

# AHA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## SKATING OUR WAY INTO OCTOBER!

The leaves are falling, the snow is coming, and all the smiles on everyone's faces must mean hockey is officially back! The month of September had the hockey season in full motion. This month, there were over 180 hours of AHA ice time, which included 26 games!

## Fundraising Accomplishments

September 9th marked an extremely successful day of fundraising for the Anchorage Hockey Association. The Great Alaska Duck Race was an amazing event that was welcomed with great weather and a lot of excitement from our community. AHA accomplished 55k in duck sales, which will return 50% of donations back to the participating teams! AHA also facilitated a gear sale at Ben Boeke that same day. We sold \$1,300 in used equipment and outfitted a lot of first time hockey players! That \$1,300 will go directly towards supporting our AHA Goalie Gear Lending Program. All remaining gear was donated to the Gomez Association to help outfit more young hockey players in the great city of Anchorage!

## GROWING THE GAME WITH GIRL POWER

Girls hockey is one of the fastest growing youth sports in the world today, and AHA is doing its part to help grow the numbers by providing a fun, exciting, and educational experience for all female athletes, 10 and Under. We held our first girls skate on September 17th, and had 28 girls, from all over the Anchorage bowl out on the ice having fun and playing hockey with their friends. The goal is to provide an event that builds community for all Alaska girl hockey players, and give them an experience they can look forward to each month!

The next girls skate is scheduled for October 22nd and we can't wait to see all the smiles under all their favorite halloween costumes! Registration is still open at the link below.

  
**10U GIRLS SKATE  
REGISTRATION!**



# 10U & 12U Rec Skills Clinics Begin!

The Rec program held their first skills clinics this month. The bi-weekly skills clinics for all 10U and 12U players have been well attended. Our excellent volunteer coaches did a great job keeping the kids engaged and having fun the entire 60 minutes! The next skills clinics are scheduled for October 2nd and we look forward to seeing you there!



**NS SKATE CLUB**  
[INFO/REGISTRATION LINK](#)

## USA HOCKEY RECOGNIZES AHA COACH/DIRECTOR

AHA Girls Development Director, Goalie Program Director and Coach, Cassi Campbell, was awarded the New Leader Award at the Alaska Hall of Fame Ceremony on September 16th this month.

The award is awarded to individuals who largely contribute to growing and improving hockey within their state affiliate. Congratulations Cassi!



## NS 18U AND 12U MINOR OFF TO HOT START

Both of our 18U and 12U Minor North Star teams are off to hot start to begin the 23/24 season. Our 18U group has outscored it's local opponents 54-14. 18U forward, Joe Christiansen has led the offensive charge, highlighted by back-to-back hat trick games earlier this month. Our 12U group has been pouring on the goals as well, scoring 34 goals in their first 3 games of the season. The short-rostered group has used their skill and teamwork to execute creative play that's a true joy to watch! Keep up the hard work teams!



## Where are they now?

Colten and Bryce are two AHA alumni who are now playing for the Anchorage Wolverines in the NAHL. This is Bryce's 3rd season in the NAHL and 1st season with the Anchorage Wolverines. He has a college commitment to the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and has 86 PTS in 126 GP in the NAHL. Colten is going into his 2nd season with the Wolverines and currently has 4 PTS in 7 GP this season. Colten has been a great coach for AHA youth in back-to-back Anchorage Hockey Academy Summer camps. Go out and support the former AHA alumni!



Colten Gerken



Bryce Monrean

# UPCOMING AHA EVENTS IN OCTOBER



## GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Girls High School hockey starts next month with the girls hitting the ice the first week of October for practice. The season opening games will be held on October 27th and we can't wait to see the girls working hard to represent their schools! It's not too late to register! Click link below for more info.

[Girls High School Hockey Registration](#)



## ANCHORAGE NORTH STARS

There's a lot of action in October for the North Stars! The first two weeks of the month will see a ton of games during the Termination Dust Invitational and our 19U Girls team is headed down to Dallas, TX for the CCM Invite! Good luck to all of our teams this month! Work together, skate hard, and have fun!



14U-18U OCT 6-9

10U-12U & GIRLS OCT 12-15

[TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE & RESULTS LINK](#)



## RECREATIONAL PROGRAM

Our Rec season is off to a great start and October will bring a lot of excitement for our Rec players and their families. Our 10U players will get their first taste of competition on the 1st of October against the 10U All Stars, and our 12U Comets Gastrock team will be competing in the second week of the Termination Dust!



THE 34TH ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOTOUT NOV 23-26  
[REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!](#)



## LITTLE DIPPERS MITE PROGRAM

Our Little Dipper Program gets fully underway this month! We've got a large number of players participating this year, and a strong group of volunteers to help teach them the skills necessary to build a love for the game! If you'd like to get involved and help volunteer, please contact Mite Program Director, Kirk Kullberg.



## ANCHORAGE SEAPUPS

Our Learn to Skate & Learn to Play, SeaPups program kicks off in October.

SeaPups South begins October 2nd at the Dimond Center and SeaPups East will begin on October 5th at the Seawolves Avis Sports Complex. We can't wait to get these future Seawolves out on the ice and learning the basics of hockey, but more importantly having fun while doing it!

