

ANCHORAGE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



AHA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



September Kicks Off with an Electric Start for AHA!

The 24-25 hockey season is officially in full swing, and what a fantastic start it's been for the Anchorage Hockey Association! All of our teams have been formed, and we're already seeing our players hit the ice with excitement, energy, and dedication. Our teams have wasted no time getting involved both on and off the ice. We've had several successful team fundraisers, two of our directors have been honored with prestigious USA Hockey awards, and some teams have already made the trek up to Fairbanks before the cold winter begins. With the season off to such a positive and productive start, we're looking forward to the months ahead. We have many exciting events, games, and development opportunities planned for all our players, and we can't wait to share more about them soon. Thank you to our incredible players, families, coaches, and supporters for making AHA such a vibrant and thriving community. Let's keep the energy high as we skate through this season!

North Stars Make a Splash in the Great Alaskan Duck Race

The North Star hockey teams made a big impact in this year's Great Alaskan Duck Race, Alaska's premier statewide fundraising event supporting education, youth sports, and local community organizations. With 9 teams participating, the North Stars collectively sold over \$70,000 in tickets, demonstrating their commitment to helping raise funds for great causes. A special shout-out goes to the 14U North Stars, who led the charge as the top-selling team. Their hard work and dedication are a testament to the team's drive both on and off the ice. Thank you to everyone who supported the North Stars and the Great Alaska Duck Race. Your contributions are helping make a difference in our community!





LEADING THE WAY: AHA DIRECTORS RECOGNIZED WITH USA HOCKEY AWARDS

The Anchorage Hockey Association is proud to announce that two of its leaders received awards at the Alaska State Hockey Association Hall of Fame Ceremony. Brian Gross, AHA's Director of Recreational Hockey, was awarded the prestigious Dempsey Anderson Award as an outstanding coach in the Pacific District. This honor highlights Gross's dedication to fostering a positive and inclusive environment for players of all ages and skill levels, as well as his exceptional leadership on and off the ice.

The Dempsey Anderson Award, named after one of Alaska's hockey pioneers, is presented annually to a coach who demonstrates an outstanding commitment and contribution to the growth of hockey. Gross's passion for developing players, his deep understanding of the game, and his ability to inspire young athletes has made him a vital part of AHA's success.

In addition to Gross's well-deserved recognition, AHA's Executive Director, Matt Thompson, was honored with USA Hockey's New Leader Award. This accolade is given to a young, energetic individual who demonstrates exceptional leadership and a drive to improve and grow the game of ice hockey within their affiliate. Under Matt's guidance, AHA has seen tremendous growth in participation and program development, further cementing its role as a cornerstone of youth hockey in Alaska.

These awards reflect the tireless efforts from both individuals in enhancing the hockey experience for all AHA players and their families. Their leadership continues to shape the future of hockey in Alaska and beyond, ensuring that the sport thrives for years to come.

Congratulations on both of your awards Brian & Matt!



On the Path to Success: AHA's Rec Evaluations

The 2024-2025 season is officially underway, and our AHA Rec Evaluations were a resounding success! This year, we saw incredible participation from our hockey community as players hit the ice to showcase their skills and passion for the game. Our Comet evaluations brought in 150 players, allowing us to field an impressive 9 Comet teams. These evaluations help identify the players' current skill levels and set them on the right trajectory for development throughout the season.

Similarly, the Rec B Evaluations had a strong turnout, with 116 players participating. Thanks to this great turnout, we are proud to announce that we have fielded 8 Rec B teams this season. Both evaluations were a fantastic opportunity for our coaches to assess each player's strengths, determine team compositions, and ensure every player is set up for success on the ice. These teams are the foundation for growth, camaraderie, and fun in our association, and we can't wait to watch their progress throughout the season.

Fun on the Ice: 10U Girls Skate Bring Laughter and Learning

The Anchorage Hockey Association recently hosted their first 10U Girls Skate, with 20 enthusiastic players from various associations joining in on the fun. Our 16U North Star girls team volunteered their time, helping to guide the younger skaters through drills and activities. The energy was high, with an awesome playlist setting the tone, and the rink was filled with laughter and smiles all day long. It was a fantastic experience for everyone involved. AHA holds a 10U Girls skate once a month, with the next one being scheduled for October 20th from 12:15pm - 1:15pm @ DA2.



NS 16U Battles in Fairbanks

The North Star 16U team recently traveled to Fairbanks for a challenging weekend series against Hockey Club Fairbanks and the Arctic Lions. Across four hard-fought games, the team earned 3 victories and one tie, showcasing their grit and determination on the ice.

With these results, the 16U North Stars now sit in 3rd place in the 16U Tier 2 Alaska League standings, positioning themselves as strong contenders for the season ahead. Their impressive performance in Fairbanks reflects their dedication and team spirit as they continue to push towards the top of the league.

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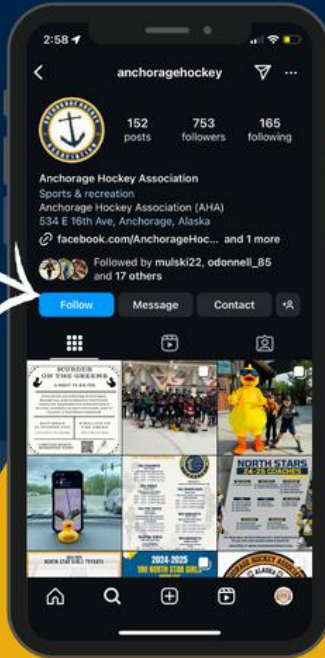
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MURDER ON THE GREENS

A NIGHT TO DIE FOR

Join us for an evening of intrigue, deception, and suspense! Costumes required, appetizers & refreshments served, mystery prizes awarded, and of course, a murderer exposed!

SATURDAY
26 OCTOBER 2024
5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

O'MALLEY ON THE GREEN
3651 O'MALLEY ROAD

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Anchorage North Stars

- 10/18 - 10U Wigren vs All Stars - 4:30PM @ UAA
- 10/19 - 16U Girls vs All Stars 16U Girls - 10:30AM @ UAA
- 10/21 - North Star Skating Clinic - 7:15AM @ BBI
- 10/27 - 10U Major vs HCF 10U Major - 8:30AM @ Polar Ice Arena

Comets Rec A Program

- 10/16 - 12U Skills Clinic - 5:45PM @ DA1
- 10/19 - 18A Comets vs MAHA 16A - 4:15PM @ DA2
- 10/20 - 12U Comet Girls vs 12B Avalanche - 12:15PM @ Menard Ice Arena
- 10/26 - 12A Gastrock vs 12A Broady - 11:30AM @ DA2
- 10/27 - 14U Comet Girls vs Mat-Su Eagles - 10:30AM @ Menard Ice Arena
- 10/27 - 14A Comets vs 14A Mat-Su Eagles - 12:00PM @ Brett Memorial Arena

AHA Rec B Program

- 10/25 - 12B Martin vs 12B Mat-Su - 7:45PM @ Brett Memorial Arena
- 10/26 - 10B Sparks vs 10U Comet Girls - 2:15PM @ DA1
- 10/28 - 10U Skills Clinic - 5:45PM @ DA1

Little Dippers Mite Program

- 10/17 - LD RED All Practice - 5:40PM @ DA1
- 10/19 - LD 6U Game - 9:15AM @ DA1
- 10/19 - LD 8U BLUE Game - 10:30AM @ DA1
- 10/19 - LD 8U WHITE Game - 11:45AM @ DA1
- 10/19 - LD RED Game - 1:00PM @ DA1
- 10/29 - LD RED All Practice - 4:30PM @ DA1

SeaPups LTS/LTP Program

- 10/16 - SeaPups LTS South - 5:00PM @ Dimond Center
- 10/16 - SeaPups LTP South - 5:45PM @ Dimond Center
- 10/17 - SeaPups LTS East - 5:00PM @ UAA
- 10/17 - SeaPups LTP East - 5:45PM @ UAA

Girls High School Hockey

- 10/16 - Chugiak/Eagle River & Dimond/West Practice - 4:15PM @ DA2
- 10/16 - Service/East & South/Bartlett Practice - 4:15PM @ UAA
- 10/21 - Chugiak/Eagle River Practice - 7:30AM @ MAC
- 10/25 - Girls High School Dryland - 4:30PM @ Dempsey

SEAWOLF 5TH LINE FAMILY HOCKEY NIGHTS

OCTOBER 5, 2024 at 6P
NOVEMBER 16, 2024 at 5P
DECEMBER 19, 2024 at 7P
JANUARY 18, 2025 at 7P

Location: Avis Sports Complex, UAA Gym

