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JOIN US FOR THE 6TH ANNUAL 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 Wednesday December 14th 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 re-ceipt, you will receive raffle tickets for every dollar of the value of the toy. Last year we gave Friendly House over \$700 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 \$41pp, \$36 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 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 business-casual (no jeans, no jerseys). We hope to see you there!



NEXT BOOSTER CLUB MEETING
Tuesday November 22nd -7pm
Overtime Tap—50 Front Street Worcester
**** Meet a Sharks Player ****

Visit us on the Web!!! WWW.SHARKSBOOSTERS.COM

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 signup!

Thanks again!
Rich

Dates coming up:

November 25th - Gun's N' Roses (A MUST DO!)

November 29th—Bob Seger (A MUST DO!)

Dec 15th—Cirque

Nothing Else Until February!



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Looking for more help

HOSPITALITY

Chris O'Shea

Looking for more help

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Looking for more help

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Josie Brown

Chris O'Shea

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Always looking for help/ideas

NEWSLETTER

Rich Lundin

Erin Martin

CONCESSIONS

Rich Lundin

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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 DATE

Holiday Party—Wednesday December 14th (SIGN UP NOW- Money Due Dec 10th)

Player Awards Banquet—Tuesday April 3rd

\$41 Adult, \$36 Seniors 65+, \$10 Kids Under 17

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY RICH LUNDIN

Hello Boosters!

So far the team is looking good, and playing some very spirited hockey! The team, office, DCU Center and booster club are all up and running smoothly – looks to be a great season.

A few updates I'd like to share with you.

We'll have the membership kits available starting November 11th at the booster club table at the games, so please swing by to pick up yours! If you haven't done so, please make sure you renew your membership soon.

We've got some great trips and Holiday Party coming up and you don't want to miss out. Speaking of trips – signup has still not been where we like it. We're going to be asking on feedback as to why. I know times are tough but I'm surprised we can't get even one trip off the ground right now.

The Holiday Party signup has gone very well – I'm hoping that we max out with the number of people going (yes there is a maximum – so please signup soon!)

The first membership meeting at Overtime Tap went fabulously. Great food, and a great private room. This month we will have a special guest Sharks player – so don't miss out.

Concessions signup/participation has been great. We really need it too so keep it coming! It is greatly appreciated.

In addition, we will be holding another player signed ornament and jersey raffle again this year – more details will come (check emails and at the game).

We're also planning some special booster club t-shirts to be available soon.

As you can see, so far we've been very focused on providing you with the information and resources to enjoy this season as a booster club member.

Cheers!

Rich

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)

Sun Dec 4 @ Manchester \$29 adults, \$21 kids

Fri Jan 6 @ Springfield \$20

Sat Feb 18 @ Connecticut \$39 or Sun Feb 19 @ Springfield \$20

Sun Mar 4 @ Portland \$39

Sat Apr 14 @ Adirondack \$55



Please call Rich @ 508-829-8285 or email at info@sharksbc.com to sign up for the Providence trip.

Also, we will not be getting tickets for San Jose in Boston unfortunately, as the Worcester Sharks have a game at the same time.

We will look into getting anyone who is interested tickets to see at game in St. John's, and will help plan your travel.

We'll also look into getting tickets for a game in San Jose (thinking maybe vs St. Louis Sat March 3rd). Those we went last time were treated well- special access to practice, players, and admission to the club inside the arena.

DISCOUNTED TICKETS FOR BOOSTERS!

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

Providence Bruins

have a by one get one free Promo all year

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

50/50 ON GAME NIGHTS

Thanks to Erin, Chris and John who have handled the 50/50 sales through the first five games. If you are interested in helping out please let me know so I can put you on the schedule. The rest of November is all set, so I am looking for help in December and on into January. Stop by the table on game nights to see what is open or send an email to Hockeynanny20@aol.com and I'll let you know what is available.

LOOKING FOR BROOMBALL PLAYERS

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) The team is a CO-Ed one so we are looking for men and women to check this out. We hope to set a practice in late October or November to start. Our practice times aren't the best usually 11 PM or later, but sometimes we luck out and have them at 10 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. You can also check out footage from this year's tournament on www.livesportsvideos.com go to other sports-broomball AHLBC Broomball Syracuse and all the round robin games are there. Unfortunately something went wrong and the playoffs are not there.

BOOSTER CLUB ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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 November 26th, 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 (Hartford, Portland, Springfield, Adirondack, Manchester)
- Free Worcester Sharks 2011-2012 Pin

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.

ELECTIONS ARE COMING

Don't forget - This Year is an Election Year!

Both the executive board and board positions are all up for election in at the May Meeting. Nominations will be taken at the April meeting. Please make every effort to attend! Want to run for a board position or learn more? Please contact anyone on the board for more info - but most importantly show up at the membership meetings!

You can also consult our bylaws. We'll also need an **election committee**.

Come on folks the more the merrier! Get involved with shaping your booster club!

GAME NIGHT NOTES

BY CHRIS O'SHEA

The Sharks were off to a great start during the month of October finishing the month with a 4-0-0-2 record. Then the snow and wind came, or to be more specific the IceCaps from St. John's Newfoundland and both cause havoc and power outages in Worcester. They will rebound from this and get back on track. It is so nice to see our rookies stand out through the first 6 games as well as some 2nd year guys. Busy month ahead for the Sharks with eleven games (including the two they have played so far). Come out and support your Sharks throughout the month at home and on the road-Home games are Nov. 11(Bridgeport), Nov. 12(Manchester), Nov. 13(Providence) Nov. 20 (WBS),and Nov. 26(Portland), check out www.sharksahl.com for all the info and promotions. LET GO SHARKS!!!!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES/ PUBLICATION DATES

We are committed to delivering your Booster club and team news each month. Below are the deadlines for article submissions, and publication dates. If you subscribe by mail, may pick up your newsletter at our table outside section 110.

November 8th/11th

November 23/26th

January 3rd/7th

February 7th/10th

March 3rd/6th

April 7th/13th

UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

The following is a tentative schedule of our 2011-2012 General Membership meetings to be held at the Overtime Tap – 50 Front St, Worcester. We will meet in their beautiful basement space (handicap accessible). Each month we will have a guest player to answer all your questions! Come on down for some great company, great food and drink and great Sharks talk!

All meetings start at 7pm



Tuesday October 11th
Tuesday November 22nd
Tuesday January 17th
Monday February 27th
Tuesday March 20th
Monday April 9th
Tuesday May 22nd
Tuesday June 19th

THANK YOU

I wish to thank all those who have supplied candy for the Shark dish and the extra goodies for our Halloween games for the trick or treaters.



WELCOME TO THE 2011 – 2012 WORCESTER SHARKS

Taylor Doherty, John McCarthy, Mike Moore, Tony Lucia, Curt Gogol, Sena Acolatse, Ryan Del Monte, Tommy Wingels, Mike Connolly, James Marcou, Matt Irwin, Benn Ferriero, Matt Pelech, Cam MacIntyre, Marek Viedenesky, James Livingston, Justin Braun, Ben Guite, Nick Petrecki, Nathan Moon, Sean Sullivan, Jimmy Bonneau, Brodie Reid, Brandon Mashinter, Tyson Sexsmith, Alex Stalock, Harri Sateri, Thomas Heemskerck
We hope you all have a great and healthy year here in Worcester, San Jose or Stockton.

CONGRATULATIONS

Happy and Blessed Wedding wishes for Whitaker who got married on Oct 9, 2011.



boosters Kristen (Poirier) and Mark
May you both have lifelong happiness!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Belated wishes to our September and October celebrators-

Boosters- Janet Bolivar, Jessica Bourque, Stephanie Cournoyer, Christine Drolet, Chris Hanson, Paul Hanson, Steve Kelley, Kevin Leonard, Pierce McDonnell, John Whiting, Allen Beck, Sandy Dunn, Debbie Freeland, Sharon Gillies, Valerie Kelley, George Pescaro, Ellen Racine and Jacques Richard. Sharks-Curt Gogol, Ryan Del Monte, Matt Pelech, Brodie Reid, Brandon Mashinter and David Cunniff

Happy Birthday wishes to our November celebrators-

Boosters- Mary Teixeira, Kim Bayer, Margaret Patrowicz, Frederick Pierce. Sharks Matt Irwin, Sena Acolatse and Mike Myers

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.

Visit us on the Web!!! WWW.SHARKSBOOSTERS.COM



NEWSLETTER



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