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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTEST - WIN PRIZES!

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Are you looking to have family members & friends join you at **Worcester Sharks Booster Club** events such as road trips or banquets? If so, now is the time to get family and friends involved as the **Worcester Sharks Booster Club** is announcing their first ever **Membership Drive / Contest** to recruit **New** members. Besides having a great time at events and games, these are some of the fantastic prizes you can win by signing up **New** members:

1. Game Worn Inaugural Season Jersey (refer at least \$150 in **NEW** membership fees to be eligible) That can be 10 individuals, or 6 families, or any combination with **New** membership fees of \$150 or more.
2. Player Signed Stick
3. Lifetime Booster Club Membership
4. Free Bus Trip for 2 (tickets included) for New England or Albany trip
5. \$25 Booster Bucks to be used towards banquet or road trip cost
6. Booster Club T-Shirt

To be eligible for any prize you need to recruit 2 **New** membership forms:

- 2 individuals, 2 families, 1 individual +1 family - doesn't matter but at least 2 **New** forms.
- The above prizes will be awarded to people who have recruited the most **New** members.
- In case of a tie, a drawing will be held to determine the winner.
- Prizes will be awarded at the December Holiday Banquet.

HAVE YOU RENEWED? WIN PRIZES BY BECOMING A MEMBER!

WIN A SIGNED THORNTON JERSEY AND MORE!!!

By being/becoming a Worcester Sharks Booster Club member, you are automatically entered to win one of the below prizes!

1. Signed San Jose Thornton Jersey
2. Player Signed Practice Jersey
3. Player Signed Stick
4. Team Signed Photo
5. Team Signed Card Set
6. Player Signed Pucks (2 or 3 to be available)

Winners will be drawn at random to win these prizes at the December Holiday Banquet (you do not need to be in attendance to win).

If you are currently a member, you are automatically entered. If you are not yet a member, please stop by the Booster Club table near section 110 to pick up Membership forms, or you can go to www.sharksboosters.com/application.pdf to download a form.

Please check out page 4 of this newsletter for more on the benefits of being a Sharks Booster!

NEXT BOOSTER CLUB MEETING
TENTATIVELY THURSDAY, November 20 at
7:00 PM
NEW Place: Castellana's on Harding Street
(the old Patrick Subaru)
Special Guest - TBA Sharks Player
FREE PARKING DOOR PRIZES
MEET THE SHARKS, ASK QUESTIONS!

JOIN US FOR OUR 3RD 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 **DCU CENTER** on **Wednesday December 17th 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 \$450 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 now, or visit our website.

The cost of this event will be \$39 for each adult booster, \$35 age 12 and under (reduced \$5 from last year!) Non-members must join the booster club to attend. Remember you can use your **Booster Bucks** if you have them. Your ticket **MUST** be paid by December 10th 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!

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME TRIPS?!

BY RICH LUNDIN

Fellow Boosters,

We have a few 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. This year is especially hard, with fuel prices much higher than last year. We are also challenged with the dates of away games. Below are some ideas we have. We are also looking into the idea of customizing trips based on the individual. 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! Please email or **contact Rich Lundin @ 508-829-8285**.

Here's the preliminary trip ideas

Confirmed - Portland Sunday Dec 21st - Cost is \$37 - sign up now!

Norfolk/Hershey trip

Other trips to Springfield, Manchester, Portland and Providence

SAN JOSE on the road

Confirmed - In Boston - Tuesday February 10th - price of ticket and bus - \$50 - sign up now!

In Montreal - Trip Friday February 27th - Sunday March 1st. Sign up if interested now.

On some trips, we might go with a mini-coach or van if there is enough interest. We can also help you and smaller groups of boosters purchase tickets at discount rates (depending on the team). Just let us know!

Stay tuned to your emails!



Visit the Web!!! WWW.SHARKSBOOSTERS.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:

Wednesday November 26 The Eagles
Saturday December 6 Neil Diamond
Thursday December 11 Trans Siberian Orchestra
Friday December 12 Vince Gill + Amy Grant
Saturday December 13 Neil Young

FROM THE EDITOR

BY RICH LUNDIN



Would you like to play an active role in the booster club? 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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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** at our table outside section 109/110. It will have detailed info on trips, discounts, info, and also your free **Booster Club Pins**.

Sadly, if you have not renewed membership by November 20th, 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** (see Page 1 of this newsletter for details).

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, Hartford & Springfield
 - DCU family type events (such as Disney one 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

Hi everyone, the first month of season three is complete and the Sharks are 3-4 but they are coming off a wild fight filled game in Hartford on Halloween night so hopefully that will translate into a great start to the month of November.

The Sharks will be busy in November with 15 games with 7 of those at home. I'm looking for help for all seven of them Wed 11/5, Tues 11/11, Sat 11/15, Wed 11/19 Sat 11/29, and Sun 11/30 so please see me either at the games or by email hockeynanny20@aol.com to volunteer I need 5 for Wednesday games and 10 or so for weekend games. If you are new booster members and want to help, sign up it is a good way to meet people in the club already. All help is welcome. To those who helped out in October thank you very much the help is much appreciated. A reminder we have a 1 PM holiday game on Tuesday the 11th and our first Sunday game at 4 PM on the 30th. Most of the teams we play this month are division rivals with 10 of the 15 games, so come out to support the team either at home or on the road or do both. The Sharks make their longest trip of the season down to Texas the weekend before Thanksgiving.

Please remember to check your emails for updates on trips and club happenings as well as the game night board for news on the club. We look forward to seeing you at the games, meetings and supporting the Sharks.



TREASURER'S NOTES

BY CHRIS O'SHEA

Thank you to all who have renewed your memberships, have signed up for trips. Reminder all checks and/or money orders should be made out to Worcester Sharks Booster Club. All events need to be paid before they take place. Thank you! Thanks also to Linda and Marc Lachance on the membership packages and to Rich Lundin for referral contest.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

BY CHRIS O'SHEA

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING BOOSTERS and SHARKS

Joey Medoff 9/19, Pierce McDonnell 9/20, Kevin Leonard 9/23, Claudette McNamara 9/23, Darryl Hunt 9/24, Marley Sommer 9/30, Abbey Toomey-Fisk 10/2, Sharron Gillies 10/2, Ritch Burgess 10/14, Katie Parker 10/14, Terry Chiapulis 10/15, Debbie Freeland 10/17, Mike Dvareckas 10/27, Castan Sommer 10/27, Haley King 10/30, Doreen Stone 10/30, Matt Medoff 11/6, Kim Bayer 11/9, Marianne Adams 11/12, Johanna Kirouac 11/16, Frederick Pierce 11/23, Mary Teixeira 11/23, Pam Larosee 11/27.

November Birthdays Vinny Ferraiuolo 11/1, Riley Armstrong 11/8, Mike Myers 11/28 October Birthdays Frazer McLaren 10/29, September Birthdays Taylor Dakers 9/14

WITH SYMPATHY

We wish to extend our sympathy and condolences to Sharks goalie Taylor Dakers on the recent passing of his father, also to Booster member Rick Place on the passing of his Father. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your families.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND EVENTS

BY LINDA LACHANCE

The Worcester Sharks Booster Club has 203 current members at the end of October. Please make plans to renew!

We would like you all to welcome new members **Jon Bohannon, Grant Chaves, Amber Comeau, Barbara Comeau, Lisa Comeau, Kevin Curley, Danny Ferreira, Marissa Gendron, Hailey King, Teddy King, Christine Marzoll, Katie Parker, Danielle Patrowicz, Margaret Patrowicz, Frederick Pierce, Rodney Rugg, AJ Teixeira, and Mary Teixeira.**

We are now taking membership renewal applications for the 08-09 season. There is no increase in fee. Signup now and receive our new logo pin and new All Star Classic Pin. Please visit our website to download an application. You can either mail it in, bring it to the membership meeting, or turn it in at one of our home games at our booster club table outside section 110.

Please checkout page 1 and 4 about our incentives (i.e. prizes) to members that sign up new members, and also prizes for signing up!

COLUMBUS DAY RECAP

Thanks to all that helped out and marched in the Columbus Day Parade. It was a great weather day and a lot of fun. Hope to see you all at the St. Patrick's Day Parade in March!

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!

SHARKS CALENDAR

Sunday November 16 - Bus Trip to Springfield

Wednesday November 19 - Vs. Norfolk 7:05 PM

Thursday November 20 - Monthly Booster Club Meeting - Castellana's 7:00 PM

Saturday November 29 - Vs. Bridgeport 7:05 PM

Sunday November 30 - Vs. Lowell 4:05 PM

Wednesday December 3 - Vs. WBS 7:05 PM

Sunday December 7 - Vs Portland 4:05 PM

Wednesday December 17 - HOLIDAY PARTY - DCU CENTER

January 25-26, 2009 - AHL All Star Classic!



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