

Duluth Lakers Newsletter

July 2007

WOW!! It seems like we just finished a season and here we are once again with the 2007-2008 hockey season right on our heels. As always, welcome back to our returning players and our new player's for this season. Below are a few of our upcoming events and some important information regarding this years season. Please take a moment to review them.

HOCKEY REGISTRATION

Mark your calendars!!! Registration for the 2007-2008 season will be held on **Sunday, September 9th** and again on **Wednesday, September 12th** at **Central High School**. This is also a great opportunity to purchase those Ribfest tickets, if you have not done so already. As well as check out all of the different booths set up.

Please note, due to issues in the past with unpaid balances for ice assessments, which results in a negative effect on the association and our players, we have put the following policy in effect for this year's hockey season:

ANY PLAYERS WITH OUTSTANDING ICE ASSESSMENT BALANCES FROM LAST SEASON and/or JERSEY(S) THAT WERE NOT RETURNED WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO REGISTER UNTIL THE PAST DUE AMOUNT IS PAID in full and/or JERSEY(S) RETURNED.

Blackwoods/DAHA Ribfest 2007

Hey, why don't you come and bring the family on down to Bayfront for Ribfest. The great evening of fun is happening on September 15th, 2007, from 4 to 10 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance & \$20.00 the day of the event. Tickets will be available the week of July 22nd through the day of the event. This is a great home-cooked meal and a great way to enjoy an evening out. There will be 3 bands for your entertainment as well as beverages available. We are fortunate to have DAHA as a sponsor, as well as Blackwoods for this fundraiser. This is an excellent opportunity for our community to support Lakers Hockey. Remember to mark your calendar; you don't want to miss this!!!

We, however, are looking for volunteers to work this event. We are encouraging the Laker players to wear their jerseys and come down and join in the festivities and lend a friendly hand. Remember, all of our hard work and effort will in turn help our players and association. Please take some time out and be one of the 15 or so needed volunteers. The shifts are: 4 to 7pm & 7 to 10 pm,

Please note the potential of this fundraiser. This is a wonderful thing for the Lakers hockey to raise some more needed funds to keep this association successful. For a \$15.00 ticket the break is such: \$5.00 goes towards cost, \$6.00 goes to the Association, and \$4.00 goes to DAHA. As you see, we have a chance to make a good profit on this fundraiser, we just need everyone's help to make it successful.

Lakers 2nd annual Spaghetti Dinner

Come and join in the fun at our 2nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner being held at Marshall School on Dec 8th. We will also need to have volunteers to help make this a success, please set aside some time to assist with this event. Watch for information to come regarding this great Laker fundraiser.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

We have a Zero Tolerance policy that every parent and player signs at registration each season. This policy is in place to remind all of us that any abusive, derogatory and inappropriate gestures and comments, etc, that is upsetting to other fans, coaches, referees, players, etc. is not to be tolerated and can lead to circumstances. The policy is not in place to say have no fun at all, but to do in a manner that is not negatively affecting anyone else around you. As parents, we need to be leaders and set a good example for our players and our fans. With that being said, starting in the 2007-2008 season, DAHA and Lakers Hockey will be enforcing the Zero Tolerance Policy for the safety and well-being of all. Remember to set a good example for our youth, as they are our future.

BOARD MEMBERS/WEBSITE

With elections done and a new season just around the corner, we have completed the updating of our Website. In the Laker website you will also find a contact area for the board members and staff. As always, feel free to contact any one of us if you have concerns, suggestions and/or questions that develop over the season. Our website is also a good source of information you can access that via www.duluthlakershockey.com

TOURNAMENTS

The Squirts tournament will be held in Carlton on January 11th, 12th, and 13th
The Zenith City Tournament will be held on February 15th, 16th and 17th at UMD, Fryberger and Marshall. Please check out the Tournament section of the Lakers website for more information regarding these upcoming events. *** As

a friendly reminder to the Lakers parents; Please plan on working these reserved dates, so please schedule your tournaments, whether in town or out of town, practices, etc., around these dates so we can make these tournaments a success.

We would also like to invite all of the Laker members to attend our next board meeting on August 21st @ 7p, at the Wheeler Field House.

The Duluth Lakers Board