



# SHARK BYTES



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## JOIN US FOR THE 7TH 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 Thursday December 6th 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 \$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 2nd in order to attend. Space will be limited so sign up ASAP!**

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email Rich Lundin at (508) 829-8285 or [info@sharksbc.com](mailto: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 **Saturday December 8th**. 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.

**Visit us on the Web!!! [WWW.SHARKSBOOSTERS.COM](http://WWW.SHARKSBOOSTERS.COM)**

## 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)

### **Sat Jan 5 @ W-B/Scranton + Sun Jan 6 @ Hershey (Overnight Trip!)**

We'll leave Mass Pike Park and Ride in Millbury Saturday A.M. Arrive in Wilkes-Barre to unload at the hotel and then go to the game. There's a couple places to hang out after the game (more on that later). We'll stay in Wilkes-Barre overnight and then head to Hershey in the A.M. to see the sites and get some chocolate! Then off to the game, and then we'll head home. We'll probably get treated to pre-game dinners from the host booster clubs as well.

**Price includes a ticket to both games, motor coach, and lodging:**

**1 person - \$198**

**2 people - \$167**

**3 people - \$159**

**4 people - \$155**

***MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>!***



**Sat Feb 16 @ Adirondack \$55pp (Motor Coach)**

**Sun Mar 3 @ Springfield \$20pp (School Bus)**

**Sat Apr 20 @ Syracuse \$90pp tentative (May turn into overnight trip)**

If we have an NHL season, we will look into a trip to Montreal to see San Jose play the Canadiens on Tuesday Feb 19<sup>th</sup>

We are also working on getting boosters group rate tickets prices even if we do not go as a group, for the following teams: Manchester, Portland, and Springfield. Providence has deals all the time for everyone – and I'll be emailing one out shortly.

**Please call Rich @ 508-829-8285 or email at [info@sharksbc.com](mailto:info@sharksbc.com) with any questions**

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## DISCOUNTED TICKETS FOR BOOSTERS!

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

Manchester Monarchs - Contact Group Sales Executive Alan Fritch to get tickets for \$15 – mention you are a Sharks Booster. His phone # is 1-603-626-7825 ext 6135 and his email is [afritch@manchestermonarchs.com](mailto:afritch@manchestermonarchs.com)

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## GAME NIGHT NOTES

BY CHRIS O'SHEA

After a slow beginning to the start of the year the Sharks are clicking much better now about a month into the season. Let's keep supporting the Sharks and tell your friends and families to come out to the games too.

Remember to renew your booster membership now so that you can partake in the many activities such as the Holiday Party, the club trips, the Awards Banquet. There is always info available at the booster table.

## 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](mailto:info@sharksbc.com) or call me @508-829-8285 to sign up!

Thanks again!  
Rich

### Dates coming up:

Nothing Until January!



## COMMITTEES

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Darryl Hunt

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### Communications

Judi Dionne

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### Game Night

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Looking for more help

### Hospitality

Chris O'Shea

Looking for more help

### Membership

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Erin Martin

### Special Events

Looking for more help

### Travel

Rich Lundin

Chris O'Shea

Darryl Hunt

Always looking for help/ideas

### Newsletter

Rich Lundin

Erin Martin

### Concessions

Rich Lundin

Nick Kronopolus

The following committees are open. Contact any board member or email the club if interested:

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Historian	Sports
Sunshine	Youth

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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 Thursday December 6th**

**(SIGN UP NOW- Money Due Dec 2nd)**

**Player Awards Banquet Tuesday April 10th**

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

# 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 November 25th, 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, Syracuse, Springfield, Adirondack)
- Free Worcester Sharks 2012-2013 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.*

## 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. Any and all donations greatly accepted



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## 50/50 ON GAME NIGHTS

We are in search of more helpers for the 50/50 table. Please see me at the games to volunteer, or send me an email at [Hockeynanny20@aol.com](mailto:Hockeynanny20@aol.com) with dates of your availability. Thanks to Chris G. and Judi who have helped so far. The only requirements that are needed are you need to be over 18 and can be there at least 15 minutes before the doors open to be ready for the crowd, then stay until just after the drop of the puck in the first, then come back prior to each period and stay throughout the intermission. You are finished at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> intermission.

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## 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 November. 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](mailto: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.

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## 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.

December 4th/8<sup>th</sup>

January 8th/11th

February 18th/22nd

March 18th/23rd

April 10th/12th

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## 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](mailto: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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