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JOIN US FOR OUR 2ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY!

The holidays are upon us again, and you all know what that means...time for the **BOOSTER CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY!** This year's event will be held at the Crowne Plaza in downtown Worcester on **December 12th from 6:30 to 10 pm.** It will be a great time to enjoy the holiday spirit with your "Booster family" as well as members of the team and front office. A buffet-style dinner will be served, and our gifts to the players and staff will be presented. There will be a variety of raffle prizes, including autographed Sharks merchandise and other great items.



Please also remember to bring a new, **unwrapped toy** to donate to the Friendly House. If you bring a toy and your receipt, you will receive raffle tickets for every dollar of the value of the toy. Last year we gave Friendly House over \$400 in toys from the Holiday Party - let's beat that number this year! So round up all your friends and loved ones and bring them along - you can sign up at the Sharks Booster Club table starting at the 7pm game versus Portland on November 17th, or visit our website.

The cost of this event will be \$44 for each booster, \$59 for non-members (you get booster club membership) . Remember you can use your **Booster Bucks** if you have them. Your ticket **MUST** be paid by December 8th in order to attend. Space will be limited so sign up ASAP! If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email Josie Brown at (774)262-3735 or josie.brown@gmail.com. This is a non-autograph party, dress is casual. We hope to see you there!

ONWARD TO PORTLAND!

LET'S FILL THAT BUS!

Hi Everyone - time is running out to sign up for the trip to **Portland on December 1st.** You must be signed up by Saturday 11/24.

\$38 (\$53 for non-boosters, which gets you membership) gets you bus transportation, ticket to the game, snack, and beverage, and **RAFFLE PRIZES.**

Remember you can use your **\$5 in Booster Bucks** if you have them.

This will be a 47-passenger bus. Remember last year's trip to Portland **SOLD OUT** - and that was a 55 passenger bus. So sign up now! We had the sign up sheet out for one game and have **30 signed up already!**

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

Excited about the upcoming season? Talk about it on the message board! Visit <http://www.worcestersharks.org> - A great fansite where you can talk about your Sharks!

WELCOME ATHLETES INK

NEW SHARKS BOOSTER CLUB SPONSOR!

The booster club would like to extend its warm thanks to **Athletes Ink** for sponsoring our player award trophies this year. These guys are class acts and the have top-notch sports memorabilia. Check them out at their two locations in the DCU Center during Sharks games or visit them at www.athletesink.com



NEXT BOOSTER CLUB MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29th at 7:00 PM

Meet a Shark

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

MEET THE SHARKS/DCU CENTER STAFF, ASK QUESTIONS!



Visit the Web!!! WWW.SHARKSBOOSTERS.COM

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 10/6 @ SPRINGFIELD (1st game of year) - \$29

Sat 12/1 @ Portland - \$38 <--- Price is correct

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

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

Interesting one

Fri 2/15 and 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

SAN JOSE TRIP

Fri 3/14 vs Blues + Sun 3/16 vs Oilers - Still working on

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.

HEY THIS SPACE IS EMPTY!

Place your ad here! Know a business that would like to put their business card in our newsletters and on our website? For a small fee they can! Please contact Rich @ 508-829-8285 or at sharksboosters@hotmail.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:

Dec 9th	Boston Pops
Dec 21, 22	Hannah Montana
Jan 8	Ozzy Osbourne
Jan 11-13	Pro Bull Riders
Jan 24-27	Disney on Ice

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:

SharksBoosters@hotmail.com

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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Always looking for help/ideas

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The following committees are open. Contact any board member or email the club if interested:

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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!



PICKUP YOUR MEMBERSHIP KITS! HAVE YOU RENEWED?

If you have renewed your membership, you can **pick up your membership kit** in the DCU Center Lobby before the November 17th game (we will have a table). It will have detailed info on trips, discounts, info, and also your free **Booster Club Pins**. You may also pick them up during the month of November games at our table outside section 109/110.

Sadly, if you have not renewed membership by this weekend, you will not receive any more emails/newsletters or other club benefits. We hope to have you back!



The Booster Club is continuing its **Annual Membership Drive** and will have a table set up in the DCU Lobby on Saturday, November 17 before the game, where you can renew your membership.

Membership dues are:

Individual \$15

Family (Either 2 Adults, 2 Adults + kids, or 1 Adult + kids **in same household**) \$25

Teen (13-17) \$5

Kids (12 + under) Free!

Benefits of joining the Booster Club and supporting the Worcester Sharks include:

- Spending time with other Worcester Sharks fans
- Bus trips to away games
- Discounts to:
 - Away tickets to support the Sharks when they play Lowell, Providence & Springfield
 - DCU family type events (such as Disney on Ice)
 - Worcester Tornadoes outings
 - BJ's Membership
 - Wachusett Mountain GPS ski pass
 - Free membership for Corporate Perks (discounts on national companies)
 - Free membership to Mass Buying Power
 - Jiffy Lube discount card.

We are working on other exciting discounts to come!

Helping out with the concession stands to raise much-needed funds for the Booster Club to continue its charity program. By volunteering to work the concession stands, you can gain Booster Bucks to help offset your cost of attending the Holiday and Annual Awards banquets, trips and get free parking.

These benefits are **ONLY** available if you renew now! If you haven't renewed yet, please do so as soon as possible before your name is inactivated from our membership. If you would like to print out a Membership form, please click here on

<http://www.sharksboosters.com/k1.html>

Membership forms are also available at all Sharks home games by section 109/110.

GAME NIGHT NOTES

BY CHRIS O'SHEA

Wow the Sharks had a good October and so far November hasn't been that bad.

Go Sharks!!

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered their time to pass out things at the doors your help is very much appreciative by me, the entire booster club, and the Sharks office.

I'm looking for help on the following dates to do handouts (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.



The dates are:

Sat. Nov. 24@7PM vs. Providence	Greiss Bobblehead night
Fri. Nov. 30 @7 PM vs. Hartford	
Fri. Dec. 7 @ 7 PM vs. Manchester	Beach Party Night
Sat. Dec.8 @ 7PM vs. Hartford	Teddy Bear Toss
Fri. Dec. 14 @ 7 PM vs. Wilkes-Barre/Scranton	
Sat. Dec. 15 @ 7PM vs. Houston	
Sat. Dec. 29 @7PM vs. Manchester	Mike Iggulden Autograph collector's card
Sun Dec.30 @ 4 PM vs. Lowell	

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 hockeyanny20@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 by the Wednesday prior to the weekend games.

Sharks Birthdays

We would like to extend belated happy birthday wishes to the following Sharks who celebrated their special day in previous months

August 25 **Dan Spang**

September 23 **Lukas Kaspar**

October 7 **Craig Vallette**

And we now wish the following Sharks happy Birthday in the coming months

November 8 **Riley Armstrong**

November 9 **Mike Iggulden**

December 7 **Marc Busenburg**

December 31 **Ashton Rome**

We hope you all either enjoyed your day or soon will enjoy it

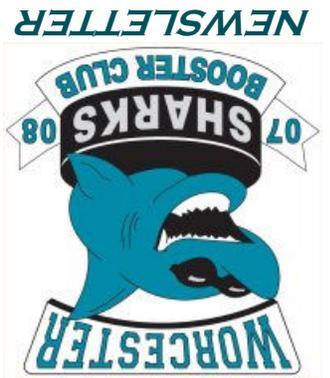
BROOMBALL NEWS

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.

A big Thanks goes out to the team Mark, Cathy, Dave, Lisa, Chris O, Nick, Carol, Kristen, Ray, Chris R, Doug, Mike, Corey, Matt, Fergie, Joe, Tanya and Norm for a great job over the years.





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