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JOIN THE SHARKS IN THE WALK TO CURE CANCER

Boosters - lets get out there and support the Sharks effort in this cause! We need to get out there and walk with the Sharks - where your colors! The Sharks have been firmly behind us in all our booster club endeavors—such as the parades—now it's our turn to support them!

On **Sunday, September 23, 2007** beginning at 12:00 p.m. sharp, the Worcester Sharks will be taking part in the Walk to Cure Cancer at UMass Medical School. All Sharks fans are encouraged to join their team and participate in this worthy cause.

The ninth annual **Walk to Cure Cancer** supports cancer research at the University of Massachusetts Medical School and cancer care UMass Memorial Cancer Center.

The 2007 goal is \$1 million dollars. This goal can easily be met with the help of some of the best fans in the world, Worcester Sharks fans! Each teammate and walker can raise money by asking friends and family to contribute to the walk. It's as simple as asking each person to donate \$10. Ask 10 friends and before you know it, you have raised \$100 dollars.

To join the Worcester Sharks team, simply visit www.walktocurecancer.com and fill out the registration forms. The team name is Worcester Sharks Charities. Sign up, wear your Sharks gear, raise awareness for cancer and help save lives!

By joining the Worcester Sharks Charities team, you will receive a free Sharks t-shirt and one free ticket to a 2007-08 regular season home game of your choice at the DCU Center.

ONWARD TO SPRINGFIELD!

LET'S FILL THAT BUS!

Hi Everyone—time is running out to sign up for the trip to Springfield October 6th. You must be signed up by Friday 9/21. **\$29** gets you bus transportation, ticket to the game, snack, and beverage, and **RAFFLE PRIZES** (including a **free trip** to another trip in New England or Albany!)

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

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

30 DAYS OF HOCKEY

WATCH THE WORCESTER SHARKS WEBSITE!

There's a lot going on with the Worcester Sharks—make sure you don't miss out! On Saturday Sept 22, **individual tickets go on sale**. Training camp begins Monday Sep 24, try-out for the **Sharks Crew** on Tuesday Sep 25, **Celebrity Pool** Wednesday Sep 26, **Teal vs White** game Thursday Sept 27, **Preseason games** vs Springfield on Friday Sept 28, and vs Providence Saturday Sept 29, and watch out for those webchats each Wednesday!

Make sure to check out:

<http://www.sharksahl.com/30DaysCalendar.asp>
daily for updates as they come in!

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!



**NEXT BOOSTER CLUB MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th at 7:00 PM**

**Special Guest Speakers
Worcester Sharks President Michael Lehr
DCU Center General Manager Sandy Dunn**

**CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL DOWNTOWN
(MEETING ROOM ON LEFT AS YOU WALK IN)
FREE PARKING 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 going to try and resurrect the **trip out to San Jose**, and we hope to keep within the same costs as published before. 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

Fri 11/9 @ San Antonio + Sat 11/10 @ Houston - Still working on—deadline will come up fast!

Sat 12/1 @ Portland - still working on

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!

EVENT NEWS - COLUMBUS DAY PARADE

BY JOSIE BROWN



Save the date - Sunday October 7th! Once again, the booster club will be marching with the Worcester Sharks office and team. We had a HUGE turnout last year—it's a great way to kick off the season! The Worcester Columbus Day Parade is a one mile fun filled march down Shrewsbury Street, in Worcester, beginning on Aitchison Street and ending at Washington Square near Union Station. Colorful floats and costumed characters are always a special delight for the many people who watch the parade on Shrewsbury Street, as well as our TV viewers at home who enjoy the parade LIVE on WCTR-TV 3 Charter Communications. Show your Sharks pride (and colors)! For more information, please contact **Josie Brown @ josie.brown@gmail.com** or **508-829-8285**.



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:

October 2nd	Bob Dylan and Elvis Costello
Oct 4th-7th	Sesame St. Live
Oct 19th	Celtics
Nov 10th	Trans-Siberian Orchestra
Dec 9th	Boston Pops

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

Coming soon! 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? We're working on this and hope to have this up before the start of the season—stay tuned!

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Always looking for help/ideas

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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!



BROOMBALL TOURNAMENT 2007

BY CHRIS O'SHEA

The Worcester Sharks Booster Club and Broomball Team hosted this annual tournament at the New England Sports Center in Marlborough on Saturday June 16, 2007. The following teams participated Hershey, Philadelphia, Syracuse, Springfield/Manchester (aka Manchfield), Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, and of course Worcester.

The day started very early before 6 o'clock AM with us getting there to set up everything so that we were ready to go at 7 AM.

Hershey and WBS started the day off as they have seemed to do the last few years and as per the course they ended up in a 0-0 tie. Worcester had the second game of the day verses Philly and I think we were still in set up mode, since we came out slow and could never catch up losing 4-0. Our second game was against Hershey and we were a little more awake and came away with a 2-0 win. By the third game we were really awake and came out firing (tournament high goal scored) with a 7-1 win over Manchfield. We had one injury during the game with Nick taking an inadvertent stick to his nose and play was stopped for awhile while he was attended to. He missed some games but did come back later in the tournament to play some games with a full cage on. We went on to win our fourth game vs. WBS 3-1 and our last game of the round robin vs. Syracuse with a 2-0 win.



The playoffs started, and in the semi's we were matched up against Hershey and in a well played and hard fought game we took a 3-0 win and went on to face Philly in the finals for the second year in a row. The game was also hard fought as both teams were gunning for the win but we didn't have enough left in the tank by the end and ended up on the bottom of a 4-1 win by Philly.

Worcester was second for the second year in a row but we look forward to getting back on top in 2008
Goal scorers for the day were **Dave, Mark, Nick, Norm, Mike, Corey, Chris R, and Joe.**

We congratulate the **Philadelphia Phantoms Phan Club Broomball Team** for winning the prestigious broomball Cup MVP goalie **Joe Orsak of Syracuse** for his outstanding play with limited numbers in front of him. The Unsung hero was **Tom Mara /Hershey** who became the oldest player in our broomball tournament history to score a goal his first ever. Congrats Gentlemen!!!!
Final standings were 1.Philly, 2. Worcester, 3.Hershey, 4.Syracuse, 5.WBS, 6.Manchfield

We wish to thank all those who were involved in the tournament both on and off the ice for without you all there would be no tournament, this includes all the people behind the scenes who gave us donations of merchandise for raffles, monetary donations as well as food donations and to all those who worked tirelessly in the months preceding the tournament.

Thanks also to Finz and the Worcester Sharks for all their support both in person, in spirit and on their website

We are always looking for new members (18+ and this is a coed team) to come and join in the fun of playing broomball. We start practicing in the fall and go through out the winter and spring to get ready for the tournament which is held in late June or mid July. Stay tuned for more details. Pictures can be seen on our website, and will be published in the next newsletter.

GAME NIGHT NOTES (NEW)

BY CHRIS O'SHEA

Welcome back to Worcester Sharks hockey for the 2007/2008 season!

As we did last year the boosters will be asked to help out on a nightly basis to pass things out at the doors before or after the games or both. **Opening Night** is **Saturday October 13** and there is a give away that night so I'm asking for help now for that game as well as all the October home games.

Please contact me hockeynanny20@aol.com if you are available to help. Since most of the games are at 7 PM all volunteers are asked to be there by 5:45 PM so they are ready when the doors open at 6 PM.

All help is very much appreciated by the booster club as well as the Sharks front office.

AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE

BOOSTER CLUB

CONVENTION NEWS

BY CHRIS O'SHEA

Approximately 260 boosters from around the league came to Chelmsford MA (9/6-9/9) to be hosted by the Lowell Devils Booster Club for a weekend of fun, friendship and hockey talk and memories. Our own Worcester Sharks Booster Club had 20 boosters attending.

Everything was top notch - the hotel, the food, the people, the whole weekend, except the weather could have been a little cooler.

Thanks to the **Lowell Devils Booster Club** for a fantastic job and to all that came to make the weekend so enjoyable. Next year we are going down the road to **Wilkes-Barre/Scranton** for AAHLBC08

GAME NIGHT NOTES (CATCHING UP)

BY CHRIS O'SHEA

WOW! What a season the first year Worcester Sharks had. It was exciting, nail biting, tense, edge of your seat action and exhilarating hard fought all rolled in together. The Worcester Sharks gave us everything that they could this year. We didn't know what to expect when they took to the ice, but they gave us a season worth of memories both on and off the ice that can't be taken away from any of us. Yes the season ended all too soon but these Sharks never gave up when others did, fought thru injuries and fought until the very end. The Sharks are a group of class guys on and off the ice and we are so glad they were here this year. We were blest with all their talent and friendliness all season long.



HOCKEY IS BACK IN WORCESTER AND IT IS SHARKS HOCKEY!

As we close out this hockey season we say thank you to the coaches (**Roy Sommer** and **David Cunniff**), staff (**Matt White** and **Vinny Ferraiuolo**), all the players (**Riley Armstrong, Steve Bernier, Mathieu Biron, Chris Blight, Matt Carle, Tom Cavanagh, Sean Collins, Mathieu Darche, Brennan Evans, Scott Ferguson, Josh Gorges, Thomas Greiss, Mike Iggulden, Derek Joslin, Lukas Kaspar, Justin Kurtz, John Laliberte, Brady Leisenring, Ryan MacDonald, Michal Macho, Jamie McGinn, Graham Mink, Torrey Mitchell, Doug Murray, Glenn Olson, Dmitri Patzold, Joe Pavelski, Tomas Plihal, Josh Prudden, Ashton Rome, Nolan Schaefer, Dan Spang, Garrett Stafford, Brad Staubitz, Grant Stevenson, Patrick Traverse, Jonathan Tremblay, Craig Valette, Tom Walsh and Brian Yandle**) who have been here this season whether it was for just one game, a few games, a few weeks, a few months or for all the games, the management (Worcester and San Jose), the front office, FINZ and all the fans for a wonderful first year.

We all know that in the hockey business players, staff etc. eventually move on in their careers, so we wish those who were here this year and who may not be here next season all the best in their future endeavors. Just know that you'll always be part of Worcester and the Worcester family wherever you may go and we will probably see you in our travels. You are always welcome here.

Big **THANK YOU** go out to all these following people who volunteered their time to help this season on game nights at the doors, in the lobby or at the 50/50 table. Please know that your help was very much appreciated by myself, the booster club and the Sharks front office: **Kevin Leonard, Vicki Parretti, Karl Gerds, Rich Lundin, Josie Brown, Doug Cumming, David Jaffarian, Bob and Sharron Gillies, Kevin LaBouef, Ashley Kiefer, Ronnie Kiefer, Gerry Collette, Bev and Alyssa Tatro, Carl Stone, Darryl and Trish Hunt, Buzz and Kim Bayer, Ernie and Ellen Racine, Kristen Poirier, Mark and Cathy Pruneau, Gerry and Lorna Mailhoit, Ritch and Allen Burgess, Pam Berthiaume, Danielle LaBrecque, Anthony Vello, Pierce McDonnell, Bob and Carol De-feo, David Roth, Mark Caseau, Lynne Toomey and Abigail Toomey-Fisk, Bill, Shawn and Brandon Slaney, Judi Dionne, Al-issa and Kevin Brosnan, Nick and Carol Kronopolus, Paul Ritchford, Melissa Sommer, John Sbrogna, Claudette Stately, Corey Schandelmayer, Donald and Lois Delmonte, Lois, Scott and Zachary Greenwood, Jeff Lovely, Mark McGurn, John Wetherell Jr.**

Thanks to the Sharks front office and staff

Mike Lehr, Dave Daniels, Mike Mudd, Wayne Thomas, Mike Myers, Jamie Smock, Carolyn Meisner, Zack Hoover, Ryan Clark, Suzanne Schwartz, Marina Riva, Amy Raeder, Anna Lacombe, Brian Jamison, David Gwozdz, Bob Weldon, and the interns and we can't forget **FINZ**, for everything they did and accomplished this year, their hard work and dedication to putting on a first rate run team and for all their assistance they gave to the booster club.

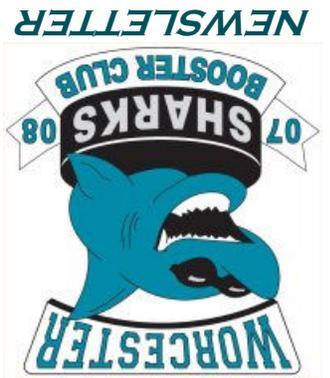
Get Well Wishes

First of all we want to send get well wishes out to all those boosters that have been injured or sick the last few months for quick recoveries so that you'll be back cheering on the Sharks come September/October.

Secondly we send get well wishes to all our Sharks who have endured many various injuries this year and have missed a lot of action: (**Craig Valette, Michal Macho, Tomas Plihal, Dan Spang** and to those who have recently undergone surgeries **Craig Valette, Dan Spang, Riley Armstrong and Glenn Olson** to name a few. Also to those who got hurt in the playoffs **Mathieu Darche** and **Mike Iggulden**. As the Sharks doctor said recently, the medical room was like the waiting room at the emergency room with all the maladies the players had. We wish you all the best in your rehab sessions and that your 100% when you come back to Worcester for training camp in September.

QUICK NOTE ON MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

It's that time of year again - and we want you back! Our membership committee is working hard to give you many reasons to re-join. One cat I will let out of the bag is that each and every member will receive a **Booster Club Pin**. Also, any Inaugural Season booster club member will receive an **Inaugural Season Booster Club Pin**! Hey better late than never, but your board felt that we owed it to you all for being the BEST fans in the AHL! Make sure you renew soon! **Membership Form** is on our website.



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