

## Volunteer time and ideas to improve your experience and the association

By **Brooks Smith**, *President*

Another hockey season has ended. Some teams had successful seasons, some suffered through disappointing seasons – both on and off the ice. The reality is that once the season is put in motion in the fall, it can be difficult to change the course of the season.

What are some of the common reasons a promising season turns into a disappointing one? The ones that I commonly hear are: my kid is not on the team that I think he/she should be on; we don't get along with the coach; the cost of hockey is too high; our team is not winning; we don't like the tournaments; practices are too early or late, and we don't like to do the fund-raisers.

I think that the vast majority of EVHA families have great experiences year to year. The fact is, hockey can be an expensive, emotional, political, competitive game. Because of this environment, not everyone is going to be happy with every season.

The good news? Each season is a fresh start. Kids can work on their skills at camps and clinics and come to tryouts next fall with the hope of making the team they want. Coaches can learn from their mistakes and learn new techniques.

What can the average parent/member do? While there are 12 board members that are responsible for making sure EVHA continues to function, a board member is just an official volunteer. The association would not survive and cannot improve without input, time and hard work from the rest of the association members.

### Twice monthly board meetings

Yes, the season has ended, but the planning and work for next season is just beginning. During the spring, summer and early fall, the board will meet twice a month. It is during these meetings that we discuss and plan fund-raising activities, concessions, tryout procedures, team sizes, etc.

The board will hold monthly "working sessions" on the second Wednesday of each month and official board meetings will be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. All working sessions and meetings begin at 7 p.m.

at the Apple Valley Community Center, 14603 Hayes Rd. The next official board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26. A schedule of board meetings and work sessions is printed on the back page of this issue.

Beginning this year, we will also publish minutes of official board meetings in the newsletter and on the EVHA web site @ [www.eastviewhockey.net](http://www.eastviewhockey.net).

If you are interested in making an impact on next season, I encourage you to get involved today. Come to a board meeting or ask a board member how you can help.

Even if you don't have the time to be personally involved, I encourage you to let me or another board member know of suggestions or concerns that you have about the association. I look forward to serving the association as president this year and working with a great board and great group of member volunteers.



### Thank you, retiring board members

*Immediate past president **Dean Frederickson**, left, congratulated fellow retiring EVHA board members **Ernie Companion** (right) and **Dave Hinker** during the program portion of the year-end banquet March 12 at Brianno's. **Vic Zukanoff** also completed his three-year term at the end of this season, but was re-elected to another three-year term along with new members **Tom Barry**, **Dan Williams** and **Kathy Ritacco**. (See story on p.4)*

# Eastview's U14B girls win regional trophy and finish #8 in state!

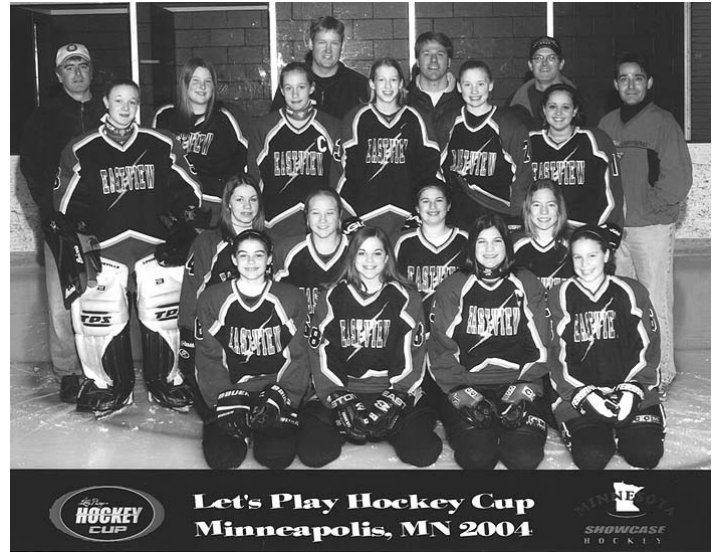
By Dan Williams, *Director and Coach*

Records can be deceiving and the Eastview Lightning U14B girls' team is proof of that. With their appearance in the 2004 Let's Play Hockey Cup U14B state tournament, the Eastview girls became the first EVHA team to win a Minnesota Hockey trophy, make it to a state tournament and make *Let's Play Hockey's* final rankings with a #8 finish.

The U14Bs (13-20-4 overall) proved to be a very difficult team to play all season long. Very strong defensively, 20 of their games were decided by a single goal.

The U14Bs came on strong during the second half of the season and throughout the playoffs. The girls started their playoff run with a second-place finish in District 6, losing the championship game to Edina in overtime. The second-place finish in district playoffs qualified the U14Bs for the Minnesota Maroon Regional Tournament.

After opening the regional tournament with a 4-0 loss to Prior Lake, the girls put together consecutive, come-from-behind victories to win the consolation championship. The team fell behind 1-0 to White Bear Lake in game two, but Kayla Willer tied it up with a one-timer off a pass from Katrina Kestler. Late in the third period, Kate Granat crashed the net and buried the eventual game winner on a rebound. In the consolation championship game, the U14Bs gave up a goal in the first minute of the game and were trailing 1-0 after two periods. Kaitlyn Leininger scored two third-period goals to give the Lightning a 2-1 win and EVHA's first-ever Minnesota regional hockey trophy!



In the Let's Play Hockey Cup, the U14Bs played great in three tightly contested games. The girls tied Egan 2-2 and lost to Burnsville 2-1 and Edina 3-0 to finish the season.

Congratulations on a record-setting season to U14B teammates **Caitlin Hart, Danille Kielas, Kate Granat, Megan Talafous, Sarah Fashant, Jamie Raslack, Katrina Kestler, Sammi Nelson, Allison Schreiner, Kayla Willer, Mary Kate Rigney, Kelly Egan, Kelly Williams and Kaitlyn Leininger**. The U14Bs were coached by **Dan Williams, Rob Talafous, Stacey Nelson, Rod Raslack and Bill Leininger**. Team managers were **Mary Granat and Rhonda Raslack**.

## Bantam Cs win District 6 title

The Eastview Lightning Bantam Cs outlasted season-long rival Chaska to win the District 6 championship game 3-2 in overtime March 6 at Pagel Arena.

The Bantam Cs were 1-1-1 against Chaska heading into the championship game, having tied and lost to the Hawks during the regular season and defeating them 2-0 in an earlier round of the playoffs.

In the championship game, Chaska scored early and added a goal in the second to take a 2-0 lead into the third period. The Lightning battled back with a pair of goals in the third to tie it 2-2 and goalie **Tyler Krob** shut the door to take the game into overtime. **Casey**



**Sherwin** sealed the win and championship with a goal at the side of the net in the first overtime.

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## Clinic and tryout schedule for the 2004-05 season

Dates for all EVHA clinics and tryouts for the 2004-05 season are listed below. All clinics and tryouts will be held at the Eagan Ice Arena. A final schedule with dates and times for each level will be shared later this summer.

### **BANTAMS**

#### Clinic Schedule

- Sept. 11, Sept. 12, Sept. 17, Sept. 18 and Sept. 19

#### Tryout schedule

- Sept. 25, Sept. 26, Oct. 2, Oct. 3 and Oct. 5 (top 20 skaters)

### **PEEWEEES**

#### Clinic schedule

- Sept. 11, Sept. 12, Sept. 18, Sept. 19 and Sept. 20

#### Tryout schedule

- Sept. 25, Sept. 26, Oct. 2, Oct. 3 and Oct. 5 (top 20 skaters)

### **SQUIRTS**

#### Clinic schedule

- Sept. 10, Sept. 11, Sept. 12, Sept. 18 and Sept. 19

#### Tryout schedule

- Sept. 25, Sept. 26, Oct. 2, Oct. 3 and Oct. 5 (top 20 skaters)

### **GIRLS CLINIC SCHEDULE (All Teams)**

- Sept. 10, Sept. 11, Sept. 17, Sept. 18 and Sept. 19

### **U12 TRYOUT SCHEDULE**

- Sept. 26, Oct. 2, Oct. 3 and Oct. 4 (top 20 skaters)

### **U14 TRYOUT SCHEDULE**

- Sept. 26, Oct. 2, Oct. 3 and Oct. 4 (top 20 skaters)



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## District 6 playoff summary

### **Bantam A**

Number-one seed Edina defeated #2 seed Minnetonka 4-2 in a double-elimination championship game. The #7 seed Eastview Bantam As won their first wildcard game 6-3 over Apple Valley and lost the second wildcard game 3-1 to Burnsville.

### **Bantam B2**

Number-two seed Chaska defeated #1 seed Minnetonka Blue 5-2 in the championship game. The #7 seed Eastview Bantam B2s lost their first wildcard game 2-0 to Eden Prairie Black.

### **Bantam C**

Number-one seed Eastview defeated #2 seed Chaska 3-2 in overtime of the championship. *(See story on p.2)*

### **U14A**

Number-two seed West St. Paul Red defeated #4 seed Eagan 1-0 in the championship game. The #6 seed Eastview lost the second wildcard game 2-1 to Rochester.

### **U14B**

Eastview finished second to Edina, losing the championship game in overtime, and went on from there to end the season ranked #8 in the state by *Let's Play Hockey*. *(See story on p.2)*

### **U12B**

Number-one seed Chaska Gold defeated #2 seed Chaska Purple 2-1 in the championship game. The #3 seed Eastview U12Bs defeated Edina Green 4-1 in their opening playoff game, lost game two 5-2 to Chaska Purple, then defeated Minnetonka 2-1 before dropping out of the playoffs following a 2-0 loss to Edina White.

### **PeeWee A**

Number-one seed Edina defeated #3 seed Jefferson 3-2 in a double-elimination championship game. The #6 seed Eastview PeeWee As lost the second wildcard game 2-1 to Burnsville.

### **PeeWee B2**

Number-one seed Edina defeated #5 seed Eden Prairie Red 5-1 in the championship game. The #2 seed Eastview PeeWee B2s lost 3-2 to Eden Prairie Red and 2-0 to Chaska Gold in their two playoff games.

### **PeeWee C**

Number-one seed Chaska defeated #4 seed Edina Black 5-1 in the championship game. The #5 seed Eastview PeeWee Cs defeated Edina Green 2-1 in overtime of their first playoff game, then lost their next two games 3-1 to Edina Gold and 4-2 to Edina Black.

## Calling all coaches for 2004-05

By Brooks Smith & Gordy Christian

First we would like to thank all EVHA coaches (and their families) for all your hard work this past season. The time and effort you put into our program is greatly appreciated.

EVHA is always looking for additional qualified coaching candidates. If you are interested in coaching during the 2004-05 season, either as a head coach or assistant, we would like to hear from you.

Please contact **Brooks Smith** at 651-894-5196 or [bsmith@medcarelifts.com](mailto:bsmith@medcarelifts.com), or **Gordy Christian** at 651-905-9616 or [gchristian@keepitlocal.com](mailto:gchristian@keepitlocal.com) to indicate your interest and obtain more information.

## Gibbons named Section 5AA Coach of the Year and receives award from Wild

EVHA member and head coach of the Eastview High School boys' hockey team **Mike Gibbons** was recently named Section 5AA Coach of the Year for the 2003-04 hockey season. This is the third time in four years that Gibbons has earned this honor, which is voted upon by head coaches in Section 5AA.

In addition, the Minnesota Wild in partnership with 3M named Gibbons recipient of the 3M Excellence in Coaching Award for Section 5AA. The award, now in its second year, is given to a boys' and girls' high school hockey coach from each section in both classes. The award honors coaches that display good sportsmanship, provide a positive youth sports experience, teach positive life skills and demonstrate respect for players, parents and officials.

Gibbons has been head coach of the Eastview boys' hockey team since the school opened in 1997. He teaches physical education and safety education at Eastview and is the assistant boys' golf coach.



### **FORE!**

*EVHA's Annual Golf Tournament will be held in August. Information about date, location and time will be shared in the next issue of *Slapshot* and @ [www.eastviewhockey.net](http://www.eastviewhockey.net)*



## Looking official

*Many EVHA members volunteered to help host the District 6 Bantam B2 tournament in February at the Apple Valley Arena. Pictured above during a game between Edina and Eden Prairie were game officials **Kurt Havlicek** (seated far left), **Bill Gengler**, **Ernie Companion**, **Rhonda Grotkin** (standing) and **Harris Williams** (standing).*

## New EVHA board members elected

Judging by the number of ballots cast, interest in promoting the development of hockey in the Eastview Association has never been higher!

After all the votes were counted, **Tom Barry**, **Kathy Ritacco**, **Dan Williams** and **Vic Zukanoff** were elected to three-year terms on the board. This will be Vic's second term on the board. The election results were announced by immediate past president **Dean Frederickson** during our association's annual membership meeting on March 24.

Dean expressed his appreciation to all the candidates who ran for the board and his hope that all will continue to contribute their time and talents to our program. Dean also thanked fellow outgoing board members **Ernie Companion** and **Dave Hinker** for their service on the board and commitment to the association.

Incoming President **Brooks Smith** commented on his appreciation for Dean's leadership and service on the board. He said the deliberate, thoughtful and inclusive leadership that Dean brought to the table will be a model for all who follow.

Officers elected at the March 24 annual meeting are:

- **Brooks Smith**, President;
- **Rob Kleven**, Vice President;
- **Randy Hart**, Secretary, and
- **Kathy Ritacco**, Treasurer.

## Eastview mites give wild show at the X!

Eastview Mite Team #4 (white) played a Little Chippers exhibition game between periods of the Minnesota Wild-Ottawa Senators game at the Xcel Energy Center on Tuesday, March 16.

Players on team #4 were **Cole Anders, Steven Connelly, Joseph Grimm, Kyle Hanson, Adam Hoffman, Ben Iverson, Joel Iverson, Brady Kelley, Bryce Kelley, Sam Mellon, Ben Taschner** and **Dylan Weigel**. Fellow EVHA mite players **Kenny Kirkman, Derrick Schiebel** and **Brett Schweiger** also participated in the game.

Several EVHA mite teams have played in these Little Chipper exhibition games. Participating teams are selected by lottery, which is held in late summer or early fall, prior to the start of each NHL season. Parents who plan to coach a mite team next season can contact the Wild now to get more information about the Little Chip-



*Dylan Weigel (center) chased down a loose puck during the Little Chippers exhibition game between periods at the Xcel Energy Center March 16.*

pers games and how to enter their child's team in the lottery for the 2004-05 season. Contact **Bryan Dan** in the Minnesota Wild offices at 651-312-3435 or [bdan@wild.com](mailto:bdan@wild.com).

The Little Chippers games are sponsored by Old Dutch Foods. In addition to the thrill of skating on the Xcel ice in front of 18,000-plus fans, the mite players get use of their own locker room, complete with commemorative paper nameplates for each player, a game jersey and gift bag courtesy of the Wild and Old Dutch. They also get to see the Wild players up close as they leave their locker room to take the ice for the second period. It is an experience these young players remember for a lifetime.



*Ben Taschner (center) skated with the puck during the game.*

## Skate in the Eagan Fourth of July parade

EVHA is again planning to enter a float in the Eagan Fourth of July parade. Players and coaches from all levels are encouraged to participate by wearing jerseys and inline skating alongside the association's float. Show your Lightning hockey pride!



If you plan to participate, contact President Brooks Smith at 651-894-5196 or [bcsmith@medcarelifts.com](mailto:bcsmith@medcarelifts.com).

EVHA does not participate in the Apple Valley July 4 parade because players are not allowed to inline skate along the parade route.



*A pair of mites battled for the puck along the boards.*

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### Schedule of EVHA Board Meetings

The following is a schedule of monthly meetings of the EVHA Board of Directors through February 2005. Now through September, the board will hold a “working session” on the second Wednesday each month, in addition to the regular board meeting on the fourth Wednesday each month. All members are invited to attend working sessions and board meetings. All meetings begin at 7 p.m. at the Apple Valley Community Center next to Hayes Arena.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEETING</u>
May 26	Board meeting
June 9	Working session
June 23	Board meeting
July 14	Working session
July 28	Board meeting
August 11	Working session
August 25	Board meeting
September 8	Working session
September 22	Board meeting
<b>September 25-October 5</b>	<b>Tryouts</b> (Eagan Arena, time TBD)
October 27	Board meeting
November 17	Board meeting
December 15	Board meeting
January 26	Board meeting
February 23	Board meeting