

January 2017

# STIX 'n PUX

## BMHA Newsletter

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Season's Greetings Everyone December 2016,

With the Holiday season upon us, I wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas. I would like to dedicate this month's edition to pause and reflect on what a minor hockey association President should be thankful for.

Here goes:

- Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers who give up countless hours to ensure that minor hockey players can enjoy this great game
- I am thankful that all dedicated volunteers and coaches have been appropriately certified whether that be CATT, CRC, HCSP, RIS, or Coaching certification
- I am thankful that our cross-ice rink dividers are stored properly within the directions provided by our Burnaby Parks & Rec arena staff
- I am thankful that when a missed call by a referee or linesman is NOT greeted by accusatory shouts of anger from the stands
- I am thankful to ALL those parents who support their child or children in this great game of hockey by SMILING when their child –
  - misses the net on a breakaway **OR** scores a goal;
  - is out of position which results in a goal against **OR** makes a great pass;
  - sets-up a goal **OR** lets one get by in the last second of a period;
  - back-checks to prevent a goal **OR** falls down when skating backwards;
  - fans on a shot or pass, loses the puck and sends the opposing team on a breakaway **OR** does a highlight reel toe drag to get by the defenceman to score the winning goal
- I am thankful to all Atom & Peewee parents who get their kids to all or most 6:30am practice times
- I am thankful for all Midget players who are dedicated in attending their 10:15pm practice times
- I am thankful when we do not have any "unused" ice time
- I am thankful when all 'C' teams are declared balanced by PCAHA
- I am thankful to everyone who are positive contributors to Sportsmanship in the Stands
- I am thankful to our tournament chairpersons and their volunteer teams who also put in countless hours to ensure a quality tournament experience for all participants
- I am thankful when BMHA teams achieve their sportsmanship points
- I am thankful for our volunteer Executive team who attend to all the regular, special and extraordinary meetings and assignments that require their valuable time and support
- I am thankful for all our division managers whose leadership and time commitment, allow BMHA teams to compete in PCAHA leagues
- I am thankful when there are three on-ice officials to referee our hockey games
- I am thankful when I do NOT receive any PCAHA emails informing me of BMHA issues or suspensions
- I am thankful when our monthly BMHA Executive meetings do NOT exceed 3 hours
- I am thankful to all families who make it possible for their moms, dads, husbands or wives to take on the important roles as volunteers for minor hockey

Finally, thank you for those who supported the Christmas Bureau Toy Drive earlier this month and a reminder that the Pat Quinn Classic runs December 27 – 30 at the Bill Copeland Sports Complex. Please come

out for some great hockey action and support our own Bantam A1 and Pee Wee A1 teams.

- Darryl

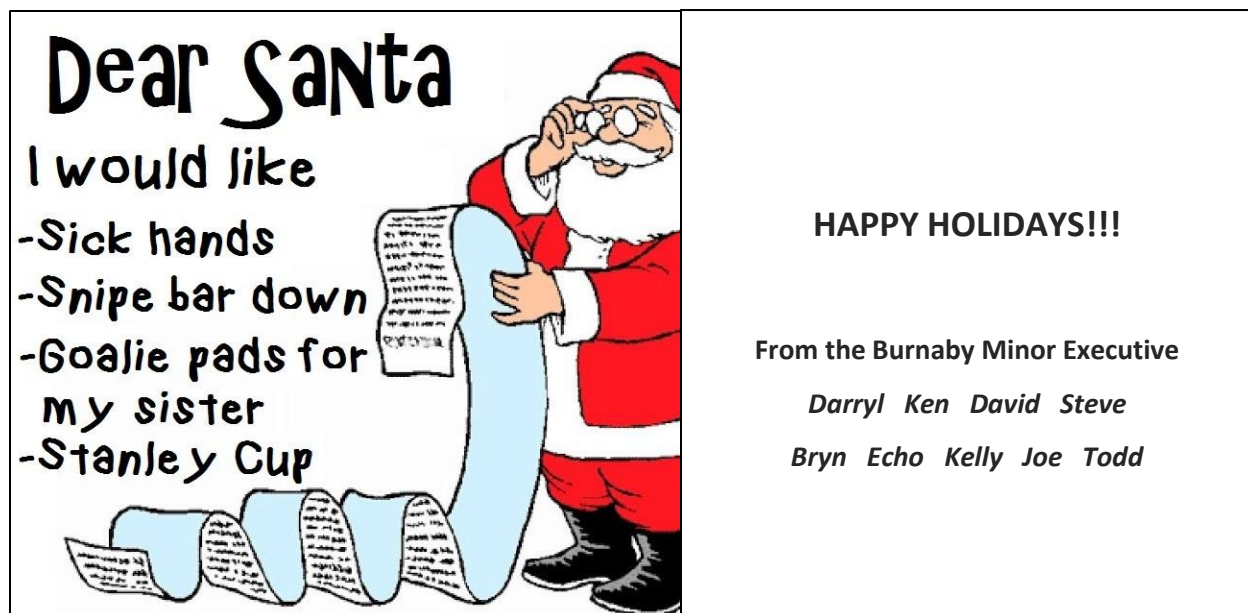
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## MESSAGE FROM BMHA HEAD COACH - Joe Wansink

With the season now fully underway, I have had an opportunity to see many of our teams practice and compete led by our many volunteers. Well over 250 members have stepped up allowing BMHA to roster 50+ teams and 800 players. The time and effort put forth has been impressive considering the evolving requirements organizations such as ours must meet to operate. The PCAHA December 1st certification deadline has now passed and we welcome the many new additions to our coaching family who were required to attend a weekend long clinic and relive the joy of homework. Under the leadership of Kelly Miles and Liz Vela, our new coaches are completing their post course tasks and ensuring our players have someone qualified to be on the ice and on the bench.

I will remind our new volunteers (and seasoned veterans) that if they wish to voice any concerns over referring, player/parent conduct, opposing teams or opposing coaches that they should contact a board member who will then follow the established protocols of BMHA, PCAHA and BC Hockey. Thank you again volunteers for making a difference. Please continue to enjoy the season and remember to tell your hockey player how much you love to watch them play!

- Joe Wansink, Head Coach



## PAT QUINN CLASSIC - Starts December 27<sup>th</sup>!

The 2016 Pat Quinn Classic is right around the corner and we want to make sure BMHA members have the inside scoop! Hope to see everyone there!



### SCHEDULE

The full schedule is posted, by division [here](#). BMHA has two teams playing in the tournament – take a peak and find a time to come out and support them.

### DID YOU KNOW?

5 of the Top 10 Bantam teams from Western Canada and 2 of the Top 10 Bantam teams from Western USA are playing in the 2016 Pat Quinn Classic!

### PAT QUINN CLASSIC TOONIE SKATE

Come check out the Bantam AAA Elite Championship game on December 30 (puck drop at 2:15, free admission) and stay for the toonie skate! Immediately after the game there will be a toonie skate at Bill Copeland Arena with scavenger hunts, prizes, DJ's, face painting and special guest appearances by the Vancouver Canuck Alumni! It's going to be a great, family-friendly evening with something for everyone. Wear your BMHA jersey and show your Bulldog pride!

### BROADCAST

If you can't make it down to Bill Copeland Arena for the Bantam AAA Elite Championship game on December 30, be sure to tune into Shaw at 2:00pm to catch the live broadcast

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Event hashtag: #PQC2016

### ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT

There are few leaders in hockey as respected as the legendary Pat Quinn. He is internationally recognized as one of the sport's greatest coach and ambassadors. He motivated players of all calibres to be work hard on the ice and live with passion and integrity off the ice. This tournament recognizes the 50+ year legacy of the Burnaby Minor Bantam tournament, as well as Pat Quinn's love of hockey and his unwavering commitment to give back to the community.

## BMHA's THIRD ANNUAL TOY & SPORT DRIVE - Thank you!

In the spirit of giving back, Burnaby Minor Hockey Association held its Third Annual Toy & Sport Drive for the Burnaby Christmas Bureau on December 11<sup>th</sup>! We collected countless toys, footballs, soccer balls, volleyballs and of course hockey equipment!

Thank you to all the individuals who stopped by and the teams who participated as a group such as Bantam C2 & Midget A1! Due to your generosity, over 120 local Burnaby children will have a little bit happier holiday season this year!

Thanks!  
for your  
Support!!

## BMHA SUCCESS STORY - Peewee A2 Take Home Bronze!

The Peewee A2 participated in the Everett Tournament in November. The team went 2-1 in the preliminary round losing once to the eventual winners, The Vancouver Thunderbirds. The team played Coquitlam A3 in the semi finals and lost a heartbreaker 2-1. The loss meant a bronze medal matchup against Saanich from Vancouver Island. The Saanich team had an identical 2-1 record so the team knew it would be a challenge. The Bulldogs came out flying and managed a 6-2 victory thus capturing the Bronze medal and in essence third place. Thanks to the coaches, players and parents for a wonderful weekend!



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## WINTER BREAK CLOSURE - No Ice Dates

Just a reminder to everyone that the last day of ice before Winter Break is Friday, December 23rd for all arenas. The first day back on the ice is Monday, January 2nd, 2017 for all arenas!

**NO ICE**

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## DATES TO REMEMBER - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- December 23 – Last Day For Ice, all arenas
- December 27 to 30 – Pat Quinn Classic tournament, Bill Copeland Arena
- January 2, 2017 – First Day Back For Ice, all arenas

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## SPONSOR OFFERS

Here are some selected offers from the generous supports of Burnaby Minor. For other sponsor offers, please visit the [BMHA Sponsors & Offers](#) page of the website.



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8:15AM-4:00PM - 10-13YRS - \$334.00+TAX

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