



SHARK BYTES



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REMINDER

JOIN US FOR OUR 6TH ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

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 April 3rd from 6:45 to 9:30 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 can vote on starting March 9th at the booster club table) There will be a variety of raffle prizes, including autographed Sharks merchandise and other great items.

Voting begins Friday March 9 until Sunday March 18 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 is *reduced* from last year - **for booster's \$41 adult, \$36 Seniors 65+ and only \$10 for kids 17 and under, and non-boosters add \$10 (you will get booster club membership).**

Remember you can also use your Booster Bucks if you have them.

Your ticket **MUST** be paid/received by **March 27th** in order to attend. **Please note the last home game to pay at the booster club table is Sunday March 18th!**

Space will be limited, so sign up ASAP!

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Rich at 508-829-8285 or email us at info@sharksbc.com

This is a non-autograph party, dress is professional/casual. We hope to see you there!

RED SOX TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!!

We have a limited supply (25) of tickets to the game Monday June 25 vs Toronto

The seats are as follows:

Bleacher Section 43

Row 9 seats 3 - 10 (8 total)

Row 10 seats 7 - 10 (4 total)

Row 11 seats 3 - 10 (8 total)

Row 12 seats 1 - 5 (5 total)



\$28/ticket



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 sell-out 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:

March 25th—NCAA Hockey 6pm

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Looking for more help

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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!

SYMPATHIES AND CONDOLENCES

We wish to extend our sympathies and condolences to Sharks' Ryan Del Monte whose Grandmother passed away recently.

We also wish to extend our sympathies and condolences to the family of Ross Yanco who was the former Director of Sponsorships for the Worcester IceCats - who passed away unexpectedly on Feb 26, 2012. He leaves behind his wife and two children. Our Worcester Hockey family has lost another friend and member. May You Rest in Peace Ross.

Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY RICH LUNDIN

Greetings Boosters!!

A lot has happened in the way of player movement since the last newsletter, and I'd like to summarize and respond the best I can.

Last month, we already touched on losing Sean Sullivan for Tim Kennedy. At the trade deadline, the Sharks traded for Worcester Shark Jamie McGinn, current Worcester Shark Mike Connolly, and future Worcester Shark Michael Sgarbossa to Colorado for forwards Daniel Winnik and TJ Galiardi. This past weekend, it was announced that Al Stalock has been loaned to Peoria. This does not mean he was traded out of the Sharks organization - it was done to give him more playing time while still retaining his rights. It does however mean he cannot play for Worcester the rest of this year. This agreement is only for this season. Another "non-transaction" was that the Sharks did not assign Tommy Wingels to Worcester for a day (as a paper transaction only) - in order to be eligible to play in the AHL playoffs for us (if there was a chance he'd be sent down).

I've received numerous emails and also seen a lot of discussion about these moves and how it affects Worcester, as well as the fans. I can probably explain some things, and others I can't. As far as the Sullivan/Kennedy trade - yes we lost a fan favorite. But we had too much defense and not enough offense. Sullivan will get a better chance to make the NHL with his new club, and Kennedy needed a change of scenery. The big trade definitely hurt Worcester - now and in the future. But San Jose got 2 players that fill an immediate need. Losing Connolly hurts us in the offense department, and Sgarbossa has been lighting it up in juniors and looked like a super prospect/add for us next year. While the goal of an AHL team is to help the NHL club win, long term this could hurt them with a lack of depth. But it looks like San Jose is focused more on the "now". I still cannot understand the reasoning for not assigning Wingels to Worcester in order to be eligible for the AHL playoffs. There have been several inquiries made to San Jose for comment - and they have not responded. There might be a reason they have not responded, and quite frankly - we deserve better than that.

As far as Stalock - There's a large contingent of fans that are upset that our fan favorite has been loaned to Peoria. The feeling is an insensitivity to Worcester fans. I think we can all understand that. On the other hand - he's getting much needed playing time. I wish I had answers as to why Stalock had to be moved and not one of our other goalies. But the biggest concern is that Worcester got nothing back (on loan) in return. And as of right now, I have no answers to that.

Some folks are very upset, some are ambivalent, some are just looking for answers. I wouldn't be doing my job if I didn't reach out and try to get the answers for those who wish them. If I get answers, I'll let you know, and whether you like the answers or not, at least there's some sense of communication, and closure - and we can move on to focusing on watching the team with all our friends and family. The team has been battling every game, and the Worcester office has done a great job with promotions, and being there when we need them.

Don't forget the **Awards Banquet** is coming up quickly. ***Even though the banquet is April 3rd, our last home game to sign up and pay in person is March 18th. ***

You have to be signed up and money in our hands by March 27th – there will be zero exceptions.

ROAD TRIP UPDATE

BY RICH LUNDIN

We've had some great trips this past year! Are you ready to do it again? We have one trip left.



Saturday April 14 @ Adirondack \$55

Please signup 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>

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. Looking for help in February and March. 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.

2012 BROOMBALL TOURNAMENT

The tournament will be held on Saturday July 21, 2012 in Manchester, NH hosted by the Manchester Monarchs Booster Club and Broomball Team.

If there are any boosters 18 and over that may like to play on the team please see Chris O'Shea at the game night table or contact by email. This is a CO-ED Team.

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.

GAME NIGHT NOTES

February is done and we are on to March-Let's hope that this month turns out better for the Sharks. March is a very busy month for the Sharks with 14 games total and 8 of those at home.

We have the following home games:

Tues 3/6 vs Bridgeport at 7 PM

Fri 3/9 vs Portland at 7:30 PM-Go Green Night

Sat 3/10 vs Providence at 7 PM Logan Couture Bobblehead Night

Sun 3/11 vs Adirondack at 3 PM- FINZ's Birthday Celebration

Fri 3/16 vs Providence at 7:30 PM, Heroes Night

Sun 3/18 vs Bridgeport at 3 PM- Worcester IceCats Night & Worcester Hockey Hall of Fame Inductions

Fri 3/30 vs Portland at 7:30 PM

Sat 3/31 vs Manchester at 7 PM John McCarthy Autographed Cards

Come out and support your Sharks!!!!

Don't forget to sign up for the Annual Awards banquet and the road trip to Adirondack-both sign up sheets are available at the Booster Club Table each and every game.

Voting will be taking place at the table for the Awards to be giving out at the banquet- all Boosters are eligible to vote on these, so stop on by.

As many of you know I have been having a rough time lately with little or no voice for quite a few years, 10 to be exact with varying times that it's gone (it usually comes back but this time it hasn't)(the most recent case has been going on since October 2010).This seems to happen just about when hockey starts, but let me tell you it has nothing to do with yelling or hockey and it has never stopped me from supporting the Sharks or anything else and it WILL NEVER do that - voice or no voice. I recently had vocal cord surgery (had to try and schedule it in between the Sharks' schedule lol!) to see what the cause is and to strengthen my cords. At this time I do not know what will happen, it will be a wait and see proposition. So come March 6 when the Sharks are back home I will be in my usual spot, but will not be speaking, but writing on a white board or notebook. It will probably be like that all month so please bear with me as I try to do all my usual stuff. I thank all of you that stopped by to wish me well during the last games of February and continue to do so via email, mail, texts, FB, it is very much appreciated.

WELCOME—GOOD BYES—GOOD LUCKS

We wish to welcome to the Worcester Sharks—Andrew Murray, James Sheppard and for a short time that he was here Ian O'Connor.

We also wish goalie Alex Stalock well in his loan to Peoria – in a miraculous comeback from a horrific injury. Very happy to have you back on the ice!!!!

We now have to say our goodbyes to Mike Connolly (here in Worcester) and to Jamie McGinn(in San Jose) who were traded to Colorado on February 27th. Both will be missed and we wish them well with the Colorado organization.

Ian O'Connor and Chad Costello have also gone back to their teams.

Get well wishes go out to all our Sharks that are on the sidelines-Ben Guite, Frazer McLaren, Cam MacIntyre, James Marcou, Curt Gogol

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**.

BOOSTER CLUB TRAVEL MUGS

We have a limited supply of Booster Club travel mugs available for \$5 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!

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.

AAHLBC 2012 CLEVELAND UPDATE

This year's convention hosted by the Cleveland Hockey Booster Club will take place on **September 7-9, 2012**

Place: Crowne Plaza Cleveland South in Independence OH

Prices \$300/single, \$210/double, \$180/triple, \$165/quad

All prices are per person for the weekend that includes two breakfasts (Sat&Sun), two dinners (Fri & Sat), and two night hotel and ground lot parking

Extra nights would be \$87.19 per room

Early Arrival discount rates are available for September 3-10

Extra nights are paid by the individuals and are not included in the convention prices above.

IMPORTANT DATES: March 15 deadline for a \$50 non refundable deposit

June 15 deadline for the balance due

ALL CANCELLATIONS MUST BE MADE BY AUGUST 1, 2012

Please see Chris for a registration form at the games in February and more info will be forth coming

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. **April 7th/13th**

UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

The following is a tentative schedule of our 2011-2012 General Membership meetings to be held at the Jillian's – 315 Grove St, Worcester. We will meet in their beautiful back room. 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 March 20th

Monday April 9th

Tuesday May 22nd

Tuesday June 19th



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NEXT BOOSTER CLUB MEETING
Tuesday March 20th –7pm
Jillian's—315 Grove Street Worcester
**** Meet a Sharks Player ****



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