

# WSHA NEWS



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March 2010

## **Board of Directors Meeting Notice**

Monday, March 8, 2010

West Salem American Legion

6:00 pm

## **General Membership Meeting Notice**

Monday, March 8, 2010

West Salem American Legion

7:00 pm

## **West Salem Hockey Association Board**

President:	Brian Meyer	786-3664
Pres. Elect:	J.C. Ledoux	786-3387
Past Pres.:	Joe Belling	786-0637
Secretary:	Mary Whitbeck	786-4682
Treasurer:	Joan Pierce	788-3611
League Rep:	Brien Plunkett	792-3363
Director:	Mike Gorniak	769-4158
Director:	Mitch Langrek	786-1030
Director:	Mark Weilandt	786-2512
Director:	Dale Larson	790-2502

### **Agenda:**

Secretary's Report  
Treasurer's Report  
League Report

### **Old Business:**

Board Elections  
Bylaw Submittals  
Fundraisers  
Kitchen Update

### **New Business:**

Parent Policy  
Team Spokesperson Policy  
Kids Banquet



### **Happy Saint Patty's Day!!!**

Congrats to all our teams who are playing in the State tournaments this year – may luck be on your side!!! For our teams who are not participating, congratulations on a season well played so far!!! You have all done a great job and have every reason to be proud of yourselves. I know I am proud of all of you!

As the season winds to a close, let's take a minute to thank our coaches for the wonderful job they did teaching our kids the skills needed to play. They not only learned about hockey, but also little things about life. Teamwork is such an amazing thing and our kids are all the better for knowing how to be part of a team. Our kids laughed together and cried together, won together and lost together, and we are all the better for it. These are experiences they will remember long after they are off the ice. Someday they may even quote something one of their coaches told them "when they were young". When you teach, you touch a life, and we will be forever grateful for all you have done for our kids, not only today, but well into the future.

Coaches, our hats are off to you – Thank you for teaching our kids, for coaching our kids, and for being their friends always. We couldn't have done it without you!

Mary

**WAY TO GO VIPERS!!!**

Big congratulations to our high school boys on such an amazing season!! The Vipers are currently in their post season play-off games and every win gets them one step closer to State. We have so many families who have older boys playing for the high school team, so please show your support and attend any play off games you can. If you haven't seen them play yet this year, you are truly missing some talent on the ice!

**Important Dates to Remember**

- March 6-7, 13-14 – State Tournaments
- March 8 – Board Elections
- Rink Tear Down - TBA
- Kids Banquet - TBA
- March 27 - Adult Banquet/ Annual Meeting
- May 30 - Neshonoc Days
- June 4-6 - June Dairy Days

**Past Events****Playdowns**

Congratulations on the teams who qualified for state at their level. Good luck, and let's bring home those 1<sup>st</sup> Place trophies!!!

**Upcoming Events****Board Elections**

WSHA Board elections will be held at the March General Membership meeting to be held on Monday, March 8 at the American Legion at 7:00 p.m. To be eligible to vote, you must have attended at least 2 meetings over the past year.

Open Board positions and nominations are as follows:

- **President Elect** : Tom Grosskopf
- **Treasurer** : Melissa Olver
- **League Rep** : Brien Plunkett
- **Director** (2 open positions) : Tom Beirne, Mike Gorniak.

**Annual Kids Banquet**

We are looking for someone to head up the kids banquet for this year. If you are interested, please contact Mary Whitbeck ASAP so the planning can start. This is such a fun event for the kids to get together one last time before our season ends, so be sure to attend!

Please watch for more information to come to you soon.

**Adult Banquet/Annual Meeting**

The WSHA Annual Meeting/Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 27. Please RSVP your parent rep so we can get an accurate count on how many will be attending so we can plan accordingly with the meals. Reminder that children are not allowed at this banquet. New Board members will be sworn in, also. Timeline for the evening will consist of:

Cocktail Hour: 5:00 pm

Dinner: 6:15 pm

Meeting: after dinner

Sounds like there will be some Euchre played afterwards, so be sure to stay for that!

We look forward to seeing you there, and again, your parent reps will have more info for you.

**Neshonoc Days**

Neshonoc Days is coming up soon!!! BIG thank you goes out to Heidi Brown for once again taking charge of this year's festivities. If anyone is available to help out, please contact Heidi, or Mary Whitbeck. Sign up sheets will be posted at the Kids banquet,. Raffle tickets will be passed out at the kids banquet also. Everyone is responsible for selling raffle tickets – remember you wrote a post-dated for these during registration last fall!!! Anyone looking for some easy work hours – here's an opportunity for you!

**Rink Tear Down**

Can you believe tear down time is almost here?? Didn't the rink just get put up?? Time goes by way too fast. Look for more info to come out soon on the date for teardown—this does count as maintenance work hours, so those of you, who are in need of those, keep an eye out!

### June Dairy Days

Once again the West Salem Hockey Association will be staffing the beer tent on Saturday night during June Dairy Days. This event is one of the easiest and most fun events to earn some work hours – everyone can do this! And rumor has it that Flashback will once again be back, so there's even more incentive!!! Signup sheets will be posted at kid's banquet for those who would like to sign up to help serve beer.

### General Membership Meetings

On the second Monday of each month, the WSHA holds a general membership meeting for those interested in attending. One of the best things about our "family" is that we are run by parents – this means people that are just like you. We hold these meetings so that you all have the opportunity to know firsthand what is going on within the association. This is your chance to voice an idea, voice your opinion, and give your input. Things can't change and evolve if we don't know which direction you would like to go. I think I can safely say that we are all in agreement that we want what is best for our kids. If that is how you feel, then get involved, attend a meeting. You don't have to come to every single one, and you don't even need to speak. Stop by and listen to what goes on. Learn more. Show your kids that you care about their future. Hope to see you there on a Monday!!

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### Recipe of the Month

In honor of Saint Patrick's Day, let's try this recipe this month...



### Grasshopper Fudge Cake

1 box Betty Crocker Super Moist white cake mix  
 1 ¼ cups water  
 1/3 cup vegetable oil  
 2 teaspoons mint extract  
 3 egg whites  
 12 drops green food color  
 2 jars (16 oz each) hot fudge topping  
 1 container (8 oz) frozen whipped topping, thawed  
 5 drops yellow food color  
 Andes Mints candies, unwrapped and cut into pieces, if desired

Heat oven to 350 degrees for shiny metal or glass pan (325 for dark or non-stick pan). Spray bottom only of 13 X 9 inch pan with baking spray with flour. Make cake mix as directed, using water, oil, 1 ½ teaspoons of the mint extract and the egg whites. Reserve one cup of batter. Stir 3 drops of the green food color into reserved batter and set aside. Pour remaining batter into cake pan.

Drop green batter by generous tablespoonfuls randomly in 12 to 14 mounds onto batter in pan. Cut through batters with metal spatula or knife in S-shaped curves in one continuous motion. Turn pan ¼ turn-repeat cutting for swirled design.

Bake 28 to 33 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Run knife around side of pan to loosen cake. Cool completely, about 1 hour. Carefully spread fudge topping evenly over cake. In medium bowl, stir whipped topping, remaining ½ teaspoon extract, remaining 9 drops green food color and the yellow food color until blended. Spread whipped topping mixture evenly over fudge. Garnish with candy pieces. Store covered in refrigerator.



**One last Thank You...**

Thank you to all the parents and the kids for an awesome season of hockey!!! I hope everyone learned a lot, but more importantly, gained some new friendships. Thanks to the parents for always playing taxi for the kids, making sure they get to their practices and their games. Thanks to the kids for staying positive and upbeat, even in the losing situations-that is a true strength I hope you all keep. Keep skating and we'll see you at the fun summer events!

The words "Thank You" are written in a black, elegant cursive script. The word "Thank" is on the top line and "You" is on the bottom line, with the two words overlapping slightly. The letters are fluid and connected, with a soft shadow effect behind the text.