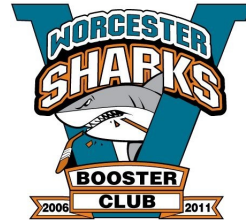




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TOM CAVANAGH

BY CHRIS O'SHEA

We were saddened and shocked to hear of the tragic death of all-time Worcester Sharks points leader Tom Cavanagh who passed away on January 6 in Providence RI at the age of 28.

He was such a well-liked guy, teammate, son, brother and friend, which was evident with the amount of people that attended his wake (many waited 2-3 1/2 hrs outside in sub-freezing temperatures) and the SRO packed church for his funeral.

"Tom you will be missed and not forgotten and may you rest in peace."

We send our condolences and sympathy to the Cavanagh family, and the booster club has donated \$300 to charity per the wishes of his family.



JOIN US FOR OUR 5TH ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

It's amazing how fast this season has gone by, and we're already scheduling our **BOOSTER CLUB AWARDS BANQUET!** This year's event will be held at the **DCU CENTER** in Worcester on **Tuesday March 29th from 6:45 to 10 pm.** A buffet-style dinner will be served, and we will be handing out our annual awards to the players (which you as a booster will vote on starting the beginning of March at the booster club table) There will be a variety of raffle prizes, including auto-graphed Sharks merchandise and other great items.

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 the same as last year - **for booster's \$45 adult, \$40 Seniors 65+ and only \$10 for kids 17 and under, and non-boosters add \$10 (you will get booster club membership).** Remember you can use your Booster Bucks if you have them. Your ticket **MUST** be paid by March 23rd 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 professional/casual. We hope to see you there!

NEXT BOOSTER CLUB MEETING—TBA
Worcester Public Library—Saxe Room

Visit us on 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:

February 18th and 20th—Monster Jam
March 12th—Elton John (A MUST DO)

SAVE THE DATE

Our Awards Banquet will be Tuesday March 29th

DCU CENTER



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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?



Sat Feb 26 @ Adirondack \$45 –Deadline 2/18

Sun Mar 20 @ Manchester \$38*

* *Tentative price



You can sign up at any Sharks home game at the booster club table or call Rich @ 508-829-8285 or email at info@sharksbc.com.

DISCOUNTED TICKETS FOR BOOSTERS!

The following teams have provided discounts to our booster club members (you must make the arrangements)

Rochester Americans Wed Feb 16

\$5 off any seats. Contact Nick @585-454-5335 X3054

Providence Bruins

have a by one get one free Promo all year

<https://www.providencebruins.com/Tickets/BOGOFGame/free>

NEW MEMBERSHIP PACKETS ARE IN

Membership packages which include:

Booster Club Pin

Membership Cards

Discount Card

Can be picked up at any home game in February. Just visit the Booster Club Table behind Section 109

BOOSTER CLUB TRAVEL MUGS

We have a limited supply of Booster Club travel mugs available for \$10 each. They are the same ones the players got at the Holiday Party. They are very nice stainless steel with our Booster Club Logo on it. Please stop by and see Chris at the Booster Table to get one!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sending Happy Birthday wishes to everyone that has celebrated a birthday since the season has started. Hope you all had great days!

CONGRATULATIONS

Justin Braun and **Mike Moore** who scored there **FIRST NHL GOALS** while on recall for San Jose.!

Congrats to **Alex Stalock** for his **FIRST NHL WIN in his FIRST NHL GAME** between the pipes for San Jose!

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

If you have renewed your membership, we will have **your membership kit** at our table outside section 109/110 in the next couple of weeks. 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 21st, 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**

Membership dues are:

Individual \$10

Family \$25

Teen (13-17), Seniors (65+) \$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 (Bridgeport, Portland, Albany, Adirondack, Manchester)
- Discounts to:
 - Away tickets to support the Sharks when they play 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.

AAHLBC CONVENTION 2011—HERSEY

THE CONVENTION WILL BE HELD **SEPTEMBER 9-11, 2011**
AT THE SHERATON HARRISBURG HERSHEY HOTEL
4650 LINDLE ROAD HARRISBURG PA

HOSTED BY THE HERSHEY BEARS BOOSTER CLUB

PRICES

\$330-SINGLE

\$220-DOUBLE

\$185-TRIPLE

\$165-QUAD

EXTRA NIGHTS ARE \$98.78 PER ROOM
(ROOM TAX AND PARKING INCLUDED IN THE PRICES)

THE PRICES ABOVE ARE PER PERSON FOR THE COMPLETE WEEKEND WHICH HAS TWO BREAK-FASTS (SAT&SUN) AND TWO DINNERS (FRI & SAT)
A NON-REFUNDABLE **DEPOSIT OF \$50 IS DUE BY MARCH 15TH**-
CHECKS MADE OUT TO WORCESTER SHARKS BOOSTER CLUB

BALANCE WILL BE DUE ON JUNE 15TH

ALL CANCELLATIONS MADE PRIOR TO AUGUST 1, 2011 WILL RECEIVE A REFUND – THE \$50 NON REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT. **NO REFUNDS AFTER AUGUST 1, 2011.**
EARLY ARRIVALS OR LATE DEPARTURES ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL AND ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY THEY ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE PRICES.
CALL HOTEL DIRECTLY AT 1-800-325-3535 OR 1-717-564-5511 AND ASK FOR THE AAHLBC RATE.

HERE IS AN INTERNET LINK TO THE HOTEL

www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=1011100452&key=D6F31

2011 AHL ALL-STAR FESTIVITIES IN HERSEY

Congratulations to Jonathan Cheechoo who was named a starter to the Eastern Conference Team but due to injury he was unable to attend. This would have been his 2nd All-Star appearance. He was replaced by defenseman Justin Braun his first All-Star appearance. Justin participated in the Skills competition and came in 2nd in the hardest shot competition. He was also in the breakaway relay and on the winning Eastern Conference team which won 19-7. Monday morning was the AHL HOF induction with emcee Mike Emrick who flew up from covering the NHL All-Star game in Raleigh NC.

Monday night was the game and Justin acquitted himself real well throughout the game. The Eastern Conference won 11-8 with Bobby Butler from Marlborough who plays for the Binghamton Senators winning the MVP Trophy. Finz and all the mascots that attended were fantastic throughout the two days and made the nights festivities especially fun to watch. Former Worcester IceCats goalie Curtis Sanford who plays for Hamilton was on the Western Conference Team in his first AHL All-Star appearance and made some nice saves.



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.

HOLIDAY PARTY—HUGE HIT!

BOOSTER CLUB DONATES \$1,800 IN TOYS TO FRIENDLY HOUSE

Over 120 attended the 5th annual Worcester Sharks Booster Club Holiday Party on December 15th at the DCU Center. It was a great time for boosters to mingle with their favorite players and the office staff, as well as to give back to the community.

Everyone was greeted with a bag of goodies and candy canes, and the night was started with some casual mingling and banter. The DCU Center provided a great (as usual) buffet, which many went for seconds! After dinner, Mrs Claus (Chris) gave presents to all the kids in attendance. But the night was far from over. In a custom started the previous year, coach Roy Sommer asked all the new players to come up to the podium and tell a story from Christmas past—whether good or bad. The guys were really caught off guard and had to think quickly. Some truly hilarious stories ensued, and it really helped create a mood for the rest of the night.

But what makes this event most important is what we do for charity—and has been our custom, for Friendly House. We asked for boosters attending to bring unwrapped toys, and a receipt, and for each dollar spent, they would receive a raffle ticket for some cool items, such as a team signed helmet, a game worn jersey, signed game used sticks, etc. At the end of the night, the tally of toys was over \$700! On top of this amount, the booster club donated an additional \$1100 worth of toys to the Friendly House, for a grand total of \$1900! Chris O'Shea and Rich Lundin delivered the toys to a grateful Friendly House, and the toys were all distributed at their Christmas Party to kids that may never have received presents this year, without their help.

Thanks to all of you special people for making it such a wonderful night, while being able to make many children happy!

ICECATS NIGHT!

January 22nd was a great night to see a huge turnout for IceCats night, and inductions into the Worcester Hockey Hall of Fame. Seeing all the IceCats jerseys on the ice and in the crowd sure brought back memories. Lots of misty eyes when mascot Scratch hit the ice. Both Scratch and Finz were mobbed all night by kids (and us big kids!). Highlight of the night was the standing ovation Terry Virtue received. It was well deserved and it was great to see all former IceCats that could attend. The booster club plans on having us fans sign the "Mr IceCat Terry Virtue" banner and sending it to him. Please stop by the booster club table during February to sign and thank one of the most popular players ever in Worcester.

GAME NIGHT NOTES

BY CHRIS O'SHEA

We are ready to start the second half of the season. The Sharks see themselves in 3rd place in the Atlantic. Not many home games this month so get out to see the Sharks when they are here at home - Feb 4, 5, 23,25 & 27.

I want to thank those who have supplied me with candy for the shark dish all is very much appreciated. Thanks Beth Carrigan for the teal Christmas decorations I might just use them throughout the winter time since they go so well.

Sending thanks to everyone who participated in the Christmas ornament raffle from the start of the project to the conclusion great job by all.

Thanks to all the boosters who brought in toys at the Holiday party to go towards the children from Friendly House and to all those who buy 50/50 at the games to help support local charities such as Friendly House.

Thanks to the cookie brigade that made and assembled the cookies for the holiday party and the cookies/breads/pie for the Sharks' office staff.

Thanks to the Sharks for the wonderful Tribute to the Worcester IceCats - it was a fabulous night of memories for so many of us.

CONDOLENCES

We send our prayers and condolences to those who have lost loved ones the last few months:

Sharron and Bob Gillies on the passing of Sharron's Mother former booster Irene Sarty.

David Kenwery on his Mother's passing.

Coach Roy Sommer on the passing of his Father.

Ron and Debbie Freeland on the recent passing of Ron's Mother.

The family of Tom Cavanagh.

The Booster Club was also saddened to hear of the passing of a great friend from Albany. Booster club president Tom Schamerhorn lost his courageous battle with cancer. He will be missed by many. We send our condolences and sympathy to his wife Sue and their Family and to the Albany Booster Club.

ORNAMENT RAFFLE TO CREATE SCHOLARSHIP FUND MAJOR SUCCESS!

The Worcester Sharks Booster Club held a Sharks Player Ornament Raffle, with the proceeds benefiting the Midstate Junior Sharks Mike Ellsessar Scholarship Fund. Each ornament was hand crafted and signed by a Sharks player. We also raffled off a team signed teal Sharks practice jersey. The raffle raised \$871, and we will make it an even \$1000 with 50/50 raffle proceeds. This scholarship fund is off to a great start, and we plan on doing this every year going forward.



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