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REMINDER - JOIN US FOR THE 8TH 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 **Monday April 14th 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 tonight 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 21 until Tuesday April 1 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 \$44 adult, \$39 Seniors 65+ and only \$15 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 9th 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 got a limited supply of **Super Fan** and **#GoonSquad** T-shirts **\$10 each.** Please email us at info@sharksbc.com to inquire about sizes left.



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).

Saturday March 29 @ Albany \$55pp
We will be leaving Mass Pike Park and Ride in Millbury at NOON
MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY MARCH 22nd!



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

LOOKING FOR BROOMBALL PLAYERS

Due to unfortunate schedule conflicts & timing issues - for the host city and then subsequently the other teams, the 2014 Broomball Tournament will unfortunately not be held this year. This saddens us all, but safety of all teams is of the upmost importance to us all as is running a successful tournament for all of us that have been involved in it over the years. We hope to be back in 2015!

On that note - This will be our 18th year coming up and we are in need of some fresh and younger legs to help out our many veterans on our team so I'm putting out the call to any and all boosters over 18 who can commit to practices through the fall, winter and spring and then the tournament come July. This is a coed team so if you are interested please see or contact me for more details.

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). We hope to set a practice in late October or November to start - at least once a month to start and then maybe twice a month as the tournament gets closer. Our practice times aren't the best usually 11 PM or later, but sometimes we luck out and have them at 10 PM or even on Sunday mornings. A few more things you need to know - Practice costs about \$20 per person each time we have ice time - There is also an annual AHLBC tournament fee that is split amongst the players on the team and that generally runs around \$40 per person.

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.

AAHLBC BOOSTER CLUB CONVENTION 2013

We will have three boosters attending the annual Booster Club Convention this year which will be held in Pittsburgh, PA September 5-7, 2014. This is the 50th AAHLBC so it will be very special one for the hockey family.

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:

March 29th and 30th – NCAA Hockey



COMMITTEES

Awards

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Darryl Hunt

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Ernie Racine

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Judi Dionne

Rich Lundin

Game Night

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Looking for more help

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Chris O'Shea

Looking for more help

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Erin Martin

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

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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!

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

We have a month left in the regular season –where has the time gone?? The Sharks have picked it up in March after a not so good February. We have many home games left so come on out and cheer on the Sharks.

We have had to say goodbye to some of our guys as the San Jose Sharks traded Curt Gogol and Riley Brace to the Minnesota Wild organization and they are both in Iowa. They also traded James Livingston to the LA Kings organization and he is playing for the Manchester Monarchs. San Jose has also loaned both long-time Shark Nick Petrecki to the Rochester Americans for the rest of the season and Sebastian Stalberg who was playing for Ontario in the ECHL to Portland Pirates. We wish them nothing but the best and wish them all good luck as they continue their careers. We know hockey as in all sports is a business, but our guys become family and it's hard to see family go off elsewhere but it could give them the spark they need to grow as players. We thank them all for their time here in Worcester both on the ice and off the ice in the community work that they all did for the Sharks.

Thank you to all those who have donated candy for the Shark dish it is very much appreciated. If anyone would like to contribute Easter candy for our April games, I'll gladly accept it ☺

You still have time to sign up for the Annual Booster Club/Players awards Banquet that will be held on Monday April 14, 2014 at the DCU Center. Stop by the table and sign up, fill out the form for who you'd like to sit with and remit payment. Deadline for payment is April 9th but if you are going and haven't signed up yet could you please stop by and do that so we have an idea before the 9th of how many we should expect.

All Red Sox tickets for the August 18, 2014 game vs the Angels have been sold! Thank you very much to those who bought them.

Looking forward to our bus trip to Albany on Saturday March 29- should be a fun time for all. If anyone would like to bring some appropriate DVD movies – i.e. Frozen, Saving Mr.Banks, Despicable Me2, or any other fun ones they would be appreciated. There will be goodies bags as well as soda and water for the ride. – Just remember this is a trip to support our Sharks so we'd like you to wear Sharks attire and not other teams' attire. Thanks in advance!

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 sup- porting 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 sup- porting 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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