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HOLIDAY PARTY – BOOSTER CLUB DONATES \$1750 IN TOYS TO FRIENDLY HOUSE!

BY: RICH LUNDIN

Over 110 attended the 7th annual Worcester Sharks Booster Club Holiday Party on December 6th at the DCU Center. It was a great time for boosters to mingle with their favorite players and the office staff, as well as to give back to the community.

Everyone was greeted with a big platter of goodies at their table (thanks Chris!), and the night was started with some casual mingling and banter. The DCU Center provided a great (as usual) buffet, which many went for seconds! After dinner, Mrs. Claus (Chris) gave presents to all the kids in attendance, and then the players received their gifts. But the night was far from over. In a custom started three years ago, all the rookies were asked to come up to the podium and tell a story from Christmas past - whether good or bad. The guys were really caught off guard and had to think quickly. Some truly hilarious stories ensued, and it really helped create a mood for the rest of the night.

But what makes this event most important is what we do for charity—and has been our custom, for Friendly House. We asked for boosters attending to bring unwrapped toys, and a receipt, and for each dollar spent, they would receive a raffle ticket for some cool items, such as a team signed posters, signed game used sticks, etc. At the end of the night, the tally of toys was over \$750! On top of this amount, the booster club donated an additional \$1000 worth of toys to the Friendly House, for a grand total of \$1500! Chris O’Shea and Rich Lundin delivered the toys to a grateful Friendly House, and the toys were all distributed at their Christmas Party - to kids that may never have received presents this year, without their help.

ORNAMENT AND JERSEY RAFFLE A SUCCESS!

The Worcester Sharks Booster Club held a Sharks Player Ornament + Jersey Raffle, with the proceeds benefiting the Worcester Junior Sharks Mike Ellsessar Scholarship Fund. Each ornament was hand crafted and signed by a Sharks player. We also raffled off a team signed Sharks practice jersey. The raffle raised **\$720!** This scholarship fund is great way for us to give back, and we plan to continue this every year going forward. Thanks again to everyone who bought tickets and to Judi Dionne for coordinating, and thanks to all those who helped.

RED SOX TICKETS!

A limited number of Red Sox tickets are available - first come first serve.

Game Date is **Tuesday June 25** vs Colorado Rockies at 7 PM

Section 37 in the Bleachers. **Cost is \$28.** See Chris at the games or contact at Hockeynanny20@aol.com

Visit us on the Web!!! WWW.SHARKSBOOSTERS.COM

ROAD TRIP UPDATE

BY RICH LUNDIN

We've listened to feedback and we're going to focus on the longer trips this season. Below are some tentative dates, with prices to be announced (all subject to change)

Sat Feb 16 @ Adirondack \$55pp (Motor Coach)

Sun Mar 3 @ Springfield \$20pp (School Bus)

Sat Apr 20 @ Syracuse \$90pp tentative (May turn into overnight trip)

Please call Rich @ 508-829-8285 or email at info@sharksbc.com with any questions



DISCOUNTED TICKETS FOR BOOSTERS!

The following teams have provided discounts to our booster club members (you must make the arrangements):

Manchester Monarchs - Contact Group Sales Executive Alan Fritch to get purple level tickets for \$15 – mention you are a Sharks Booster. His phone # is 1-603-626-7825 ext 6135 or his email at afritch@manchestermonarchs.com

Portland Pirates – for discount seating contact Bennett Cassidy at 1-207-828-4665 ext 308 or bcassidy@portlandpirates.com and mention you are a Worcester Sharks Booster Club Member

Providence Bruins - \$10 off lower level tickets for their regular season home games at the Dunkin' Donuts Center. To order tickets go to ticketmaster.com and enter the offer code **BRUINS**

GET YOUR BOOSTER CLUB T-SHIRTS!

We've brought back the **Super Fan** t-shirt from last year. And new for this year is a **#GoonSquad** T-shirt! **\$15 each or 2 for \$25.**



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 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 **\$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 sign up!

Thanks again!
Rich

Dates coming up:

Feb 8th – Daughtry and 3 Doors Down
Feb 9th – 10th Bull Riding
Feb 15th – 17th Monster Jam



COMMITTEES

Awards

Rich Lundin

By-Laws

Darryl Hunt

Bob Gillies

Ernie Racine

Communications

Judi Dionne

Rich Lundin

Game Night

Chris O'Shea

Looking for more help

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Looking for more help

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Special Events

Looking for more help

Travel

Rich Lundin

Chris O'Shea

Darryl Hunt

Always looking for help/ideas

Newsletter

Rich Lundin

Erin Martin

Concessions

Rich Lundin

Nick Kronopolus

The following committees are open. Contact any board member or email the club if interested:

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Historian	Sports
Sunshine	Youth

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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!

SAVE THE DATE!

Player Awards Banquet Tuesday April 10th

\$41 Adult, \$36 Seniors 65+, \$10 Kids Under 17

GAME NIGHT NOTES

BY CHRIS O'SHEA

There have been some exciting times lately for the Sharks - many nail biters and fight filled games. The Sharks have climbed the ranks and as of this writing are in second place. We have had to deal with injuries and suspensions, but the team goes out to play every night and for the most part it has been positive.

It certainly has been a busy couple of months for the booster club - from ornament making, Christmas Party preparations, Ornament Raffle and the shopping and deliveries of toys and gifts to Friendly House. We thank all the boosters and all Shark fans and fans in general for their generosity in supporting our annual toy drive and ornament raffle and for supporting the 50/50 raffle game in and game out which allows us to give so much back to those in need.

Encourage your family, friends, co-workers to come on down to the DCU Center and take in Sharks' games. The more the merrier. Let's all cheer on the Sharks as they start 2013 and all the way to the Calder Cup (fingers crossed).

If any booster who is over 18 and would like to help out with our nightly game time 50/50 raffle please see me at the games or contact me through email to help. With the number of boosters we have we shouldn't have to rely on only 2 or 3 people. Thanks to Chris G., Judi and Rich who have all done 50/50 nights.

Thanks to everyone who joined us and the Sharks' family at the Christmas Party that was held recently. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves and had a great time. We love our Sharks family. Don't forget we have the End of the Year Awards banquet to look forward to in the spring.

Thanks to all the boosters who signed up for the overnight trip to WBS & Hershey on January 5-6 - it was a great time! The Sharks players and staff appreciated the support. We had many first time trip goers which was great! Remember we have other trips that are planned so check out the lists at the booster club table during the games.

It is also nice to see many fans and boosters going to the local away games - although we may not outnumber the opponents our guys know we are there to cheer them on.

SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES

We wish to send our prayers and thoughts out to the family and friends of our friend Kevin Fox a DCU Security Guard of 10 years who passed away suddenly on Dec 9. His nightly greeting and helpfulness at games will be missed too. Rest in Peace Kevin

Wanted to take time to send prayers, comfort and thoughts to the family and friends of those 20 children and 6 adults that lost their innocent lives at their school on 12/14/12-Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown CT in a senseless tragedy. Also to their classmates, teachers, community and families we send prayers and comfort to you all. May they all rest in peace.

THANK YOU

I wish to thank all those who have supplied candy for the Shark dish. Any and all donations are greatly accepted

Thank you to the Worcester Sharks Front Office for the bus trip up to Manchester NH on December 9 for season ticket holders. It was a great time and made extra special with a come from behind win and first place 😊

50/50 ON GAME NIGHTS

We are in search of more helpers for the 50/50 table. Please see me at the games to volunteer, or send me an email at Hockeynanny20@aol.com with dates of your availability. Thanks to Chris G. and Judi who have helped so far. The only requirements that are needed are you need to be over 18 and can be there at least 15 minutes before the doors open to be ready for the crowd, then stay until just after the drop of the puck in the first, then come back prior to each period and stay throughout the intermission. You are finished at the end of the 2nd intermission.

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. 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.

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.

February 18th/22nd

March 18th/23rd

April 10th/12th

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.

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