 feet of ice with three nets sitting side-by-side in the semi-enclosed shooting station. Gibson indicated that plans are being discussed to fully enclose the shooting station and lengthen it to 45 feet.

Brandel remarked on the activity in the bubble: "It's sweet noise to the hockey association as a partner in this great venture."

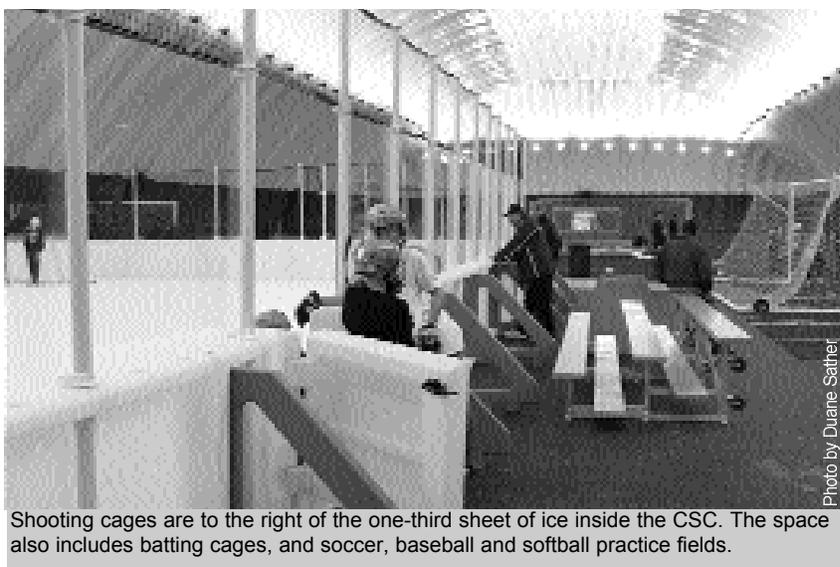
Bantam teammates Charlie Zmuda and Joe Lance agree that although the ice is good for shooting pucks, it's more difficult for skating than real ice.

The synthetic ice was installed by Sport Court of Minnesota in Eagan. The home company is based in Salt Lake City.

"There's virtually no upkeep" says Bruce Sorenson of Sport Court. Life expectancy of the ice is 30 years.

Sorenson says that skating on the synthetic ice is similar to real ice, but just requires a bit more leg work. Something, he says, hockey coaches like for conditioning.

"It's like wearing ankle weights when you're running. When you take them off, you feel like you're flying," Sorenson says.



Shooting cages are to the right of the one-third sheet of ice inside the CSC. The space also includes batting cages, and soccer, baseball and softball practice fields.

No one left behind

Since its inception nearly 30 years ago, the Wayzata Youth Hockey Association has vowed never to make playing hockey an impossibility for participants who can't afford the sport.

Two scholarship funds are available through the association, providing about \$10,000 of financial assistance to about 15 to 20 youth athletes each year, says Greg Gibson, WYHA President.

The Derek Campbell Memorial Scholarship Fund is awarded to athletes in the ninth and tenth grades who might not otherwise be able to play hockey because of financial or family situations. The fund was created in 2002 by the Campbell family in memory of Derek who died two years after graduating from Wayzata High School. He played for WYHA Junior Gold.

"Junior Gold hockey was one of the big parts of [Derek's] life," says Gibson.

The second general scholarship fund is supported by the annual Wayzata Youth Hockey Golf Classic. This year, the golf tournament will take place at Rolling Green Country Club in Hamel on June 27. (Contact Karen Prieto at karenwayzata@msn.com for more information.)

To qualify for scholarship funding, families must be eligible for the school lunch program or other criteria that is reviewed by the Wayzata Youth Hockey Executive Board. Requests for scholarships are made on the WYHA enrollment form, and the applications are reviewed by Gibson and one or two other executive board members in a strictly confidential manner.

WYHA also helps goalie families cover the higher financial costs of equipment. Younger goalies can receive loaner equipment with pads

up to 26 inches, generally taking them through their Squirt years. PeeWee and Bantam goalies receive \$250 each year.

"Our whole goal is not to leave any kid behind for ability and financial reasons. And we've been very fortunate that we have the Wayzata Youth Hockey community to support that," Gibson says.

Minnesota Hockey is another organization that offers financial assistance and free hockey equipment in conjunction with the Xcel Energy Center and Minnesota Wild. The grants are given to hockey associations as well as individual players.

Associations that can indicate what they're doing to make the hockey program grow can be eligible for free equipment kits for the Mite players. The kits include a hockey bag filled with shin guards, gloves, elbow pads and breezers. Generally, grants are offered to associations on a one-time basis.

Individuals are granted assistance based on the player's financial needs, and can qualify on a year-by-year basis. Usually one or two players apply each year, according to Mark Jorgensen, executive administrator of Minnesota Hockey. The grant program has been in existence for six years.

Applications can be downloaded from www.minnesotahockey.org (under the Xcel Energy/Minnesota Wild Play Our Game Equipment Grant Program link) and must be turned in completed to Minnesota Hockey by March 25. A committee with members from Xcel Energy Center, the Minnesota Wild, Minnesota Hockey and Minnesota Hockey Journal reviews the applications for both the associations and the individuals.

"The real goal of the program is to help grow the game," Jorgensen says. "If the barriers to entry are lowered, more kids would come in, and once they start playing the game, they'll stick with it."

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(8 weeks/30 hours)

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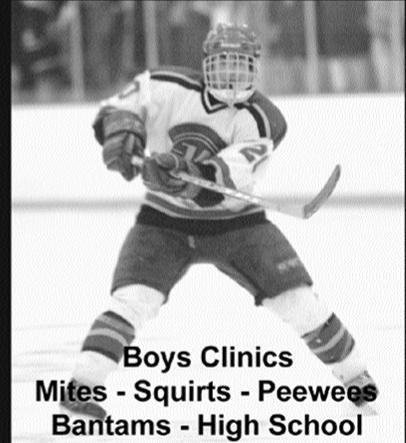
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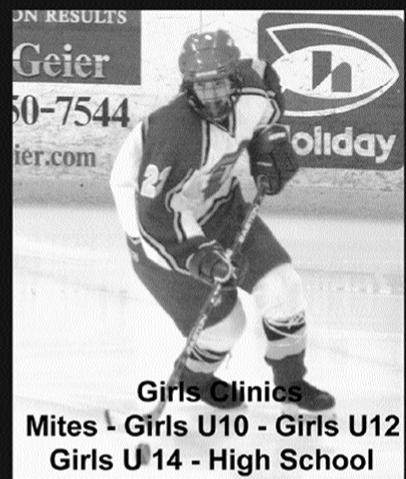
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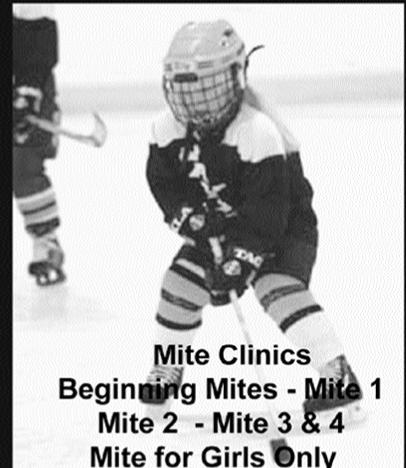
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Junior Gold A Tournament rocks PIC

Sixteen teams from Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota participated in the Junior Gold A Tournament held at the Plymouth Ice Center over the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend, Jan. 14-17.

In a tough battle Monday between the Wessy's Boys and the Eden Prairie Eagles, Wessy's skated off the ice with the tournament championship trophy.

Wessy's Boys, a team made up of players from several Metro private schools, had a great tournament overall, posting wins against Jefferson, Burnsville and Centennial to get them into the championship game.

Eden Prairie notched wins over out-of-town guests from Fargo, West Fargo and Green Bay to put them into the tournament championship game.

After jumping ahead in the first period of the final game, Wessy's Boys held a 2-0 lead until the second period, when the Eden Prairie Eagles put their first score on the board. The game went furiously back and forth, with both goaltenders stopping every puck until the middle of the third period. The stands erupted when Eden Prairie finally evened the score at 2-2, sending the game into a five-minute overtime period. Then, with no more scoring in the extra period, the coaches lined up their boys for a shootout competition.

Five snipers from both teams took turns taking shots at the opposing goaltenders, while fans in the stands were gripped by the tension. With the final

shot blocked, Wessy's Boys celebrated in a hog pile while the scoreboard lit up with the final tally: Wessy's Boys 4, Eden Prairie, 3.

The game was made even more entertaining with the help of WYHA Junior Gold A players Ryan Hohenstein and Mike Crowe who manned the computer-generated music and scoreboard banner. David Vlatkovich's dad, Jody, announced the game as WYHA President Greg Gibson presented the first and second place tournament trophies to the two teams.



Trojans fight to the finish

The Wayzata Junior Gold A team faced some tough competition over the weekend, but despite their determined efforts, placed seventh out of the 16 teams.

As luck would have it, Wayzata drew Centennial for their first opponent—one of the few teams the blue-and-gold boys have lost to this season. Hoping for payback, the Trojans battled like troopers, only to lose the opener 2-1 in overtime. After that initial letdown, Wayzata came back the next day to beat Eagan 3-1. That set them up against their first out-of-town team, the Superior Mariners from Wisconsin.

In another hard-fought game, the Trojans came out a goal short with a final score of 2-1 which gave the Mariners the opportunity to go on to win the Consolation Bracket Championship.

The loss against the Mariners dropped the Trojans into the third place consolation game on Monday against the Blaine Bengals. Even with their bench shortened by two players, the Trojans came out blazing in the first period.

The first period ended with Trojan goals scored by Matt Woods (assisted by Bryan Frank), Ryan Hohenstein (assisted by Woods), and Tony Skoglund (assisted by Ben Selle). Goaltender Pat Whelan allowed in only one goal—Blaine's last goal of the game—for a period score of 3-1, Wayzata.

While the second period was uneventful, period three saw the Trojans cap off their victory with a nice shot from Mike Crowe, assisted by Devon Gibson.

Although they won their final game, the third-place consolation finish was disappointing to the team, considering they gave up only six goals in four games.

Tournament directors Pat Swierk, Laurie Jones and Susanne Moffett organized and executed a successful tournament at PIC. All sixteen teams seemed fairly well-balanced, with no "blow-out" games and four overtime finals. The inclusion of out-of-state teams brought in some new competition, leading to an exciting tournament.

—Hetti Cekalla

Bantam C Gold gets the bronze

The Bantam C Gold team took third place in the Saber Paw Classic Tournament held Jan. 14-16 in Shakopee. Nine teams from Burnsville, Edina, Hastings, Bloomington Kennedy, Lakeville, Rochester, Shakopee Sioux Falls and Wayzata competed in the tournament at the Community Center rink.

Wayzata started the weekend with a win, defeating Bloomington Kennedy 2-1, however Lakeville overtook the Gold in the semi-finals 4-2.

In a tight game against Hastings in the final round, Kevin Somekawa put the Trojans on the board with a second-

period goal. Then Kit Crow scored twice, followed by a goal from Tony Kirk for a final winning score of 4-2 over Hastings. Anders Palmquist tended goal all three games.

Wayzata took third in the tournament, bringing the Bantam C Gold to 5-1 in Conference and 7-5 overall.

Congratulations Bantam C Gold!



—Deb Palmquist

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Alumni team from left to right. Goalies Brian VanZile and Dan Nagengast. 1st row: Brian LaCrosse, Kent Ravenscroft, Tim Koucereck, Bill Finn, Doug Goodmundson, Kyle Barry, John Cekalla, Gabe Restreppo. 2nd row: Eric Jungels, TylerBrad Kudral, Andy Jones, Charlie Goodmundson, Jeff Yates, A.J. Noll, Jason Gorski, Brian Pattee, Jason Garland, Charlie Chrest, Sam Schulz, Tyler Nepper, Mark Egan, Matt Vlatkovich, Markus Ebert, Jordan Walters, Ted Olson, Taylor Hoiseth. Not pictured: Robert Wilson, Nick Hoiseth, Charlie Smoot, Brian Schwark

On Dec. 26 about 28 alumni hockey players joined forces to win the annual match on Rink C at the Plymouth Ice Center against about 10 Junior Gold A players in an outnumbered game.

“That’s the only advantage we have. We don’t have that youth thing anymore,” says Ted Olson, Junior Gold A Coach.

Olson teamed up with the alumni players against members of the current WYHA team which he’s coached for 12 years. Most of the players on the alumni team last suited up for WYHA four or five years ago, but there were some alumni from as long ago as 1993.

“It seems like it drops off after about four years,” Olson says.

The game was refereed by a Junior Gold alumni, and alumni goalies worked both nets while the two current goalies skated out with their teammates.

After the game the alumni stayed on the ice to play against each other.

Junior Gold A Captain Tom Cekalla was enthusiastic about the match and the alumni team, despite the crowded bench the younger players faced. There were so many alumni players that several had to wait their turn outside of the bench to get on the ice.

“Yeah, we got pretty worn out,” Cekalla says.

Impressed with the skill and camaraderie of the alumni players, Cekalla vows to return to the ice against future Junior Gold teams after he graduates from Wayzata High School this year.

“Just seeing the faces of all the guys when they got out there talking to their old buddies that they haven’t seen in a while, I’m definitely going to be out there talking to them,” says Cekalla.

As far as the game, which Cekalla remembers the alumni winning by a

score of 5-2, it’s not only a reunion for the returning players, but it’s also a lesson for the current Junior Gold team.

“The experience pays off in pretty good results. The younger kids, the current-year team, seem to learn a lot from it. They see that you don’t have to be the fastest in the world to make things happen,” Olson says.

Olson no longer recruits for the annual alumni-Junior Gold A game. “It’s all by word of mouth,” Olson says, recalling that there were years when 45-50 alumni would gather on the ice for the annual competition.

Most of the alumni players have continued with their sport after leaving high school. Some play Division III, some play club hockey, and one member even started a youth hockey program in Arizona.

“The thing I’m most proud of is we have a lot of kids who come back and coach,” Olson says.

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A weekend of firsts for Squirt B White

It was the first out-of-town tournament for the Squirt B White team and the boys were understandably excited. To add to their excitement, WYHA supporter, Denny Hecker Mortgage, donated a “cruise mobile” for all the boys to ride together to Detroit Lakes. It was supposed to be a surprise, but the boys couldn’t keep it from one another.

As the team waited at Central Middle School for the cruise mobile to appear, there was much excitement. The boys loaded into the van and the caravan to Detroit Lakes began.

Once the team arrived at the Best Western, the toughest challenge was getting the boys to settle down and get out of the pool in order to get a decent night’s sleep before their six a.m. wake-up calls.

The Trojan’s upset Morris-Bension with a 7-2 victory in their first tournament game Saturday morning. Later that afternoon, the Trojan’s played Andover, a great team with great fans. The contest started with Wayzata quickly taking the lead. The Andover boys would not be put away, and in spite of a 4-1 Wayzata lead, Andover came back with three goals in the third period to tie the score and send the game into overtime. The stands were alive with cheers for both teams.

In the overtime period, Joey Meister passed the puck to Jack “Sully” Sullivan who scored the game winner. The pass was one of the sweetest plays that assistant coach Jim Horton had ever seen.

“That was a great act of teamwork,” Horton says. There truly is no “I” in teamwork.

It was an exciting game, one that makes most people feel badly that someone has to lose. Later, Horton opened the locker room door and saw the excitement in each of the teammates’ eyes.

Yet, even more impressive was how



the Trojans conducted themselves on their way to the locker room. As the Andover team waited in the hallway to get into their locker room, the Trojans walked by. Each of the Wayzata players praised the Andover boys for playing a good game. A few even consoled the Andover goaltender, telling him that he played a great game, and that he was the best goaltender they had come up against. The chivalry of the Squirt B White teammates made the parents, coaches and Wayzata fans proud.

The team awoke on Sunday to a beautiful Detroit Lakes snowfall. Their game wasn’t until 1:30 that afternoon, so the boys had time to fuel up before suiting up. Their final match was against Detroit Lakes and the Trojans played a good championship game to win 7-2, an exciting endeavor for all of the boys. It was a whole team effort, right down to the siblings holding up the signs.

The weekend helped the boys to bond together and to get to know one another. They played better as the weekend went on, and the entire team came together both on and off the ice. It was agreed by all that it was great weekend to play in an old-time hockey arena in northern Minnesota—it was

hockey at its best.

The Squirt B White team is coached by Dave Leschak, assisted by Tom Burke, Brad Higginson and Jim Horton. The players are: Chris Burk, Teddy Ransom, Jack Sullivan, Eric Miller, Max Leschak, Connor Burke, Ryan Tapani, Ben Steffens, Jake Horton, Jack Higginson, Sam Kushner, Brooks Rennie, Joe Meister, Tyler Fern, Derek Jaqua, Shaefer Wiese and Tyler Myers.

—Kevin Sullivan

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Women coaches make their mark in WYHA

In a sport historically dominated by men, six women in the WYHA program are breaking the mold and joining the league of male coaches on the ice.

No one would call these women typical, for the most part. They grew up anywhere from the 1960s to the 1990s determined to play the sport they love—hockey—in spite of the obstacles that stopped other less-determined girls.

Breaking the stereotypical image that only boys play hockey was a barrier these women wouldn't let hold them back when they were children. Nor do they let it hold them back as adults.

These women are proud to be members of the WYHA coaching team, proud to show the young boys and girls that women can do anything—even play hockey.

Carrie Starry

Assistant Coach, PeeWee B2 Royal and Assistant Coach, Squirt B Yellow

Carrie Starry has been a presence on the ice at WYHA for more than seven years, either as head coach or assistant coach for her sons' teams. This year, she's the assistant coach for both the PeeWee B2 Royal team, where her son Mason, 12, plays defense, and the Squirt B Yellow team, where Dylan, 11, and the rest of the skaters rotate positions.

For Starry, who works a lot of nights and weekends, coaching is a fun way of spending time with her boys.

"I'd rather be on the ice helping than sitting on the stands," she says. "And I love hockey."

Starry grew up in the mid '70s when few girls played hockey. When she was in the fifth and sixth grades, Starry joined the Minnesota Checkers, a newly formed girls' team. At the time,

there were only three other girls' teams to compete with: Burnsville, Phalen and St. Paul.

Starry hung up her skates to take on skiing, but wonders if she had kept up with hockey growing up, how far would she have gone. Many of the



girls she played with on the Checkers are prominent coaches of high school and college teams.

In high school and college, Starry taught Ski Jammers and was a ski instructor in college. She also rode horses and played tennis.

After one of her old Checkers teammates approached her 15 years ago with the invitation to lace up again, Starry took to the ice on a University of Minnesota club team. She now plays Senior A2 hockey for Women's Hockey Association of Minnesota (WHAM), an amateur league within USA Hockey.

"When I was growing up, I never really had any real formal practices, so I envy all the girls the opportunities that they now have, more so than what we had in hockey," Starry says.

Keeping the practices fun while the kids are still taught the fundamentals of hockey is what Starry strives for as a coach.

"Most importantly, I want the kids to

come to the next practice and to the next game and to play next year," she says.

Besides sharing her knowledge of the game with the kids on the ice, Starry uses her skills as a good communicator to help motivate the kids.

According to Jayne Rhodes, whose son Jeffrey plays on the PeeWee B2 Royal team, Starry is never the center of attention. Instead, she takes the kids aside and works with them kids on shooting or stick handling.

"Obviously, she knows her stuff," Rhodes says. "She gets along with everyone so well—parents, kids, coaches. I think that's one of her strengths, too."

Part of Starry's motives for coaching hockey was to show the young boys and girls that hockey isn't gender-specific, and that women can play hockey through much of their adult life.

"I don't think I have anything more to offer [than a male coach does]," Starry says. "I think it's more just an awareness for the boys that the girls can do this."

Jean Noerenberg

Head Coach, U12 B Blue

Even though Jean Noerenberg played pond hockey with her older brothers since she was four years old, it wasn't until last year that she first put on hockey gear.

Back then, it was figure skates, a hockey stick and skating practices on



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Women coaches

her brothers' teams with her dad as a coach. Now, Noerenberg plays forward for the Orono Lakers, a WHAM team, and attends women's clinics three or four times a week. She's a skilled skater and puck handler and can shoot the puck into the net as forcefully as nearly any male player.

For the last four years, she's shared her knowledge in hockey with both the boys' and girls' teams.

Noerenberg coached both in Orono, where her two sons play hockey, and in Wayzata, where her daughter, Shea, 11, plays for the U12 B Blue team. After watching her oldest son, Ellis, 9, on the ice as a first-year Mite four years ago, she jumped on the ice ready to share her knowledge of hockey and to help teach the drills to the young players. Her younger son, Griffin, 6, is a second-year Mite.

Last year, Noerenberg took the U10 team to watch her play a Lakers game. She says it gave the girls a different perspective of the game.

"It's important for [the youth athletes] to know that it's not just a boys' game, and girls can play all the way up to being moms," Noerenberg says. "Girls can be just as tough and just as fast."

As a young girl growing up, Noerenberg regarded her aunt and her female coaches as her role models. Her aunt was active in many sports, and her coaches expected no less from the girls than from the boys. Besides shooting pucks on the ice, Noerenberg played tennis, softball, basketball and skied.

Noerenberg feels that as a woman, she offers the girls a unique and approachable coaching relationship. She joins the girls in the locker room, lacing up her skates as they suit up. Oftentimes they'll chat about school, their social life or about their positioning in hockey.

But she doesn't feel that what she offers the girls on the ice is anything

different from what she offers the boys. Plus, she says, the male coaches she works with are just as equal with the girls as with the boys.

"I run a tight ship," she says. She expects the girls to be attentive and to work hard while practicing drills. While it's important for the girls to learn positioning and how to break out of their zone, it's crucial for them to become skilled at the basics of skating and puck handling first.

"But most of all it's fun," says Noerenberg. "I tell them, if at the end of each shift, at the end of each game you can say that you gave it your all, you did the best that you could, you should walk away with a smile on your face and be proud, no matter the outcome of the game."

Lauren Bendel

Assistant Coach, U12 B Blue

Coaching with Noerenberg as an assistant on the U12 B Blue team is Lauren Bendel. Bendel, 19, graduated from Wayzata High School in 2003 and played varsity hockey during her first three years. Before that, she played for eight years through WYHA after moving from Illinois where she first took up the sport as a five-year-old.

"You don't stop thinking about hockey after you quit. It just never leaves you, and you have to be involved in one way or another," says Bendel.

Bendel chose to work with the younger girls who she can help develop as newer players.

"I've just got so much knowledge it's coming out of my pores, so I have to try and share every bit of that with the girls," she says.

Besides stressing the importance of having fun as a team, Bendel wants the girls to realize their potential as athletes. Like her former coach and mentor, Amber Hegland, Bendel tries to portray herself as a strong and capable athlete who can compete on the ice as successfully as any male.

And being successful on the ice can lead to an accomplished life outside of the arenas.

Bendel is in culinary school and is moving to New York next year to pursue her career. She hopes to resume coaching the girls once she returns to Minnesota.

"The girls really like her," says Noerenberg. "It helps to have females."

Jenny Lenhart

Head Coach, Mite Girls 2A, "Tigers"

Back when Jenny Lenhart was growing up in the 1960s and '70s, she was labeled a tomboy. She played hockey at the corner rink with her brothers and neighbor boys every night in the winter, and kept statistics of many professional sports teams.



Jenny Lenhart

Photo by Sue Tomisich

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Women coaches

In high school, Lenhart was captain of the first sanctioned girls basketball team at Armstrong and was also captain of the high school softball team. After high school, she played on a Class AA competitive softball league, the only organized sport available to women at the time, until she was around 28 years old. Lenhart still swings the bat, but not at the level she used to, and has taken to swinging the golf club more as an adult.

It wasn't until 1997 that Lenhart joined a competitive hockey team; she continued to play at the B1 level until two years ago when she broke her leg.

"I thought I'd better quit while I'm ahead," says Lenhart. Moving to a lower level wouldn't have fit her competitive nature.

Around that time her niece Ava Lambert, then 7 years old and seeming to follow in her aunt's athletic footsteps, showed interest in the sport and Lenhart decided it would be a great time to make the switch from playing to coaching.

"I miss it still, but coaching is a lot fun," she says.

This is Lenhart's second year as head coach for the Mite Girls 2A team, or the Tigers, as they've dubbed themselves. Her goal is for the girls to have fun while learning the game. She wants them to see that hockey is not just a scholarship dream to college, but is also an enjoyable and competitive lifelong sport.

Her number one job as coach, she says, is to stay organized so that the girls are kept moving and are increasing their skills without even realizing it. That can be a challenge with younger players who are coming in at all different levels of experience and skill.

The drills must be adaptable to meet the variety of needs, but the girls are reminded that they must go through

the drills at the same pace that a game is played.

"My joke is that if they're not breathing [hard] and they can talk when they get to the bench, then they weren't out there skating yet," Lenhart says.

Since Lenhart has two teenage boys and no girls, she says coaching the Tigers is like coaching 10 nieces. According to Julie Lambert, Ava's mother and Lenhart's sister, the girls consider her more of a friend to play with than a coach.

Says Lenhart: "As far as me, I look forward to the day when I can sit in the stands at a high school game and I can see these girls skating and know that I played a small role, hopefully, in getting them to that level."

Sue Branyon

**Head Coach, Boys Mite 3B,
"The Green Machines" and
Assistant Coach, Squirt C White**

When Sue Branyon says she's been playing hockey nearly all her life, she's not exaggerating. As a five-year-

program for girls. Since the program included only two teams, they just kept playing each other over and over.

In the late 1960s when Branyon was in the seventh grade, the Minnesota Amateur Hockey Association (MAHA) organized several hockey teams in the Twin Cities area. She started competing against players from Anoka, Fergus Falls, Northfield and Burnsville. Branyon continued playing MAHA hockey through high school and beyond, and now plays center on a MAHA women's B2 team.

"Hopefully I can play forever," Branyon says.

The love of hockey is generational in Branyon's family. She considers her mother, who was active in sports and played hockey with her brothers growing up, to be her role model. When Branyon played hockey as a youth, her mother became her assistant coach.

Now Branyon coaches her own sons, and considers it her duty to be a positive role model to young athletes. Besides coaching hockey, Branyon has coached both girls and boys for about



Sue Branyon (right), Head Coach, Boys Mite 3 B. Assistant Coaches: Victoria Raymond, Ken Gamer and Scott Nelson

old growing up in Farmington, Minn., she got her first taste of hockey playing with her older brothers and neighborhood boys. Then a man with several daughters organized a small hockey

10 years in soccer, gymnastics and tennis. When mentored by women athletes, girls are given the message that it's OK to succeed in male-dominated

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Women coaches

sports. And having a women coach teaches the boys diversity.

“I think it gives them a different respect, if you will, to the game and to the females,” Branyon says.

She’s coached WYHA teams since her boys, Erik, 7, and Martin, 9, have been in Mite 1, and would like to continue working with the kids even after her boys have outgrown her coaching abilities.

This year, besides being the the director for the Mites program, she’s the head coach for the Boys Mite 3B team—or “The Green Machines” as they call themselves—and the assistant coach for the Squirt C White team.

Even though she’s played all her life, she’s had to analyze for herself skating and stick-handling techniques in order to teach it to the boys.

“What I’ve found is it’s one thing to play the game and it’s another thing to really understand the game,” Branyon says.

Branyon believes that it’s the coaches’ responsibility to teach to all levels of ability, and to teach it in a way that makes the kids want to come back for each practice and each game. So she plays games with the kids like freeze tag and Pom-Pom Pull Away so they’re having fun while learning the technique.

“To me, participating on a team was such a fun experience and just a positive thing, and I’m hoping I can bring that to the kids that you learn a lot, you have fun, and you make relationships,” says Branyon.

Victoria Raymond

Assistant Coach, Boys Mite 3B

As a junior high school student in Mankato, not only was Victoria Raymond a pioneer in girls hockey,

but she was also a shrewd business-woman. She organized the first girls’ hockey team and persuaded the local bank to sponsor the team and buy them jerseys. Then a student who played for the Minnesota State University, Mankato hockey team and worked at the ice arena agreed to coach Raymond and the rest of her young team.



Victoria Raymond

The team, consisting of a goalie and seven players, played against teams from International Falls and Hibbing. While most of Raymond’s teammates wore figure skates, she proudly wore her brother’s hand-me-down hockey skates.

“It was fun. We had a blast,” Raymond says. The team, however, only lasted for two years.

While Raymond doesn’t currently play hockey, she’s been an assistant coach for the last two years since her younger son, Alexander, started playing hockey. This year, she works with Sue Branyon as an assistant coach on the Boys Mite 3B.

Raymond says it’s important for women to try to break the stereotype that only men get involved in sports.

“They’re so used to seeing their dads in the sporting environment, I think they don’t always appreciate that the moms can do this too,” Raymond says. She also coached

boys soccer this past fall.

Besides playing for fun, learning to work as a team is just as crucial.

“It isn’t just you out there skating,” she says. “You’re part of a team, and you’re out there working together.”

Double the numbers

While each of these six women share their enthusiasm for coaching WYHA

hockey, they also stress that more women should join the coaching staff.

“I think that it’s fun. And it’s a nice way of spending time with your kids,”

Starry says. “It’s good exercise, it’s good for your mind. I think there are a lot of people who would be fabulous coaches, but it’s just hard to step up and do it.”

Tim Herbert, head coach of the PeeWee B2 Royal team, knows the value of having women coaches in the association. He was thrilled to have Starry as an assistant coach on his team this year.

“I know how good she is,” Herbert says.

Of the imbalance in men and women coaches, Herbert says: “It’s a stereotype that we’ve got to break. I think we’re going to get to a point where there’s just so much valuable talent out there with the women, they have to get in. They have to be involved.

“I’m encouraged for us to start doubling every year the number of women coaches we have.”

Wayzata U14A Girls win Duluth Tournament

Cold weather and a gutted arena could not stop the Wayzata U14A Girls from winning the Duluth Icebreakers Tournament over the Jan. 15 weekend. The previous month the Peterson Arena burned down after an ice resurfacing machine exploded, so the girls were redirected to the University of Minnesota Duluth practice rink for their tournament.

In their first game, Wayzata defeated East Wright County Lightning 5-1. Jill Reynolds led the way with two goals and Alison Umland, Kirsten Gregerson and Kate Bowdish each scored a goal.

Next came the semi-final game with Eagan. The game was a see-saw affair



Photo by Sue Jensen

until Bowdish scored a short-handed goal in the second period. Gregerson, Umland, Ally Croal, and Sarah Fleming added the other goals.

It was fitting that Edina and Wayzata would end up in the championship game. This was a classic match-up contest with both teams having already played each other three times before. Edina scored first in the second period and kept the

lead until 1:09 of the third period when Gregerson scored for Wayzata to tie the game 1-1.

A shootout took place after neither team scored in overtime. Wayzata outscored Edina 3-1 in the shootout to win the game 4-2.

Shelby Rasmussen had a great tournament, stopping 35 shots during regulation periods and three shots in the shootout against Edina.

Other players who contributed to the team's success included Kate Loberg-Sonderup, Eme Orke, Sara Cole, Maggie Jenkins, Tiffany Sivets, Shaylee Jensen, Ali Myhre and Lauren Kramer.

—Lance Cole

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More than 500 people attended the annual spaghetti dinner put on by the Bantam and Squirt families. In all, 45 prizes totaling almost \$1,000 were donated for the raffle held during the dinner. The Palmer family won the grand prize of a \$100 gift certificate to Sports Hut; Ann Young won the Minnesota Wild jersey valued at \$85 and donated by All Star Sports. Other donators were the Besse family, BlueLine, Buffalo Wild Wings, Culvers, Dave's Sports, Deb Ranney, Diane Slayton, Doolittles, Kim Fahnhorst, Letterman Sports, Medina Ballroom, Pucks 'n Stuff and Score Sports. The all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner brought in about \$3,200 after expenses.

Bantam A wins St. Cloud Geyer Signal Center Ice Classic

On the coldest weekend of this season, the Bantam A team ventured to St. Cloud for the Center Ice Classic held from Jan. 15-17. Sixteen teams participated in this pool play tournament.

Wayzata's first game was against Chaska at the National Hockey Center. Chaska couldn't get much going with Wayzata's strong defensive play and forechecking. The game ended 3-0 with Wayzata on top. Danny Blanchard (D) scored the first goal—a great way to celebrate his birthday.

The second game was against East Grand Forks. During the second period, Wayzata scored five goals, sending the opponent's starting goalie to the bench. This demonstrated

“one of the best single periods of hockey that they have played all year,” according to Coach Dick Howe. The game ended in another shutout with a score of 7-0 with Blake Dressen earning a hat trick. This clinched the top seed in the bracket for the Trojans.

Pool play ended with Wayzata's third game against Rosemount. Wayzata had hoped to avenge its loss

against Rosemount at the Eden Prairie tournament earlier this year, but with some unfortunate turnovers, Wayzata lost this competitive battle with a score of 5-3.

In the first game of the playoffs, Wayzata faced St. Cloud. The Bantam A team had scrimmaged St. Cloud the weekend before the tournament and

adding a special touch to this important match. Wayzata again dominated the game. They demonstrated solid defensive play and effective fore-checking—a winning combination. This was evidenced by converting on the first two power plays of the game.

While watching the game, a Rochester parent commented on Wayzata's effective passing. He compared it to Rochester's team whose players tend to carry the puck from one end to the other. Instead, Wayzata was poised and patient, out-shooting their opponent and securing a 4-1 victory to bring the championship home.



Bantam A

won, so there was confidence walking into the game. Wayzata dominated play in all three zones, propelling them to a 4-1 victory which sent them to the championship game.

At noon on Monday, Wayzata met Rochester for the championship game at the National Hockey Center. The lights went down as they announced the teams. When each player skated to the blue line, they were tracked by a single spot light,

The Bantam A team consists of Ty Simcoe, Grant Fahnhorst, Mike Onken, Tom McCarthy, Danny Blanchard, Travis Smith, Blake Dressen, Eric Lee, Brett Felling, Chad Schwarz, Jonathon Holmers, Jamie McCormick, Matt Straate, Bryan Talus, Ryan Wehrs, Joey Rehkamp and Joey Howe.

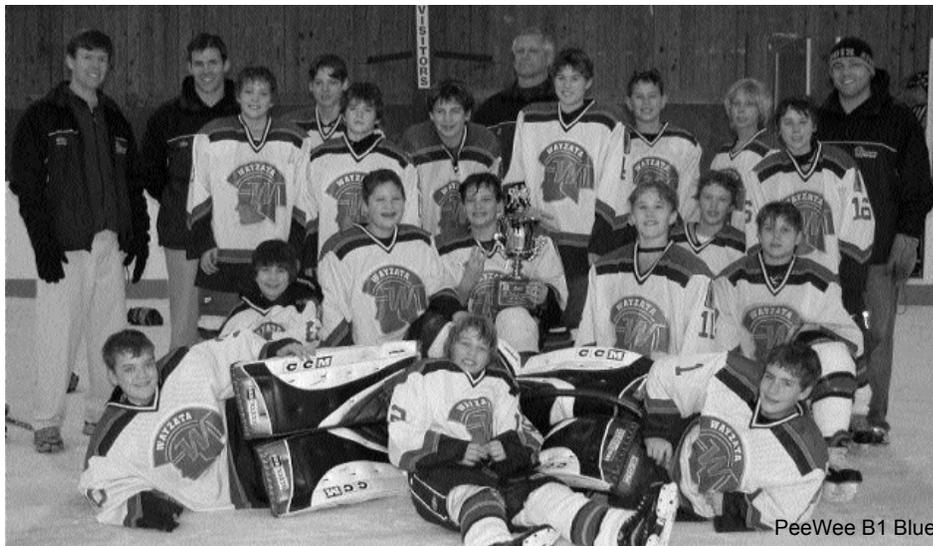
The team is coached by Dick Howe, Marc Sorenson, Brian Rice and Mark Nenovich.

—Annamarie Lee

Third time's a charm

The Wayzata PeeWee B1 Blue team has participated in three tournaments this season. Three times they've made it into the championship game and three times the games have gone into overtime. In the first two tournaments the boys from Wayzata fell short of the top prize, but in the championship game of the John M. Twaddle Tournament in Elk River they prevailed. Wayzata beat a very tough Edina team 3-2 to take home the hardware.

The route to the championship began with a game against Monticello. Wayzata outclassed Monticello and won handily 9-0. Goals were scored by Donald Chute, Marc Richards, Patrick Pulles, Cameron Falvey, Mike Lee, Tyler Klein, and Matt Bosn. Matt



PeeWee B1 Blue

Harrison, David Tearse and Austin Tiller had assists. Goalie Alex Clayton earned the shutout.

The semifinal game pitted Wayzata against the hometown Elk River Black team. Again Wayzata came out on top with a 5-0 victory. Goals were scored by Harrison, Chute and Lee with assists coming from Pulles, Richards and Bosn. Goalie Luke Gossen shut the door on the Elk River team.

Stellar defensive plays by Corey McConnach, Zach Quanbeck, Nick Freytag, Pulles and Tearse helped Wayzata hold their opponents to two goals over three games. Their hard-nosed play helped to hold each of the first two teams that they played to six shots on goal each.

In the ensuing championship game, the Wayzata boys were eager to finally win the top trophy. Wayzata started out a bit shaky with Edina dominating the play, but Clayton kept Edina off the scoreboard.

As their nerves settled down, Wayzata began playing better and was rewarded when Eric Talus banged home Lee's rebound with five minutes left in the opening frame. Edina returned the favor a few minutes later and the first period ended with the score tied 1-1.

Wayzata came out flying in the second period and dominated the play.

After just one minute, Falvey fed Lee with a perfect pass and Lee shelved it over the Edina keeper to put Wayzata up 2-1.

The third period provided more up-and-down action. As the third period drew to a close, the Wayzata skaters appeared to tire. Only the stellar goaltending performance of Clayton kept Wayzata on top.

At the end, Edina pulled its goalie and with 39 seconds left in regulation was able to finally beat Clayton. The teams were anxious to bring on the overtime.

The extra period provided more exciting hockey. Wayzata's relentless forechecking created a loose puck in the slot and Pulles scooped it up and beat the Edina netminder for the game winner.

Wayzata Blue is ably coached by Hal Tearse, Eric Jones, Tony Jewett, Jon Maruk and Brian Rice. Manager Tom Quanbeck is the frontrunner in the Manager of the Year balloting. The team will travel to Grand Rapids for their final tournament next weekend.

The Wayzata parents are proud of the hard work the players and coaches put forth this season. The team has been getting better week by week, and with forward Kevin Johnson returning soon from the injured reserve, the best is yet to come.

—Doug Talus

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Wayzata Junior Gold A wins Minnetonka tourney

The Wayzata Junior Gold A team won its first tournament championship at the Minnetonka Tournament in December. The eight-team tourney lined Wayzata up against neighboring Osseo in the kickoff game Friday, Dec. 17 at the Minnetonka arena.

T.J. Death made 13 saves on 15 shots by the orange-and-black players in a nice 5-2 game win for Wayzata. Goals were scored by Ryan Hohenstein, Matt Woods, Brad Wellman, Devon Gibson and Tony Skoglund, with assists by Tom Cekalla, Tyler Haertzen, Jon Olson, Gibson and

Hohenstein. This win put the Trojans into the winner's bracket, lining them up to next play host Minnetonka.

Playing in their own Pagel Arena, the Minnetonka boys gave the blue-and-gold a tough game. The pace was set in the first period when Wayzata's Michael Crow scored the only goal. The second period opened up with Matt Woods scor-

ing a hat trick and Brad Wellman and Bryan Frank scoring one goal each. Capping off the game in the third period, Frank and Woods each added another goal. Game assists came from

boys from up north gave Wayzata a good, tough game that ended in a 5-3 win for Wayzata, backed by Death's 12 saves. Goals to win this championship game were scored by Hohenstein (a hat trick), Olson and Haertzen, assisted by Gibson, Wellman, Woods and Hohenstein (2).

Earlier in the week, the Trojan boys selected their captains for the year: seniors Tom Cekalla and Brad Wellman. They're coached by Ted Olson, Jeff Yates, Chris Houserman

and Sam Schulz, and are managed by Greg Gibson.

—Hetti Cekalla



Junior Gold A

Hohenstein, Crow (2), and Jarrod Swierk. Patrick Whelan made 16 saves in this 8-3 win that earned the Wayzata boys a spot in the championship game on Sunday with Duluth.

While it's always fun to play teams from Duluth, it's even more fun to beat them, as the Trojans did in the championship game of this tournament. The

2005 WYHA Tournament Schedule			
Event	Date/Time	Location	Coordinator
Junior Gold B and U16	January 28-30	PIC	Jim Fong 763-551-2536
Shooting Star Girls 12U A & B Girls 14U A & B	February 4-6	PIC	Jim Fong 763-551-2536
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2005 BlueLine Calendar of Events

Event	Date/Time	Location	Coordinator
Team Rep Meeting	February 28 March 28 (7:00 p.m.)	Center Ice Room, Plymouth Ice Center	Jerry Trapp 763-509-9117
SKATE Academic Award Application Deadline	February 28	(see Web site for information)	Larry Foote 763-551-3539
Annual Silent Auction	March 11-12	Plymouth Ice Center	Michelle Tiller 763-473-0135 Jill Gibbs 763-473-3045
SKATE Academic Awards Ceremony	March 29	Wayzata Central Middle School	Larry Foote 763-551-3539
Wayzata Youth Hockey Golf Classic	June 27	Rolling Green Country Club	Karen Prieto karenwayzata@msn.com
BlueLine newsletter deadlines	February 7 March 7		Tess Langfus 763-557-6031 tmlangfus@aol.com

Ongoing Events

Event	Date/Time	Location	Coordinator
Concessions	Saturdays Sundays Special events	Wayzata Arena	Tracy Meister 763-745-1186
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"Hockey is just a tremendous sport, number one. Number two, you meet so many fantastic people and get to know them so very well that they just kind of start coming [into the shop as customers]," says Schmitz.

Located in Golden Valley on Florida Avenue behind Taco Bell, the Collision Center repairs, refinishes and restores the bodies of all types of cars, but specializes in the fine autos like BMW, Porsche, Audi and Volvo. "High-end has always kind of been our niche in life," says Schmitz.

Schmitz and his partners, Kevin Johnson and Terry Geffre, had worked at Collision Center for many years before buying out the owner three years ago. Schmitz touts the low turnover in the company's employees and says their reputation for employee consistency is what keeps customers coming back. Schmitz has been with Collision Center for more than 19 years.

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Many Collision Center customers are parents of WYHA players whom Schmitz has gotten to know from his involvement in hockey.

All three of Schmitz's sons, Christopher Norum, Teal and Ree, have played hockey through the Wayzata program. Ree, 18, is currently on the Junior Gold B team.

"The Wayzata association is a great program. We have just great relationships with parents out there," says Schmitz. "Everything they do, Wayzata is trying to get a goal across. Good playing, good coaching, good everything. I like that."

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Combining a devotion to sports and community is what makes Gordy Engel, owner of The Foursome, sponsor the WYHA Mite 4F team. Engel has always been involved in Wayzata athletics, from playing to coaching and has sponsored WYHA teams for more than 25 years.

"He just loves kids and Wayzata athletics," says Nicole Chose, Engel's daughter and marketing director of The Foursome.

Chose says the most current plaques of the many Mite teams that they have spon-

sored are on display in the store office.

"We love this community and are totally involved," Chose says.

The Foursome opened in 1935 as a clothing store in Wayzata and has since expanded into five separate stores in the Wayzata Bay Shopping Center. The enclosed center, located in downtown Wayzata at Superior Boulevard and Lake Street, houses The Foursome's Men's, Ladies, Children's, Tall & Big Men's clothing stores and Family Shoes.

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"We're the best kept secret in the Wayzata area for clothing and shoes," Chose says. "You don't have to take a trip to the mall—it's all right here."

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