

March 2018

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BMHA Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone,

At this time, all BMHA C teams are in the midst of completing their play-offs. Continued good luck to all our teams who are competing to finish in 1st or 2nd place in their flight categories which will qualify them to compete in the PCAHA Championship Banner Day game which are held at the RIC March 10 & 11, 2018. I hope to see as many BMHA teams as possible participating in those games.

Our rep teams are also in the midst of completing their play-off games. Continued success to those vying for Final Four and Provincial spots! Good luck also to those teams that are playing for President's Series Banners.

To our Initiation Tyke, Tyke, Novice Minor & Novice Major teams that are gearing up for season-end jamborees and tournaments, I wish you to have fun, enjoy your experiences and remember to show-off your BMHA sportsmanship!

I would like to congratulate all of our players, coaches, team officials and parents who have displayed the utmost of BMHA sportsmanship throughout this hockey season both on and off the ice. Unfortunately, hockey is a very emotional sport which sometimes involves judgement calls and missed penalty calls by the officials. These incidents are part of the game and challenges players, coaches and spectators to refrain from expressing their opinions and actions in an inappropriate manner. I am deeply disappointed at this time to report that I have had to deal with a number of inappropriate incidents which have resulted in suspensions and indefinite suspensions from BC Hockey.

As President of Burnaby Minor Hockey Association these past four years, as a volunteer the past 24 seasons and as a BMHA player for 11 seasons, I have been extremely proud of our association's reputation for always competing by the rules, working hard no matter what the score and working even harder when the chips are down and we may not be getting a 'fair' shake on the judgement calls. Inappropriate whining and yelling at the referees by coaches and spectators/parents was uncommon. As players, we respected our opponents even though they may not have respected us. I hate to use an old cliché but "two wrongs never make a right" and yes, it takes discipline, character and a strong will NOT to retaliate, either verbally or physically. These are all life skills that I was taught throughout my minor hockey playing days at Burnaby Minor Hockey Association.

I expect our players, coaches and parents to be taught and to learn those same life skills today. My hope that as a representative of Burnaby Minor Hockey Association, we continue to lead by example, that we continue to be seen as a one of the most respected minor hockey associations in the Lower Mainland and the rest of British Columbia and that the suspension issues I have recently dealt with are an exception to the past performance record of BMHA.

Finally, I would like to refer everyone to a very touching and relevant letter that is a must read for hockey parents <https://thejuniorhockeynews.com/a-fathers-letter-to-his-son-at-the-end-of-his-hockey-playing-career/>

Enjoy the balance of the season everyone!

- Darryl

REFEREE APPRECIATION NIGHT - BMHA Recognizes Our Officials!

As a way of saying "Thank You" for all their hard work, Brett Rafferty, BMHA's Referee-In-Chief hosted our referees at the Annual Appreciation Night a few weeks ago! The referees were recognized at Centre Ice during the SFU Men's Hockey Game, and treated to some pizza and prizes. Keep up the good work!



COACH EVALUATIONS & APPLICATIONS - Getting Ready for Next Season!

Getting underway shortly will be preparations for the upcoming season – a key piece is getting coaches in place. To start, please take a few minutes to complete the BMHA Coach Evaluation form which can be found on [the website](#). Your feedback is important - it helps us recognize accomplishments and look for areas of improvement as we begin planning for next year.

Burnaby Minor will be accepting applications for coaching positions for our teams at all age groups for the upcoming 2018/19 season. If you are interested in coaching a team, please visit our website [for more information or to apply](#). Also, if you know anybody that is not a member of our association but has a passion for hockey and commitment to developing players, please encourage them to apply as well.

If you have any questions, please contact headcoach@burnabyminor.com.



BMHA RECEIPTS - How Do I Get a Copy?

While there is no longer a Children's Fitness & Arts Tax Credit, families requiring their 2017 receipt or any other year for registration fees can obtain it by logging into your Hockey Canada Account. This is the same account you would have

accessed when registering online - <https://registration.hockeycanada.ca/registration/AccountLogin.aspx>. Those who play on a Rep team would have been emailed a receipt from when they paid through SportsNgin, and a copy should be available through their SportsNgin account.

For those of you are who new members who registered for the first time with BMHA this season (2017/18), please contact Liz Vela, the Registrar, at registrar@burnabyminor.com. Please note – the Registrar will only issue receipts to those who are first year members.

TEAM OFFICIAL CLINIC FEES - How Do I Get Reimbursed?

BMHA reimburses rostered Team Officials who attended clinics and completed their required certifications.

RIS & HCSP Clinic Fees

For HCSP (Hockey Canada Safety Program) and RiS (Respect In Sport) clinic costs, please email Kelly Miles at development@burnabyminor.com with your name, team that you were rostered to, and a copy of your receipt.

Coaching Clinic Fees

Coaching clinic attendees are required to complete post-task assignments that must be verified by Joe Wansink first, upon verification attendees can then submit to BC Hockey for formal certification and submit a reimbursement request to Joe. For verification of assignments, please email Kelly at development@burnabyminor.com.

FEMALE HOCKEY - Go Wildcats!

Esso Fun Day - Female Try Hockey Day

The Wildcats held its 3rd annual Esso Fun Day/Female Try Hockey Day on February 3rd at Kensington Arena. It was a huge success with 60 new-to-hockey players registered for the event and 30+ on the waitlist for the next one! It is an event that takes a village to make happen – from registration to equipment fitting to running drills on the ice, all while keeping these first-time hockey players excited about the sport. Thanks to the dedicated parent volunteers and the girls from the Tyke, Novice and Atom teams for loaning out their gear, we made 60 new-to-hockey girls very happy! We anticipate a very healthy group of brand new Wildcats in the 2018/19 season!



The Final Stretch

With playoffs in full swing for Wildcats Atom C1, Atom C2 and Bantam C1, I'd like to thank these teams for your dedication all season long. Atom C1 was elevated from 2nd tier to the top tier in January. It is a tough tier to compete in and you have always made Burnaby proud by your resilience and perseverance. Atom C2 remains competitive in their tier – without a dedicated full time goalie. Bantam C1 won the regular season banner after an entire season of back-and-forth with Surrey C1. All of the Wildcats' success is made more encouraging with a strong Tyke and Novice group following on the heels of their older sisters, eager to show their prowess. Although no scoring is kept officially, the Tyke and Novice teams have consistently won their games by double-digit score differential!

Let's finish the season strong Wildcats! – Echo Lee

BMHA SUCCESS STORY - PCAHA Graduating Midget Scholarship Tournaments!

Each year the PCAHA holds special recognition events to promote the ideals of scholastic achievement and sportsmanship combined with participation in Minor Hockey at the Midget and Juvenile levels, and to showcase the talents of players in these divisions. There are two in particular for BMHA Graduating Midget players – PCAHA Presidents League Joe Morellato Midget “C” Scholarship Tournament and PCAHA Midget “A” Scholarship Tournament. In order to participate, graduating players must apply and be selected to participate in the tournaments. The tournament teams are made up of players from different associations, and they have a few practices together before the tournament games – players who are normally rivals from different associations are now on the same side and part of a team! Congratulations to all the players selected to represent Burnaby Minor at the tournaments!

PCAHA Presidents League Joe Morellato Midget “C” Scholarship Tournament

The tournament was held this past December, and BMHA played host to one of the games! BMHA players included: Devin Prasad, Dante Cervo, Aidan Guld, Michael Hajdu, Gavyn Williams, Shulei Wu, Jonas Klarich, Kirk Louie, Adam Chau, Michael Lim, Jake Scarr, Brayden Wolkowski and Jared Wong. Special congratulations to Adam, Aidan and Michael H. who were named Midget C Bursary Winners!

PCAHA Midget “A” Scholarship Tournament

BMHA players – Connor Beemish, Tyler Bolenback, Matthew Chang, Jonah Fridfinnson, Daniel Nielsen, Mauricio (Maui) Soriano-McKinnon, Justin Yee-Kozukan, and Josh Yin - were well-represented on Team Avalanche at the PCAHA Midget A Scholarship tournament! Team Avalanche won the Bronze Medal and a sweep of the awards - Special Congratulations to game MVP winners, Jonah, Connor, Justin, Maui, and Scholarship winner Daniel!



REMINDERS

Last Day of Ice

The last day of the regular season is as follows:

- Sun. Mar. 4th, 2018 - 8 Rinks (H2 & older)
- Fri. Mar. 9th, 2018 - Kensington, BLA, Copeland, 8 Rinks (JB & H1)

LAST DAY!

BMHA 2017/18 Awards

Don't forget to nominate outstanding individuals - players, goalies, coaches & managers – who helped make the season great! Nominations deadline is March 18th and more information can be [found here on the website](#).

BMHA Executive Nominations

Various Executive positions are up for re-election at this year's AGM – if you are interested, please contact Moe Velji, Chair of the BMHA Nomination Committee, at vicepresident1@burnabyminor.com.

DATES TO REMEMBER - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- March 4 – Last day of Ice at 8-Rinks (H2 & older teams)
- March 9 – Last day of ice at Kensington, BLA, Copeland and 8-Rinks (JB & H1)
- March 18 – BMHA Coaches & Managers and Player Awards Nominations Deadline
- April 21 – BMHA Volunteer Recognition and Awards Banquet, Metrotown Hilton
- May 23 – BMHA Annual General Meeting, details to be provided
- May 23 – BMHA Players Awards & Graduating Midget Rings Presentation –details to be provided

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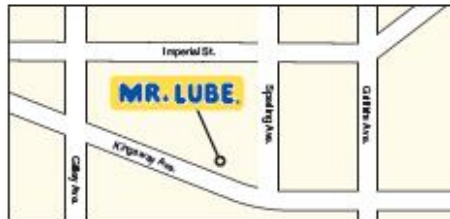


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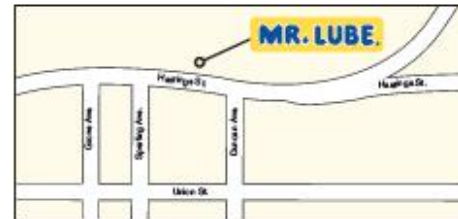
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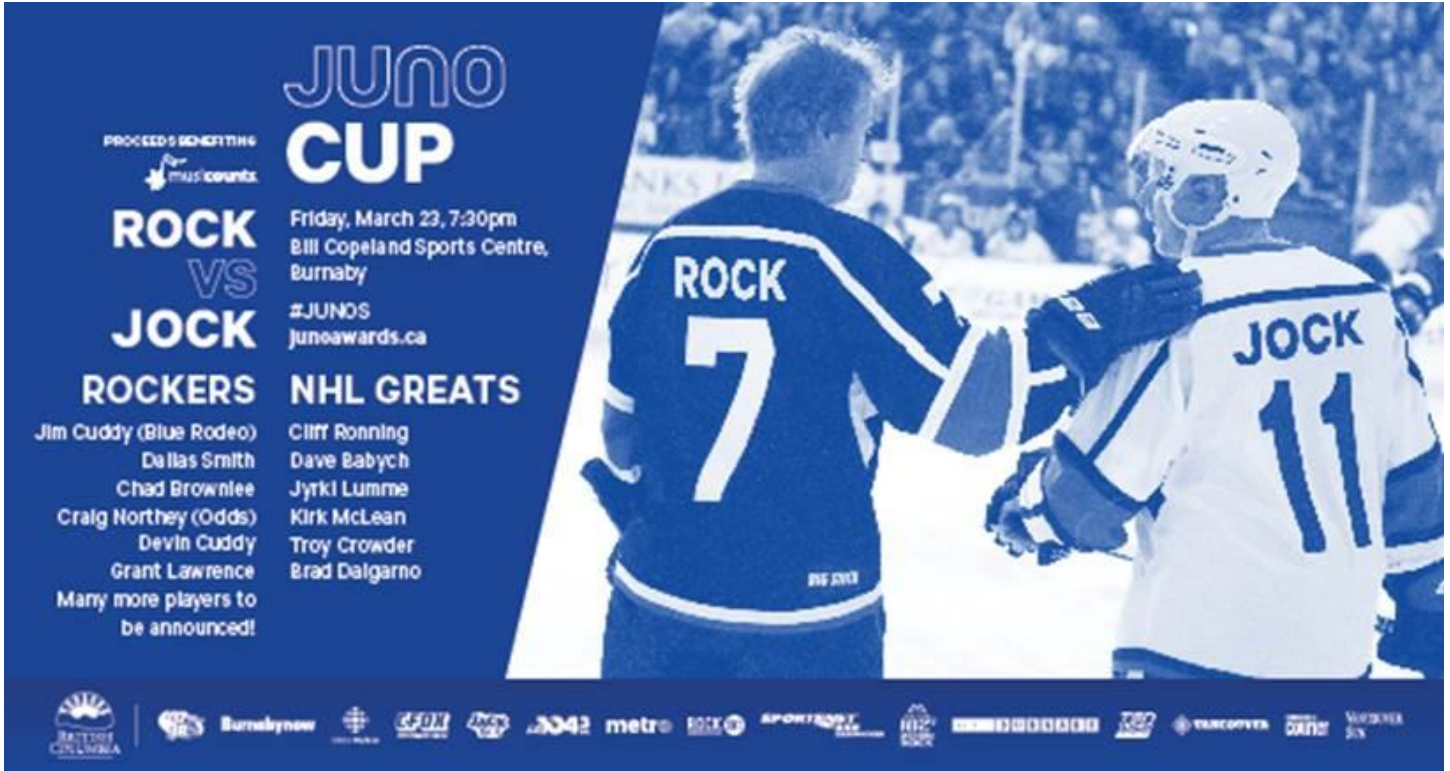
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ROCKERS

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NHL GREATS

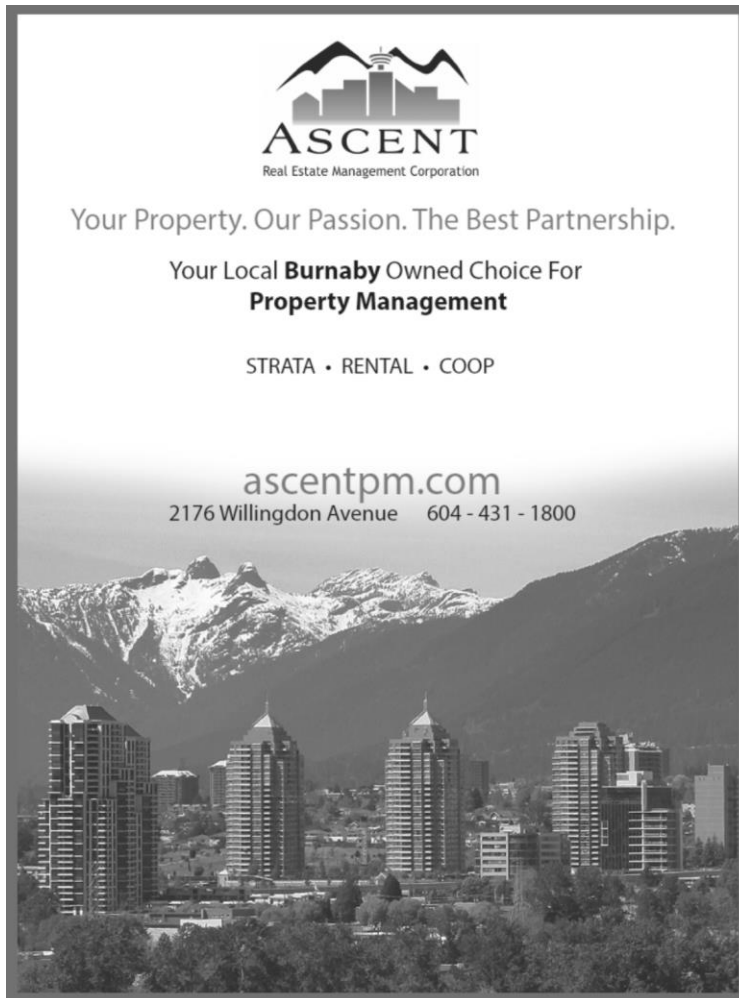
Jim Cuddy (Blue Rodeo)
Dallas Smith
Chad Brownlee
Craig Northey (Odds)
Devin Cuddy
Grant Lawrence
Many more players to
be announced!

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Dave Babych
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