FROM: Doug Allan, ‘81 & ‘02  
TO: The NAU Hockey Nation

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2010 CAPLE CUP CHAMPIONS: TEAM TIGGER

Members:

Glen Austin - Flagstaff, Arizona - NAU ‘94
Scott Barker - St. Louis, Missouri - NAU ‘93
Casey Hallberg - Flagstaff, Arizona - current student at ASU
Kevin Moore - Winnipeg, Manitoba - Ferris (MI) State University ‘93
Mike Vukonich - Duluth, Minnesota - Harvard University ‘91
Anthony Caruso (G) - Phoenix, Arizona - Gilbert Polar Bear

Midgets - coached by Kurt Goar

Also, CONGRATULATIONS to the unanimous choice of the 2010 MVP (JIMMY PETERS TROPHY): Craig Fujii, Phoenix, Arizona - NAU ‘76

- we thank the Fuj for his continuing contributions to the causes and events of NAU Hockey - from the early 1970s to now, Craig has never hesitated to be involved and a true gentleman of the game!!!

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Now, a big “thank you” to the key people in organizing our little event:

Sharon and the Cape - great ambassadors and foundation builders of NAU Hockey
Kathy and Shadow Smith - BBQ organization and accounting
Terri and Dale Hallberg - BBQ organization and photography
George “Skinny” Goodridge - beer, ice, and jersey sales
Jo’el Johanson - time keeper and hotel reservations
Billy “Sutch” Sutter - trophies
Billy “BD” Davis - flowers for the gals
George Swarbrick Sr. - scorekeeper/game results
Scott Barker and Craig Fujii - golf at the Karsten - funds will go towards future tourney jersey applications
Oceanside Ice Arena staff - led by Adam Mims and Sean Whyte

Thanks also to all of the other financial contributors:

Peter “PA” Allan - Calgary, Alberta
Peter “Pistol” Badyk - Calgary, Alberta
John “Red” Hagen - Calgary, Alberta
Michael “Lumpy” Lemire - Calgary, Alberta
Brian “Hanni” Hannigan - Vancouver, British Columbia
Dave Lindsay - Portland, Oregon
RELATED NOTES: After four years of this event, it was somewhat fitting that Team Tigger won this event – they were due to win the big prize...it is clear that adding Duluth, Minnesota native, Harvard graduate, and former PHX Roadrunner, Mike “Vuk” Vukonich, and youngster goalie, Anthony Caruso, to the lineup certainly made a difference...the Championship game on Sunday between Tigger and Team Swarby (featuring many newcomers to the tourney, including the vaunted 15-year NHL veteran from Nelson, BC, Greg “Gus” Adams; the untapped talent of the pseudo-CDN Swarbrick Boys from Omaha, Nebraska; Kansas City native Chris Paulakovich; and New Yorker goalie Chuckie “Cheese” King in the pipes) was a classic back-and-forth affair...some astute observers said it was the best game of any played in our four years of our tourney!!!


This pix of George Sr. from his days as a California Golden Seal is available on EBAY for $49.99!!

An interesting side-note re: Mr. Adams - we learned that he has developed an acclaimed one-man act!!...this act, replete w/ personal physical props, does not have an exact schedule...you
just never know when or where it will appear…that’s the amazing part - you have to pay attention because you may become part of the act!!…we always new Gus was talented, but this is a whole new genre for him…I can only hope that you all have opportunity to see this unique act.

It was great to have the esteemed Dr. Gerald Caple and his beautiful bride, Sharon, in attendance as well ...Cape had the honors of presenting the Caple Cup to Team Tigger...hopefully, the Caples, now residing in sunny Tucson, will be regular participants to our “Woody Tourney”...also sliding in from Tucson was our little pal from Granville, Ohio and a graduate of Bowling Green State University, George “Skinny” Goodridge, ...this George W. was Mr. Everything for the NAU Varsity Hockey program in the ‘80s; most important was his duties as Athletic Trainer (someday we’ll tell the Greg “Big Mac” McCauley “broken arm story”)...Skinny has the distinction of being the only member of NAU’s Varsity Edition to make every practice and game in the five years of existence!!

Another big thank you to the Hallbergs and Smiths; especially Terri and Kathy, for setting up and providing a great BBQ lunch for our group on Saturday.

This was our first year where all generations of NAU Hockey were represented: the Early Edition – ’71 to ’81 (Lenberg, Davis, Sutter, Molenar, Smith, Fujii, and the Lach); the Varsity Edition – ’81 to ’86 (Swarbrick Brothers, Paulakovich, Cullen, and Adams); and the New Edition – ’91 to Present (Barker, Austin, King, and current players Ingram and Buckowich)...another interesting note is that Kevin Ingram’s Dad, Dale, played for and his Grandfather, Ron, coached for our arch rivals, the San Diego-based United States International University Gulls in the ‘80s...we also had most of the current contingent of NAU Hockey Administration; including Head Coach, Keith “Swede” Johanson; Assistants, Josh Brown and Travis Johanson; the General Manager and Asst. Coach, AJ Fairchild, must have been on assignment in Pittsburgh watching his Penguins in playoff action.

After a great experience of holding this event in the palace known as Oceanside Ice Arena, we’ll plan the 2011 “Woody” in the same place on the same weekend: F/S/Su - April 15, 16, and 17, 2011...we are also exploring the idea of adding an over-50 Division as suggested by the Fuj and the Lach...so, we’ll continue w/ the 8-team format w/ another 4-team setup for an over-50 group.

Now the most important news of this final report: our proficient treasurer/accountant, Kathy “the Hammer” Smith, has announced that our little tourney generated $4,183.75...she will send a check to Asa Wood and family in the very near future...we’re hopeful that Asa and Woody’s brothers will visit our event one of these times.

Thanks again to all of our participants…it was a great time and I look forward to seeing you all again next year.