



## **KVHA News – 2014/2015 KVHA Coaching Appointments Underway**

**Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA. April 25, 2014** – KVHA coaching selections for the 2014/2015 hockey season are underway! KVHA's Hockey Director, Danny Lorenz, is currently going over the Coaching Evaluation Forms turned in by a number of parents over the past month. Lorenz said the survey forms are always helpful in making coaching assignments for the coming hockey season.

Lorenz said Friday that he would begin interviewing coaches next week with *"one or two coaching assignments every couple of days over the first two weeks of May until completed."* Lorenz added; *"I am aware of and can appreciate how important coaching assignments are for players and parents as they approach registration for the new season. We will attempt to move through the process as quickly as possible."*

### **KVHA Registration for the 2014/2015 Hockey Season Will Open May 1<sup>st</sup> With No Rate Increase!**

**Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA. April 25, 2014** – KVHA Registration for the 2014/2015 hockey season will open May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, with the same rates that were in place in June of 2013. The rates will increase by approximately 3% for only those who register after June 1<sup>st</sup>. KVHA Members can lock in the May 1<sup>st</sup> lower rates by simply registering and paying the \$200 registration fee before June 1<sup>st</sup>. The \$200 registration fee is refundable if a member decides later to register somewhere else. KVHA President, Lew Sellers said; *"Our intent is to give everyone the opportunity to take advantage of the lower rates, thus avoiding the June 1<sup>st</sup> rate increase, and provide a "no risk" escape clause (refund) if they decide later they would rather register with another association. There is no reason not to register early..."*

Further details regarding refunds are defined in the KVHA Refund Policy on the KVHA Web. [Click here](#) for a copy of the policy.

### **Fourth Youth Group (13, 14 & 15 year olds) Added To T-Birds 2014 Hockey School**

#### **School includes on-ice and off-ice instruction at ShoWare Center**

**ShoWare Center, Kent, WA. April 23, 2014** - The 2014 Seattle Thunderbirds Hockey School, which takes place over two weeks in August at ShoWare Center in Kent, has added a fourth youth group to the school due to high demand.

The T-Birds have added a session for players who are 13, 14 & 15 year-olds. The dates of the 2014 Hockey School are Monday, August 4, to Saturday, August 9, and Monday, August 11, to Saturday, August 16. Participants can get half off the price of the second week if they sign up for both weeks of the camp.

The 2014 Thunderbirds Hockey School will consist of five groups. There are four youth groups: Group A for 6, 7 & 8-year-olds, Group B for 9 & 10-year-olds, Group C for 11 & 12 year-olds and Group D for 13, 14 & 15 year-olds. There will also be an Adult Group for players 18-years-old and older.

The Youth groups will receive an hour and a half of on ice instruction followed by a one hour off-ice session. On the Saturday of the camp there will be a scrimmage game for each group.

The Adult group will feature a two hour on-ice session preceded by an off-ice video instruction session.

Youth group registrants will receive a hockey school jersey while Adult group registrants will receive a hockey school t-shirt.

T-Birds assistant coaches Matt O'Dette and Tyler Alos will be the lead instructors at the 2014 Hockey School. T-Birds players taking part as instructors will be announced in mid-July.

To make room for the new youth group, the Parent and Child Group previously announced has been cancelled.

There will be free wireless internet available in ShoWare Center for parents who wish to use it while their child is taking part in the hockey school.

For hockey school pricing and to attend the Seattle Thunderbirds 2014 Hockey School [download the flyer](#) and return it to the T-Birds.

You can also sign up for the 2014 Hockey School online through the [T-Birds online](#) store.

T-Birds 2014-15 season tickets are currently on sale. Season tickets can be purchased by calling the T-Birds office at 253-239-7825.

## **Seattle Thunderbirds Equipment Sale**

The Seattle Thunderbirds will be holding a hockey equipment sale on Friday, May 2, and Saturday, May 3, at ShoWare Center. The equipment sales will go from 9am to 1pm on both Friday and Saturday.

T-Birds Equipment Manger Ben Calkins will be selling all manner of hockey gear, including: Sticks, gloves, helmets, pants, practice jerseys, practice socks, shoulder pads, elbow pads, some goaltender items and other hockey apparel.

This is a great chance for local youth and adult league hockey players to get slightly used hockey gear at great prices.

Those looking to purchase equipment at the locker room sale will be able to park in the east lot of ShoWare Center and enter from the East Doors. The equipment for sale will be on tables on the ShoWare Center concourse.

The T-Birds will only accept cash or credit card for all purchases at the locker room sale.

## **Quote of the Day!**

### **Life Lessons:**

*"I learned just what a group of people can do when they believe in themselves. Anything is possible if you work hard and believe; no question. Nobody thought we were going to win the Cup in '95, nobody. We believed, though, and used that negativity as motivation until we were the last team standing."*

### **Jim Dowd, Stanley Cup winner with New Jersey 1995**




Quote from **Raising Stanley - NHL LEGENDS IN THEIR OWN WORDS** by Ross Bernstein

**Editor's note:** Jim Dowd, from Brick New Jersey, was the only New Jersey born player on the New Jersey Devils' team in 1995.

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