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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 **Wednesday 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 **\$43pp, \$38 for seniors 65+, and ONLY \$10 age 17 and under**. Non-members must join the booster club to attend. Pay by 11/29 and Adults and Seniors get \$5 off! Remember you can use your Booster Bucks if you have them.

Your ticket MUST be paid by December 5th 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 ORNAMENT AND JERSEY RAFFLE!

The Worcester Sharks Booster Club is hosting a Sharks Player Ornament Raffle **Saturday December 13th and Sunday December 14th**.

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)

Sat Dec 20 - Portland

Sat Dec 27 - Syracuse

Sat Jan 24 - Albany

AND MORE TO COME!



NEW THIS YEAR – pay in full early and get a discount!

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, 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 with any questions

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. ☺

LOOKING FOR BROOMBALL PLAYERS

We are once again asking for anyone that would be interested in playing and joining our broomball (similar to hockey but no skates) team to please see or contact Chris ASAP. You must be 18 years or older and this is a coed team so the girls are needed as are the guys –all positions are available–forwards, defense, goalie -We need to see the interest that is out there before we know if we can field a team. Tournament is generally in the summer time and practices generally start in December or January depending on the ice availability and goes through June or July – once a month and then perhaps twice a month as tournament gets closer. More info can be obtained by talking to Chris.

50/50 ON GAME NIGHTS

Still looking for additional boosters to help out with 50/50 on game nights –I will be starting to schedule January and beyond shortly so if you can volunteer sometime at a game or two and take the pressure off the regulars that have faithfully done it the last few years, it would be greatly appreciated by us all.

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

GAME NIGHT NOTES

BY CHRIS O'SHEA

Well we are just about two months into the 2014-15 Sharks Hockey campaign. They have been in first or close to first all season so far and they have been playing some real nice hockey for the most part –yes there has been the occasional off night, but they are generally in each game until the end.

With the holidays coming up and the new year approaching we know things are quite busy but we ask that you get yourself and your family and friends to come on down to the DCU Center to catch the games and support our Sharks.

I do have one request for boosters-for those who stop by the table in between periods (I do like seeing you & saying hello) – if you could stand to the sides of the tables to gather and not in front so as not to prevent people from seeing what is going on at the table (informational wise and signing up for events and trips) and from getting to the 50/50. Thanks ☺

Remember event and trip signups are in the green book at the table and there are some deadlines fast approaching so please do not hesitate to get signed up so you do not miss the chance to attend. Remember you do need to be a booster member to attend these functions so if you haven't renewed yet please do so soon.

THANK YOU

I just wanted to say thanks to those of you who have brought in their extra Halloween candy or candy in general to help keep the shark dish full for all those who partake in a treat or two. It is very much appreciated. With the holidays coming up I'll happily accept any candy you'd like to bring in thanks ☺

I also wanted to take a moment to thank you all for your nice comments and messages of congratulations on the newspaper article that I had the honor of doing as a supporter of the Sharks. I do what I do because I love doing it. Helping out to promote the Sharks now and (previously the IceCats) and supporting them at home, in the community and away from home is part of what a booster is and smiles come at no costs. ☺

SYMPATHY & CONDOLENCES

The Booster Club would like to extend our sincere sympathy and condolences to the following members:

Jen Brown and her son Jeremy Johnson who lost her father – his grandfather and again to

Jeremy who also lost his paternal grandfather the same day.

John Cournoyer on the passing of his father

Our prayers and thoughts are with you all at this difficult time –keep their memories close to your hearts.

CONGRATULATIONS

The booster Club wishes to extend our congratulations to Troy Grosenick who was called up to San Jose to fill in for Alex Stalock who is injured. Troy made his first NHL start this past Sunday vs Carolina and he had a fantastic 45 save shut out effort with some spectacular ones mixed in as San Jose went on to win 2-0. He set several San Jose goaltending records in the process. He was given the nod once again on Tues night in snowy Buffalo and went another 25 minutes of shut out hockey, but he didn't get the support from up front or the defense and suffered the loss. Hope he gets to play a game in the Shark Tank out in San Jose on their current home stand.



COMING SOON!

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:

Monster Jam 2/13-2/15



COMMITTEES

Awards

Rich Lundin

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Darryl Hunt

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Game Night

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Looking for more help

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Looking for more help

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Special Events

Looking for more help

Travel

Rich Lundin

Chris O'Shea

Darryl Hunt

Always looking for help/ideas

Newsletter

Rich Lundin

Concessions

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

Audit	Election
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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 Tuesday December 10th

(SIGN UP NOW- Money Due Dec 5th)

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 13th, 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 2014-2015 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
- Free membership for Corporate Perks (discounts on national companies)
- Free membership to Mass Buying Power

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.

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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