

EVHA Slapshot!

Newsletter for Eastview Hockey Association Members



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Greetings From the EVHA President

The 2006/2007 hockey season has just ended and the 2007/2008 season is already well underway. Your board is already working hard in preparing for next season.

We welcome 4 new board members. Butch Handahl, Ice Coordinator; Steve Johnson, Registration; Steve Martel, Tournament Coordinator; and Randy McGlocklin, Apparel Coordinator.

We say goodbye to 4 hard working board members. Vic Zukanoff, with 6 years as a board member, did a wonderful job with fundraising and apparel; Kathy Ritacco served as Treasurer and did a lot of hard work keeping our finances in order; Dan Williams, who took care of tournaments, apparel, and spear headed our new logo; and Tom Barry, who served as tryout director and event coordinator. All of these board members were very devoted to their positions and did a wonderful job. I would like to thank them on behalf of the EVHA Board and wish them the best!

The board is reviewing the surveys that were returned and evaluating the results to give you, our members, the best hockey experience we can. One area which we are working on changing is fundraising. We have had a good fundraiser for the past 7 years bringing in \$278,000 to our association! But as with anything, it is always good to evaluate what we are doing and see if a change would benefit us. The year end surveys told us that the association is looking for that change. Richard Darud and Joe Snodgrass are busy putting together a new fundraising effort to bring to the association. Watch for further details on this!

The board meets twice a month during the spring and summer to prepare for

the upcoming season. The meeting schedule and minutes are on our website at www.eastviewhockey.net. You are always welcome to attend our meetings whether you have an item you would like discussed, or you just want to see how the board operates.

Please visit our website often as we will continually be updating it with the latest information.

As always, if you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any of the board members. We are here to serve you and appreciate your input.

Have a great summer!!

Jeff Tuthill, EVHA President

4th of July Parade

EVHA has registered to participate in the Apple Valley Freedom Days parade on July 4th.

We are going to create a float for players, coaches, and parents to ride on as well as walk along and hand out candy.

EVHA has asked the High School Blue Line Clubs to participate in this event with us. We hope to make this a fun event for everyone. We will post information on our website and send emails to you when we get the details finalized.

We are looking for hockey Moms and Dads to come forward with ideas for our parade float. If you have ideas and would like to help put a float together, please call Jeff Tuthill at 952-953-4175 as soon as possible.

Let's show our Eastview pride to our community!!

Upcoming EVHA Dates

July 4	AV Parade
July 15	Online Registration Begins
August 13	Eastview Hockey Golf Fundraiser @ Valley wood
Sept 20	Pre Tryout Meeting for Travel Teams @ FRMS (Tentative)
Sept 15 & 16	Preseason Clinics for Travel Teams
Sept. 22 & 23	Preseason Clinics for Travel Teams
Sept 24 - Oct 2	Travel Team Tryouts
Oct 11	Mite Preseason Meeting @ FRMS (Tentative)
Oct 14	Eastview Hockey Expo @ Eagan
Oct 18, 19, & 20	Mite Clinic @ Hayes
Oct 25	Boys Travel Teams Picture Night @ Eagan
Oct 27 & 28	Mites Evaluations @ Hayes
Nov 20	Mites & Girls Travel Team Pictures @ Eagan
Dec 7-9	EVHA Girls Tournament @ Eagan
Dec 8	Apple Valley Apple- bee's
Dec 8	Pancake Breakfast



Done With the Last Season and On To the Next

By Mark Stillings, *EVHA Board Member and Outgoing President*

This past season, like most, went by very fast. There were numerous changes made at the beginning of the season. Some of the changes worked well and some will need to be tweaked. Changes made were: a new squirt C program, our girl teams combined with the girl teams from Rosemount hockey association, we sported new jerseys, and a volunteer policy was put into place. Based on the year-end survey most of these changes worked well and made our association even better.

Also, another pay-off was our fundraising efforts. This year we had a spaghetti dinner in December that raised around \$3,000 after expenses, and a pancake breakfast that raised around \$1,000. As usual, the biggest fundraiser was our "pizza fundraiser". Each year our pizza fundraiser brings in around \$35,000 after expenses. These successes go a long way in helping maintain our association. And considering that we purchase about 1,275 hours of ice each season at an *average* cost of around \$180 per hour, we need all the financial help we can get.

Already, we are well on our way toward preparing for next season. Once again, you will probably see changes (positive we hope) next season as well. For instance, the squirt C program will be tweaked a little and we might even include several other associations in the "in-house" program, along with other minor changes.

Also, plans are already underway for the *potential* creation of alternative fundraising mechanisms that could replace the pizza fundraiser. However, we will most likely have the ever-popular pancake breakfast and a steak-fry. Stay tuned.

We will continue to strive to obtain our charitable gambling license. This is not an easy task. We are at a point where we cannot go any further unless we can convince an establishment to allow us to sell our gambling product on their site. If any of you have connections that would help us accomplish this task, please contact me directly. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Lastly, our volunteer policy will probably be altered in a way that will help convince more people to volunteer. We learned that the \$50 refundable volunteer fee this past season was not high enough. Too many people preferred to let the association retain their \$50 instead of volunteering. The reality is that the association doesn't want the \$50, we NEED the volunteers. Hockey associations don't just need volunteers for their own operations. We are also responsible for helping to staff district, region, and state tournaments whether or not teams from our association are participating. However, it seems that we just cannot overcome the 80/20 rule, where 80% of the volunteering comes from 20% of the membership, But we are going to try. There are many people that put in many, many hours of service so that your kids can have a place to play hockey. Our coaches, board members, team managers, equipment mangers, volunteer coordinator, concession coordinator, and the editors of this publication and many others, volunteer hundreds of hours each year. Please, help those who help your child by volunteering.

The schedule of board meetings are displayed on our website. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Have a great summer!

"Hot Shot" Challenge is back!

By Mark Lecy, *EVHA Hockey Operations*

Are you looking to improve your shooting skills before next season? Then join the "Hot Shot" summer shooting challenge. Shoot 5,000 pucks during the summer and you will not only improve as a hockey player, but you will also get a free T-shirt with "hot shot" logo, a certificate of your accomplishment, recognition in the newsletter and have a chance at a gift certificate for hockey equipment of your choice. That's 100 pucks per day, 5 days per week, for 10 weeks. See web site (<http://www.eastviewhockey.net/>) for additional details in the weeks ahead. There will be form to fill out and track you progress along with suggestions on how to improve your shooting. So get your shooting stations ready for summer. As Wayne Gretzky, the great one says "there are no shortcuts to being the best, it always involves big dreams, and the unwavering commitment to pay the price through discipline and hard work."



Preparations for Next Fall's Tryouts Already underway

By Paul Edsten, *Tryout Director*

With the spring hockey season winding up, many of us are looking to summer camps and programs to prepare for the upcoming 2007-2008 season. We are involved currently in finalizing any modifications to the tryout process to make it as fair and objective as possible. Feedback that many of you gave in the end of season survey has helped to shape some of the proposed changes and should help to make it better for 2007/2008. Please let me know if there are any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding tryouts for the upcoming year. Some of the proposed or actual changes or modifications for this season are:

- Going from four to three sessions of evaluations for each age group.
- If possible, a scrimmage with another association will be included in the process. This would count as an additional session for that age group.
- One of the tryout sessions for each age group will be held during the week, the other two on the following weekend.
- Clinics will be held on the two weekends preceding tryouts (moving from 5 to 4 sessions).

Date and times for the upcoming season:

Tryout Clinic days are September 15th, 16th, 22nd, & 23rd.
Tryout week is Sept. 24 – Oct. 2, with an additional top 20 skate date.

Specific times for each age group will be available early this summer.

Have a great summer, and we'll see you in the fall!!!!

What every "new" Squirt Parent Should Know

By Mark Stillings, *EVHA Board Member*

Every year we have many families whose first hockey player moves up from mites to squirts and they are surprised by the difference in the cost of participation. As we have communicated many times, our mite program is subsidized by outside donors and by our traveling aged kids (squirts through bantam ages). In addition, mites can receive most of their initial equipment for free. Why is this done? The idea is to provide young kids the ability to experience hockey with minimal cost. Our association has greatly benefited from this program. Another key difference between mites and squirts is ice time. Usually, our mite teams only skate weekend (indoors) and occasionally outdoors during weeknights, whereas our traveling teams skate 3 to 5 days a week (indoors). Therefore, it is only natural that squirts will have a higher cost than our mite program. In squirts (and above) the cost to register (initial basic registration) is similar to the cost of mite registration. However, there are several things to consider in addition to the basic registration fee. For example, kids playing squirt hockey and above need to purchase their own jerseys. Some players might be able to make their jerseys last through bantams. Or, depending on the jersey care and the growth of the player, maybe not. Another example of the cost difference is that our traveling teams will set "budgets" based on the teams individual operations. Each month, parents will submit their "ice payment" based upon the team's budget. The payment amount is determined by dividing the budget by the number of players on each team and divided by the number of months in the season.

In summary, squirt players will pay an initial registration fee, followed by monthly ice payments (during the season) based on their teams' budget. The monthly payment for squirt players can range from about \$90 to \$175. To some, that might seem like a lot. However, think of all the fun your child is having, the friends their making, and the life lessons they're learning. That is priceless.

Wanted: Committee members to assist with the following events:

Golf Tournament-Monday August 13th (2 persons needed)

Hockey Expo-Sunday October 14th 11-2pm (2 persons needed)

Whitecaps Game-Saturday November 10th or 17th (2 persons needed)

Girls Tournament- December 7th-9th (3 persons needed)

These positions would help in the planning, organization and working of these events. The time involved would be applicable towards our volunteer hours.

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Lightning Roundup: A Look at our EVHA Teams as another Season Closes

Squirt C Black Bears Bring It!

By Denise Hodgen, *EVHA Parent*

With an awesome W/L/T (20/10/1) record, the Squirt C Black Bears had a great season. Better yet, each of the players achieved the goals they had set at the beginning of the year. These goals included skating faster, getting goals (or hat tricks), and winning some trophies. The Bears took 2nd place in their out of town tournament in Little Falls over Inver Grove; and were the Consolation Champions in the Bloomington Tournament in February.

The Bears also know that having fun as a team and being good sports is as important as winning hockey games. Pizza parties, pond hockey and bowling are just some of the ways the team has celebrated this memorable season.

Members of the 2006-2007 Eastview Squirt C Black team are: **John Barrington, Nick Brzezinski, Erik Dahlman, Andrew Erickson, Nick Hodgen, Nick Kosidowski, Taylor Leighton, Taav Matalamaki, Tommy Micholic, McKeever Spruck, Patrick Twomey, Matt Week, Justin Weinberg and Greg Wilson**; coaches: **Lars Erickson, Dave Matalamaki, Tim Kosidowski, Mike Twomey and Don Week**; and Managers: **Terri Spruck and Denise Hodgen**.

Squirt C Lightning Bolts

By Linda Kaye, *EVHA Parent*

The Bolts season ended with a tournament March 2 – 4 in Fairbault, MN. What a great way to end the season! While finishing in last place in the tournament may not seem like fun, the tournament was terrific and the team's play showed how far they have all come this season. Beyond the three games played, there was a shootout competition which combined the goals scored and saves made by goalies. Austin Holly played goal the first game and allowed no goals in the shootout, Rory Roark played the second game and only allowed 2 goals.

These great performances combined with the shootout goals scored by Michael Fortuna, Sam Handahl, Andrew Tuthill and Dylan Buck gave out team a total of 20 points for 4th place behind the winners with 24 points.. During the 'Moms' goal scoring event Rae Ann Anders won the boys slushies after their second game. The tournament saw three losses for the team, game 1 was a 2-0 loss to cottage Grove, game two was a 8-2 loss to Rosemount with Michael Fortuna and Blake Carlson scoring. The third game was very exciting coming back from a 3 goal deficit to trying the game late in the third period, ultimately losing 4 – 3 to Chaska. Good Goal Keeping by Andre Gaubert kept us in the game and goals by Sam Handahl, Andrew Tuthill and Eric Thompson kept the fans on the edge of their seats throughout the game.

It was a great season for the Lightning Bolts with a season record of 14 – 2 in league play and a combined league/tournament record of 18 – 13. The coaching staff of ...

U10B Takes Second in Hibbing Tourny

By Cindy Matalamaki, *EVHA Parent*

As promised in the last issue of *Slapshot*, the U10B Green Machine came home with hardware from their Hibbing tournament in January. To earn the second place title, the girls beat out International Falls 1-0 and St. Francis 5-0 before succumbing to Pequot Lakes 1-6.

This tournament win puts the icing on a solid 8W/5L/1T season for the Green Machine and puts them in an excellent position for the upcoming playoffs. But the girls know that there is more to playing hockey than winning games, and they've enjoyed great times getting to know each other. Whether playing some pond hockey, watching high school hockey games or chowing down on pizzas, the Green Machine has become a true team. Co-coaches Jim Carroll and Pete Desrocher are proud of the strides that this team has made over the season. Congratulations to Elise Abbott, Taylor Carroll, Sara Desrocher, Carolyn Dolan, Gabby Field, Rachael Hertzberg, Megan Matalamaki, Sarah Montgomery, Sarah Pellicci, Allison Squires, Nichole Squires, Paige Suhsen and Samantha Tyo --- you'll be hearing these names years from now in the state high school hockey tournament!

Fun Season Ends for PeeWee B2 Team

By Rick Nelson, *EVHA Parent*

It's hard to believe that the season is already over! Of all the seasons that have come and gone, this one seemed to go the fastest. This was due to a great group of players and an equally great group of parents. And let's not forget the coaches - Mike Kelley, Scott Calhoun, Jim Reller, and Sean Pearson - they taught the kids a lot this year and kept them focused. The team ended up with a 3-13-0 record in the league, and we just missed going to play-offs. Many of the games were close calls. Also, there was a position changeover in the middle of the season to allow the kids to experience a different feel on the ice. This may have resulted in less victories, but the hockey experience for the skaters was well worth that small sacrifice. We had a better record in the tournaments and scrimmages, going 7-5-0 and 3-4-1, respectively. The team was made up of Tyler Boente, Andrew Calhoun, Austin Clapp, Garrett Cropsey, Luke Frederickson, Tanner Hamill, Brady Kelley, Jordan Millington, Erik Nelson, Michael Pearson, Alex Reller, Andrew Samsel, Reid Thompson, and Nate Tyo. You guys did a great job and you were a joy to watch! Have a good off-season (if there is such a thing) and we will see you this Fall.

Chris Carlson, Shirley Buck, Todd Anders, Matt Fortuna and Mike Engst were terrific with all the team members, fostering their hockey skills and love of the game. The weekend and season ended with our team banquet Sunday after the tournament. Many thanks to all the coaches and team manager Butch Handahl for a successful and enjoyable season.

Lightning Roundup...

U12A REV Girls' Season Ends with En-

By Rick Jones, *EVHA REV parent*

As the first season of a combined Rosemount (District 8) and Eastview (District 6) U12A girls' teams has concluded, the girls finish the season with enhanced skills and new friends.

Under the direction of their exceptional coaches, Kevin Riley, Joe Schmitz, and Tim Comstock, the girls developed new skills: how to work together as a team, move their feet, accelerate, increase their endurance, and make plays by weaving and drop passes. They also learned to play more physically and with emotion that made for remarkable memories.

The REV lineup includes the following girls: Hannah Esselman, Sydney Lubeley, Abbey Knoop, Jessica Schmitz, Amanda Comstock, Amber Anderson, Jill Jones, Maxyne Friesen, Lexi Harnagel, Kelsey Philipsek, Anne Ehresmann, Taylor Sampson, Delaney McKay, Kendra Goodrich, Shannon Field, and Lauren Riley.

During the season the U12A Girls' team participated in tournaments in South St. Paul, Hastings, Andover, Duluth, and District playoffs in West St. Paul.

The weary parents conclude a successful season with great pride in the dedication and commitment required by the hockey girls, as well as their coaches, team managers, and other parents. The U12A girls clearly enjoy participating in girls' team sports and developing new friendships with like-minded athletes. Parents value the girls' dedication, discipline, and time management skills required to participate in the girls' hockey program while working diligently in school. Way to go REV girls, coaches, and parents!

U10 A's Take 1st in Fergus, 3rd in Shakopee

By Mark Koplitz, *EVHA Parent*



The U10 A Rev won all three of its games to take home top honors at the Fergus Falls Invitational. It was a total team effort all weekend. Anna De Boom, Kristen Reuter, Lindsay Koplitz and Kellie McGahn all had multiple goal games and Sarah Mayer notched two game winning goals. Courtney Companion played superb in goal, along with defenders Maureen McDonald and Ashlee Humble.

In Shakopee, the U10 A's topped Champlin Park 5-0 for the third place trophy. A win over Rochester and a tough semi-final loss to Burnsville preceded. The team has played very well in District 8 and hopes to finish strong in the district tournament. Team members include Taylor Heppner, Anna De Boom, Ellie Cardinal, Marie Olson, Lindsay Koplitz, Natalie Deeg, Kellie McGahn, Ashlee Humble, Maureen McDonald, Sydney Carlson, Sarah Mayer, Molly Reber, Courtney Companion and Kristen Reuter. Coaches are Jim McDonald, Dan Deeg and Paul Carlson. Our team manager Christine McGahn has done a great job all season.

Peewee C's Wrap Up Season with Nail Biter Playoff Finish

By Lisa Hanson, *EVHA Parent*



The PeeWee C team had some exciting games during the last part of their season. They traveled to Wausau, Wisconsin for their final tournament on a cold weekend in February. After losing their first game to a tough Green Bay team, they went on to play a team from Waukesha. They came out on fire and pulled together as a team to win an exciting 9-4 game. Shane Kenealey earned his first hat trick scoring 4 goals. Also lighting up the scoreboard were Andrew Kline, Mason Ballweg, Ben Kissell, Kyle Hanson and Mitch Deinhammer. With assists by many players and strong defense and goaltending the team celebrated after at their hotel. The next day the team played in the Consolation game and ended up losing to a strong team from Middleton. The team also wowed us when they came out strong and almost won their first district play off game against Kennedy. With a few minutes to go in the third period they were tied 3 to 3. After Kennedy goaled a 4th goal, we came back to tie it up with our own 4th goal. It was a nail biter to the end with Kennedy getting a break away 5th goal and then an open net goal ending in a 4-6 loss for Eastview. Scoring for Eastview were Shane Kenealey with his 2nd hat trick of the season and Ben Kissell. Once again the entire team pulled together and finished their season with a great game. The PeeWee C team players were Alex Stretar, Andrew Freeman, Kyle Hanson, Shane Kenealey, Mason "Boogaard"

Ballweg, Mitch Deinhammer, Andrew Kline, Logan Schleicher, Marshall "the enforcer" Lang, Ben Kissell, Tony Favilla, Curtis Peterson, Lucas Gansmoe and Karl Nordmeyer. Coaches were Tim Stretar, Mike Gansmoe and Scott Hanson. And last but not least, our manager was Lynne Schleicher.

Lightning Roundup...

Squirt A's Close The Book On Successful Season

By Dave Driscoll, *EVHA Parent*

From any point of view, the 2006-2007 edition of Eastview Squirt A hockey was a great success. With simple, but important goals of having fun and becoming better hockey players, the Lightning did just that, and along the way saw that hard work paid off in tournament and District 6 success.

Coaches Steve Cerrato, Joe Snodgrass and Mark Stillings focused their team on learning and working specifically on skill development. The kids pushed themselves every practice to get better, and they did.

The reward for their hard work and dedication was a strong showing in both District 6 and their second half tournaments. The Lightning finished their District 6 campaign with a 5-9-2 mark. Of their nine losses, four were by only one goal. Second half highlights included wins over rival Apple Valley (3-2) and Minnetonka (6-3). As Coach Cerrato pointed out, some of the team's more impressive games were actually the hard fought one goal losses, including two 2-1 losses to Eden Prairie

The Lightning continued its tournament momentum, traveling north to Cloquet in January for its third Squirt A tournament of the season. The Friday night before the tournament, the boys enjoyed some great team building, including taking in the UMD v. Colorado College game. The tournament was a success, and marked the second time this season that this team would take home runner-up hardware. The Lightning also participated in the "Prairie Madness" tournament in March – Eden Prairie's annual Squirt A event. For their four tournaments, the Lightning finished with an 8-6 record.

The Squirt As met perhaps their toughest test during their final hour of ice – a March 9th epic battle with their parents. Perhaps matched only by the Superbowl, the pre-game hype surrounding the game was immense. Taunting and smack talk were certainly the order of the day, but as is always the case, you have to be able to walk the walk (something the players suggested none of the parents would be able to do for days after the game). The parents paraded their best onto the ice at STA, including the famed "K-A-N" line (Kay Kukowski, Amy Hutsell and Nancy Snodgrass) and Dave "the Dominator" Driscoll between the pipes. After a hard fought, back and forth (and for many of the parents, down, then up, down, then up) battle, we let our obvious love for our kids overtake us - we "let" them tie the game. It was a great time for everyone, including any local retailer stocking Advil and ice packs.

However you want to measure success, this year's Squirt A team makes the grade. Thanks, boys, for a great season!!

Pewee A Finishes a Successful Year

By Mike Wohl, *EVHA Parent*

The Eastview Pee Wee A hockey team has completed one of the more successful seasons in the history of the EVHA. Coach Stacey Nelson had many compliments for the team as they closed out their season at a Buck Hill final team party. "This season was full of challenges. The kids first had to understand Coach Strobel's experience and we all grew up quickly knowing what Eric was going through meant to the players, coaches and parents. We then progressed into learning how to accomplish our goals by breaking down each goal into their smaller steps and progressing towards them in stages. This group of players evolved into a team who truly believed in one another but cared about one another. That speaks volumes to the type of players and families that make up this team."

Coach Nelson recapped the season highlights:

Our Overall Record was 25-11-2 We Earned #5 Seed in District 6 (9-6-1 record) We were involved in 13 - one goal games (9-2-2 record) We played 18 games against Top 20 Ranked teams in the State (6-11-1 record) We won the first game of the tournament, including the District 6 Playoffs. We earned One Championship in Richfield, two Second place finishes in Blaine and Faribault (OT) and one-Third place finish in Cloquet.

"We achieved these milestones for the following reasons", explained Coach Nelson. "We improved each and every day. We are a completely different team than the one we started with in September from a confidence, understanding and adjustment to the pace and physical aspect of A level hockey."

"Every practice and game came with a challenge and an additional piece these kids were challenged to add the puzzle, from the first flow drill, to the Power Play Breakout, to the Strobel Face-offs. From that first day to our final practice we set an expectation to demand effort from the entire group and to lead by example, players and coaches alike. We expected an honest and complete effort at all times, and the kids were up to that challenge.

Our mantra was to *Fear No One, and Respect Everyone*, the players looked, listened and learned and believed in themselves. They developed the confidence to test their skills and understanding of the nuances of the game of hockey. They had the courage to go outside of each of their comfort zones and to push themselves and their teammates to work for one another and become a team. We learned to win, then we planned to win, and then we expected to win. I can't say enough good things about this team, and I expect them to continue to make the Eastview community very proud."

Lightning Roundup...

RAVE Jr. Gold “B” Hockey: A SPECIAL YEAR FULL OF FIRSTS!

By Scott Petersen, *RAVE Coach*

Through the leadership of Mike Bari (who we dearly miss), coach Scott Petersen, and the support of Tom Slaird (Metro Hockey league) and both Eastview and Apple Valley hockey associations, RAVE hockey has really blossomed. The goals of Rave hockey were recreated about 6 years ago to make it a team where our kids could play fun, competitive hockey with a family atmosphere. We have grown from our 12 player team (6 + years ago), needing to hold tryouts and to fill two teams (U-16 and B). This is something we are very proud of.

The 2006-07 Rave Jr. Gold B team had many firsts to be proud of. In December, after a league season start of 3-0-1, they headed to tournament in Minnetonka. Rave has never won a tourney .. EVER! They beat the host, Minnetonka 4-2, Wayzata Blue 3-2 and won the championship, beating Eden Prairie 4-2. After 2 additional league wins against Burnsville and Eden Prairie, Rave was on its way to and Albert Lea tourney against some very tough and physical D-8 teams. The first game against White Bear Lake Orange, was won 3-2. Hastings was next and in a game that featured 68 saves between the 2 goalies, Rave won 2-1 and was headed for another championship title game. The game against Rochester, was very tightly contested and Rave won 4-1 for the championship!

The season continued with some great hockey, awesome friendships, and more and more fan support. Rave rattled off wins against Blaine, White Bear Black, Monticello and a HUGE win against the #1 rated Tartan team after which Rave was ranked #2 in the state and riding very high. Wins against Cetenial and Wayzata Gold brought Raves record to 16-0-. They came up against a feisty Chaska team and lost the first game of the season in late January, then beat Roseville, and lost a very good game against Buffalo White. Regrouping, Rave then rattled off wins against Buffalo Purple, Champlin Park, Osseo, Coon Rapids, Moundsview and were headed off to one last tournament in Onalaska WI where they played JV teams won yet another Championship Title

Rave went on to win the Metro League championship, playoffs and were headed to the State Tournament! The First game went into double overtime with both teams having great chances to win. With little time left in the double overtime, Trevor Havlicek fed Andy Taschner for a shot that Mark Calvird tipped in for an unbelievable hockey game. In the semi-final game, both goalies were amazingly hot. Rave took 28 shots at the Woodbury goalie and was able to score once. Alex Kleven turned away 26 shots and came away with a State Tournament shutout win. The State Tournament Title game featured a lot of offense and 2 very hard working teams. Rave was not able to beat Inver Grove red on this day, but we are very proud of our State Runners Up trophy in the trophy case

Rave finished the season with a 32-3-2 record!

The Players are Andy Taschner, Austin Maye, Mark Calvird, Billy Wells, Jeff Putnam, Chad Wengenroth, Alex McNamara, Dave Mikolaczyk, Matt Larsen, Ben Hough, Garrett Beltz, Trevor Havlicek, Calvin Ritz, Skyler Vadner, Taylor Pemberton, Alex Kleven and Daelen Snow. Coached by Scott Petersen ass’t Bill Wells and Mike Larsen. Co-mgrs Jenny Taschner and Cindy Mikolacyzk.

U10 Black REV Sees Fun and Success

By Jeff McNamara and Bill Leininger, *EVHA Parents*

Take 14 girls, add some wild colors, mix in a little fun and you have the REV Black U10B team. The practices ranged from the basics – skating, passing and shooting – to planned plays with code words like “Sponge Bob” and “Chicken Dance”. The season had games ranging from nail biters to blowouts - both on the winning and losing side of things. For years to come, it is unlikely they will remember their district record of 5-8-1. They will remember playing against the high school girls, skating past their moms, exchanging gifts with Team Canada in the Hibbing Tournament, scrimmaging at the Xcel, and the new friends that they made.

One highlight in the last half of the season included a REV U10B Black/Eastview High School Girl’s Varsity tilt. EVHS’ size and strength were matched with Black’s tenacious play. In the first period the team skated to a 2-2 tie.

EVHS came out flying and just when it looked like they were going to put the game away, they were hit with a rash of penalties that even a dermatologist couldn’t remedy (maybe they didn’t watch the USA Hockey New Rules of Play video!). Black started the 3rd period with a 2 goal lead – the hardest lead to hold. Black held on through the period, only to have Meagan Brigl break free and tie the game 8-8 with 30 seconds left. Black was not to be denied, a near perfect shootout delivered a 12-10 win. Thanks to all the EVHS girls who participated, you made 14 young hockey players’ night!

Another highlight was the mother – daughter game. It featured Schoonover vs Schoonover in each of the nets. The Moms, decked out in their Mrs. Puff’s Hockey School sweaters, tried to slow down the tempo. The Puff’s defense blanketed the more skilled and quicker Black team. In the end REV Black prevailed, winning 4-2. Despite the loss, Puff’s goalie Gayle Schoonover was awarded the number one star of the game, turning away 28 of 32 shots.

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