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LAST CALL FOR HOLIDAY PARTY!

BY: RICH LUNDIN

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 **Tuesday December 10th** from 6:30 to ??? 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 \$750 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 **\$42pp, \$37 for seniors 65+, and ONLY \$10 age 17 and under**. 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 7th in order to attend.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email Rich Lundin at (508) 829-8285 or info@sharksbc.com. This is a non-autograph party, dress is business-casual (no jeans, no jerseys). We hope to see you there!



ANNUAL HOLIDAY ORANAMENT AND JERSEY RAFFLE!

The Worcester Sharks Booster Club is hosting a Sharks Player Ornament Raffle **Friday December 6th and Saturday December 7th**.

Proceeds will benefit The Worcester Junior Sharks Mike Ellsessar Scholarship Fund. Each ornament is hand crafted, and signed by a Sharks player. You could also win a team signed Sharks practice jersey!

To enter, please stop by the booster club table outside of section 110.

ROAD TRIP UPDATE

BY RICH LUNDIN

We've listened to feedback and we're going to focus on the longer trips this season. Below are some tentative dates, with prices to be announced (all subject to change)

The WBS/Hershey trip and the Adirondack trip have been cancelled due to low signups. We will try setting something up for Norfolk 1/17-18, and Binghamton/Springfield 2/15-16. Details to follow.



Sun Feb 3 @ Manchester \$35pp *tentative price

Sat Mar 29 @ Albany \$55pp

Please call Rich @ 508-829-8285 or email at info@sharksbc.com with any questions

If you'd like to attend the San Jose Sharks playing the New York Islanders down in NY, you can contact the Isles ticket rep (Scott) at 615-501-6843. Sharks play Islanders on 3/14, and Worcester plays Bridgeport the next day. Could be an overnight trip for those folks that wish to go.

Discount tickets in Manchester: \$16 tickets for booster club members
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GAME NIGHT NOTES

BY CHRIS O'SHEA

We have finished two months of the hockey season and the Sharks have perked up and are playing better and have a 3 game winning streak going into this weekend's games. Keep it up Sharks!!

Stop by the booster table and checkout the trips and events that have been scheduled. Remember we need people to sign up and pay for these if you want the things to take place.

Player-signed ornament raffle takes place on Friday Dec 6 & 7 at the booster club table in between the game night and 50/50 tables. There will also be a team signed jersey to be raffled off as well. All proceeds go to the Mike Ellsessar Scholarship for the Worcester Jr Sharks to sponsor a handful of children to play hockey.

Remember your new unwrapped toys!! Bring them to the Christmas Party on Tuesday Dec. 10, 2013 and they will be brought up to the children who are served by Friendly House. We thank you in advance for your generosity as will the people and children at Friendly House.

CANDY DONATIONS

Can you help with Christmas candy???

Donate yours to help keep the Shark dish full throughout the coming months. All donations (whether candy or monetarily) are greatly accepted and will be very much appreciated

Thank you to all of you who brought in Halloween candy to help keep our shark candy dish full. I really appreciate it. ☺

CONCESSION STANDS

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

BY RICH LUNDIN

Last year we had a slower, than normal, response to our need to work concessions.

We had about 15 people volunteer for several shows. We raised over **\$3000** 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 **\$10 Booster Bucks (up from \$5)** 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!

Please email the club at info@sharksbc.com or call me @508-829-8285 to sign up!

Thanks again!
Rich

Dates coming up:

Jan 3-5 Arenacross
Jan 14 WWE Smackdown (a must do!)
Feb 8-9 Bullriders



COMMITTEES

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Darryl Hunt

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Looking for more help

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Chris O'Shea

Darryl Hunt

Always looking for help/ideas

Newsletter

Rich Lundin

Erin Martin

Concessions

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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!

SAVE THE DATES!

Holiday Party Tuesday December 10th

(SIGN UP NOW- Money Due Dec 6th)

Player Awards Banquet TBA in April

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

The Booster Club is continuing its Annual Membership Drive



Membership dues are:
Individual \$10
Family \$25
Teen (13-17), Seniors (65+)
\$5 Kids (12 + under) Free!



**** Sadly, If you have not renewed your membership by December 7th, you will not receive any more emails/newsletters or other club benefits. We hope to have you back!****

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

- Spending time with other Worcester Sharks fans
- Bus trips to away games (Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, Hershey, Albany, Springfield, Adirondack)
- Free Worcester Sharks 2013-2014 Pin

Discounts to:

- Away tickets to support the Sharks when they play Providence, Hartford & Springfield
- DCU family type events (such as Disney one Ice)
- 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.

50/50 ON GAME NIGHTS

I'm still looking for boosters to step up and help with volunteering some time for 50/50 before and during the games. Please see me during the games or shoot me an email to lend a hand-we will show you what needs to be done-no experience necessary. I thank Chris G and Judi for their help in our three home games so far. In November John W will be stepping in and doing some games as well with Chris and Judi. I'm taking names and availability for December and January now so please check your schedules and let me know -Thanks

Here is what you need to know: 1) You will need to be over 18. 2) You are asked to be there at least 15 minutes before the doors open to the public to help set up the tickets 3) You are at the table prior to the game until about the drop of the puck or a little after. 4) You are asked to be back by at least 5 minutes left in the periods to get ready for the intermission rush. 5) You are finished by the end of the 2nd intermission and free to enjoy the 3rd period. Everything is spelled out for you at the table and I'm always there to help if you need it.

Arrival for 7PM games 5:45PM, for 7:30 games 6:15PM and for 3PM games 1:45PM

LOOKING FOR BROOMBALL PLAYERS

Next year it looks like the 2014 AHLBC Broomball Tournament will be in Hershey in July. This will be our 18th year coming up and we are in need of some fresh and younger legs to help out our many veterans on our team so I'm putting out the call to any and all boosters over 18 who can commit to practices through the fall, winter and spring and then the tournament come July. This is a Co-ed team so if you are interested please see or contact me for more details.

We are looking for boosters to come join the broomball team - requirements 18 yrs & older have your own equipment (helmet, pads, gloves, shoes and broom-although not all needed until you decide if you want to partake in the team). We hope to set a practice in late October or November to start - at least once a month to start and then maybe twice a month as the tournament gets closer. Our practice times aren't the best usually 11 PM or later, but sometimes we luck out and have them at 10 PM or even on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in seeing what it is all about, please email me at Hockeynanny20@aol.com so I can keep you up to date on what is going on. We need players at every position-goalie, forward and defense.

BOOSTER SEATS PROGRAM

BY ERNIE RACINE

Our Booster Seats program, in its fourth year, gives the club another way of giving back to the community while supporting Sharks hockey. We got a "wow" response from the AHL as we brought a large number of attendees to the All Star Classic. These are people who wouldn't otherwise have been able to attend. With the state of the economy, there is more need than ever and we want to respond. Here are a couple of ways that you can help.

First, help us connect to local groups who have a need. Have the organization fill out a Booster Seats request on the web at <http://www.tinyurl.com/boosterseats>. You can also forward contact information to Ernie Racine (FinAddictAHL@verizon.net) and we'll call them and explain the program. We are especially interested in supporting local organizations that serve the Worcester community. Second, support our ability to bring in more and larger groups. Proceeds from our 50/50 raffles support this as well as other charity efforts. So buy some tickets and encourage your friends to do the same.

Are you a season ticket holder with ticket vouchers that will go unused? (The Sharks 'no wasted ticket' program makes it more likely that you will have extra vouchers.) Put your extra vouchers in an envelope with your name and bring them to the Booster table at any game. We'll put them to good use. I'll let you know which group your tickets supported and help you get a receipt that might be useful as a tax deduction.

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