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January General Meeting

**Wednesday, January 25, 2006
Kearney Event Center – Second Floor
7:00 p.m.**

Who will be the Special Speaker?? Confirmation could not be made by press time but expect a phone call. Or, better yet, plan to attend and be surprised.



Sam D'Agostino

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Sam D'Agostino comes from Medford, Massachusetts, which is a suburb of Boston. Last year he attended Cushing Academy in Ashburnham, Mass.

This boarding school has been around for a long time and has a well established hockey program. Last year Sam was the captain of his team.

Sam spent last semester at UMass-Amherst but has chosen to go to Tier I Junior hockey to finish out the season.



Player Birthdays

There are several February birthdays coming up.

- Feb. 1, 1986 – Greg Battani turns 20
- Feb. 6, 1987 – Zach Cohen will be 19
- Feb. 10, 1986 – Jarod Palmer turns 20
- Feb. 20, 1987 – Brent Cornelius will be 19

Congratulations to Our All-Star Participants

Jaroslav Markovic, Zach Cohen, and Jordan Willert have been chosen from the Tri-City Storm to be a part of the West Division Team in the All-Star game. The game will be played in Sioux City on Feb. 7. Congratulations for earning this honor.



How did you learn how to skate?

Here are some more answers to the question of how our players learned how to skate.



Mario Lamoureux didn't seem to really remember not skating. Considering the fact that he is the fourth son in the Lamoureux family, he probably just followed along as soon as he could walk. There were ponds in the neighborhood where the kids skated. He was, of course, encouraged by his dad who played hockey professionally.

Brian Connelly says there was a pond in his neighborhood where all the kids went. He did not have any formal lessons until he got interested in playing hockey when he was about 10.

Brett Watson was about three or four when he learned to ice skate. He learned on the neighbor's pool. [That's right, pool, not pond.]

Kyle Lawson took lessons at an ice rink. The instructor was a figure skater but she was teaching beginning skating, not figure skating.

Brett Gorman says he just put on skates and went out on the ice. He liked it so he kept skating.

Brent Cornelius is another player who took beginning lessons. These lessons combined how to skate with the basics of hockey. That would be like our IP class here at the KEC for 4-6 year old beginners in the youth hockey program.

When **Philip Ogleznev** was nine his father brought home a videotape of soccer for them to watch since that is Philip's favorite sport. There was an NHL hockey game on the tape also. He says he liked the game because of the fighting and wanted to learn how to play. His father got him some ice skates and he learned at a local ice rink in his home city of Belgorod, Russia. Philip said the beginners would hang on to the edge but he just took off onto the ice. He would fall down, get up, fall down, get up until he finally got his balance.

Sam D'Agostino was about 2½ when his mother taught him to skate. According to Sam, "She says she did. I don't remember." Which means that he, like Mario, probably does not really remember not being able to skate.





Awards Banquet

Coming in March



Watch for Details

The Sixth Annual Awards Banquet is coming up in March. We will let you know the date, time and place as soon as possible.

New this Year – A Special Door Prize!

This year a special door prize is being assembled. It will include player buttons of every player who was on the Tri-City Storm team during this 2005-2006 season. The buttons of players who were here from Christmas on will be autographed under the plastic cover.

Everyone who attends the Awards Banquet will have a chance. The lucky person whose number is drawn must be present to win this prize.



International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF)

The International Ice Hockey Federation oversees the sport as it is played around the world, puts on the various world and continental championships (for men, women, and juniors), and runs national tournaments

for a number of nations”¹ Their objectives are to govern, develop and promote ice and inline hockey throughout the world, to develop and control international ice and in-line hockey, promote friendly relations among member national associations, and to operate in an organized manner for the good order of the sport.²

The IIHF was founded in 1908 when representatives of four European countries – France, Belgium, Switzerland and Great Britain - met in Paris. They were soon joined by Bohemia and Germany. The first European championship was played in January 1910 in Switzerland. The four official participants were Belgium, Switzerland, Great Britain and Germany. There was also one non-official team, the Oxford Canadiens. This team was made up of Canadians who were studying at Oxford, England. Russia became the 7th member in 1911.

As of the 2003 General Congress, which meets every 4th year, there were 63 member countries. Following the expansion of membership in recent years is a lesson in world history. The Soviet Union membership went to Russia and then there were several more members added as the countries which declared their independence from the Soviet Union joined the IIHF. The Czechoslovakian membership went to the Czech republic which is the same territory as the old Bohemian membership of 1909. Membership is indeed world wide including countries in Africa and South America as well as such unexpected places as India, Turkey, Thailand, and Kuwait. Macedonia and Liechtenstein were the last to join in 2001.

Each member country has its own organization. In the United States it is USA Hockey. In Ukraine it is the Ice Hockey Federation of Ukraine. This is the organization that sponsored the team on which Philip Ogleznev participated in December. Most of the member countries maintain websites which are interesting to look at but – personally, I’m a little rusty at reading Arabic, Ukrainian and Finnish. If you are interested in learning more, go to <iihf.com> and enjoy the world wide tour.

¹*Hockey for Dummies*

² iihf.com website

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Five minutes for fighting?????!!!
You gotta' be kiddin' me!! I'm
innocent. It wasn't my fault. He
started it....