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STILL TIME TO SIGNUP! 3RD ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET (AND DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!)

There's still time to signup for the annual **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 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 during home games, 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. You must **signup by March 15th**, and 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!



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!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE - CANCELLED

Unfortunately we cannot march in the parade this year. Because of the 4PM game that day, and our placement towards the latter part of the parade, the Sharks and the Booster Club would end up being late for their game day commitments. We had asked the parade committee to move us up, but did not hear back (i.e. we tried). It's too bad - we had 30 people signed up and we greatly appreciate the response!



NEXT BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

THURSDAY, March 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!**



Visit the Web!!! WWW.SHARKSBOOSTERS.COM

ROAD TRIP UPDATE

BY RICH LUNDIN

We've had some great trips this year! If you missed the Montreal trip - you missed out on a great time! 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/>



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.

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)
- Bus trips to away games
- Discounted away tickets to support the Sharks when they play Lowell, Providence, Hartford & Springfield

To order tickets for the following games, please email Linda Lachance ldlachance@aol.com for the following:

Sunday, March 22 – 4:00 pm vs Springfield Falcons \$10

Sunday, March 29 – 4:00pm vs Providence Bruins \$12.50

Wednesday, April 1 – 7:00 pm vs Springfield Falcons \$10

All money is due to the Booster Club one week before game time. Tickets will be left at Springfield's Mass Mutual Will Call window under each individual's name. Linda will provide ticket information on the Providence game depending upon the number of people interested in attending this game.

- 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 concessions events that are coming up. If you would like to print out a Membership form, please click here on <http://www.sharksboosters.com/kl.html>. Membership forms are also available at all Sharks home games by section 109/110.

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-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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or

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Always looking for help/ideas

CONCESSIONS

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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!



AAHLBC CONVENTION NEWS

(TO BE HELD IN BALTIMORE)

The 45th annual Association of American Hockey League Booster Club's Convention will be held on **September 11th-13th**, 2009 at the Marriott Hunt Valley Inn <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bwihv-baltimore-marriott-hunt-valley-inn> located in Hunt Valley, Maryland a Baltimore suburb and hosted by the Baltimore Bandits Booster Club. The Friday dinner theme will be The Wide World of Sports. Baltimore was the home of the late host of ABC's Wide World of Sports, Jim McKay. We are pleased to say the pricing is again very affordable for this year's event. Start to make your plans as registration forms will be available through your club in early March. Hunt Valley, Maryland is the home to the McCormick Spice plant so the air outside the hotel is filled with wonderful scents. In an attempt to keep pricing affordable, we chose to host the convention in a suburb of Baltimore. However, we will be running side trips downtown using the light rail transit system that has a station located right near our hotel. A reason this is coming out later than usual is that we are developing the shirt design now so that you could order any shirts when submitting your registration form. This will make sure we have proper sizing and not be stuck with a lot of left over shirts after the convention. **Also, the cut off date for early arrival reservations is August 10, 2009, no exceptions will be made. If you miss this date, you will have to pay the full room rate for early arrivals. You can cancel early arrival rooms without penalty up until the day before arrival, so make sure you reserve your early arrival rooms before the cutoff date.** Early arrival reservation instructions will be listed on the registration form. So without further adieu, here are the prices for this year's event. Early arrival rooms are priced at \$109.44. This price INCLUDES TAX!!! Parking for this year's event is free and available in ground parking lots. Convention pricing is per person based on room occupancy and includes all taxes and gratuities.

**Standard Room (2 double or 1 king) - Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Includes 2 nights, 2 breakfast buffets, 1 dinner buffet, 1 sit down dinner
Single - \$300, Double - \$235, Triple - \$215 and Quadruple - \$200**

So make your plans to join us on for the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat!!!



as the Baltimore Bandits Booster Club welcomes you to their wonderful city for the booster club party of the year.

A non refundable deposit of \$50/person is due by Wed April 8, 2009 with the balance due by June 1, 2009 checks made payable to Worcester Sharks Booster Club.

All cancellations made prior to August 1, 2009 will be refunded minus the deposit amount. No refunds will be made after that date.

Arrangements can be made for early arrivals or late departures by calling the **Marriott Hotel Central Reservation line at 1 800 228-9290**. Tell them your early arrival dates **ONLY** and mention **group code HALHALA** for two double beds and **HALHALB** for one king bed. Your convention reservations **DO NOT** have to be made to reserve early arrival rooms. **Early arrivals are paid by the individual and not included in the convention price.**

Registration forms will be sent to us in mid March. There will also be a pre-reserve form for a convention shirt so that they know how many to purchase. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at the booster table on game nights or email me at Hockeynanny20@aol.com

BROOMBALL TOURNAMENT UPDATE

The annual AHLBC Broomball Tournament will be held in Philadelphia on Sat. July 11, 2009 hosted by the Philadelphia Phantom Phan Club and Broomball Team.

GAME NIGHT NOTES

BY CHRIS O'SHEA

The Sharks are finally back home for awhile after being away most of January and February. Let's get out to the games and support the Sharks and push them towards the playoffs.



I thank all of you who helped out during February and look forward to your continued help throughout the month of March as well as April and hopefully beyond that. Please check your schedules and how they work with the Sharks' schedule to see if you can volunteer some time before the games for the doors or to help with 50/50.

It was great to see all those boosters and fans at the San Jose/Boston game at the Garden in February. It was a great win for the Sharks and we all left happy.

Remember that there are other trips planned so check either the website www.sharksboosters.com or stop by the booster table on game nights to see what is going on and sign up to cheer the Sharks on the road. Also there is the Awards banquet coming up on the 25th but the deadline is fast approaching on the 15th so stop by and sign up.

WITH SYMPATHY

We send our prayers and thoughts to Terry Burke Dotson on the passing of her Aunt.

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!

WELCOME AND CONGRATS!

We continue to congratulate those Worcester Sharks that have been called up to San Jose. Currently up there are Brad Staubitz, Jamie McGinn, Lukas Kaspar. We congratulate Ryan Vesce who finally got to play for SJ on his second call up. We welcomed back Ashton Rome, Dan DaSilva and PJ Fenton back from Phoenix. Ashton has since gone back to Phoenix.

GET WELL WISHES

We would like to send get better wishes to Terry Chiapulis as she recovers from a fall and to Judi Dionne who was injured at work. We also want the Sharks Steve Zalewski, Cory Larose, Riley Armstrong, and Mike Morris to know we wish for their speedy recoveries from their injuries.

We would also like to send our prayers and thoughts to the Albany River Rats organization as they recover from their ordeal from a bus crash on their way home from a game in Lowell on a snowy February night 2/19 in Massachusetts not far from the NY border. Four players and their broadcaster were injured and hospitalized but have all been released and are at home or back with the team. Two of their games were postponed in the days that followed, and they got back to playing on 2/25 in Bridgeport to a very warm welcome. We wish them the best and for their speedy recoveries. For those boosters who were not at the game on 2/21 we had two cards out at the table to sign and then they were sent up to Albany on our behalf.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! BY CHRIS O'SHEA

Wishing the following people a Happy Birthday in March!

Donald Tremblay 3/1, Carol Oliver 3/8, Carol Kronopolus 3/8, Michael Bourque 3/9, Caitlin Markiewicz 3/13, Mark McGurn 3/13, Shark Patrick Traverse 3/14, Tom Bailey 3/16, Sharks Derek Joslin 3/17, Ryan Clark 3/17, Josie Brown 3/19, Kevin Brosnan 3/21, Christine Marzoll 3/21, Stephen LaRosee 3/21, Lynne Toomey 3/23, Shark Tom Cavanagh 3/24, Katie Kohutanycz 3/24, Ray Rugg Jr 3/24, Norm Laflash Jr 3/28, Scott Mixer 3/28, Justin Vlass 3/30.



SHARKS CALENDAR

Sunday March 8 - Vs. Manchester 4:05 PM

Wednesday March 11 - Vs. Binghamton 7:05 PM

Friday March 13 - Vs. Hartford 7:05 PM

Saturday March 14 - @ Manchester 7:00 PM

Sunday March 15 - Vs. Hartford 4:05 PM

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

Friday March 20 @ Bridgeport 7:00 PM

Saturday March 21 @ Lowell 7:00 PM

Saturday March 22 @ Springfield 4:00 PM

Tuesday March 24 @ Bridgeport 7:00 PM

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



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