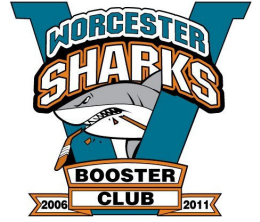




# SHARK BYTES



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY RICH LUNDIN

### Hello Boosters!

I hope everyone had a great summer. We're all chomping at the bit to get this season underway. We already had a great road trip to Bridgeport for game number one. Should be a fun year! We have 16 players back from last year - lead by **Alex Stalock**. We recently received **Thomas Greiss** back, and **Jonathan Cheechoo** is back in the Sharks organization and off to a great start. Of course, our big night will be **October 23rd** when we get to see our **Atlantic Division Championship Banner** raised, and check out all the fun surrounding **year number five!**

Five years - it's been a great ride so far! This team and office has been a class act from day one, and have been extremely involved in the community since day one. But with this, we have to guard against be complacent. Yes the Sharks are here, like it here, and want to stay here, but it takes all of our continuous work to keep the team successful. So in this fifth year, I'd like to challenge everyone to a renewed commitment and help out in any way you can - to build a bigger fan base and to build a better booster club. The Sharks are doing a lot this year to "Sharkerize" the city, with banners, pennants, and other items to put in places of business etc, and of course trying to sell more tickets. We can do our part - family and work are great places to start, as are places you visit and have relationships with. A lot of people don't know how cheap it is for a night out with the Sharks, and don't realize what a Sharks game experience is like. The Sharks will be happy to give you **pocket schedules** to leave at businesses. As boosters, we are their hard-core fan base, and we need to be the ambassadors, cheerleaders, and their network. We've had a great 4 years, going on five, so let's do our part for another five, or ten, or more!

If you wish to help out, or have ideas, please stop by the booster club table, or contact me directly at 508-829-8285 or [WorcesterShark@aol.com](mailto:WorcesterShark@aol.com)

Yours in hockey,  
Rich

**OPENING NIGHT**  
**OCTOBER 23RD—DCU CENTER—7PM**  
2009-2010 ATLANTIC DIVISION  
CHAMPIONS BANNER  
WILL BE RAISED  
IN THE DCU



**NEXT BOOSTER CLUB MEETING**  
**Tuesday October 26th at 7:00 PM**  
**Temporary Venue**  
**Worcester Public Library—Banx Room**  
**Special Guest - TBA Sharks Player**  
MEET THE SHARKS, ASK QUESITONS!

Visit us on the Web!!! [WWW.SHARKSBOOSTERS.COM](http://WWW.SHARKSBOOSTERS.COM)

# 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](mailto:sharksboosters@hotmail.com) or call me @508-829-8285 to signup!

Thanks again!  
Rich

### Dates coming up:

November 19 - Furthur (Phil Lesh and Bob Weir)  
December 16-19 Cirque du Soleil  
December 27-28 Phish

## SAVE THE DATES



Our Holiday Party will be  
Wednesday Dec 15th



Our Awards Banquet will be Wednesday March 30

Venues TBA

## COMMITTEES

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Looking for more help

### HOSPITALITY

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Looking for more help

### TRAVEL

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Linda Lachance  
Marc Lachance  
Gerry Collette  
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:

AUDIT            ELECTION  
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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!*



# ROAD TRIP UPDATE

BY RICH LUNDIN

We've had some great trips this past year! Are you ready to do it again?



Sat Nov 20 @ Portland \$38  
Sat Dec 11 @ Albany \$38  
Fri Jan 14 @ Springfield \$24\*  
Sat Feb 26 @ Adirondack \$40\*  
Sun Mar 20 @ Manchester \$38\*  
\* \*Tentative price



**You can sign up at any Sharks home game at the booster club table or call Rich @ 508-829-8285 or email at [info@sharksbc.com](mailto:info@sharksbc.com).**

Also, we tried getting group tickets for San Jose in Boston, unfortunately, we were told they were unavailable. Check out Stub Hub - believe it or not - some of the prices are fairly reasonable.

## **We are planning a trip to Montreal to see San Jose play the Canadiens!**

3 DAY/2 NIGHT TRIP leaving **Friday Dec 3**, returning **Sunday Dec 5**  
(see will not be back in time for the Worcester game on Sunday.)  
Includes motor coach, overnight hotel, breakfast. Ticket is extra (see note)

### **All rates are per person**

\$159.00 quad occupancy  
\$189.00 triple occupancy  
\$229.00 double occupancy  
\$349.00 single occupancy  
\$99.00 kids under 17 (w/2 adults)

The company we are using can get us tickets as well, but they are more expensive than getting via Stub Hub, and he can only guarantee pairs. If you want to use the company to get tickets as well, here are the prices:

\$299 Quad, \$329 Triple, \$369 Double, \$499 single, kids 17 and under \$239 (with 2 adults).

I would recommend getting via Stub Hub (I have no problem getting for you. The prices will be between \$70 and \$100) - as you can see a savings over what the company charges.

### **\$100 deposit required by November 6th.**

*Reminder you need a passport - quickest and cheapest is a passport card - for land travel only. Any post office can help you - but you need to do it now!*

We had a great time in Montreal the last time we went. It was a great atmosphere!  
The trips are fun and a great way to cheer on the Sharks in enemy territory with you friends!  
If you have any suggestions for trips, Please email us at [info@sharksbc.com](mailto:info@sharksbc.com) with any and all of your feedback! Please email or contact Rich Lundin @ 508-829-8285. Stay tuned to your emails!

## **DISCOUNTED TICKETS FOR BOOSTERS!**

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

### **Rochester Americans Wed Feb 16**

\$5 off any seats. Contact Nick @585-454-5335 X3054

### **Providence Bruins**

have a buy one get one free Promo all year

<https://www.providencebruins.com/Tickets/BOGOFGame/free>

# ARE YOU READY FOR SOME HOCKEY

BY :CHRIS O'SHEA

The Sharks start their 5<sup>th</sup> year here in Worcester and from all indications it should be a fun and exciting time. Many familiar faces return and are mixed with rookies and a few veterans for the 2010/2011 AHL season.

Once again we'll have our Booster Club table in the same spot at games, and will be busy with renewals for membership, new memberships, 50/50, general information, trip updates, and visiting with other boosters (both home and visiting ones) and the always present (and full!) Shark candy bowl.

I'm always looking for help with 50/50 each home game, I have some regulars who enjoy helping out but there are opportunities for others to pitch in as well. If you would like to help please let me know so that I can put a schedule together. What does it entail? Being at the DCU 1 ¼ hours before the game for prep work and working the table before the game starts, and during both intermissions.

I would welcome any boosters who would like to donate any candy towards the candy dish. Any help would be appreciated. I wish to thank all those who have supplied additional Shark items for the table.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on **Opening Night October 23<sup>rd</sup>** when they will raise the **2009/2010 Atlantic Division Champs** banner prior to our game against Providence.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

BY : RICH LUNDIN

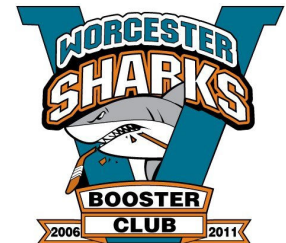
### **The Booster Club is Now Accepting Memberships for the Upcoming Year**

#### **Membership dues are:**

- Individual \$10
- Family (all in same household) \$25
- Teen (13-17) \$5
- Senior (65+) \$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
- Bus trips to away games
- Discounted away tickets to support the Sharks when they play Manchester, Providence, Hartford & Springfield
- 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.

To all the Boosters who have participated in the away bus trips or have purchased discounted tickets for the away games this year - Thank You! We look forward to getting groups together during the playoffs, too!

**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/k1.html>.



# AAHLBC 10 BINGHAMTON RECAP

BY CHRIS O'SHEA

A fantastic weekend on September 10-12 was had by all the AHL Boosters in attendance at the AAHLBC held in Binghamton NY. We certainly had hockey weather - rather cool and a bit rainy. There were 209 faithful boosters representing 24 teams-past and present.



There was a pub crawl to local establishments on Thursday night for all those that came in a day early. Then it was back for the hospitality room which was hosted by Bridgeport and Hamilton.

Friday it was off to side trips like golf at a local course or the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. Upon return from those there was an executive meeting which is for 2 reps from each club to attend and find out what has gone on since we met last. When that was over it was then time for the costume themed dinner. Many creative costumes for the Comic strip theme - Peanuts gang, Flintstones, Beetle Bailey, Superman and Super Girl, Wonder Woman, Where's Waldo, BC Caveman, Wizard of Id, Dennis the Menace, and Maxine the Hallmark Lady. Dancing and singing followed the dinner as did hospitality room hosted by WBS and the ever popular Rookie Initiation.



Saturday was time for the booster club tables to open for raffles for 50/50's, baskets of merchandise or gifts from their cities, selling of pins and club things. Once that was complete the general meeting was held and as usual it is started with a moment of silence for those who left our family since our last get together and then the singing of the American and Canadian anthems. Reports were read including the original notes from the first convention back in the 60's. After the meeting concluded it was time for more side trips this time either to Tioga Downs casino or Sheldrake Point Winery tour in the Finger Lakes specifically Cayuga Lake. On the way home from Cayuga Lake we stopped at Taughannock Falls which had amazing views of the falls

and gorge. It was an absolutely beautiful day.

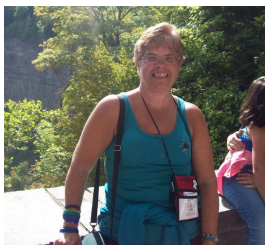
We traveled through downtown Ithaca NY right through a street fair which had very interesting looking characters. It was back to the hotel to change for our formal dinner where we get out of our hockey attire and get spiffed up for the night. Boy can many of us dress up well. It is so nice to see. We observed a moment of silence in memory of 9-11 and had an invocation by Fire Chaplain Frank Marshall from NJ. Our guests were Sean Lavoine from the AHL office and former Binghamton player and former referee Paul Stewart, who gave a great talk with many stories from the past and the present. It was on to hospitality room hosted by Binghamton after dinner for fun, great friends, building structures, food, drinks, hockey talk, card games, dice games.

Sunday came all too quick and the tough part of saying goodbye to everyone and hoping that we see them during the season or that they will be back at next year's convention. Then it was the travel home to all our destinations to get ready for the 2010/2011 Hockey season.

Next year the 2011 AAHLBC will be held in Hershey/Harrisburg by the Hershey Bears Booster Club. Much preparation has already started for it and when there is news to tell we will do so. The dates are September 9-11 2011.

You can view photos on the Association of American Hockey League Boosters Clubs Facebook page. All boosters are invited to join or like the page. There will be another video put together by Dennis Gottesman from Hershey for this convention as there was for last year's convention. Take a look and see how much fun it is and join us at convention in the future.

You can also click on this link to see the AAHLBC newsletter that is put together each month by Bill Walch from Manchester to see what is going on.



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