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JOIN US FOR OUR 3RD ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET! (DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!)

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 **Wednesday March 25th from 6:30 to 10 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 will **vote** on starting the beginning of March at the booster club table) There will be a variety of raffle prizes, including autographed Sharks merchandise and other great items. So round up all your friends and loved ones and bring them along - you can sign up at the Sharks Booster Club table starting at the 7pm game versus Providence on Saturday February 21rd, or visit our website.

The cost of this event will be for boosters - **\$44 adult, \$39 children 12 and under**, and non-boosters, \$59 adult, \$54 children (you will get booster club membership) . Remember you can use your **Booster Bucks** if you have them. Your ticket **MUST** be paid by March 21st 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 casual. We hope to see you there!

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NEXT BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

THURSDAY, February 19th at 7:00 PM

**NEW Place: Castellana's on Harding Street
(the old Patrick Subaru)
Special Guest - TBA Sharks Player**

**FREE PARKING DOOR PRIZES
MEET THE SHARKS, ASK QUESTIONS!**

EVENT NEWS - ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

BY JOSIE BROWN



Save the date - **Sunday March 15th!** Once again, the booster club will be marching with the Worcester Sharks office and a few players. We had a HUGE turnout last year—it's a great way to show our Sharks and Worcester Pride! The Worcester St. Patrick's Day Parade is a fun filled march down Park Ave, in Worcester, beginning at Mill Street and Park Ave and ending at Elm Park. Colorful floats and costumed characters are always a special delight for the many people who watch the parade on Park Ave, as well as our TV viewers at home who enjoy the parade LIVE on WCTR-TV 3 Charter Communications. Show your Sharks pride (and colors)! For more information, please contact **Josie Brown** @ josie.brown@gmail.com or 508-829-8285.

ALL STAR CLASSIC RECAP - WOW!

BY RICH LUNDIN

I don't think it can be put into words the excitement, the fun, and the pride felt by all involved with this year's All Star Classic held in Worcester! The Sharks organization showed their faith in Worcester by holding this event, and the city, businesses, and of course us fans stepped up big time in their support! The teamwork between the mentioned groups, the DCU Center, Destination Worcester and us boosters was incredible. As a Worcester native and of course a supporter of the Sharks, I could not be more proud of the city, and all those involved in making this event happen. The booster club entertained over 200 boosters in the DCU Center, and it was great to mingle with folks that you may only see once or twice a year (plus make new friends)!



Here's how your booster club supported this important event:

- Welcoming committees at both Logan and TF Green Airports all weekend.
- Emergency and airport transportation as well.
- Welcoming committees at both the Hilton and Crowne Plaza all weekend.
- Hospitality parties (in between events) on Sunday and Monday for the incoming booster clubs - a couple hundred for these parties.
- Handouts at the events.
- Donated over \$3000 in tickets to local charities for families that normally wouldn't be able to attend ANY event.
- Through our 50/50 raffle, donated \$1000 to the Mid-State Jr. Sharks youth hockey program.

There are so many people to thank, that I don't know where to start! Obviously you - the boosters, whether it be getting the word around, helping out at the doors, airports or parties - I salute the fabulous job you did. It certainly was noticed by the Sharks and the city. Thank you to the DCU Center for having the building in tip-top shape and a staff that was 100% professional. A special thanks goes out to City Manager Mike O'Brien, and DCU Center General Manager Sandy Dunn for their help in securing a room for us to host the visiting booster clubs. And of course, a huge thank you to the entire Sharks staff who put on a fabulous event and put smiles on many, many faces and having faith in the Worcester community that this would succeed. And a special thank you to Mike Mudd, who put the knockout bid together for the event, and had faith in us boosters to help out and volunteer for many important duties. Great teamwork everyone!

ROAD TRIP UPDATE

BY RICH LUNDIN

We've had some great trips this year! The last one to see the big club play in Boston was certainly a trip to remember! This weekend there's a van headed down to Wilkes-Barre, and we also have a bus going to Montreal the end of this month to see San Jose play the Canadiens. We have one more trip booked (see below), and we hope to have some playoff trips as well - so stay tuned!. We need to let our guys know that home or on the road, we are their for them!



Our latest trip: **Manchester Saturday March 14th - Cost is \$33 - sign up now at the booster club table!**

Please **email** us at sharksboosters@hotmail.com with any and all of your feedback! Please email or **contact Rich Lundin @ 508-829-8285**. Stay tuned to your emails!

The booster club would like to thank AA Transportation for providing affordable transportation to our road trips! If you ever need bus/coach or limo service, please give them a call! <http://www.aatransportation.com/>



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:

Thursday March 5 Nickelback - This is a MUST

Thursday-Sunday April 2-5 Disney on Ice

Saturday-Sunday April 18-19 The Dead

Friday-Sunday May 1-3 Pro Bull Riders

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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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!



MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND EVENTS BY LINDA LACHANCE

The Booster Club is still accepting memberships for this current year. If you have renewed your membership, you can pick up your membership kit at our table outside section 109/110. It will have detailed info on trips, discounts, info, and also your 2 free Booster Club Pins. As of January 7, we have 242 active members!

Membership dues are:

Individual \$15

Family (Either 2 Adults, 2 Adults + kids, or 1 Adult + kids in same household) \$25

Teen (13-17) \$5

Kids (12 + under) Free!

Benefits of joining the Booster Club and supporting the Worcester Sharks include:

- Spending time with other Worcester Sharks fans at various events
- Red Sox Tickets – Tickets still available for July 5th (\$26) & August 28th (\$30)
- Bus trips to away games
- Discounted away tickets to support the Sharks when they play Lowell, Providence, Hartford & Springfield – Limited vouchers (\$11.25) still available for Providence Bruins
- Worcester Tornadoes outings
- Free membership for Corporate Perks (discounts on national companies)
- Free membership to Mass Buying Power
- Jiffy Lube discount card.

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, bus trips and get free parking. If you haven't renewed yet, please do so as soon as possible. The Booster Club can also use additional volunteers for the AHL All Star event that is taking place the end of January. If you would like to print out a Membership form, please click here on <http://www.sharksboosters.com/k1.html> Membership forms are also available at all Sharks home games by section 109/110.

WELCOME AND CONGRATS!

The Booster Club welcomed Claude Lemieux to Worcester in November 2008 after a short stint with the China Sharks, and he is a veteran of the NHL and 4 time Stanley Cup winner. Hello also to Matt Fornataro, Michael Wilson and Ashton Rome who are up from Phoenix.

The Booster Club wishes to extend our congratulations once again to those Sharks that have been recalled by San Jose and spent time up in the NHL the last three months. Riley Armstrong, Jamie McGinn, Lukas Kaspar, Brad Staubitz, Thomas Greiss, Tom Cavanagh and Derek Joslin, Claude Lemieux, Ryan Vesce, and Mike Moore.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! BY CHRIS O'SHEA

February birthday wishes go out to:

2/2 Grant Chaves, 2/4 Sharks Brett Westgarth, 2/10 Mike Haynes, 2/10 Stan Hosmer, 2/11 William Adams, 2/14 Ken Piel, 2/14 Seyma Ellis, 2/14 Sharks Matt White, 2/15 AJ Teixeira, 2/16 Vanessa Olivari, 2/18 Tracey West, 2/19 Peter West, 2/25 John Cournoyer, 2/25 Matt Cooper, 2/26 Sharks Brendan Buckley, 2/28 Patrick Quill, 2/29 Sally Lyon

Good wishes go out to those members and Sharks with birthdays in January:

1/2 Kymberly Young, 1/4 Danielle Patrowicz, 1/6 Suzanne Schwartz, 1/8 Sean Driscoll, 1/10 Margaret Wetherell, 1/13 Sharks Matt Jones, 1/19 Adrian Taraska, 1/20 Joe Ferraro, 1/25 David Kenwery, 1/25 Linda Sbrogna, 1/26 Ellen Marcell, 1/28 Kristen Poirier, 1/28 Stefan Leduc, 1/29 Sharks Thomas Greiss, 1/31 Keith Stone

We extend our good wishes to those members and Sharks who have December Birthdays:

12/2 Gerry Collette, 12/6 Kirsten Bourque, 12/9 Sarah Corso, 12/11 Julie Olivari, 12/12 Sharks Mike Moore, 12/15 Ashley Kiefer, 12/15 Jake Somers, 12/18 Denise Vlass, 12/19 Allen Burgess, 12/21 Jon Bohannon, 12/22 Teddy King, 12/23 Paige Williamson, 12/24 JoAnn Mosher, 12/28 Kyle Kirouac, 12/28 Roger Lyon, 12/29 Bob Oliver and 12/31 Ashton Rome (currently in Phoenix)

OOPS!! Some birthdays of members and Sharks that were missed last month as we went back to September: 9/6 Kira Sommer, 9/12 Jessica Bourque, 9/20 Adam Ingram, 9/23 Sharks Lukas Kaspar, 10/4 Fred Lyon, 11/2 Barbara Comeau, 11/8 Amber Comeau, 11/25 Joe Plonski, 11/30 Margaret Patrowicz. Happy Belated wishes to you all!

THANK YOU BY CHRIS O'SHEA

I want to thank all the cookie bakers and cookie gift helpers that got together one night and put everything together for the Holiday party. Way to go Josie, Linda, Ashley, Caitlin, Laurie, Trish. Everything was a big hit.

I also want to thank everyone for all the help they gave setting up for the party and helping load the toys afterwards.

Big thanks also to all those boosters who helped out during the All-Star festivities whether it was ripping 50/50 tickets, greeting people at the airports, driving and picking people up at the airport, driving the mascots around for their appearances, manning tables at the hotels welcoming fans and guests, picking up the pizzas for booster hospitality, setting up and getting us hospitality space, helping at the hospitality table and coat check room, passing things out before and after the skills, selling 50/50 and overall giving a great impression to those around the league who attended.

Thanks to Rich Lundin for all the work he did on coordinating everything with Mike Mudd and the Sharks as well as with Sandy Dunn and the DCU Center and of course going in to Boston to pick up the Stanley Cup and safely getting it to Worcester.

GAME NIGHT NOTES

BY CHRIS O'SHEA

Wow!!!

What a few months it has been for all of us. We have had the ice storm, all the snow, the holidays and the New Year. We had the Holiday party with the Sharks which was a good time and then the All-Star Classic was here in Worcester. Oh and yes there were hockey games and trips along the way.

It was great to see the turnout for the All-Star game and all the boosters from around the league. It was also great to see former IceCats Rory Ritzpatrick, Bryan Helmer, PR(Captains of Planet USA and Canadian teams respectively) and radio guy Mike Thornton(VP Philadelphia Phantoms) and Coach Don Granato(coaching now with the Chicago Wolves and Planet USA coach) all back in Worcester for the event.

Worcester had five of our own Sharks participating Ryan Vesce (Planet USA),Derek Joslin (Canadian team),Matt White and Vinny Ferraiuolo(on the Canadian bench) and of course Finz who was joined by many mascots from around the league. There were many young talented hockey players from around the league who we usually just read or hear about not counting those from New England that we see all the time that participated and put on a great show both on Sunday and Monday.

There were many former NHL greats on hand as well like Gerry Cheevers, Ron Hextall,as well as ray Bourque who watched his son Christopher compete.

We congratulate Derek Joslin(Worcester) for winning the hardest shot(98.6 MPH) and Ryan Vesce who was on the winning Planet USA team who won the skills 18-12 and the game itself 14-11.way to go guys!!!!

Thanks to the Sharks, the DCU, the City of Worcester, the AHL, the sponsors and all the fans for bringing these festivities to Worcester and for a job well done.The after skills party and the HOF luncheon were terrific. We hope everyone had a great time. It was a BLAST!!!!!!

Now back to Sharks games now, I'm looking for volunteers for the games in February to help at the doors with the Assists and door promos. It would be great if we could see some new faces helping out blending in with those who do it regularly. Games are on **Sat Feb. 21 vs Providence @ 7 PM (Hero's night)There will be a PD vs FD hockey game prior to Sharks, Team Trading cards to first 2500 kids 14& under and post game jersey auction.**

Wed Feb. 25 vs Lowell @ 7 PM

Fri Feb.27 vs Portland @ 8 PM (Special Olympics night) activities taking place prior to Sharks game

Sat Feb 28 vs Springfield 7 PM Brad Staubitz cards to first 3000 fans and post game concert by Brother's Keeper

Any help would be very much appreciated please contact me by Thursday Feb 19th if you can assist in any of these games. Thanks! You can reach me at Hockeynanny20@aol.com

I will need people also for all the March games as well (including 50/50) so check your calendars and let me know when you can help out.



WITH SYMPATHY

The club wishes to extend our condolences and sympathies to member Rick Place and his family on the passing of his Mother. Our prayers are with you.

We wish to extend our prayers and sympathy/condolences to members Frank Palermo and Frankie Palermo on the recent passing of their Brother/Uncle.

We also send sympathy and condolences as well as prayers and thoughts to Ann, Mike, Matthew and Damon Myers on the recent passing of her Father, his Father in Law, and their Grandfather.

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!



GET WELL WISHES

The club wishes to send out get well wishes to members Crystal Hunter-Driscoll and Sean Driscoll as well as Ron Hazen who have all gone through health problems in the last month. We want to add get well wishes to member Marianne Adams as well as other members who need our good wishes.

We also want to send get well wishes out to the Sharks Kyle McLaren, Mike Morris, and Cory Larose as they recover from injuries and we hope they get back to the ice soon.

TREASURER'S NOTES

BY CHRIS O'SHEA

Thank you to all who have renewed your memberships, have signed up for trips. Reminder all checks and/or money orders should be made out to Worcester Sharks Booster Club. All events need to be paid before they take place. Thank you!

Thanks also to Linda and Marc Lachance on the membership packages and to Rich Lundin for referral contest.

Visit the Web!!! WWW.SHARKSBOOSTERS.COM

SHARKS CALENDAR

Thursday February 19 - Monthly Booster Club Meeting - Castellana's 7:00 PM

Friday February 20 - @ Springfield 7:30 PM

Saturday February 21 - Vs. Providence 7:05 PM

Wednesday February 25 - Vs. Lowell 7:05 PM

Friday February 27 - Vs Portland 8:05 PM

Saturday February 28 - Vs Springfield 7:05 PM

Wednesday March 25 - HOLIDAY PARTY - DCU CENTER 6:30 PM



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