

MWHA NEWS

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35 Years of MWHA

Fun Fact - the 2023-24 season is the Mound Westonka Hockey Associations 35th anniversary. The original filing date was in August of 1988. You may see the badging show up throughout the season on jerseys, apparel, etc. Mound Westonka has seen some solid successes in the past 35 years first in District 5 and later on in our current home in District 3. We've had teams make state and regional runs and have even had a few state champions. We've seen some things change over the years as the programs have grown including the co-op with Orono where our Mound girls play for the Warriors. We, as a leadership team remain committed to trying to find the right balance each season to ensure our players and coaches have the best opportunities possible to continue to develop both off and on ice.

While this approach doesn't always yield 20-0 seasons one of our key purposes as a youth hockey association is to develop and deliver solid hockey players to our boys and girls high school teams.

With the new vision and strategy work starting to take shape we are looking to take the next steps in a couple of key areas to help ensure that the future of the MWHA remains bright. We'd love to see you all out at Back Channel on January 13th to celebrate with the MWHA hockey family. Here's to another 35.

Keep the skates sharp, and the sticks down.

See you at the rink,
CR Childers MWHA President



January 13th
6:00 - 10:00pm
Back Channel Brewery



Music!

Food!



Wild Game!

Raffle Winners Announced!

Back Channel will donate 10% back to MWHA!

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Volunteer Opportunities Outdoor Ice:

Mother nature is in control of our outdoor ice! We are patiently waiting for that usual bitter cold stretch of weather we get to begin flooding. Please watch for postings on the DIBS page and notifications on MWHA's Facebook page for flooding and rink/warming house closing volunteer opportunities.



Westonka Performance Center

Opened in the 2022/23 season our Westonka Performance Center (WPC) has been well utilized. The WPC has seen significant changes over the last year. The location changed slightly after moving to accommodate a new restaurant in Mound. Today the WPC is open to all users and is even better than before. A big thank you to Phil Velsor for the strong facilities leadership. Phil has been instrumental in leading the finishing details, donations of his own time, hands on work and partnering with Gina Wesley, our Fundraising Director on the MWAHA board. The build out of our facility and improvement on what we started in 2022 has been tremendous. There will be more great things to come, and we encourage everyone to stop in and look around.

The help us make it happen donors:

JBerd mechanical – Drinking Fountain
Tamarack Material – Drywall Material
Twin City Closets – StorWall storage system
Jamie Goldberg – Mural Design
Hansen Woodworking – MDF Sheets for rebound walls

GET TO KNOW OUR VICE-PRESIDENT Chris Dittrich



Do you have a skater?

My son Michael is on the PWA team and my daughter Whitney is on the 10UA team this year.

Why did you get involved?

Growing up in Rochester, MN I was fortunate to have a few non-parent coaches and parent coaches that were passionate about the program even after their kids aged out of the program. This inspired me to get involved in a youth hockey program I lived in. My first time coaching was in 2002 helping out a friend coaching a Squirt team while in college.

How long have you been involved?

I have been coaching hockey for 18 years. I spent 4 years as a non-parent coach at the Mpls/SLP PW level before moving out to Minnetrista in 2009. Since moving out here I was a non-parent coach for the Mound Westonka association at the PeeWee A and Bantam A level for 5 years and also spent time on the Hockey Operations Committee. I took a short break from coaching after my son was born and then once he showed interest in playing hockey I have been coaching in our Association as a Dad since 2015-present. I am also a current member on the BOD and have spent time on the HOC as a parent and non-parent.

What are a few things you are proud of?

I'm am super proud of the time I spent with fellow non-parent coaches in Mpls and our association. The community we have out here is very unique with two ice rinks so close together and being part of a lake community with great schools. My family has met and made lifelong friendships with parents and kids on the MoundWestonka and Warrior teams. My goal is to have all of our boys and girls play together and have success through high school and hang some banners!

DIBS Accounts: Please check your DIBS account for accuracy. Are you missing credits? If so, did you remember to click "verify completion" after a volunteer shift? Contact Pam Carlson (pljensen03@hotmail.com) with questions.





WARRIOR GIRLS UPDATE

It is hard to believe we are halfway through our hockey season. December was a busy month of District games and tournaments.



Our Westonka 6U, 8U, and 10U girls had a chance to skate with the White Hawks over the Holiday break.



Raffle Tickets!

Make sure to turn your raffle tickets into your team manager by Sunday Jan 7th!

YOUTH NIGHT





January 11th vs L-D-C
JV 5:15PM | Varsity 7:00PM
Bring this flyer for free admission!

The MW Girl's hockey team is inviting all Warriors for Youth Night on Thursday, January 11th. The 8U girls will be skating between the 1st and 2nd period of the game. We hope to see you there!



The Mound Westonka Warriors Co-op consists of the following members:
Tina O'Shea - MW Girl's Director
Doug Runke - Player Development Director
Shane Olsen
Casey Burns

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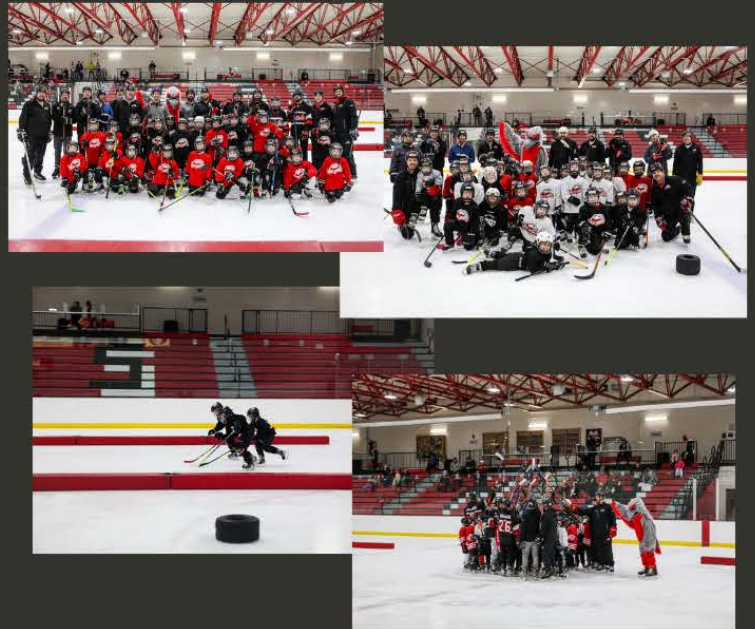
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD -8:00 - 5:00

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - SPECIFIC ICE TIMES FOR EACH
MITE LEVEL COMING SOON!



Skate with the Mascots - Community Vendors
- Skate Sharpening - Varsity Hockey Players
Autograph Stations & Locker Room Tours -
Music -Griddy Dance Off - Chuck-A-Puck,
Medals & Prizes galore!



NEW for 2024 - Mite Olympics Vision Arcade Fundraising Event
Sunday January 21st, 2024 - ALL DAY - 11:00am-6:00pm
Vision Arcade - 5245 Shoreline Drive, Mound, MN 55364

Join your White Hawks & Warriors Mite program at an open house at Vision Arcade - for a Mite Olympics fundraiser. Vision owners have graciously offered to donate 50% of all cash arcade money spent during the day back to our Mite Olympics program.

Please save the date and join your fellow MWA White Hawk & Warrior Mites while also supporting a local small business!

Are you part of a local community business who is interested in sponsoring a prize for our Mite Olympics event? Please reach out to Lauren Noess - laurennoess@gmail.com - if interested in discussing this further.

