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YOUR BOOSTER CLUB MAKING A DIFFERENCE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Boosters! I hope you all had a great holiday. Sorry there hasn't been a newsletter in more than a month, but I hope the email blasts made up for it. December is an extremely active month for the board and for those that volunteer their time for the club. I would like to give a breakdown on what we accomplished in December alone.

We started out the month with a super **bus trip to Portland**. It's always great hanging out as a group.

Through our fundraising via the 50-50 raffles, we **donated \$400 to WTAG's Christmas for Children Fund**. This is a great charity run by our great partners and friends at WTAG.

We were also proud to support the **Baystate Financial toy drive** held at the DCU Center, with a generous amount of donated toys.

Boosters brought **\$440 worth of toys** to the annual **Booster Club Holiday Party**.

With the toys from the Holiday Party combined with monies from our 50-50 raffles, the Booster Club in conjunction with the Worcester Sharks **donated \$2000 worth of toys to the Friendly House and to the Dream Center**. Thanks to **Mike Myers** and **Finz** bringing the Sharks box truck to help unload all those toys! It took seven of us three trips to unload the truck!

We gave Friendly House so many toys that they asked for our help in distributing at their Holiday Party. Once again, the Booster Club stepped up with many elves! Thanks goes out to **Chris, Linda, Judi, Gerry M, Lorna, Gerry C, Kevin, Ashley and Ronnie** for helping bring smiles to so many faces.

We also had the privilege and honor to help up the **Sharks wives and girlfriends with their Ornament sale and raffle**. The booster club supplied them with paint, raffle tickets, and also **proceeds from our 50-50 raffles** for the weekend, which totaled **\$252**. The Sharks wives and girlfriends picked a great charity in **Abby's House**, and were very happy that we could help.

Our **"Booster Seats" program** is back in full swing - the booster club **donated around 40 tickets** to local groups who cannot afford a night out on their own. And of course we hooked the kids up with some ice cream! Thanks again to **Mike Myers** and **Zack Hoover** from the Sharks in coordinating this program,

The Sharks Booster Club also hosted the **Wilkes-Barre Scranton Penguins Booster Club** when they trekked through Worcester on a snowy weekend. The "Fin Club" took the Penguins Boosters over to **The Gym** on Main St for and post game meal and some good hockey talk. It's not often we get to entertain another club coming in, but we'll certainly need the practice with the **All Star Game** coming to Worcester in 2009!

I couldn't be more proud of how this club has come together and volunteered their time in support of the Sharks, fellow boosters, and the community as a whole. Thanks for making your club so special!



**NEXT BOOSTER CLUB MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 17th at 7:00 PM**

Meet a Sharks Player!

**CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL DOWNTOWN
(MEETING ROOM ON LEFT AS YOU WALK IN)**

FREE PARKING ON STREET ONLY—DO NOT PARK IN GARAGE

REFRESHMENTS DOOR PRIZES

ASK QUESTIONS!



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OFF TO ALBANY!

LET'S FILL THAT BUS!

Hi Everyone - time is running out to sign up for the trip to **Albany on January 12th**. You must be signed up and paid by Wednesday 1/9. Cost is Adults **\$39** (\$53 for non-boosters, which gets you membership), and \$35 12 and under, which gets you bus transportation, a ticket to the game, snack, and beverage, and **RAFFLE PRIZES**.

Remember you can use your **Booster Bucks** if you have them. This will be a 55 -passenger bus. Remember last year's trip to Albany **SOLD OUT** - and that was a 55 passenger bus. So sign up now!

Please email sharksboosters@hotmail.com or call Rich @508-829-8285 with any questions and to RSVP.



NORFOLK AND LONG ISLAND BUS TRIP UPDATE

How about a long road trip to NORFOLK, and then on to see the SJ SHARKS play the ISLANDERS in Long Island! The date of this trip would be Sat 2/16 - Mon 2/18. Remember Monday 2/18 is a holiday, and kicks off school vacation. We would be leaving by motor coach early Saturday AM, arriving in time to check-in and then go watch or Sharks play the Admirals. We'd be able to putter around Norfolk Sunday morning and the early part of the afternoon, when we would then be on our way up to Long Island, getting there in enough time to have a late dinner. Monday, the game between the San Jose Sharks and the New York Islanders is at 1PM, so we'd be home at a fairly decent hour. Here's the deal - we need 36 people, or the costs could change. Less if we get more people, more if we get less people. We are going to be asking Springfield and Bridgeport boosters if they would like to go as well (Sharks boosters of course getting priority). Prices include hotel for transportation, hotel for 2 nights, 2 breakfasts, and dinner at a NJ restaurant, tickets to both the Norfolk and Islanders game.

\$345 Double \$315 Triple \$370 Single
\$75 deposit no later than Jan 12, Balance due by Feb 2
Please sign up at the booster club table DURING THIS WEEKEND'S GAMES or email sharksboosters@hotmail.com or call Rich @508-829-8285 with any questions and to RSVP.

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME TRIPS?!

BY RICH LUNDIN

Fellow Boosters

We have lots of ideas for trips planned - but we want **YOUR** feedback! While we can schedule the trips and make the arrangements, we would like to hear from you as to what trips will be the ones you want to go on. We are also looking into the idea of customizing trips based on the individual. Such as Norfolk this year. Some people might want to go Friday and Saturday, some might only want to go Saturday. We'll try and work that out for you. Remember the fun up in Portland and in Albany last year on the bus? Let's do it again! We need to let our guys know that home or on the road, we are their for them!

Here are some ideas we have for trips. Please **email** us at sharksboosters@hotmail.com with any and all of your feedback! Also if you could give us a heads up that you wish to go on 10/6 to Springfield, please email or **contact Rich Lundin @ 508-829-8285**.

Here's the preliminary trip schedule with preliminary prices:

Sat 1/12 @ Albany - \$39 Adult, \$35 Kids

Sun 1/27 and Mon 1/28 is the All Star game in Binghamton

Sat 2/16 in Norfolk, and on the way back - Mon 2/18 SAN JOSE vs the Islanders.

This could be a customizable trip, right down to just seeing San Jose play the Islanders! We are inviting the Springfield Falcons Booster Club on this trip as well.

Sat 3/1 @ Albany - \$39 Adult, \$35 Kids

Sat 4/5 @ Manchester - \$37 Adult, \$35 Kids

On some trips, we might go with a mini-coach if there is enough interest. While we don't have trips listed to Lowell, Providence and Hartford, we will certainly entertain plans to go. We can also help you and smaller groups of boosters purchase tickets at discount rates (depending on the team). Just let us know!

Remember – NO non-Sharks hockey jerseys, hats, shirts – these are Sharks trips.

HOLIDAY PARTY HUGE SUCCESS!

This year's event was held at the Crowne Plaza in downtown Worcester on **December 12th**, and thank god we just missed that huge snowstorm! I think just about everyone was able to sit with their favorite player, and hang out and have a relaxing time. We had around 115 people total, and the event went off without a hitch. Thanks to Josie and Chris for their usual stellar job.

Everyone got homemade cookies, and the players received travel mugs filled with M&Ms. Their wives/girlfriends also received presents, and the Sharks office also got some goodies, although I'm not sure if the Apple Pie made it into work the next day! And of course the Sharks players and office folks kids got presents - definitely had to watch your step around the buffet table!

Boosters brought a generous amount of **unwrapped toys** to donate to the Friendly House. Thank you for making a difference in young peoples lives who may have gone without of not for your donations. Check out more pictures at www.sharksboosters.com.



2008 AAHLBC CONVENTION

IT'S THAT TIME!

Make your plans to join us on for a trip to



as the Wilkes Barre/ Scranton Penguins Booster Club welcomes you to their wonderful city for the classic TV party of the year!

The 44th Annual Association of American Hockey League Booster Clubs Convention will be held at the Hilton Conference Center in Scranton, Pennsylvania on September 5 – 7, 2008 hosted by the Wilkes Barre/Scranton Penguins Booster Club.

Prices for this year's Convention are: QUAD \$165pp TRIPLE \$180pp DOUBLE \$210pp SINGLE \$320

Prices include:

Standard Room (2 double or 1 king) - Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Includes 2 nights, 2 breakfast buffets, 1 dinner buffet, 1 sit down dinner
Garaged Vehicle Parking (accommodates high top vans)
Taxes

Extra nights are \$98.00 per room US

The Friday dinner theme will be Nickelodeon's Tvland! Get your costume ideas by visiting www.tvland.com

Scranton is home to the Dunder Mifflin Paper Company. So, as an added bonus, fans of The Office on NBC can visit many of the landmarks located in the Electric City. Scranton is also home to the Steamtown National Historic Site, which holds one of the largest collections of working steam locomotives in the world. The wonderful downtown hotel location lends itself to a two-floor shopping mall just two blocks away and many other wonderful shops, restaurants and pubs within easy walking distance.

A Non refundable \$50 deposit is due to the club by March 1, 2008 with the balance due by May 15, 2008. All checks should be made out to the Worcester Sharks Booster Club

Chris will have registration forms available sometime in January for those boosters who are interested in attending the convention.

ALL CANCELLATIONS MADE PRIOR TO AUGUST 1ST, 2008 WILL RECEIVE A REFUND. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AFTER THAT DATE ACCORDING TO OUR BY-LAWS. ANY REFUND WILL BE MINUS THE \$50.00 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT. (EXECUTIVE BOARD DISCRETION ON SPECIAL CASES)**

**Arrangements for early arrival or late departure should be made directly with Hilton Conference Center, mention AHL Early Arrival block to get discounted rates of per night
Phone the hotel directly at 1-570-343-3000 and request the early arrival rate code: AAH
In January of 2008 a link will be posted on the AAHLBC Website to book early arrival rooms on line. This information will be included in the next mailing.**

EARLY ARRIVALS PAID BY THE INDIVIDUAL. THIS COST NOT INCLUDED WITH THE CONVENTION PRICE

Hotel info: http://www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/SCRCCHF-Hilton-Scranton-Conference-Center-Pennsylvania/index.do
Convention info: <http://www.wbspenguinsboosterclub.com>

Any questions, contact Chris O'Shea by email at hockeynanny20@aol.com

CONCESSION STANDS

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

BY RICH LUNDIN

Last year we had a great response to our need to work concessions. We had over 20 people volunteer for several shows. We raised over **\$4000** in very short year. I can't stress enough how important this is to our club. Without volunteers stepping up to work concessions, you could expect booster club events such as our holiday party and awards banquet to go up at least \$15 per person! Nobody wants that. It also helped in other areas such as the broomball tournament we hosted. We have been able to work the Grandstand which with sellout events has made **\$1000 for the club in one night!**

For anyone that wishes to volunteer their time, we are offering **free parking** at the garage across from Uno's, and **\$5 Booster Bucks** which can be used on any **trip** and also to our **banquets**. We might roll this out to merchandise as well., but haven't got that far yet.

Concessions have gone very smoothly - even for a rookie like me. The DCU Center folks were there for us when needed. Believe it or not (but you can ask the others that did it), we actually had fun doing it!

So it's time to get back on the bandwagon! Don't feel shy if you never have done it before - we have always made sure we had enough people to help each other out. You can run cash registers, fill food trays, flip burgers, you get the idea - it ain't that hard! We had several new people who worked the Keith Urban concert with no issues.

Please email the club at sharksboosters@hotmail.com or call me @**508-829-8285** to signup!

Thanks again!
Rich

Dates coming up:

Jan 24-27	Disney on Ice
Feb 4	Dancing with the Stars
Feb 15-17	Monster Jam (Trucks)
Feb 18	Foo Fighters

FROM THE EDITOR

BY RICH LUNDIN

Get ready for year #2! We want you to be a part of it! Let's make this year something special, for the Boosters, Team and the community! We are looking for ideas to make this season the most exciting yet.

If you have suggestions for this newsletter, or have any club business, please send correspondence to:

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or
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BRAND NEW FOR 2007

BOOSTER CLUB MERCHANDISE

BY RICH LUNDIN

Brand new club merchandise! Looking for more than just t-shirts? How about Pins? How about Coffee mugs, hats, clocks, bumper stickers, teddy bears, aprons, tote bags, mousepads, coasters, calendars, flash drives, sport bottles, keychains, and much more, ordered online and delivered directly to you?

Go to: www.sharksbc.com

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Wish to get involved or head up a committee? Contact any Board member. We're always looking for help! Enjoyment and making great friends are the fringe benefits!



BOOSTER OF THE MONTH LINDA LACHANCE!

I am proud to announce October's booster of the month - **Linda Lachance!** Linda has been phenomenal in her work not only as our Secretary, but as an important part of the membership committee. Linda worked tirelessly to get membership kits filled with special offers, pins, etc out to membership. She also has created and maintained a database software system which helps us manage membership lists. So make sure you give a big "thank you" and "congratulations" to Linda when you see her!



PLAYER OF THE MONTH NATE RADUNS!

Congratulations goes out to **Nate Raduns** who was our player of the month for October. Nate got off to a great start - scoring five goals and an assist and being a +5 in 6 games that month. Always a hard worker, his effort truly paid off in October. I wouldn't be surprised if he takes home another award or two by our awards banquet.



GAME NIGHT NOTES

BY CHRIS O'SHEA

The Sharks have picked up momentum heading into the new year!

Go Sharks!!

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered their time to pass out things at the doors your help is very much appreciated by me, the entire booster club, and the Sharks office. I will need people for the January games. The dates are: **Fri. Jan 4, Sat. Jan 5, Fri Jan 18, Sat. Jan 19.**

All that is required is that you let me know your availability for these games and be able to be there for 5:45 PM for the 7 PM games and 2:45 PM for the 4 PM games, and then see me for ticket info. Please also note that if you choose to wear a hockey team jersey or apparel that either the Worcester Sharks or San Jose Sharks only.



I need 8-12 people depending if we have more than one handout so if you can help out let me know either on a home game night or by email me at hockeynanny20@aol.com

Please remember that I submit a list to the Sharks on the Wednesday before the designated game.

I'm also looking for people to step up and **help with 50/50** at the table before games and during intermissions. Please also let me know if you can help.

The **2008 AHL ALL-Star Classic** is being held in Binghamton New York on Jan 27&28, 2008

There are a limited number of tickets left so contact the Binghamton Senators through the link on www.theahl.com if you want or need tickets.

Sharks Birthdays

Good wishes go out to those Sharks with January birthdays

Josh Prudden 1/10

Brennan Evans 1/16

Thomas Greiss 1/29

Get Well Wishes

We send along well wishes to those who are recovering from injury or have recently recovered from their injuries. We look forward to seeing you back on the ice.

Patrick Traverse and Riley Armstrong

Sympathy and Condolences

The club sends condolences and sympathy to Shark **Craig Valette** on the recent passing of his Grandfather.

ELECTIONS COMING!

Don't forget - this year is an election year! Both the executive board and board positions are all up for election in the spring. These elections are even more important due to the upcoming 2009 All Star Game. Want to run for a board position or lean more? Please contact anyone on the board for more info. You can also consult our bylaws. We'll also be needing an election committee. Come on folks the more the merrier! Get involved with shaping your booster club!

Excited about the season? Talk about it on the message board!

Visit <http://www.worcestersharks.org> -

A great fansite where you can talk about your Sharks!

BROOMBALL NEWS

BY CHRIS O'SHEA

Calling out all booster members who may be interested in getting involved in broomball. This is a co-ed team, so all members who are 18 years old and older are invited to come join the team or come to a practice to check it out. Practices will be starting soon so stop by the game night table to let us know your interest. The annual broomball tournament is hosted in either June or July by one of the participating clubs. The Worcester Sharks Booster Club and Broomball team hosted this year's tournament with Worcester coming in second and we look forward to going for the top next July 2008 in Manchester.





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