

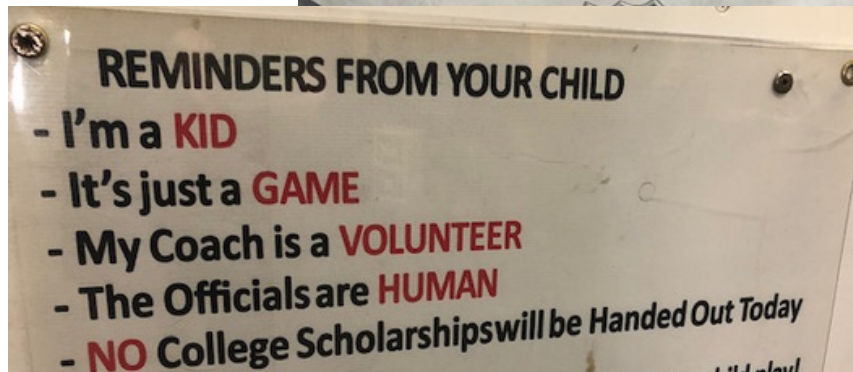
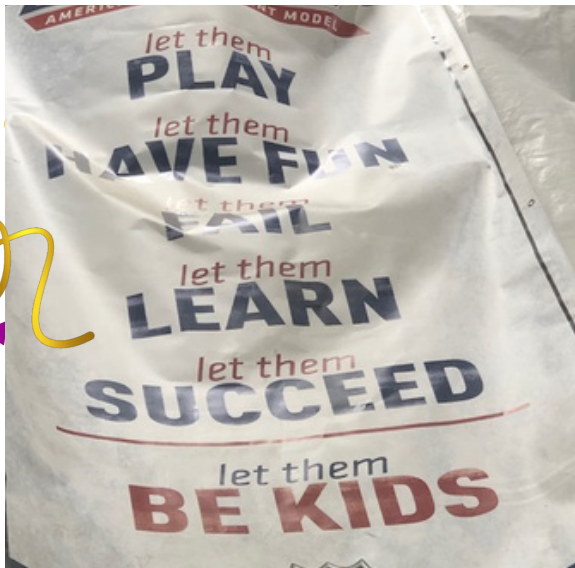


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Hockey Association

The Wild Gazette

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Words to Live By!

Not the best photos, but solid mantras for the New Year. USA Hockey & VT amateur Hockey say it best. Our players and parents can take these words to heart on and off the ice.

Save the Date

February 14, 6:30 pm

Hanover Hockey Association board meeting at the RW Black Center. All are welcome.

HHA's First Skate-A-Thon

Coming in late March to a Rink near you... more details very soon!

Coaches Corner

This week's drill(s) selected by coach Ben, is demonstrated by 13-year old Connor McDavid via [this youtube clip](#). Once you've mastered the first drills, move onto the next two.

As always, try to keep your head and eyes up!

Weeks 1-4 are saved on [Wild's YouTube Channel](#) if you want to go back for more.



Player Shout Out



Uninspired by the limited options for female players, Wild's own U10 Girl, Stella Smith started her own shop for girls hockey merchandise.... and we can ALL benefit from Stella's work! Check it out at [Stellarhockeyshop](#). Stella's mom Stacey is a parent manager for the team, and dad Derek helps coach U10 so they are a family that's all in on hockey! Advance to page 2 for a Q&A with Stella and some photos of her favorite items!



Special Features

Coach Spotlight

My name is Alan Lowe and I am a coach for the U10 Girls on which my daughter Amber plays. My middle daughter Brooke is playing on the House Mites. I have a third daughter (2 yr old Skylar) who is itching to get on the ice at some point this season, but for now is extremely happy being the cheerleader for her older two sisters. I began coaching in 2018 at Twin Valley at KUA starting out in Learn to Skate and working my way through as Amber moved along, joining HHA in 2020.

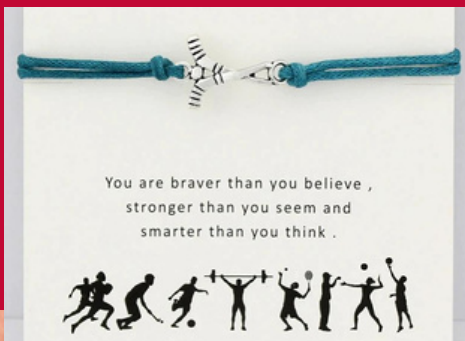
To me, hockey isn't just a sport, it's a way of life. I grew up in the ice rink surrounded by a family devoted to the game in one aspect or another. I've been in Law Enforcement for 10 years and before that was in the U.S. Army for 8 years. Outside of the rink, our family enjoys skiing, boating and running a small maple syrup operation "Ambers Sweet Maple".



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Q: What are you most excited about?



A: Our new line of jewelry!

Q: Best Sellers?

A: The girls have been lovin' these hoodies!



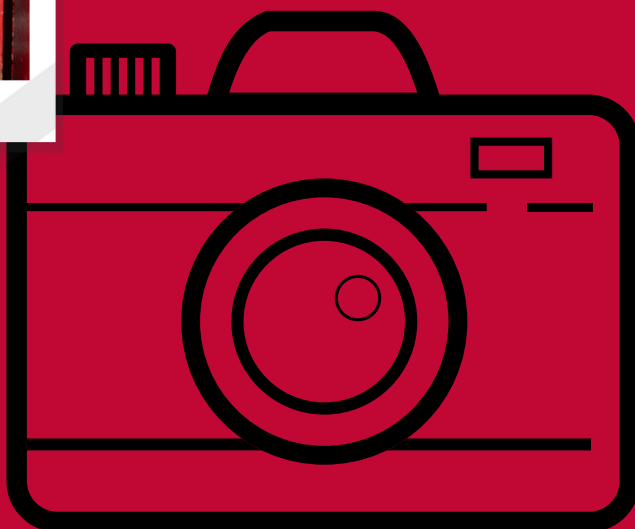
Q: Why do you love hockey?



A: Playing, Getting Better, Winning & Having a great time!



Special Features: U10 Girls Candids



Cecile Tobin, Dartmouth '24, and general girls hockey aficionado, chose to highlight the girls U10 for a photography project.

Check out her awesome work!

Thank you, Cecile, for these wonderful memories!



It's not too late to become a **Campion Champion!**

Hooray! They did it!

Hanover Improvement Society had an incredible year
&
secured their \$5 Million 2022 goal!!

They couldn't have done without all of us at Hanover Hockey!

Phase work will begin this **THIS SPRING!**

Looking ahead:

Construction costs have gone up, and the scope of the project is multi-year. They will continue to fundraise to provide a user-friendly community recreational asset for many years into the future
And Hanover Hockey will be chipping in!



Our next fundraising event will be a
SKATE-A-THON in March!

STAY TUNED FOR date and DETAILS!



Team Updates

House Mites

In late December, The House Mites learned how to play in a “real” game last weekend. Head Coach Krauland organized a couple of wonderful scrimmages with the Hartford Storm Mites. The volunteer Mite goalies did outstanding as did the skaters.



In early January, the House Mites had the chance to practice with Hanover High School's Girls team.





Team Updates

8U White

January Update

The Mite White team has been busy in January and started 2023 right with three great games in Keene on January 1st. The following weekend, the team traveled to St. Albans, VT to compete in the Andrew Irving Mite Jamboree. We split the team in half and, with the help of House Mite call-up **Tanner Hughes**, entered two 7-person squads (Hanover Black and Hanover Gold) in the 4v4 jamboree. Each squad played five games and finished with records of 2-2-1 (Gold) and 3-2 (Black). Despite close records, the Black and Gold teams both dominated in scoring with 55 total goals scored against 22 allowed. The Black team had the very solid **Gavin Ackerman** in net for all five games and all players shared in scoring goals. The Gold team had **Arthur Diamond** and **Alex Welch** splitting goaltending duties with both putting up impressive performances despite the jamboree being their season debuts in net.

On January 14, Mite White played three games in Hooksett against Keene (1-1 tie), CSW (0-2 loss), and the Wildcats (2-0 win). **Gavin Ackerman** was, once again, strong in the net and is establishing a solid reputation in the GSL. The weekend of January 21 has no GSL games for Mite White but will be a season highlight with Mite White joining Mite Green and Mite Blue for a scrimmage in TD Garden, followed by an evening watching the NHL leading Bruins take on the San Jose Sharks. **Go Wild and Go Bruins!**



8UW Players Knuuti, Zaha & Welch



June Lovejoy wrap around shot



Hanover Mite Black v. St. Albans



Madison Gramling

Team Updates

8U Green

January Update

8U Green has been fast and furious without time for witty, well-written commentary, but they snapped a few shots the last few weeks to share with you all. Here are a few highlights.



Team lunches/dinners on the road



Pig piles at any opportunity!



Immediate transition to backyard rink play after wrap-up on a tiring tourney weekend



A marathon afternoon of bowling to keeps kids entertained/ well-fed between games, in Hudson, NH (Coach Rick gets MVP)!



Team Updates

10U White

January Updates

New Year marks high noon in the youth hockey season, and Squirt White has engaged in a series of seven Granite State League showdowns since our last update. Seven chances to test their mettle against squirts from the Kancamagus Highway to Keene and everywhere in between. Yet, the road began at home against the 10U girls. You can learn more in defeat than victory, and the team learned that they need to play hard from the first puck drop as teams improve as the season progresses. **Kudos to the 10U Girls for playing an awesome game.**

10U Squirt earned six GSL victories while taking only a single loss over the past three weekends. It started with a 13-1 victory where Hanover buffaloed the Berlin Sabers 13-1 on New Year's Eve. On New Year's Day, the team fell 4-2 to a Mount Washington team that recently arrived from Tier IV. But the loss represented a turning point. The Wild saw a team that passed well and played tight defense, and they have adjusted accordingly. Skating, passing, and defense have improved as the Wild muzzled the Henniker Huskies 9-1 on the road and then swept a home and home series against both Rochester and Keene. The games keep getting closer, as Hanover beat Keene 3-0 and hung on for a 4-3 win against Rochester last weekend in the most competitive games of the year.

It's truly a team effort. The team stands in first place, but the top scorer has only barely cracked the top ten of scorers in league play. Everybody has scored a goal. Three different goalies have victories. Everyone contributes, whether it be **Ryan Pfeiffer's** clappers from the point to **Chloe Murray's** game winner on the power play against Rochester or **Connor Short's** laser beam to the corner against Keene or the blazing speed of Niven, Joey, and James. And don't you dare leave a puck around the net, or **Holden Hough** will put it right in! Highlights abound. They even worked together to make sure everyone had a turn on the claw machine at Sonny's Pizza in Henniker. (Editorial note: a claw machine in the Champion lobby might make short work of the Renew Champion fundraising). The team is coming together nicely and getting ready for the home stretch before the State tournament.



Team Updates

10U Green

January Updates

On Dec 28 10UG traveled to Marlboro, Mass and beat a tough Minutemen team 2-0. **Billy Diamond** had a great goal and an assist to **Rose McGovern**. **Lena, Jackson, Kevin** and **Caleb** all played fantastic defense. **Aubree** and **Brady** split time in goal to post a shutout.

Next up was Dec 30 against Woodstock Wasps. They played an excellent game and posted a 5-1 score. **Blake Layahe** scored 2 goals while **Billy D, Jackson Dadekian**, and **Brice Marsh** all scored. **Brice** also had an assist as well as assists by **Patrick O** and **Rose M**.

The following day they traveled to Manchester for a GSL matchup against the Flames. **Kevin Purcell** scored a solid goal and **Billy D** scored another 2. We topped the Flames 3-1.

Last week the Green played 2 games against the Maine Moose. Both games were a hard fought battle. It was a great hockey game but a few too many penalties on both sides. The first game was tied 2-2 with **Archie Lillenthal** and **Blake Lahaye** scoring the goals. The second game was a tough loss 3-2. **Blake Lahaye** putting 2 in the net and **Brice Marsh** getting an assist.

Ending the weekend was another matchup against Manchester Flames. It was a tough loss with a 4-0 score. Next up this coming weekend is the MLK tourney in Hudson NH. The team is scheduled to play Friday afternoon, Sat afternoon and Monday morning. An update on the tourney will be in the next issue!





Team Updates

10U Girls

The U10G team travelled up to Jay Peak for the Green Avalanche Tournament from Jan 13th-15th. We started out facing the Seacoast Spartans and securing a 6-0 win following a solid goaltending performance by **Ella Fisher**. **Caitlin Fox** scored a hat trick earning her the player of the game. The following game we faced the NE Wildcats where we lost a hard fought 3-1 battle. They have been our toughest opponent yet this season and up to this point, we had been unable to secure a victory. **Annabel Sands** had a solid goal line to goal line rush to score in the 3rd period earning her the Wild player of the game. The following morning, we faced the Maine Gladiators at sunrise. **Cartol Antol** opened the game with a bang, scoring 16 seconds into the 1st period, then netting a second later in the game earning her the player of the game. Our girls never let up and took the 3-1 win to secure our seat in the championship game. The following morning our girls entered the rink focused and determined to battle the Wild Cats yet again, but this time the results were different. After a hard fought hour of hockey, our girls were victorious winning 2-1 from goals by **Stella Smith** and **Caitlin Fox** and earning the title of **CHAMPIONS!!!** **Juliet Colla's** performance was on point. She skated hard on both ends of the ice and played an instrumental part in ensuring we kept the lead. This effort earned her the player of the game. All in all, this was a fantastic weekend. Each girl played their best games they have all season and deserved the victory. This weekend was filled with great memories which will last a lifetime.





Team Updates

12U Girls

1/2 New Year's Update: U12 Girls traveled to Exeter to take on the Seacoast Spartans in a GSL matchup. The Wild came away with a 10-0 victory following a back and forth first period that saw **Ava Feldman** get the girls on the board with a backhand from the slot. **Sarai Przydzielski** added the first of her two goals soon after for a 2-0 start before intermission. **Izzy Parker** (2 more goals to continue a torrid pace of 6 in the past 4 games) and **Jane Bartlett** added second period goals, as did U12 "newcomer" **Caroline Warrington**, who netted a hat trick in her debut (including a smart tip of a point shot over the Wildcat goaltender). **Rainey Fisher** added her first goal of the season and the defensive corp including **Bartlett**, **Fisher**, **Piper Hansen** and **Sally Gaughan** were nearly perfect in front of goalie **Madi Greenwood**. **Greenwood** notched her second shutout of the month, capping a steady rise in just her three month hockey career. The highlight of the weekend though were the girls and a few dads taking on the U14 girls (joined by siblings/parents) at Union Arena on Sunday, a friendly but fiercely competitive scrimmage organized by U14 coach **Ina Petkova** to build camaraderie between the teams. The game ended in a 4-4 tie and featured an opening goal by **Lexi Fox** (assisted by dad Pat). **Sarai Przydzielski** netted a hat trick to answer each of the U14 goals and give U12 a late lead despite the efforts of her dad, **Misui**, and **Izzy Parker's** dad, **Colin**, playing for the rival U14 squad. **Madi Greenwood** was terrific all game in net making multiple point blank stops to keep the game tied. The steady defensive play and leadership of **Dave Hansen** was said to have lead the girls to the strong. Showing. Player of the game award went to all-around grinder **Mark Hiatt** who made his girls' youth hockey playing debut and easily was the crowd favorite during the made-for-TV shootout attempt against U14 goalie **Laney Connors**. Against all odds, **Laney** was able to (somehow) outwait **Mark's** attempt to keep the game knotted at 4 - do NOT view this on LiveBarn at about 12:46-12:47pm on January 1 at Union.

Jay Peak Tournament Update: The girls put together an extremely impressive showing this weekend at the Green Mountain Avalanche tournament in Jay Peak, VT, taking 2nd place. The weekend began Friday morning with a 2-0 win against the Maine Gladiators. Celebrating her birthday in fashion, **Pauline Rudd** scored both Wild goals and was named game MVP for the Wild by the GMA tournament committee. The rest of the day was spent on the ski slopes and indoor water park...I'm sure it was a rough day for all. Saturday began against rival St. Albans who'd previously won both games with our girls by one goal margins. Not this time. A **Lexi Fox** breakaway tally was all the Wild needed to secure the 1-0 victory. **Madi Greenwood** netted her second consecutive shutout to begin the tournament and **Abby Lindsay** earned the team MVP honors. The afternoon game was more of the same, low-scoring, intense hockey with the teams fighting for every inch of space. **Abby Lindsay's** goal got the Wild out to a 1-0 lead before the Bay State Breakers quickly tied it up at 1 apiece. **Gabby Grasso** cleaned up a rebound for just her second goal of the year but a timely won, leading the Wild to an upset 2-1 victory. **Madi Greenwood** took home MVP honors for keeping a very strong Breakers team at bay for the entire game. The 3-0 record placed the Wild in the championship game against that same Breakers team on Sunday. Unfortunately on Sunday, the Breakers team was just too much for the Wild to keep off the scoresheet. A loan goal by **Gabby Grasso** was all the Wild could muster but the girls never gave up or gave in after playing their fourth game in 48 hours. The Breakers were able to win 4-1, earning the girls a 2nd place finish in their first tournament as a U12 group. **Grasso** was named team MVP for the game. All in all the coaching staff of **Dave Hansen** and **Colin Parker** couldn't be more proud of the effort the girls gave from all 13 of them and I'm told the off-ice activities and team bonding were top notch. A most memorable weekend for all involved.



Team Updates

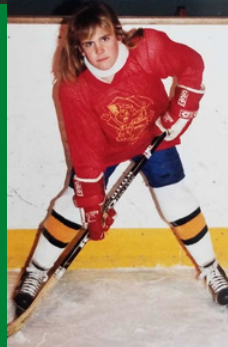
12U Green

January Update: U12 Green has been packing in the weekend games since the holidays. They started their 2023 campaign with a tough loss on New Year's Day to GSL rival and 1st place Manchester. Thank you to **Jacoby Condon** for pulling goalie duties & getting the player-nominated Puck of the Game!

The following weekend they hosted the T2 St. Albans, Vermont team and beat them in a thrilling 3-2 game, scoring the go-ahead goal with under 30 seconds on the clock! The next day, they headed north for a double-header against the VT Black Bears and came home with two more team wins. Wins are great, but the coaches remarked that EVERY player contributed in all three games and we were thrilled to see the all-around effort from all three lines and all five defensemen.

The holiday weekend brought the long-awaited Fire & Ice Tournament in Westfield, MA. With hockey being the side-show between two birthday celebration, hotel pool games, trampoline park jumping, and team meals, the kids went into the third game of round robin play with a +16 goal differential, two shut outs, and a guaranteed spot in the finals. They were winning game #3 1-0 until about 2 minutes to go when the other team tied it up. The opponent got another good bounce and went up 2-1 with 26 seconds remaining. While the team was devastated to have lost the game in the final moments, we learned some good lessons. The kids had to rebound quickly because we faced the same team the following morning for the championship game. A team video session was had over Coach Becky's laptop in the hotel lobby the next morning and it helped ready the team for their 10:30 re-match. After a scoreless first, Lucas Hammond put the team up 1-0 in the second period. The play was dominated by the Wild but Westfield tied the game on a face-off play. Two posts were hit in the third period and we headed into OT. The first OT period was a scoreless 4v4 battle. The next OT period moved to 3v3 and the Wild took care of business on the opening face off. Will Bartlett intercepted a centering pass and skated the puck up the ice in a 2v1. He made a cross-ice pass to Cooper Rhoads who went far-side and HIT THE POST. Amid the home-team cheers, Will Bartlett stopped at the net and back-handed the rebound under the goalie for the GAME WINNING GOAL! The kids (and coaches) went wild! It was a thrilling game with a thrilling end and a really nice culmination of a team-building weekend. The coaches and the parents couldn't be more proud of U12 Green. We're ready for the last 6 weeks of the season and to get back into league play to earn our way to the State Tournament.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday Coach Becky!

Team Updates

12U White

Sam Cool Whip Whipple had just finished a shift against the Keene Cobras, a shift that saw him (in borrowed hockey pants...another story) and his teammates give up a power play goal to cut our lead to 3-1. About a minute later, **Sam** had restored our three-goal cushion en route to our 5-1 victory. A coach asked **Sam** how what his goal felt like....It was one of many memorable moments from 12UW over the past few weeks. Thanks to **Coach Mike Herrick**, the kids attended a game at St. Anslem College, where the HHA players gave high fives, stood on the blue line for introductions (including their own names read aloud), played an in-between period game, and skated post-game with the St. A's players. **A hockey life highlight, for sure.**

In league action, the squad lost 5-0 to undefeated Berlin before undergoing a mojo adjustment period in the dressing room which resulted in a thrilling 5-3 win over Plymouth on the backend of a Sunday double-header. **Axel Foley Voydik**, **Jumbo Jimbo James Killebrew**, and **Cason Queso Plamondon** had goals, and **Cool Whip** added a pair, including the game winner a mere 17 seconds after Plymouth had tied the score late in the 3rd. **Declan Decker Roylance** added three assists in a great all-around effort and **Owen Zaha** played a solid defensive game, mixing stick work, hustle, and smarts into his effort.

The following weekend included a heartbreaking 3-2 loss to the Granite State Wild. **Declan** and **Caleb Eggs Eggleton** tallied goals for the good Wild in the defeat. Post-game, the room was silent, eyes cast downwards, the loss weighing on the athletes like a lead vest in the X-Ray room. The following day, the athletes trudged to Laconia, where they narrowly escaped being shut out by the tier's top Lakes Region team, with **Cason** scoring near the end of the 3rd in a 6-1 loss. **Jacoby Bricks Condon** shined in the net, preventing the score from reaching well into double digits with his spectacular play.

With losses in 3 of 4 and the prospect of the state tournament fading, it was time for additional mojo adjustments. The athletes each ate a section of Florida orange before the Keene game to shake it up a bit and **Declan**, **Cason**, **Corbin Hufflepuff Hough**, and **Aidan Soupy Campbell** joined **Sam** on the scoresheet. The following day's tilt against New Hampshire East saw the team go down 2-0 in the first before roaring back with six of the next seven goals in a 7-5 triumph. **Soupy** led the charge with a hat trick, accompanied by markers from **Cason**, **Sam**, **Declan**, and **Caleb**. **Luke Lilienthal** tallied an assist and **Jered Bing-a-Ling Bingham** added a helper on **Caleb's** goal. **Liam Herrick** made several high-hockey-IQ plays and **Henry Hammerin' Hank Dinsmore** flexed his superpower keeping the puck deep in the offensive zone on multiple occasions. **Howie Wharton** earned the Sweat Level Towel with his exhilarating mix of backchecking, stickhandling, and offensive zone prowess. The team was rewarded with a Forrest Gump-like box of Lunar New Year chocolates, replete with red bean, black sesame seed, and mango flavors. Other recent Sweat Level Towel winners include **Jacoby**, **Cason**, and **James**.



And what of **Sam's** response? One of the great joys of coaching these athletes is seeing their development as players, individuals, friends, and teammates. They are hard-working, tough, fun, committed, loyal, and energetic. And when **Sam** said that his goal felt like "redemption," one couldn't help but realize they are also wicked smart.

We are excited for a busy second half of league games!

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