

The Blue Line



July 2009



Cheyenne Capitals Youth Hockey Association

Special points of interest:

- * Prairie Dog Scramble Golf Tournament Set For Sept. 19th At Airport Golf Course (Info: 421-0506)
- * SuperDay Another Great Capitals Success
- * Coaches Summer Meetings Underway
- * Next CCYHA Board Meetings August 4th and September 1st
- * City of Cheyenne Reports Return Of Ice In Early-September
- * Team Wyoming Tryouts August 28-30th. Location TBD.

Cheyenne Capitals Booster Club Is Born!

On April 23rd, 2009 the Cheyenne Capitals Booster Club came into existence.

The primary function of the Booster Club is to support and promote ice hockey in but not limited to, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Any funds generated by the Booster Club shall be directed to the advancement of the sport of ice hockey and/or to charities of the Booster Club.

The Booster Club shall be non-union, non-profit.

To support and promote the players of the Cheyenne Capitals Youth Hockey Association Teams.

To encourage CCYHA members to become involved in all of the Booster

Club's events.

The Booster Club is not to be misrepresented as an affiliate of any hockey club

The Booster Club faces the uphill challenge of "STP"...Always having the "Same Ten People" volunteering...PLEASE Get Involved, even if it's just being on the "Senior Night Committee" we need your HELP and Guidance.

The next SCHEDULED MEETING is August 20th from 6:30-8:50PM at the Laramie County Library, Windflower Room, 3rd Floor. The following meeting will be on September 10th. Contact Mark Lantz for more information at 637-0431.



Cheyenne Capitals High School Teammates Celebrate Their 2008-2009 WAHL High School B State Championship

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Cheyenne Capitals Adopt Tiered Hockey Framework To Expand Opportunities

The Board of Directors of the CCYHA voted in July to adopt the widely used tier system for age divisions Squirt and older.

This will offer a wide variety of opportunities for hockey. The framework consists of an economical in-house recreational program for all youth, a second tier for those who wish to participate in WAHL competition

across the state and a few tournaments, and a third tier for those who



want to play competitively in any number of additional tournaments.

The recreational program is expected to have one practice and one game opportunity each week, and each additional tier will have an extra practice (e.g., the highest tier would have 3 practices and one game opportunity each week).

Pink Flamingos!?!

Wake up to find dozens of pink flamingos in your yard recently?

The first fund-raiser for the brand new Cheyenne Capitals Booster Club is underway.

Information will accompany the flamingos to your yard identifying how to have them removed, and asking you to recommend another location

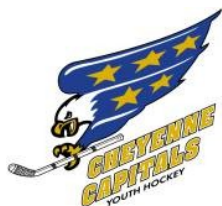


(aka, victim) for their placement. The

Cheyenne Capitals Booster Club will also be selling "insurance" so you can have flamingo repellent.

So, if you see high school age kids in your front yard late at night with a load of lawn ornaments, please refrain from shooting them. They are volunteering their time to help the booster club raise money for everyone involved in youth hockey around Cheyenne.

For an order form, please email extremeteam@wyoming.com with "Flamingo Order" in the subject line!



USA Hockey Makes Changes to National Tournaments for 2009-2010

Big changes were made at the USA Hockey Annual Meeting in Colorado Springs this summer.

The change with the most impact for Wyoming hockey players is the reorganizing of states for the National Tournaments. This year the players who make a Team Wyoming in their age group have the opportunity to compete against states with similar

sized hockey involvement.

Team Wyoming will compete with the best teams from Kentucky, South Carolina, New Mexico, Delaware, Oregon, Kansas, Alabama, West Virginia, Oklahoma, Nevada, Washington D.C., Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri and Hawaii.

This group contains some familiar opponents from Colorado tourna-

ments such as Albuquerque, NM, and now will also include the challenge of playing teams from the large metropolitan area of St. Louis.

Tryouts for Team Wyoming at the various age divisions are coming up soon. The dates have been set for August 28-30, but the locations have yet to be determined. Keep an eye on www.cheyennehockey.com for info.

Members Find Success With U8 Concept in 2008-09

A 20 question end of season survey was presented to the families of 8 & Under athletes this spring. Statistics generally show that a survey completion rate of 10% is considered excellent, and the U8 survey received an astounding completion rate of greater than 50%!

28 of the 35 responses indicated their child was placed in the appropriate skill group, and the same number

responded that their child benefited from practicing with similarly skilled kids.

The U8 coaches have already met this summer and discussed how to provide improved opportunities for player movement between A, B, C and D during the season. This was one of the items that the membership would like to see improved.

On another positive note, WAHL mem-

ber associations voted unanimously in June to follow USA Hockey recommendations and move to the 8 & Under organization in place of Mite and Mini-Mite. Once again, the Cheyenne Capitals led the way for the state organization displaying in 2008-2009 that U8 can work in Wyoming.