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REMINDER - JOIN US FOR THE 7TH 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 April 10th from 6:45 to 9:30 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 can vote on starting the end of March at the booster club table). There will be a variety of raffle prizes, including autographed Sharks merchandise and other great items.

Voting begins Saturday March 23 until Saturday March 30 at the Booster Club Table. So round up all your friends and loved ones and bring them along - you can sign up at the Sharks Booster Club table now, or visit our website.

The cost of this event will be the same as last year - **for booster's \$41 adult, \$36 Seniors 65+ and only \$10 for kids 17 and under, and non-boosters add \$10 (you will get booster club membership).** Remember you can use your Booster Bucks if you have them.

Your ticket **MUST** be paid/received by April 2nd in order to attend. Space will be limited so sign up ASAP! If you have any questions, please feel free to call Rich at 508-829-8285 or email us at info@sharksbc.com.

This is a non-autograph party, dress is professional/casual. We hope to see you there!

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.**



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. As you can see we tried one shorter trip (Springfield) but had to cancel due to lack of interest.

Friday April 19 @ W-B/Scranton + Saturday April 20 @ Hershey (Overnight Trip!)

We'll leave Mass Pike Park and Ride in Millbury Friday A.M. Arrive in Wilkes-Barre to unload at the hotel and then go to the game. There's a couple places to hang out after the game. We'll stay in Wilkes-Barre overnight and then head to Syracuse the next day for the game there, and then we'll head home. We'll probably get treated to pre-game dinners from the host booster clubs as well. These are the last 2 games of the regular season – and will be very important in deciding our playoff slot!

Price includes a ticket to both games, motor coach, and lodging:

1 person - \$188

2 people - \$157

3 people - \$149

4 people - \$145

MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY MARCH 30TH!



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**

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.

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:

April 25th+26th – Disney on Ice



COMMITTEES

Awards

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Darryl Hunt

Bob Gillies

Ernie Racine

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Judi Dionne

Rich Lundin

Game Night

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Looking for more help

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Looking for more help

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Darryl Hunt

Always looking for help/ideas

Newsletter

Rich Lundin

Erin Martin

Concessions

Rich Lundin

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

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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!

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.

GAME NIGHT NOTES BY CHRIS O'SHEA

Where has the season gone? Only a month left in the regular season and we need to get behind the guys and push them to the playoffs. Right now they are on the outside looking in and need to put a winning streak together and beat the teams in front of us to have a chance at playoffs. We all know they have it in them –they just need to put in a solid 60 minutes or more effort each game to climb the ladder. If you can get out to the road games to support the team as you do at home I know they'd appreciate it very much.

Speaking of the road games we have an overnight trip to WBS and Syracuse on April 19 & 20 which happen to be the last two regular season games. Stop by the table and sign up we still have space and for those who have signed up please get your payments in they are due by Sat. March 30.

Since we were hosted by the WBS Penguins Boosters when we went down in January –we shouldn't expect to be hosted again, but we have been invited by Syracuse to join their tailgating activities prior to the game up there on the Saturday. There will be more information on that when we get closer.

Please remember these trips are to support the Sharks and your attire should reflect that. Thank you.

There will be lots of activities going on the next two weeks with the Awards banquet right around the corner. Stop by the table to vote on the player's awards that will be given out at the banquet. Voting takes place 3/23, 3/24, 3/27, 3/30. NE Patriot Logan Mankins will be here on 3/23 to sign autographs. Heroes Night is also on 3/23 and the annual pre-game hockey game between the WFD & WPD will be played before the Sharks and Bruins take the ice. On Sunday 3/24 it is FINZ's birthday celebration -He'll be 7!!!! On Sat 3/30 the MIAA HS All-Star Classic Showcase will take place prior to the Sharks game. It is also movie poster night.

Please also sign up and pay for the Awards Banquet which will be held on Wed April 10 in the DCU Jr Ballroom (same place as Christmas Party) OFFICIAL DEADLINE IS TUESDAY APRIL 2(BY MAIL) OR MARCH 30 AT THE GAME.

SYMPATHIES AND CONDOLENCES

We extend our prayers and thoughts out to John Wetherell Jr , his sister Margaret and his family on the recent passing of their father.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We send our congratulations and wish much happiness to John Wetherell Jr and his new wife Shannon as they were recently married.

We also send our congratulations to our Sharks who are up in San Jose-keep up the great work.

AAHLBC BOOSTER CLUB CONVENTION 2013

The Annual Booster Club Convention will be held in Rochester NY on September 6-8 2013 & hosted by the Rochester Americans Booster Club. The theme is Flower, Flour, Wine (they all have something to do with Rochester and the surrounding areas). We have 9 boosters attending from Worcester. Reminder to those attending that your balance will be due to me by June 15, 2013. Please send it to the club address- Worcester Sharks Booster Club PO Box 210 Grafton, MA 01519-0210

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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