



KVHA News – GSHL's 15th Anniversary Season Begins October 4th.

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA. August 6, 2015 – The Greater Seattle Hockey League (GSHL) is committed to providing fun, safe, recreational hockey for adult hockey players of all skill levels. They go to great lengths to provide parity within each skill division. October 4th, 2015, will mark the beginning of the league's 15th season in operation in the Greater Seattle area. Since the summer of 2001, Greater Seattle Hockey League has grown into the largest adult recreational ice hockey league in the Northwest and one of the largest in the country.

Seasons - The league offers two seasons to keep players busy on the ice throughout the year. The Fall/Winter Season includes 22 games plus double-elimination playoffs and runs from October to April. The Summer Season consists of 12 games plus single-elimination playoffs and runs from May to August.

Learn to Play Hockey - For adult players looking to learn hockey as a beginner the GSHL will be offering a LTPH class in April and September of each year.

As always GSHL will offer the most divisions in the Pacific Northwest (19 last year) providing the best parity of any league in the area.

The price for new individuals will be \$630 per player. The season is 22 games plus double elimination playoffs, 2 to 7 playoff games per team, depending on how a team does.

GSHL has 45 to 50 ice slots per week lined up for next season. There is capacity for 100 teams or more.

GSHL has lots of great, earlier times. Only about 12% of their ice slots are at 10:55PM-11:00PM. Teams will be playing at Everett Community Ice, Everett Coliseum, Lynnwood, Olympic View Arena, ShoWare Center, and the Kent Valley Ice Centre. GSHL may also pick up a Sunday night at Highland if there is enough interest.

The league has added 8 great ice times per week at ShoWare Center in Kent including many early Sunday times and alternating weekday times. We are the only league that plays there and all teams that want to play there will get to do so. More details will be coming soon regarding evaluation dates, draft, learn to play, T Birds tickets and a return of the Captain's games.

Additional information regarding the GSHL can be found at: www.gshockey.com

The **Kent Valley Ice Centre** and **Kent Valley Hockey Association** join in congratulating Andy Cole and the Greater Seattle Hockey League as they begin their 15th season of operation on October 4th, 2015.

GSHL, celebrating 15 years of great competition!



Last Week to Register for T-Birds August Hockey Camp

Three (3) T-Birds Confirmed As Instructors at T-Birds Hockey Camp

Seattle Thunderbirds forwards Luke Osterman, Kaden Elder and Donovan Neuls have been confirmed as instructors for the 2015 Seattle Thunderbirds Stick Handling, Scoring and Skating Hockey Camp at ShoWare Center in Kent.

The dates of the Stick Handling, Scoring and Skating Camp are Monday, August 10, to Friday, August 14, and Monday, August 17, to Friday, August 21.

Osterman will be an instructor at the first week of the Camp. Osterman, Elder and Neuls will all be instructors at the second week of the Camp.

This year's new and improved format will provide an advanced on-ice skill development experience for all ages. The 2015 Stick Handling, Scoring and Skating Hockey Camp will consist of four groups. There are three youth groups: Group A for 6, 7 & 8-year-olds, Group B for 9, 10 and 11-year-olds and Group C for 12 year-olds and up. There will also be an Adult Group for players 18-years-old and older.

Participants at the Camp can get half off the price of the second week if they sign up for both weeks of the camp. T-Birds assistant coaches Matt O'Dette and Tyler Alos will be the lead instructors at the Camp. Other T-Birds players taking part as instructors will be announced in coming weeks.

[Click here](#) for a 2015 T-Birds' Hockey Camp flyer and registration form.

[Click here](#) for more information regarding the 2015 T-Birds' Hockey Camp on the Seattle Thunderbirds web site.



Seattle Ravens Seek Local Billet Families

To the KVHA Community,

The Seattle Ravens Junior A hockey team is very proud to begin play this season at the Kent Valley Ice Centre, the best arena in the Northwest. We are also very excited about the relationship we have developed with the Kent Valley Hockey Association. Many of our players have played for KVHA for years, and it is especially gratifying to look forward to a very close relationship going forward.

For instance, the Ravens will be serving as volunteer coaches with KVHA teams this season, as our players will be on the ice for almost every practice for every youth team at Kent, helping players and coaches with drills, skill building, and encouragement of younger kids. We want to be very much a part of the local hockey community.

We need your help to be successful, though. Almost half of our players will be coming from outside of the Puget Sound area. We will have players from Idaho, Alaska, Nevada, California, and Canada, all coming with the goal of growing their own skills in order to have the opportunity to ultimately move on to play college hockey. We need homes for these players in which to live during the course of the season, and we are asking KVHA families to open your doors if you are at all able. We have specifically recruited players of high character who can easily assimilate into your family routines, even borrowing from UW football Head Coach Chris Peterson's concept of only looking for OKG's – Our Kinda Guys – who are first good people, and second good hockey players. All players will be required to either be enrolled in high school or community college, or hold down a 20 hour/week job. In addition they will sign a strict Code of Conduct that will be strongly enforced. In order to offset the costs of hosting a player, families will receive a \$350/month stipend paid directly from the player to cover food and any other small incidentals. As a member of the Ravens family, our host families will also receive season tickets to all Ravens home games.

If you would be willing to help out these young men as they pursue their college goals please contact our Billet Coordinator, Rita Schwarting, as soon as possible. She can be reached at billet.coordinator@seattleravens.com and (206) 718-0693. She has a lot of experience as a longtime Thunderbird host family, and can help you with any questions you may have about what it's like to have a player in your home. You may also want to visit our website at www.seattleravens.com. We know not everyone can help out, but we would be grateful for all who are able to open your homes to these hard-working young people.

Thank you very much,

Adam Speer

General Manager, Seattle Ravens

T-Birds Announce 2015-16 Training Camp Schedule

The following is provided as a courtesy to the Seattle Thunderbirds and for KVHA members who enjoy attending the T-Birds Training Camp scrimmages. Enjoy!

Kent, Washington, August 4, 2015 - The Seattle Thunderbirds are excited to announce their Training Camp schedule for the 2015-16 season. T-Birds Training Camp opens on Tuesday, August 25, with four scrimmages. The four scrimmages will be between four teams made up of players born in 1999 and 2000. In the morning Team Blue plays Team White at 8:30am and Team Grey plays Team Green at 10:15am. In the evening Team Blue plays Team Green at 4:15pm and Team Grey plays Team White at 6:00pm.

Training Camp continues on Wednesday, August 26, with four scrimmages between the four teams of 1999 and 2000 born players. The scrimmages will be at 8:30am, 10:15am, 4:15pm and 6:00pm.

The scrimmages on August 25 and August 26 will be two 30-minute run time periods with a shootout if necessary.

The scrimmages on Thursday, August 27, and Friday, August 28, will have three teams playing, Team Blue, Team White and Team Grey.

On August 27 all three teams will play two 30-minute period scrimmages, the first of which starts at 3:00pm at ShoWare Center.

On Friday, August 28, there will be two scrimmage sessions. All three teams will start a session at 9am and at 4:30pm.

Saturday, August 29, is the last day of Training Camp and will feature a full 60-minute three period game. The teams will be wearing T-Birds white and blue game jerseys, unlike previous scrimmages which will feature team practice jerseys. The game starts at 5:30pm at ShoWare Center.

All Training Camp scrimmages and game are open to the public free of charge. Fans attending any of the scrimmages or game should enter ShoWare Center from the east side of the building.

TRAINING CAMP SCHEDULE

Tuesday, August 25

At ShoWare Center

Scrimmage 1: Team Blue vs. Team White, 8:30am
Scrimmage 2: Team Grey vs. Team Green, 10:15am
Scrimmage 3: Team Blue vs. Team Green, 4:15pm
Scrimmage 4: Team Grey vs. Team White, 6:00pm

Wednesday, August 26

At ShoWare Center

Scrimmage 5: Team White vs. Team Green, 8:30am
Scrimmage 6: Team Grey vs. Team Blue, 10:15am
Scrimmage 7: Team Blue vs. Team Green, 4:15pm
Scrimmage 8: Team Grey vs. Team White, 6:00pm

Thursday, August 27

At ShoWare Center

Scrimmage 9: Team Blue vs. Team White, 3:00pm
Scrimmage 10: Team Blue vs. Team Grey, 4:00pm
Scrimmage 11: Team White vs. Team Grey, 5:00pm

Friday, August 28

At ShoWare Center

Scrimmage 12: Team Blue vs. Team White, 9:00am

Scrimmage 13: Team White vs. Team Grey, 10:00am
 Scrimmage 14: Team Blue vs. vs. Team Grey, 11:00am

Scrimmage 15: Team White vs. Team Grey, 4:30pm
 Scrimmage 16: Team Blue vs. Team White, 5:30pm
 Scrimmage 17: Team Blue vs. vs. Team Grey, 6:30pm

Saturday, August 29

At ShoWare Center
 Blue-White Game: Team Blue vs. Team White, 5:30pm



KVIC ProShop Restocking for Next Season. Check Out the Clearance Sale on Hockey Skates, Sticks and Shin Guards.

Kent Valley Ice Centre's ProShop is currently running a clearance sale on Hockey Skates, Sticks and Shin Guards. Check out the bargains during your next visit to KVIC. ProShop Manager, Rena Sullivan, reports that new stock will be arriving in July and August. "We're clearing out the old to make room for the new," according to Sullivan.

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