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Sharing some good news

TBird Puck Hunt

Thanks to all the participants over spring break for our first TBirds Puck Hunt. We hope everyone enjoyed seeing the smiling faces we shared on social media and congratulations to the random draw prize winners:

\$200 Cyclone Taylor: Andy Rutherford-Braun \$40 Cyclone Taylor: Jorah Sandhu \$25 White Spot: Ada MacLeod \$20 Purdy's: Tyler Chin \$10 Tim Hortons: Cassidy Dong

Coming Next

Here is what is on the Thunderbird horizon:

- Spring clinics for 2004-2014 birth years

 skills until 3 on 3 permitted clinics
 start next week limited space in some
 age groups still open click here for
 information
- TBird Summer Camps will be happening from August 16 through to September 2 - information will be posted on the website mid-April
- Season registration early May for returning players and early June for new to TBirds players. All returning players will receive more information via TeamSnap. To be sure you receive all information, please ensure you keep your TeamSnap contact information on this past season's team roster up to date.

Spread the Word

If you have friends who would like to register for a safe and fun activity next fall, our pre-registration period is open for all new to TBird players. Feel free to share our TBirds website link with them, or if you are connected with your school PAC and are interested in a digital flyer to share with them, let us know and we are happy to provide one specific to your school. Let's help provide a place for the youth in our community to get back to being active!



We hope everyone is enjoying a strong start to spring. We are looking forward to seeing some of you on the ice starting next week with our TBird spring clinics.

I want to acknowledge the extraordinary efforts of our Board of Directors this past season. The level of expertise from within the group allowed TBirds to navigate through the impacts of Covid-19 and we have been able to maintain a strong financial position. We continue to move ahead with caution but as we currently are finalizing our fiscal year end, we are happy to share that, thanks to accessing available government support along with strict internal controls, we have weathered this storm and find ourselves in a similar financial position as we were at the conclusion of last season pre-Covid. We will be undergoing our annual audit during May and will be able to share details during the AGM but with the current information we have, we are able to share two pieces of good news.

First, part of the registration fees this past season for the U8 to U18 players was for payment of referees. While we had to plan for a full slate of games, in reality, we were limited to only a few games due to the restrictions from the PHO and this expense was not fully utilized. As a result we will be providing the unused amount back to each player in those divisions.

The breakdown of what will be provided to each player by division is:

U8/U9: \$15 U11: \$55 U13: \$70

U15: \$95 U18: \$90

This calculation has been based on the fees collected and actual referee payments made on a division by division basis. We will provide more information later this month but we wanted to let everyone know this will be coming.

Second, the board has recently approved the budget for the upcoming fiscal year and it has been determined that **base registration fees will not be increased** for this coming season. It is our intent to provide financial support in as many ways as possible for our TBird family and we are happy this was a step we could take.

We look forward to sharing more information on these and other items over the next few weeks.