

On behalf of the Board of the Richmond Ravens I want to take this opportunity to wish all of our players and their families a Happy New Year. There is a lot of good news around the rink with all of the teams having very successful seasons to date. Please take note the Social Committee's January Player of the Week plan that starts now and is posted on the web site, this will be a good chance to offer your players some extra motivation. Following are some of the year's highlights to date.

The Tyke division hosted a jamboree last month that created a lot of good will amongst the competition they will now face as they start playing games, good luck to the two tyke teams in this very important part of their development.

In Novice we have two stellar teams that have been having a lot of success against the other Associations' teams and I hear when they play each other it is a very competitive game. The third Novice team proved to be so skilled that for competitive reasons they needed to be moved to the Atom Division to become Atom C3 where they are settling in well, in the Langley tournament this past week they placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Atom AA won the North Shore Winterclub' tournament earlier in the year and proved to be so skilled that they too needed to be moved, they were placed in the second tier of Pee wee (they are Pee wee C3) where they are now in first place in their standings.

Atom C2 is having a great year as well showing significant improvement since the beginning of the year, keep it up girls.

Pee wee AA won a November tournament in Kamloops and have been competing very well in their division, they are currently in a 3 way tie for first place in their standings. For those of you who don't know the Pee wee AA team will be hosting the Provincials this year in March, anyone interested in volunteering to help with this should contact Lisa Green via the manager of the team listed on the website.

Pee wee C1 competed in the Langley Angels on Ice tournament and advanced to the Bronze medal game, they are competing well in their tier.

Pee wee C2 represented the Ravens well in a Vancouver Island tournament and are one of the strongest teams in their flight, currently in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Bantam AA placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Wickenheiser tournament in Burnaby, every player on the team recently tried out for the Fraser River Delta Zone U16 team that will play in the BC Winter Games and out of 28 competitors 10 of our Ravens made the team, this is quite an accomplishment and they are all to be congratulated for their efforts.

Bantam C1 played hard in the Angels on Ice tournament and came in 3<sup>rd</sup>, well done girls.

Midget AA won both the Nanaimo and Regina tournaments they competed in and are currently in 1<sup>st</sup> place in their standings.

Midget C1 won the Langley Angels on Ice tournament for their division and are also in 1<sup>st</sup> place in their standings.

Midget C2 placed second in the Wickenheiser tournament in Burnaby and are having a great season.

Juvenile is in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their standings in a very tight race.

Best of luck to the Bantam and Pee wee AA teams that will be heading off to San Jose next weekend for a challenging tournament, Go Ravens Go.

As we prepare for the second half of the season and playoffs please remember to be appreciative of all the volunteers who make all of this possible, in particular your coaches and managers, make sure you support and help them where ever you are able.

Happy New Year