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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY RICH LUNDIN

Hi everyone, I'd like to welcome everyone back for our 3rd season of Sharks hockey! From the look of the team so far in pre-season, we can expect a lot of excitement much like season one! An infusion of new blood with a great mix of veteran and youth talent should provide us with a lot of fun and dreams of a Calder Cup! Year number three for the Booster Club should be an exciting one as well. I consider year one a 'clean up and organize' year, and year two as 'stabilize'. This year, we need to focus on 'growth'. Growth in our membership, how we support the Sharks, and how we support the community. We have a solid foundation - some great volunteers - and I'd like to expand on that. You'll see some new ideas from our board and committees, but we're also looking for ideas from you. So please - especially in the All Star Classic hosting year - support the club, the organization, and the city as much as possible, and if you have any ideas, please let us know! Here's to a great 2008-2009 season - and All Star Classic!

Yours In Hockey,
Rich

NEW GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING PLACE!!! TBA

Unfortunately due to cost, we will no longer be holding our monthly general membership meetings at the Crowne Plaza. We are actively searching for a new meeting place which has a central Worcester location, is accessible to all, and of course free. We hope to have an announcement on the October meeting shortly. So please watch the website and your emails! If anyone has any ideas, please send them to Rich @ worcestershark@aol.com or call 508-829-8285.

EVENT NEWS - COLUMBUS DAY PARADE SHOW SHARKS PRIDE! - EARN BOOSTER BUCKS! BY JOSIE BROWN



Save the date - Sunday October 12th! Once again, the booster club will be marching with the Worcester Sharks office and team. We had a HUGE turnout last year—it's a great way to kick off the season! The Worcester Columbus Day Parade is a one mile fun filled march down Shrewsbury Street, in Worcester, beginning on Aitchison Street and ending at Washington Square near Union Station. Colorful floats and costumed characters are always a special delight for the many people who watch the parade on Shrewsbury Street, as well as our TV viewers at home who enjoy the parade LIVE on WCTR-TV 3 Charter Communications. We should once again have a Sharks player or two participating. **Participants will earn \$5 in Booster Bucks!** Show your Sharks pride (and colors)! To sign up and for more information, please contact **Josie Brown** @ josie.brown@gmail.com or 508-829-8285.



**NEXT BOOSTER CLUB MEETING
TENTATIVELY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16th
at 7:00 PM**

Place: TBA

Special Guest - TBA Sharks Player

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



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ARE YOU READY FOR SOME TRIPS?!

BY RICH LUNDIN

Fellow Boosters,

We have a few ideas for trips planned - but we want YOUR feedback! While we can schedule the trips and make the arrangements, we would like to hear from you as to what trips will be the ones you want to go on. This year is especially hard, with fuel prices much higher than last year. We are also challenged with the dates of away games. Below are some ideas we have. We are also looking into the idea of customizing trips based on the individual. Remember the fun up in Portland and in Albany last year on the bus? Let's do it again! We need to let our guys know that home or on the road, we are their for them!

Here are some ideas we have for trips. Please **email** us at sharksboosters@hotmail.com with any and all of your feedback! Please email or **contact Rich Lundin @ 508-829-8285**.

Here's the preliminary trip ideas

Lowell Opening night - Saturday Oct 11th - \$25 (SOLD OUT!)

Norfolk and Hershey trip

Trips to Springfield, Manchester, Portland and Providence

SAN JOSE on the road

In Boston

In Montreal

On some trips, we might go with a mini-coach or van if there is enough interest. We can also help you and smaller groups of boosters purchase tickets at discount rates (depending on the team). Just let us know!

Stay tuned to your emails!

BROOMBALL TEAM (MORE PICS ON PAGE 4)



The members of the broomball team are Ray Rugg (above right receiving his Unsung Hero Award) Mark Pruneau, John Ferguson, Lisa Anger, Dave Anger, Matt Medoff, Joe Ferraro, Carol Kronopolus, Chris Roseberry, Chris O'Shea, Doug Cumming, Mike LaPrade, Elena Kintz, Norm LaFlash Jr., Corey LaFlash, Kristen Poirier, Tanya LaFlash, Cathy Pruneau and Nick Kronopolus.



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 October 23	Alan Jackson
Saturday November 8	The Wiggles
Sunday November 9	Nine Inch Nails
Monday November 17	Cheetah Girls

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!



2008 AHLBCC

BY CHRIS O'SHEA

This year's booster club convention held in Scranton, PA and hosted by the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins Booster Club was a success and attended by over 240 boosters from around the league representing 26 clubs past and present. There were trips to the casinos, a winery tour, a local brewery tour, a coal mine tour as well as several shopping trips to local malls and outlets. There were even steam train and trolley rides available. The Irish pub across the street received lots of business from the boosters, especially Saturday when the weather wasn't great for sightseeing since it was pouring rain.

Thursday was early arrival night and WBS hosted hospitality (Thank You) and a TV Land trivia night it was loads of fun listening to the questions and trying to get the right answers. It was a close finish between Hershey and Philadelphia and I think Hershey won the trophy. Master of ceremonies was Ed from WBS

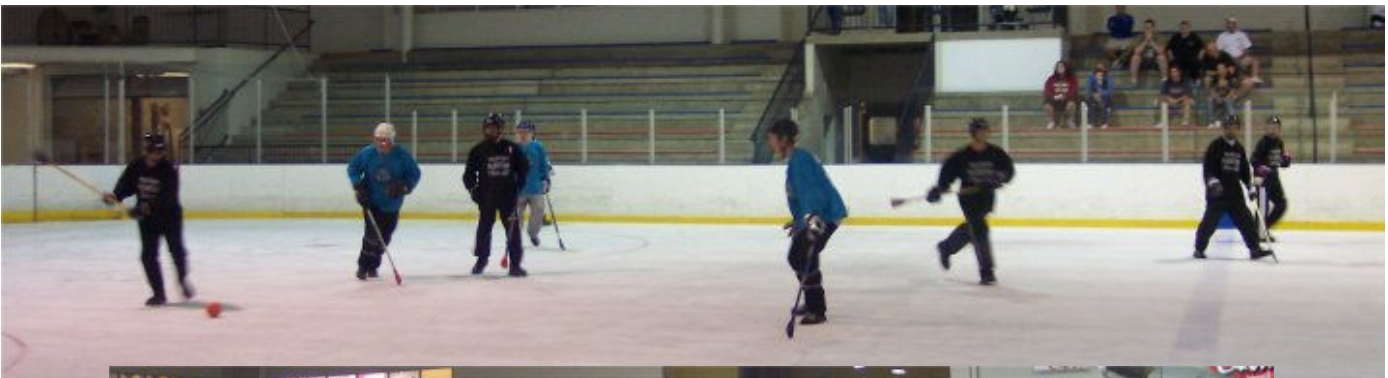
Friday was the traditional costume night and with the theme as TV LAND there were many unique renditions of costumes. Spotted among the crowd were June Cleaver, Lucille Ball, Laverne and Shirley with Lenny and Squiggy, Gilligans Island crew (including the SS Minnow), Batman and Robin, Little House on the Prairie, Happy Days crew, Gunsmoke, MASH contingent, Morticia and best of all Cousin ITT and many more. A great night had by all and thanks to Syracuse for hosting hospitality, the drinks were still being talked about on Saturday. It was ROOKIE INIATION NIGHT AS WELL!

Saturday morning came fast as clubs set up booster tables to run raffles for charity or their clubs and to sell merchandise from their clubs (we had a raffle basket full of Sharks items and we raffled off two all-star ticket packages). What was great about it breakfast was right next door and in the same room as the general meeting that would be held later in the morning, so we didn't need to pack up everything before the meeting started. The meeting went along and we had a presentation from Bob Murdoch of Destination Worcester who talked about Worcester has to offer as well as the preparations going on for the All-Star game in January. Terry Lewis from Baltimore talked about next year convention in Baltimore and they have tentative prices similar to this year so the dates for the 2009 AAHLBC will be September 11-13 in Hunt Valley MD more info will follow as soon as I get it. Now it was time for resting or eating or gallivanting if you chose before getting ready for the formal dinner where we listened to Sean Lavoie from the AHL office and former Worcester IceCat Todd Rierden who was the guest speaker who took the place of Phil Bourque who was unable to make it due to an assignment for Pittsburgh Penguins. Todd was just named the assistant coach in Wilkes-Barre Scranton and talked highly of all the booster clubs he has been in contact with and sends a big hello to everyone in Worcester and was happy we got a new team back in Worcester. We thank Albany, Bridgeport, Lowell and Chicago who all took part in hosting hospitality on Saturday night. SPECIAL ROOKIE INITIATION WAS HELD

Congratulations to Betty Hicks of Syracuse (All-Star Tickets) and Judy Maracle of Syracuse (Booster basket).

Sunday was a day to pack up and travel, say goodbyes to everyone and hopefully see some during the season and we look forward to next year. This is always a great weekend to get together before the season to renew old friendships, make new friends and just enjoy each others company and talk hockey, hockey, hockey and make plans to travel to see other clubs and teams during the year and this year to invite them to Worcester for the 2009 AHL ALL-Star Classic

Thanks to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins Booster Club for all their hard work and effort to pull this whole weekend off. It is not easy and takes everyone to make it a success. Also thanks to Chip (WBS)(Chair), Howie (BAL)(Pres), Melinda(PITT)(Sec) and Jeff(BRI)(VP) along with me who work hard to keep the AAHLBC together.



GAME NIGHT NOTES

BY CHRIS O'SHEA

Welcome to season #3. Welcome back to everyone, we are hoping for a great year on and off the ice. We can only accomplish that with help from all of you. Get on board and lend your time to helping out the Booster Club as well as the Sharks.



Once again I will be asking for your help on game nights with door promotions, giving out nightly Assists, and helping with 50/50. We are needed each and every Sharks home game, so if you can volunteer let's say once a week or more it would be very much appreciated by the club and the Sharks.

To help out at the door and 50/50 you are asked to be there by no later than 1 hour and 15 minutes before game time so that is by 5:45 PM for 7 PM games and 2:45 PM for 4 PM games and you are asked to stay there until at least 5 minutes before the game starts if you are season ticket holders and for those who receive tickets you are asked to stay until 15 minutes after the game starts to accommodate late arrivals.

We represent not only the club but the Sharks so we must show a good appearance and greet the fans courteously. Names go into the Sharks at least four days prior to a game so I need to know by then and if you cannot make it after you have signed up to help at a game please contact me ASAP, but please do not wait until the last minute since it is difficult to replace you and we are left short handed. **THIS IMPORTANT REMINDER: YOU MUST BE A BOOSTER MEMBER TO HELP OUT AT THE DOORS AND 50/50 PRIOR TO THE ACTUAL GAME YOU WORK.**

So with all that said here are the following dates that I need people:

Sat Oct 18 VS Providence @7 PM - bobbleheads, magnetic schedules and Assists and 50/50

Wed Oct.22 VS. Hartford @7 PM - Assists, 50/50

Friday Oct 24 VS Providence @7 PM – Posters, Assists, 50/50

Sat. Oct.25 VS Springfield @ 7PM – Posters, Assists, 50/50

Sat Nov 1 VS Manchester @7 PM – Assists, 50/50

Wed Nov 5 VS Portland @ 7PM – Assists, 50/50

Contact me at hockeynanny20@aol.com if you can help

**WELCOME BACK SHARKS TO WORCESTER FOR THE
2008/2009 SEASON & LETS GO SHARKS!!!!!!!**

MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND EVENTS

BY LINDA LACHANCE

The Worcester Sharks Booster Club has 281 current members at the end of August. Please make plans to renew!

We are now taking membership renewal applications for the 08-09 season. There is no increase in fee. Signup now and receive our new logo pin and new All Star Classic Pin. Please visit our website to download an application. You can either mail it in, bring it to the membership meeting, or turn it in at one of our home games at our booster club table outside section 110.

We are also working on incentives (i.e. prizes) to members that sign up new members, and also prizes for signing up - so stay tuned!

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!

SHARKS CALENDAR

Saturday October 11 - Game #1! @ Lowell 7:00 PM

Sunday October 12 - Columbus Day Parade!

Thursday October 16 - Monthly Booster Club Meeting - Place TBA 7:00 PM

Saturday October 18 - Opening Night! Vs. Providence 7:05 PM

Wednesday October 22 - Vs. Hartford 7:05 PM

Friday October 24 - Vs. Providence 7:05 PM

Saturday October 25 - Vs. Bridgeport 7:05 PM

Saturday November 1 - Vs. Manchester 7:05 PM

Wednesday November 5 - Vs. Portland 7:05 PM

Tuesday November 11 - Vs. Springfield 1:05 PM

January 25-26, 2009 - AHL All Star Classic!



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