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HELP OUT OUR SCHOOLS - SUPPLY DRIVE

Hi Everyone,

One of our goals this year is to be more active in the community. We would like to kick this off with the Set For Success School Supplies and Backpack Program.

This is the fourth annual **Set For Success** school supply drive held in Worcester, organized by City Councilor Kate Toomey and the Friendly House. The drive will continue through Friday, September 24. The mission is to collect school supplies for kids in Worcester whose families need a little extra help with “back to school” preparations. We are asking everyone who can to help out by purchasing some school supplies that they can distribute to homeless or disadvantaged children and teens.

You can help these kids out purchasing the following:

Pens, pencils, crayons, rulers, notebooks, highlighters, calculators, etc. and/or a backpack – you get the picture, the stuff any kid would need to get back to school. If you wish to donate money, you may also do so (we will take paypal if needed).

Incentive to boosters:

If you spend \$10-\$19, we will give you \$2 in booster bucks, \$20 you will get \$5 in booster bucks, \$50 or more you will get \$15 in booster bucks. We will need your receipt. Also, you don't have to worry about delivering the supplies, one of the Sharks Booster Club board members will pick up your items.

Also, please speak with your employer about donating supplies.

Last year, the Sharks Booster Club donated over \$650 in backpacks and school supplies!

Please contact Josie or Rich @508-829-8285 for pickup of supplies, or for more information.



Set For Success!
School Supplies and
Backpack Program

WELCOME TO SEASON 5!!!

Can you believe this is year number five already?! From the looks of our team, and for what the Sharks have planned for events, it's going to be exciting, fun, and the best season yet! This is just a “quickie” newsletter. But we do have updates on trips we wanted to get out ASAP (see inside). I should have another newsletter out in about 2 weeks. Time to wake from our non-hockey hibernation!

LET'S GO SHARKS!

NEXT BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

TBA

As most of you know—the Fifth Amendment is no more, so we are currently looking for a new meeting place. We hope to have news at the end of September. Stay Tuned!

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:

Off for the summer – stay tuned in the fall!

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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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!



ROAD TRIP UPDATE

BY RICH LUNDIN

We've had some great trips this past year! Are you ready to do it again? We have been reviewing the recently released schedule and have some tentative dates and prices (all subject to change)



Sat Oct 9 @ Bridgeport (game #1!) \$40

Sat Nov 20 @ Portland \$38

Sat Dec 11 @ Albany \$38

Fri Jan 14 @ Springfield \$24

Sat Feb 26 @ Adirondack \$40

Sun Mar 20 @ Manchester \$38



Please call Rich @ 508-829-8285 or email at info@sharksbc.com to signup for the Bridgeport trip.

Also, we tried getting group tickets for San Jose in Boston, unfortunately, we were told they were unavailable. I may be able to get tickets in pairs (with a probably mark up). If interested, please let me know..

We are planning a **trip to Montreal** to see **San Jose** play the Canadiens.

3 DAY/2 NIGHT TRIP leaving Friday Dec 3, returning Sunday Dec 5
(see will not be back in time for the Worcester game on Sunday.)

Includes motor coach, overnight hotel, breakfast, and ticket to the game.

Tentative prices Per Person

\$299 Quad, \$329 Triple, \$369 Double, \$499 single, kids 17 and under \$239 (with 2 adults).

\$100 deposit required by November 6th.

We had a great time in Montreal the last time we went. It was a great atmosphere!

The trips are fun and a great way to cheer on the Sharks in enemy territory with you friends!

If you have any suggestions 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**. Stay tuned to your emails!

EVENT NEWS - COLUMBUS DAY PARADE BY JOSIE BROWN

Reminder that we're always looking for people to march in the Columbus Day Parade. Save the date - Sunday October 10th! More info in the next newsletter.

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 TOURNAMENT - PHILLY WINS 1-0

This year's tournament was held in Harrisburg PA on July 10 from 7 AM to 6 PM and hosted by the Hershey Bears Booster Club and Broomball Team. Thank God we were in an ice rink instead of outside in temps close to 100. This year with heavy hearts we dedicated the tournament to Ryan "Bubba" Broghamer who was the WBS Penguins goalie who died tragically in January. He was certainly missed by everyone.

Worcester and WBS had the first game of the tournament and the game began with an empty WBS net as a tribute of Ryan, then they won the face-off and the ball was shot out of bounds so that they had an opportunity to put in a goalie. Worcester finished the round robin part with a 1-2-2 record which left us seeded 4th for the playoffs. We played the 5th seed Manchester and won 1-0 in 2OT. We went on to play Philly in the semifinals and lost 1-0 which put us in the third place game which we won 2-1 over WBS. Hershey and Philly battled it out for the championship and Philly won 1-0 in OT.

The final standings were Philly, Hershey, Worcester, WBS, Manchester, and Syracuse.

After the long day in the rink it was back to the hotel to get ready for the tournament banquet. The food was great, the raffles were humming and the friendship abounds around the room. Awards were given out based on votes by the captain's of each team. Nick Martin (Philly) was voted MVP, Jamie Frantz (Hershey) was voted Female MVP, John "Fergie" Ferguson (Worcester) was named the 1st recipient of the "Bubba" award voted on by all the goalies for (overall great sportsmanship) and Chris O'Shea (Worcester) was given the Unsung hero award (for substantive yet unrecognized contribution).

Congrats to all and congrats to all the participants of the AHLBC Broomball Tournament. Special kudos to my teammates that played in the tournament Dave & Lisa Anger, Mark & Cathy Pruneau, Doug Cumming, Nick Kronopolus, Kristen Poirier, Mike LaPrade, Joe Ferraro, John Ferguson, Justin Smith, Joshua Taylor, and Steve Viner for their hard work during the tournament.

Thanks to the Hershey Bears Booster Club and Broomball team for all their hard work throughout the year to put on a great tournament and we look forward to seeing everyone in Syracuse in July 2011 for the AHLBC Broomball Tournament 2011.

AAHLBC BINGHAMTON 2010

The AAHLBC will be held September 10-12, 2010 in Binghamton, New York and hosted by the Binghamton Senators Booster Club. The theme is Comic Strips. The weekend consists of as much hockey talk you can get, side trips to new locations surrounding Binghamton, meeting lots of good people and renewing past friendships from other conventions and or road trips you have taken.

There is a general meeting attended by all the boosters that come and this year we have over 210 boosters from around the league convening on Binghamton this September. There is a lot of hospitality time throughout the weekend. There are guest speakers and this year former NHL referee Paul Stewart will do the honors at our Saturday night dinner.

For boosters who haven't yet attended a hockey convention you should look into attending one in the near future and once you do it just becomes an annual ritual for many of us. Next year (2011) the Hershey Bears Booster Club will be the hosts and the following year (2012) it is Cleveland's turn.

There is a new newsletter being put out by Bill Walch of Manchester on behalf of the AAHLBC from an idea from Tom Schamerhorn of Albany to have clubs share info about what their booster clubs do in their communities, how they promote hockey and their teams. You can checkout the inaugural edition by following this link http://www.monarchsboosters.com/portal/index.php?option=com_jdownloads&Itemid=0&task=viewcategory&catid=15

GAME NIGHT NOTES

BY CHRIS O'SHEA

HOCKEY TIME is just around the corner, YEAH!!!!!!!!!!!!!! This will be season number five for the Sharks here in Worcester. GET READY for Saturday October 23, 2010 @7 PM vs. Providence for the home opener. Follow the Sharks all season long on WTAG 580 AM and 94.9 FM radio, the website www.sharksahl.com as well as on Facebook and Twitter. Follow the booster club at www.sharksboosters.com for all the club news and updates.



The Sharks will welcome two new teams to Worcester, the Rochester Americans(FLA) and the Charlotte Checkers(CAR) (they were bought and moved from Albany). Our 495N rival and friends the Lowell Devils have now moved to Albany(NJ) and will be here in Worcester as well.

The AHL welcomes the Oklahoma City Barons (EDM) to the league this year and hopefully one year we may be playing them as well. There are some new affiliation changes as well Springfield is now with Columbus and Syracuse is with Anaheim.

Here's hoping that all teams a safe and healthy year.

GOODBYES

The Sharks office and staff lost a few since we last had hockey here. Lindsey Marranca Ticket executive left to move to Michigan with her fiancé Kevin and she now works for the Detroit Lions.

Longtime favorite equipment manager Vinny Ferraiuolo was called up to the big leagues and now is asst equipment manager with the San Jose Sharks.

Captain Ryan Vesce and Dany Groulx have signed to play over in Russia. Dennis McCauley has signed on with Buffalo. Dwight Helminen has gone to play overseas as well.

We want to wish them all the best in their new adventures and thank them for all they did in Worcester.

More updates in the next newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS

We want to send best wishes and congratulations to members Erin and Jon Martin on their marriage in May.

Best wishes and congrats go out to Lindsey and Kevin(see above goodbyes) on their most recent wedding.

Congrats to the Hershey bears on winning the Calder Cup(AHL), the Chicago Blackhawks on winning the Stanley Cup(NHL) and the Cincinnati Cyclones on winning the Kelly Cup(ECHL).

Congrats to Vinny on his move to San Jose (see above goodbyes)

WELCOME

We welcome new Ticket manager Jason Jones to Worcester—after many years with the Lowell Devils.

We welcome all fans and boosters from Lowell to come down and join us for great hockey action.

NEXT BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

To Be Announced

(With new venue)

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