



## ***KVHA News – 2013/2014 KVHA Auction Proceeds Exceed Expectations***

**Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA. September 25, 2014** – The often delayed and rescheduled 2013/2014 KVHA Auction finally took place Saturday September 20th at the Kent Valley Ice Centre and the results exceeded everyone's expectations. Lew Sellers, Kent Valley Hockey Association President said, *"I think we were all a bit pleasantly surprised at the outcome. The proceeds exceeded our expectations. We earned enough to more than cover our summer order for new team jerseys and the donations for our 'Fund a Player' program were greater than expected. It was a fun event and a great day for Kent Valley Hockey!"*

Thanks to our KVHA Auction Team:

- Carol "Tiny" Coughlin,
- Jill Mudge,
- Lisa Kirby,
- Leslie Hansen,
- Shannon Johnston,
- Tammy White,
- Maria Smith,
- Dawn Rutherford for resolving telecommunication issues and balloon rescue on auction day,
- Les Grauer for security,
- "Flirtin With Smoke," our caterer,
- Tim Scott and his "On the Edge Café" crew,
- Jamie Chaloner, our Auctioneer,
- Sid Chaloner, Auction Color Commentator,
- The Midget Tornadoes,
- Danny Lorenz and Jay Johnston, Skills Coordinators,
- And particular thanks to our hero, Auction Coordinator, Rena Sullivan.

KVHA also recognizes and thanks Lexi and Jackie Doner, owners of Kent Valley Ice Centre for making it possible for us to conduct the auction at our home-ice facility. We'd also like to thank the Doner family for their generous support of Kent Valley Hockey Association and their efforts in providing an excellent ice facility for us to operate our youth hockey program.

This auction was our first ever to be held at the Kent Valley Ice Centre. We had considered the rink venue in years past, but always declined. However, it worked well for this auction. The weather was awesome, allowing us to utilize the outdoor patio by the batting cages for dining and barbecuing. And, we were able to take advantage of the ice for skills competition and Stick n' Puck. It was great to have the kids involved and to be able to provide them their own menu. I'm not so sure that an auction at Kent Valley Ice Centre would work this well in February or March, but it was sure a hit on a sunny Saturday afternoon in September. Thanks KVIC!

### ***Kent Valley Ice Centre Reaches Agreement with Bank***

The Kent Valley Ice Centre had a productive couple of weeks leading up to an agreement before entering court today (Friday September 26th.) The Agreement with the bank set forth a tentative schedule and date for a Confirmation Hearing in late December.

### ***KVHA Town Hall Meeting Set for Thursday October 16th***

KVHA invites all members to a KVHA Town Hall Meeting on Thursday October 16th at Kent Valley Ice Centre. The meeting will begin at 6:00pm and run no later than 8:00pm. KVHA Management will be prepared to address the issues identified during a survey a couple of months ago; KVHA finances, quality of hockey program, governance of KVHA, future plans for growth, volunteers, Kent Valley Ice Centre. Please plan to attend.



## **KVHA Photo Day – Monday October 20th**

KVHA Photo Day is set for Monday October 20<sup>th</sup> at Kent Valley Ice Centre. Below is the schedule for teams:

- Midget 16U Rainiers - 5:00pm
- Mite Tornadoes - 5:15pm
- Mite Hurricanes - 5:30pm
- LTP (Learn to Play) - 5:45pm
- **Association Photo - 6:00pm**
- Squirt Tornadoes - 6:30pm
- PeeWee Tornadoes - 6:45pm
- Bantam Tornadoes - 7:00pm
- Bantam Hurricanes - 7:15pm
- Midget Tornadoes - 7:30pm

### **Please note the following:**

- All teams scheduled after 6:30pm need to be here no later than 5:30pm for the Association photo on the ice @ 6:00pm.
- Be in full hockey gear/game jerseys.
- Remember your order forms & payment information.
- Team Pictures & Individuals will be done on the ice.
- Banquet room will be open for players to use for dressing.

## **KVHA Alumni TJ Garske Named Fitchburg State Assistant Director of Athletics & Sports Information Director**

This story tops off a great week of good news for Kent Valley Hockey Association. We always enjoy learning of the successes of former Kent Valley hockey players. Such was the case when this bit of news blessed my ears regarding former KVHA hockey player TJ Garske. TJ skated for the Kent Valley Midgets during the 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 hockey seasons. After leaving Kent Valley TJ attended Saint Joseph's College (Maine) and played hockey there for four seasons. Following that he served as head hockey coach at Thomas College (Maine) for two seasons before stepping away from the coaching ranks to become assistant Athletic Director at Fitchburg State University (MA).

Kent Valley's Coach Bob Sellers said of Garske, *"TJ was a very energetic, focused and determined hockey player. He was a joy to coach and I am delighted to learn of his success in pursuing a career in sports management."* The September 15th press release below is printed with permission of Fitchburg State Sports Information.

### **T.J. Garske Named Fitchburg State Assistant Director of Athletics/ Sports Information Director**



#### ***Courtesy of Fitchburg State Sports Information***

FITCHBURG, Mass. – Fitchburg State University Director of Athletics Sue Lauder has announced the hiring of TJ Garske as the Assistant Director of Athletics/Sports Information Director.

Originally from Federal Way, Washington, Garske comes to Fitchburg State after working two years at Thomas College as the Sports Information Director. Garske also served as Head Ice Hockey Coach and interim Director of Web Marketing during his time at Thomas.

"We believe TJ will be a great addition to our staff," says Lauder. "We are very impressed by the work he has done, and look forward to seeing new and creative ideas from the Sports Information office."

Prior to Thomas Garske spent three years as a student assistant in the Sports Information Department at Saint Joseph's College. Garske also spent two seasons working for the Old Orchard Beach Raging

Tide of the Futures Collegiate Baseball League, serving as the Assistant General Manager, and a third season as the play-by-play announcer.

A graduate of Saint Joseph's College, Garske received a Bachelor of Science in Sports Management with a minor in Business Administration. While at Saint Joe's, he participated for the Monks as a member of the men's golf team for three years, men's club ice hockey team for four years, and the men's lacrosse team for three seasons, while serving as a team captain for the golf and hockey teams his junior and senior campaigns.

## Quote of the Day!

**Editor's note:** I usually pull a quote from "Raising Stanley" one of my favorite hockey books. But, after the great week we've just experienced at Kent Valley I chose the following as being the most appropriate Quote of the Day!

*"It's a great day for hockey!"*




### "Badger Bob" Johnson

Kent Valley's Les Grauer and Lexi Doner both skated for "Badger Bob" at Wisconsin.

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