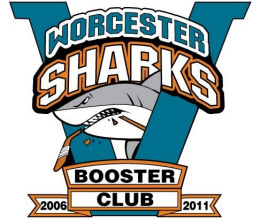




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JOIN US FOR OUR 5TH ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

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 autographed Sharks merchandise and other great items.

Voting begins Saturday March 5 until Saturday March 13 at the Booster Club Table.

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!

~ IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ~

We **Will Not** be marching in the Worcester St. Patrick's Day Parade this year as the timing is a conflict with a Sharks Home Game!

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:

March 12th—Elton John
April 7-10th—Disney On Ice

SAVE THE DATE

Our Awards Banquet will be Tuesday March 29th

DCU CENTER



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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!



ROAD TRIP UPDATE

BY RICH LUNDIN

We've had some great trips this past year! Are you ready to do it again?



Sun Mar 20 @ Manchester \$40*

* **Mini Coach—1st 23 people that **sign up and pay by 3/13**



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)

Providence Bruins

have a buy 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. 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 in January, February and March—hope you had or will have a great day.

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

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](#).

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 Worchester Sharks include:

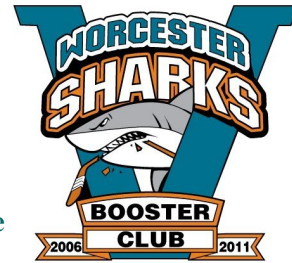
- Spending time with other Worchester Sharks fans
- Bus trips to away games (Bridgeport, Portland, Albany, Adirondack, Manchester)
- Discounts to:
 - Away tickets to support the Sharks when they play Providence, Hartford & Springfield
 - DCU family type events (such as Disney one Ice)
 - Worchester Tornadoes 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.



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GAME NIGHT NOTES

BY CHRIS O'SHEA

Wow! It is March already where has the time gone? At this time the Sharks are battling for the playoffs with a few teams. They need to be at least in 3rd to claim a spot come the 2nd week in April. Let's get out there and cheer them on.

So many changes have happened in the last month-Our top two goalies are not with us-Alex Stalock suffered a season ending injury when stepped on while making a save-He had surgery on Feb 14th and all went well from what we have been told. We wish Alex a full and speedy recovery and hope to see him back in Worcester when he is able. Carter Hutton has been up with San Jose since the 2nd week in February serving as backup to Niemi. We lost Steven Zalewski and Jay Leach in a trade with Albany around the same time – we wish them all the best and thank them for their time in Worcester.

We welcome to Worcester from Albany Michael Swift and Patrick Davis-Daren Machesney up from the ECHL, Jody Pederson up from Elmira for the 3rd time and welcome back goalie Tyson Sexsmith up from Stockton. We also had goalies Billy Sauer and Jeff Jakitis in the lineup. We had call-ups to San Jose-Matt Irwin, Benn Ferriero, Nick Petrecki and Tommy Wingels during the last road trip, but they have returned. We recently had Justin Braun and John McCarthy called up and at this time they are still up there.

The Sharks organization traded former Shark Derek Joslin to Carolina and we wish Derek all the best with his new team and teammates.

It was great to see our former & current players (Joe Pavelski, Jamie McGinn, Jason Demers, Torrey Mitchell, Derek Joslin, Benn Ferriero, Devin Setoguchi, John McCarthy and Logan Couture) come back to Worcester when San Jose had a stop in Boston on 2/5 to play as well as former equipment man Vinny Ferraiuolo. They honored Coach Roy Sommer for his 1,000th victory with magnums of specially marked Sharks wine and for helping them all get to the big leagues.

Thanks to all who have donated candy for the candy dish- much appreciated!

CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHIES

We would like to send out our prayers and thoughts to Gerry Collette and his Family on the passing of his Mother. We also want to pass along our prayers and thoughts to Bill Ballou on the passing of his Father.

GET WELL AND FEEL BETTER WISHES

We would like to send our healing prayers and thoughts out to Linda Lachance and Kristen Poirier both who have had health setbacks since the year has started.

We would like to also send out healing prayers to all and any other boosters who may have had health related issues or who currently have them that they continue to recover and feel better.

We also send healing prayers to Sharks James Marcou and Tony Lucia who have been out for a while with concussions and hoping they come back soon.

As stated above we wish Alex Stalock a speedy and full recovery from his injury and hope that his rehabbing of his knee and leg goes smoothly.

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

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS!!

11th Semi-Annual Worcester Firefighters Memorial 6K Run & Walk

When: Sunday June 12, 2011 Race Starts at 1pm

Where: Institute Park Worcester, MA



The Race averages 1,000 walker/runners and about 2,000 people present at the park the day of the event. It's a great time to be had by all wither you walk/run or just go to support the cause!

Worcester Relay for Life

When: Friday June 17th and Saturday June 18th

Where: Holy Cross—Freshman Field Worcester, MA

It's a great time to be had by all wither you walk/run or just go to support the cause and the others walking!



AHLBC Broomball Tournament 2011

When: July 9, 2011

Where: Syracuse New York

Details to Come!



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