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2ND ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET GREAT TIME HAD BY ALL!

The 2nd Annual Booster Club Awards Banquet was held on March 26th at the DCU Center, and was attended by over 130 Boosters, players and office staff. Special guest **AHL President Dave Andrews** was also in attendance, as well as representatives from **Destination Worcester**.

A great time was had by all as we passed out awards to the big achievers of the season!

Mike Iggulden took home awards for Best Offensive Player and Best Single Game Performance. **Brad Staubitz** won the Tough Guy Award, and the award for Best Defensive Player went to **Patrick Traverse**. **Riley Armstrong** won the Fan Favorite award for the 2nd year on a row, and **T.J. Fox** was the winner of the Seven Hills Seventh Player Award. Rookie of the Year was D-Man **Jerek Joslin**, and we had a tie for MVP – **Riley Armstrong and Graham Mink!**

The Booster of the Year Award went to **Chris O'Shea** for all her "work" during the season. I say "work", because for most people it is – but for Chris it's all fun!

Congratulations to all the winners!

We presented gift cards to club liaison **Mike Myers**, and **Suzanne Schwartz**, who are always such a huge help to the booster club throughout the year!

There were also a variety of raffled items, from autographed photos to game used signed hockey sticks and helmet. We also auctioned off a beautiful framed trading card set of the Worcester Sharks donated by **Athlete's Ink**.

A big thanks to **Josie, Chris, Crystal, Catlin, Laurie, and John** for putting all the special touches on the evening. A huge thanks to the **DCU Center** for some fabulous food and great atmosphere!

And thanks to everyone who attended, and we missed the folks who couldn't make it! We hope to see everyone at next year's banquet!

ELECTIONS 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! These elections are even more important due to the upcoming 2009 All Star Game. Want to run for a board position or lean 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 be needing an **election committee**. Come on folks the more the merrier! Get involved with shaping your booster club!

**NEXT BOOSTER CLUB MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 17st at 7:00 PM**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY RICH LUNDIN

Hi Everyone,

Well it's now official that we aren't going to make the playoffs. While this year has been frustrating for all of us, at least we can take away that through it all, the team and the organization has held their heads up and been nothing but professional and classy. Especially now, when I get down about things, I think of this month back in 2005. And you know it ain't so bad. We as booster have and will continue to do our part - supporting this team and organization, as well as educating the casual fan on various on and off-ice issues. And soon, we'll be called upon to help out with the All Star Game festivities. When we wanted a team back in Worcester and got the Sharks, we told them we wanted the All Star Game. So we got our wish! The Sharks believe in Worcester, and we're going to be right there with them, being the best ambassadors we can. OK, I'm getting ahead of myself - but I want to plant that seed - be prepared!

As the season winds down, I would like to thank all of those that volunteered in whatever shape or form. It doesn't matter what you did or how many times. As long as you were part of the club - it is greatly appreciated!

Hopefully, with your help, next year will be even better. We're already planning trips to the Tornadoes, maybe even a Red Sox trip to Baltimore or Toronto! We hope to have 1 or 2 events per month during the offseason. Next season - be prepared for a San Jose trip, and if the Sharks hit Canada - we're going to try for that too - so make sure you have a passport ready!

This year as a booster club, we grew - not just in size but closer together. It's been a pleasure to work with a super booster club, a great board, and great front office and staff!

Yours in Hockey,

Rich

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Well, it was sunny anyway! We had a great time at the parade this year - we had about 22 people marching - several of the Sharks Staff, and **Patrick Traverse** and family braved the cold and wind seating in a convertible the whole length of the parade!

At one point we ran out of candy and Josie ran through three stores to get some more!

Finz as usual was a favorite, and the kids swarmed him for high-fives and pictures.

Thanks goes out to **Rick Place at Putnum Ford** for the use of his Mustang and Truck.

Thanks again to all the marchers - we all got wind burn but it was still fun!!!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND EVENTS

BY LINDA LACHANCE

The Worcester Sharks Booster Club has 276 current members at the end of March and would like to welcome the following new members:

Jessica Carrol, Donald Tremblay, Robert Durant, Giovanni Perrone, Sally, Roger and Fred Lyon, Caitlin Mailhoit, and Elena Kintz, as well as members who have renewed from last year.

If you haven't picked up your Worcester Sharks Booster Club membership package yet, packages will be available at home games at the Booster Club table in section 109.

Summer activities are being planned for a Night at the Tornadoes during June, July and August, along with a Family Day event at Six Flags New England. Watch for more details to follow with dates and cost.

Check out the latest **Corporate Perks** biweekly Perk Alerts discount notices when you click on the Booster Club's web page "Sponsors & Deals!" The April 2nd notice includes a **7% discount at Circuit City** for purchases over \$199 and free shipping for orders over \$24 as well as several other savings for Costco & hotels.

2008 AAHLBC CONVENTION REMINDER

Just a reminder that all balances are due to Chris O'Shea by May 15 please send them to Worcester Sharks Booster Club PO Box 210 Grafton, MA 01519

50/50 RAFFLE NEWS

We've had a very good year so far! Proceeds have gone to the Friendly House, and several "Booster Seats" groups. We have a couple of event specific raffles coming up.

All the proceeds from the raffles of March 19,21,22 went to the Shark Wives and Girlfriends Charity - **Abby's House**.

So help support charities, maybe win some money along the way!



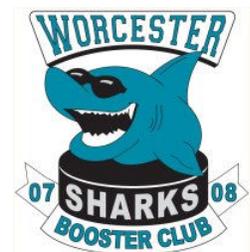


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PARADE
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CONCESSION STANDS

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:

Nothing till May 1 - details TBA

FROM THE EDITOR

BY RICH LUNDIN

Would you like to play an active role in the booster club? Let's make this year something special, for the Boosters, Team and the community! We are looking for ideas to make this season the most exciting yet.

If you have suggestions for this newsletter, or have any club business, please send correspondence to:

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Always looking for help/ideas

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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!



BOOSTER OF THE MONTH CHRIS O'SHEA!

I am proud to announce **January's** booster of the month - **Chris O'Shea!** What else needs to be said - Chris is our true "Hockey Nanny"! Chris is the heart and soul of the club, and as usual, Chris was up to the challenges of January! Please congratulate Chris the next time you see her - you know where to find her!



BOOSTERS OF THE MONTH MARK MCGURN AND JOHN WETHERELL JR.!

I am proud to announce February's boosters of the month - **Mark McGurn and John Wetherell Jr!** John was been super helping out at the 50-50 table all year. 50-50 is a critical part of our charitable fund raising in the community, and thanks to John, things run smoothly when he's at the table.

Mark has always been a great help at the door with handouts, and is our master chef when we work concessions. A mix of old and new - Mark being a long time booster, and John being fairly new.

The club congratulates them for their support - it is greatly appreciated!

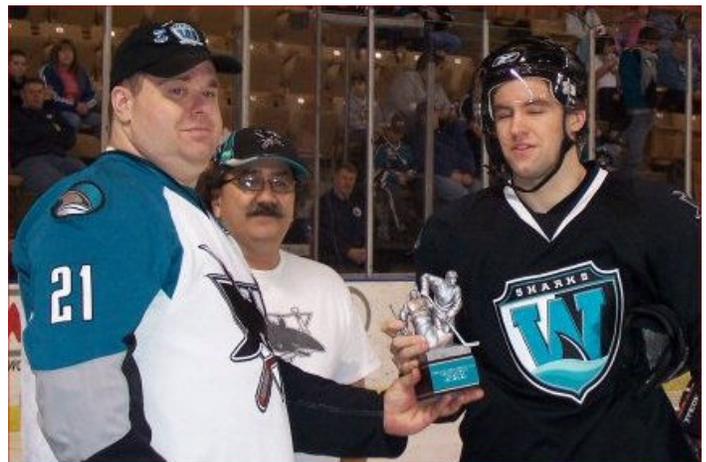
PLAYER OF THE MONTH FEBRUARY - TOM CAVANAUGH!

Congratulations also goes out to **Tom Cavanaugh** who was our player of the month for February. Tom had a super month - scoring four goals and seven assists in thirteen games. Tom was recently reward with a call-up to San Jose! Congrats Tom!



PLAYER OF THE MONTH JANUARY - GRAHAM MINK!

Congratulations also goes out to **Graham Mink** who was our player of the month for January. Graham had a great month - scoring three goals and six assists in twelve games. Great job Graham!



GAME NIGHT NOTES

BY CHRIS O'SHEA

Wow it is April already, where has the time gone.

The Sharks have several home games left in the regular season lets get out there to support them.

Fri April 4 @ 7 PM vs Portland
Sun April 6 @ 4 PM vs Springfield
Wed April 9 @ 7 PM vs Providence
Sat April 12 @ 7 PM vs Lowell
Sun April 13 @ 4PM vs Springfield



I want to thank all the boosters who have helped out either at the doors, the club table and 50/50 so far this year.

If you can help at any of these games please let me know at hockeynanny20@aol.com

Please let me know if you need a ticket

Also please be courteous and let me know if you can not make the games you signed up for.

Sharks Birthdays

Belated well wishes for March go out to

Jonathan Tremblay 3/3

Patrick Traverse 3/14

Derek Joslin 3/17

Tom Cavanagh 3/24

Oren Eizenman 3/27

Birthday wishes for April go out to the following

J.D.Forrest 4/15

Tom Walsh 4/22

David MacDonald 4/30

THANK YOU

I want to take this time to send out a big thank you to the Sharks Booster Club, my broomball teammates and the Sharks for all their support of me and my family this past month after the death of my sister Anne-Marie. I thank you for the flowers, donations, cards, emails, the online guest books, words of comfort, the hugs, the shamrock tribute on the car in the St Patrick's Parade down Park Ave on the 9th, the words by Eric on the radio during the Sharks game from Providence that same day, the show of support at the wake and funeral it meant so much to me and my family during this extremely hard time for all of us. I also want to thank the security guards from the DCU for their card and support as well as the booster clubs from Manchester and Bridgeport that sent cards and to friends around the league from Albany, Baltimore, Hartford and Pittsburgh who sent me emails and remembrances.

I thank all those who stepped up to help during my absence from the games either at the doors or the table.

And, I wish to say thanks also to the club members for voting me Booster Member of the Year. I enjoy all that I do for the club and the Sharks. It lifted my spirits after all that has happened. Thanks Again!

Chris O'Shea

Excited about the season? Talk about it on the message board!

Visit <http://www.worcestersharks.org> -

A great fansite where you can talk about your Sharks!

BROOMBALL NEWS

BY CHRIS O'SHEA

Tournament will be held on Saturday July 12 in Hooksett NH - hosted by the Manchester Monarchs Booster Club

Stay tuned to emails to see when practice will be.

Ice has been tough to get this year so when we do have practice please make an effort to attend.

Manchester has invited us to go up there to scrimmage with them and next date is April 6 at 11AM please go to their website to get directions and times www.monarchsboosters.com



SHARKS CALENDAR

Saturday April 5 - Bus trip to Manchester

Saturday April 6 vs Springfield - Trucks Trucks and more Trucks! Come down and explore trucks before the game. Firetrucks, dump trucks, Command Vehicles and more on the DCU Center plaza! ALSO - BALD IS BEAUTIFUL NIGHT - Riley Armstrong will shave his head on ice following the game.

Wednesday April 9 vs Providence

Friday April 11 @ Portland

Saturday April 12 vs Lowell

Sunday April 13 vs Springfield - First 3,000 fans receive a bobble head - Bruins Alumni Game

Thursday April 17 - Monthly Booster Club Meeting - Crowne Plaza 7:00 PM



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