
TAKING FLIGHT: SAN DIEGO GULLS AMATEUR HOCKEY CLUB

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2002-3 Gulls' Coaches

The Gulls have added tremendous coaching experience to their coaching staff this year. New faces include a former Canadian Junior A coach and a former NCAA Division I college coach. Gulls' coaches include former junior, college, and professional hockey players and have a combined total of over sixty years of head coaching experience. Throughout the Club, the Gulls coaching staff has playing and coaching experience to rival any Club in California. Below are brief biographies of each coach.

➤ ***Rob Neumann, Association Coaching and Education Coordinator and Midget AAA Head Coach***

Coach Rob Neumann first became associated with the San Diego Gulls through former Gulls Midget AAA coach, and co-founder of the Gulls organization, Joe Stanzyck. As a coach for the Powell River Kings Junior "A" Hockey Club - Coach Neumann first watched a talented group of young players from San Diego six years ago, and took notice. Three years later Coach Neumann signed the first San Diego native to play in the BCHL (British Columbia Hockey League) in young 15 year old Matt Kunsman. Coach Neumann has stayed involved with the program from a distance since that season and is excited to now join the San Diego tradition. A "players" coach with an open door policy, Neumann has coached and worked in front office positions

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The San Diego Amateur Hockey Club (previously the San Diego Amateur Hockey Association) has been fielding amateur hockey teams for more than thirty years. In the early nineties the Gulls won a USA Hockey Pacific District Championship, a Southwest Youth Hockey League Championship, a California Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA) Championship, as well as Southern California Amateur Hockey Association (SCAHA) Championships.

Since 1998 the Gulls have hung many banners and polished numerous trophies. Beyond the 35 tournament championships won by Gulls teams since 1998, the Club's teams have succeeded at every level of league play. Below is a brief summary of league playoff and championship experience in just the last four years:

Mite ←←

1999-2000 Mite B SCAHA Champs and CAHA playoffs

2000-01 Mite B SCAHA Finalist & CAHA Playoffs

Squirt ←←

1998-99 Squirt A and 2 Squirt B teams in the SCAHA playoffs

1998-99 Squirt B SCAHA Champions

2000-01 Squirt BB SCAHA Champions

2000-01 Squirt BB CAHA Finalist

2001-02 Squirt A, Squirt BB (2nd place SCAHA), Squirt B teams in SCAHA playoffs

2001-02 Squirt A, Southwest Youth Hockey League Finalist

2001-02 Squirt B CAHA Champions

Peewee ←←

1998-99 Peewee A and Peewee B teams in the SCAHA playoffs

1999-2000 Peewee A and Peewee B teams in SCAHA playoffs

2000-01 Peewee B in the SCAHA playoffs

2000-01 Peewee AA in the CAHA playoffs (semifinalist)

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within the BCHL (Surrey Eagles, Powell River Kings), USHL (Dubuque Fighting Saints) and the WPHL (Amarillo Rattlers), helping 23 players make the jump to Canadian Junior "A" and 13 to US Junior "A". Coach Neumann currently has 27 former players playing NCAA Division I hockey on scholarship.

➤ **Shane Hicke, Midget 17.5U AA Head Coach**

Shane Hicke brings a lifetime of hockey knowledge to the already strong coaching staff of the San Diego Gulls. The only son of NHL great and Regina Saskatchewan native Ernie Hicke, Shane grew up skating with the greats and learning how to teach the game as an instructor at the Canadian based Hicke Brothers Hockey School. Shane as an athlete played college hockey and played professional baseball. A player's coach with passion and commitment to player development, we are happy to welcome Shane to the 2002-03 San Diego Gulls Hockey Club.

➤ **Joe Borkoski, Midget 17.5U A Head Coach**

Joe is a motivated young coach with a passion for the game. A player's coach with solid communication skills and a commitment to team and organizational success - Joe would be an asset at any level. Joe was assistant coach for the Club in 2001-2 and is currently studying for his advanced level coaching certificate with USA Hockey.

➤ **Don Oliver, Midget 16U AA Head Coach**

Don is a long time hockey fixture here in San Diego with over 12 years of midget coaching experience within local amateur hockey organizations. Don has had the opportunity to gather a tool-bag full of hockey knowledge from which to draw when guiding young hockey players, and he takes great pride in skill development. Personally, Coach Oliver demonstrates character we wish to teach our players, battling and overcoming cancer to return to coaching youth hockey. We are proud to have Don back as our Midget AA under 16 team coach.

➤ **Daryn Goodwin, Bantam AA Head Coach**

Coach Goodwin is very excited about the up-coming season as the Bantam AA team looks to be one of the strongest Bantam teams ever comprised in California. Experienced as a player and coach at the amateur and professional levels (including the US National Team and in the WCHL), Coach Goodwin is a skilled teacher of the game. Daryn has turned many heads on the national level with his roller hockey coaching and has helped put San Diego on the map as a national hockey powerhouse. The San Diego Gulls are excited to have Coach Goodwin back for another season as we anticipate one of our best campaigns to date as an organization.

➤ **Dean Wilson, Bantam AA Assistant Coach**

Coach Wilson returns for his 3rd season as a San Diego Gulls coach. Dean is a local hockey talent who played professionally in the WCHL (West Coast Hockey League) and the RHI (Roller Hockey International). Dean also played his collegiate hockey at Bemidji State University and played for the US National Team. Coach Wilson is known for his love of being on the ice and can often be found jumping into the drills with his players during practice.

➤ **Patrick Hoppe, Bantam A Head Coach**

Patrick brings a long history of hockey involvement as a coach and a player. A strong disciplinarian with a belief of the team concept of hockey, Coach Hoppe molds his players into a cohesive skating unit with a single unifying purpose, that of team success. To his credit, Coach Hoppe has led teams to two league championships. Coach Hoppe will be an asset at our Bantam level this 2002-03 season.

➤ **Stuart Benjamin, Bantam B Head Coach**

The San Diego Gulls would like to welcome back Coach Benjamin for another year of Gulls hockey. Stuart has been involved with local hockey for many years and is well know for his likeable personality. Loved by both his players and the parents, Coach Benjamin can appear gruff at times but can't hide his commitment to the players as he is truly one of the good guys at heart. A personable coach, one can approach Coach Benjamin at any time for talk about life or hockey.

➤ **Mike Lozano, Pee wee AA Head Coach**

Coach Lozano is a proven motivator with a history of success at the amateur and collegiate levels. A teacher of the game, Mike coached (and played) NCAA Division I College Hockey in the MAAC with Canisius College and is known for helping players to realize and obtain their personal potential. 25 years of hockey experience, Mike is well connected and has been rewarded this season by USA Hockey with the selection as the Head Coach for the South East District Select 16 Team at the 2002 Olympic Festival in Minnesota. Mike is a welcome addition to the San Diego Hockey community, giving us one of the best PWAA coaches in the nation as Coach Lozano adds his legacy to the Gulls' rich tradition.

➤ **Steve Terry, Pee wee A Head Coach**

Steve Terry is a self-professed student of the game who loves to teach and work with kids. Coach Terry is a gentle

Gulls Placement Schedule By age division

MITE/SQUIRT Wed 07/17/02 19:30 Iceoplex Escondido 'S'
MITE/SQUIRT Sat 07/20/02 15:15 San Diego Ice Arena
MITE/SQUIRT Sun 07/21/02 15:00 Iceoplex Escondido 'N'

PEEWEE Mon 07/15/02 17:30 Iceoplex Escondido 'S'
PEEWEE Wed 07/17/02 18:25 San Diego Ice Arena
PEEWEE Sat 07/20/02 18:45 Iceoplex Escondido 'N'
PEEWEE Sun 07/21/02 13:45 Iceoplex Escondido 'N'

BANTAM Mon 07/15/02 18:45 Iceoplex Escondido 'S'
BANTAM Tue 07/16/02 17:30 Iceoplex Escondido 'S'
BANTAM Wed 07/17/02 20:45 Iceoplex Escondido 'S'
BANTAM Sun 07/21/02 09:30 San Diego Ice Arena

MIDGET 16U (1,2) Tue 07/16/02 18:45 Iceoplex Escondido 'S'
MIDGET 16U (3,4) Tue 07/16/02 20:00 Iceoplex Escondido 'S'
MIDGET 16U (1,4) Thu 07/18/02 18:00 Iceoplex Escondido 'N'
MIDGET 16U (2,3) Thu 07/18/02 19:15 Iceoplex Escondido 'N'
MIDGET 16U (TBD) Sat 07/20/02 20:00 Iceoplex Escondido 'N'
MIDGET 16U (TBD) Sat 07/20/02 21:15 Iceoplex Escondido 'N'
MIDGET 16U (TBD) Sun 07/21/02 10:40 San Diego Ice Arena
MIDGET 16U (TBD) Sun 07/21/02 11:50 San Diego Ice Arena

MIDGET 17.5U Mon 07/15/02 21:00 San Diego Ice Arena
MIDGET 17.5U Tue 07/16/02 21:10 San Diego Ice Arena
MIDGET 17.5U Thu 07/18/02 20:30 Iceoplex Escondido 'N'
MIDGET 17.5U Sun 07/21/02 12:30 Iceoplex Escondido 'N'

MIDGET AAA PLACEMENTS

July 1st 6:15-8:30pm Iceoplex
July 2nd 6:45-9:00pm Iceoplex
July 3rd 9:30-11:45am Kroc Arena

Details on placements can be found at www.sdhc.com

-- Other News --

- ➔ The San Diego Amateur Hockey Club will be accepting Visa and MasterCard at sign ups for placement, and throughout the season.
- ➔ The Gulls will be accepting applications for scholarships for players whose families need financial assistance. Applications to the Club and to SCAHA will be made through the Club. Last season 10% (22) of our players received sponsorship or scholarship money.
- ➔ The Club also has a new program, instituted last season, call Work-Play. This program offers players and their families a chance to earn a portion of their fees by working for the Club, for example, scorekeeping.
- ➔ You'll probably notice an increase in club fees as well. This is due in large part because we expect our teams to be 15% smaller this season. This reduction in team size was one of the most frequent requests made by our parents in the past seasons.

2001-02 Pee wee AA in CAHA playoffs (semifinalist) *continued from page 1*

Bantam ←←

1998-99 Two Bantam A and one Bantam B teams in the SCAHA playoffs
1998-99 Bantam B SCAHA and CAHA Finalist
1999-2000 Bantam A in SCAHA playoffs
2000-01 Bantam A and Bantam B teams in SCAHA playoffs
2000-01 Bantam AA 1st place finish in SCAHA
2000-01 Bantam AA CAHA Finalist
2000-01 Bantam AA USA Pacific District Champions
2000-01 Bantam AA USA National Semifinalist
2001-02 Bantam AA 1st place SCAHA finish
2001-02 Bantam AA CAHA playoffs (semifinalist)

Midget ←←

1998-99 Two Midget A teams in the SCAHA playoffs
1998-99 Midget AA in the CAHA playoffs
1998-99 Midget AA Southwest Youth Hokcey League Champions
2000-01 Midget AAA in CAHA Finalist and USA Pacific District playoffs
2001-02 Midget AAA in CAHA playoffs

Midget AAA ←←

The Midget AAA program, in only it's second year of competition, achieved national recognition in 2002 by finishing as the 24th ranked Midget AAA team in the USA.

giant on the ice who believes in teaching the kids to love the game and value their time with each other both on and off the ice. Coach Terry is working closely with Coach Mike Lozano and Coach Rob Neumann this season to develop pee wee hockey in San Diego. A valuable asset to the Gulls organization, leading his team to the state championship last year, Coach Terry is excited to continue his contribution to San Diego hockey.

➤ *Pat Cochrane, Squirt A Head Coach*

Coach Cochrane is a fiery coach with 35 years of hockey experience as a coach and a player. Pat is a product of the successful Canadian Amateur Hockey Association where he coached several years at the Bantam and Midget Tier levels. Pat is a dedicated coach who believes the three keys to success are physical, technical and mental training- that he hopes to instill within our talented young hockey players.

➤ *Colin Miyajima, Squirt B Head Coach*

Colin is a native of Toronto, Ontario where he grew up playing youth hockey through the Junior level. A young, talented coach with a very methodical approach - Coach Miyajima most recently worked as an instructor for Coach Rob Neumann with Extreme Ice Can/Am Hockey Skills and Development Camps.

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In Flight: Gulls' Honor Roll

The Gulls are proud to have helped more than two dozen youth hockey players move on to play College and Junior hockey within the past 8 season. Local players such as

- ❖ Brandon Crawford West (Texas Tornado NAHL- Full NCAA Scholarship to University of Miami Ohio- NHL Draft Pick),
- ❖ Matt Kunsman (Chilliwack Chiefs- BCHL/ 2002 Western Canadian Jr. "A" Champions),
- ❖ Bryce Charpentier (Salmon Arm Silverbacks Junior "A"- BCHL,)
- ❖ Justin Silver (Bozeman Ice Dogs Jr. "A"- current Midget AAA assistant coach)
- ❖ and Brian Dobek (Bowling Green University NCAA Div. I)

are just a few of the players that got their start as a San Diego Gull.

A welcome addition to the youth hockey program of San Diego, Coach Miyajima brings love and passion for the game, as well as a hockey background to the Gulls organization. Coach Miyajima will join the Gulls beginning August, 2002.

➤ *Dietrick Gladden, TBA*

Dietrick Gladden is back with the Gulls for another season and brings with him a strong reputation as a dedicated coach that loves to work with the players both on and off the ice. An emotional coach with a passion that can't be taught, Coach Gladden hopes to teach the players to love and respect the game of hockey. A true believer of the life lessons hockey can prepare players for, Coach Gladden is a welcome commodity to the strong coaching staff of the San Diego Gulls.

Please note: teams and coaches are subject to adjustment.

Join up!
Be a part!
Help to shape the
Future of *your* Club!

Feathers

The San Diego Amateur Hockey Club is a public nonprofit California Corporation. The Gulls are a member of USA Hockey, the California Amateur Hockey Association, the Southern California Amateur Hockey Association, and the Southwest Youth Hockey League.

President Tim Pickett and the following Directors lead the Gulls:

Vice President and Tier Hockey Director: Mat McCubbins

Treasurer Laura Ryan

Secretary Paula Atkins

Registrar Melissa Richardson

Ice Convener and webmaster Keith Shafer

Director of Managers, Fundraising and Merchandising Wayne Jones

Members of the Gulls' Board of Directors, its team managers, and Club committee members serve in a voluntary capacity without compensation.

The Board of Directors is looking for volunteers to serve on its many committees. Parent participation is valued and encouraged at the Gulls and is an important component of our success. The Gulls are looking for volunteers, for example, to serve on the following committees for the 2002-3 season:

Tournaments Committee -- to organize, advertise, supervise and direct the Club's SWYHL and Thanksgiving tournaments

Fundraising Committee -- to assist the Director of Fundraising and the Board in planning, organizing and directing fundraising events Club-wide. To set targets and select opportunities for fundraising. The Club raised more than \$40,000 last season for everything from tier jerseys to providing 22 scholarships and sponsorships to our players.

Newsletter and Publications Committee -- to assist the Director of Managers and the Board in producing and distributing a new bi-monthly Club newsletter, starting with a July 15th issue. To publicize our club, teams, and players for the betterment of youth hockey in San Diego.

The Gulls proudly skate out of Iceoplex, Escondido on North Tulip and the San Diego ice Arena on Ice Skate Place in Mira Mesa. The Gulls are happy to share some time at the new Kroc Arena in San Diego.

The Gulls host tournaments throughout the year, including our annual Thanksgiving tournament at which more than 140 teams from around the US have competed in the last two years.