

Witness the Power



Coach's Corner

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Fort Frances Lakers – SIJHL

This week's coaches corner.

Tragic news has struck the Lakers family and organization. The passing of Asst. Coach, friend and mentor Bob Mainville has brought heart ache to all that new this great man. Bob will forever be remembered for his caring way, quick wit, fun loving spirit and to me as the guy who kept me calm and focused. He will be missed by all; the Lakers and I send all of our thoughts and prayers to Bob's family.

We would also like to thank all that supported our food booth on July 1st it was a great day to take in the celebration of Canada Day. Many people came through the tent to help out in the fundraiser. The board of directors thanks all that volunteered their time to make this a successful day. We also thank all the sponsors and donations from the great people and businesses of our community. Big thanks to M&M Meats for all their help.

We continue to chug ahead on Saturday July 10th we will have a golf tourney at Heron Landing Golf Course. Please call the pro shop at 274 – 5678 to get your team entered. Come for a chance to win \$25,000. for a hole in one sponsored by Sunset Country Ford. It should be a great day of fun and a great opportunity to celebrate the life of Bob Mainville with the Lakers family.

We also will have a pancake breakfast on Saturday July 10th from 8:45 am to 11:00 am at the Couchiching multiuse building. This will be a great chance for people to have a good hearty start to the day. It will be \$8. and \$5. for children under 12.

The Lakers will also host a Summer Camp July 16 – 18 for players born in '90 to '94. The camp will start Friday the 16th in International Falls at Broncos Arena with registration at 7:15 pm and the first on ice session at 8:45 pm. Any local players that have not been invited are urged to sign up by going on our website www.fortfranceslakers.com and filling out the Summer Camp Registration forms. This is a great chance for players to showcase their talents to the staff of the Lakers team.

We also continue to sell season tickets and 400 club tickets. You can get these tickets by getting in touch with a Lakers board member. Both are great deals and an opportunity to support your Lakers team.

A month and a half before main training camp the SIJHL needs the help of our fans to assist in the appeals process for the two American expansion teams that are trying to play in our league next season. We need you to email Peter Lindberg of US Hockey and let him know why these two teams are important to the future of the SIJHL. You can reach him at plind28057@aol.com.

We also send our congratulations to Fort Frances native Joe Basaraba on him being drafted by the Florida Panthers of the NHL. We wish Joe the best of luck in UMD and with his goal of one day playing for the Panther`s organization. I have had the pleasure of coaching this young man and he has an abundance of talent and is a pleasure to know as a person.

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