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WELCOME TO WORCESTER SHARKS BOOSTER CLUB VERSION 2.0!

Greetings!

I hope everyone has had a great summer! While it's been kind of quiet in regards to publishing news, there has been a lot going on behind the scenes in regards to your booster club. This newsletter is just a quick note as to what's to come very soon! The board of directors has been meeting almost weekly for two months to make sure that you get the best experience from your booster club.

Among the things we have been working on are:

- Trips and Travel: adding your input on deciding what trips to go on, building a network of the other teams to get special rates in tickets even if we don't go in a large group. Creating a message board for boosters/fans to go on mini-trips together, to see who is interested and perhaps share costs, sit together, etc.
- Overhaul the Newsletter: get back to publishing all birthdays and anniversaries, and sending out congratulatory cards, membership update with count of how members we have, along with welcoming new members, reporting on player and booster of the month, interviewing players (and other "VIPs"), and an event calendar.
- Dates for the Holiday Party and Awards Banquet,
- A strong membership committee involved in active recruiting, while adding more benefits.
- Events such as Columbus Day Parade and Applefest. Plans to go bowling, movies, casino, and Tornadoes.
- Fundraisers for charity (other than game night 50-50)
- Surveying members to gather feedback on what we're doing right and what can be improved upon.
- New Bylaws
- Getting our 501c3 status
- Creating hockey scholarships from our fundraising/charitable/501c3 intake
- Rolling out more "Booster Seats" nights
- More communication to the non-email users (although if you can get an email address, please do so!)

You should be receiving another newsletter chock full of information in about 10-14 days. So stay tuned!

THANKS JUDI!



As some of you may know, Judi Dionne has resigned from the Travel and Newsletter Committee. We would like to thank Judi for doing what can be thankless work, putting all those trips together as well as the newsletters for the past several years. Even during our year off with not much travel or news to talk about, Judi was instrumental in keeping this booster club afloat, and played a large part in re-organizing the club when the Sharks came on board. While this certainly isn't "goodbye", we should all be appreciative and thank Judi for her efforts in producing the newsletter and arranging for trips for the past several years.

THANKS AGAIN JUDI!!!



NEXT BOOSTER CLUB MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th at 7:00 PM
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL DOWNTOWN
(MEETING ROOM ON LEFT AS YOU WALK IN)
FREE PARKING REFRESHMENTS DOOR PRIZES
MEET THE SHARKS/DCU CENTER STAFF, ASK QUESTIONS!



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ARE YOU READY FOR SOME TRIPS?!

BY RICH LUNDIN

Fellow Boosters

We have lots of 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. We are going to try and resurrect the **trip out to San Jose**, and we hope to keep within the same costs as published before. We are also looking into the idea of customizing trips based on the individual. Such as Norfolk this year. Some people might want to go Friday and Saturday, some might only want to go Saturday. We'll try and work that out for you. But first on the block is our **very first game in Springfield on October 6th**. We are working out the details now, but it should be fairly inexpensive. 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! Also if you could give us a heads up that you wish to go on 10/6 to Springfield, please email or **contact Rich Lundin @ 508-829-8285**.

Sat 10/6 @ SPRINGFIELD (1st game of year)

Fri 11/9 @ San Antonio + Sat 11/10 @ Houston

Wed 11/21 @ WBS (Night B4 Turkey day)

Sat 12/1 @ Portland

Sat 12/22 @ Portland

Sat 1/12 @ Albany

Sun 1/27 and Mon 1/28 is the All Star game in Binghamton

Sat 2/9 (No game) + Sun 2/10 @ Hershey

Interesting one

Fri 2/15 and Sat 2/16 in Norfolk, then Sun 2/17 San Jose vs Rangers, also Mon 2/18 vs Islanders. We could cut out the Friday game and make it Sat, Sun, Mon (both games are early start times). This could be a customizable trip, right down to just seeing San Jose play the Islanders!

Sat 3/1 @ Albany

Sat 3/15 @ Springfield

Sat 4/5 @ Manchester

SAN JOSE TRIP REDUX IDEAS

Thu 1/10 vs Canucks + Sat 1/12 vs Leafs

Fri 2/8 vs Columbus + Sat 2/9 vs Nashville

Fri 3/14 vs Blues + Sun 3/16 vs Oilers

While we don't have trips listed to Lowell, Providence and Hartford, we will certainly entertain plans to go. We can also help you and smaller groups of boosters purchase tickets at discount rates (depending on the team). Just let us know!

EVENT NEWS - APPLEFEST, COLUMBUS DAY PARADE

BY JOSIE BROWN

Just a quick note that we will be at Applefest Saturday September 15th from 10-4 in Northborough. This is always a great time—can down and hang out with the great street fair and say hi to Finz! Also a reminder that we're always looking for people to march in the Columbus Day Parade. Save the date - Sunday October 7th! More info in the next newsletter.

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:

October 2nd Bob Dylan and Elvis Costello
Oct 4th-7th Sesame St. Live
Oct 19th Celtics
Dec 9th Boston Pops

FROM THE EDITOR

BY RICH LUNDIN

Get ready for year #2! We want you to be a part of it! 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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BRAND NEW FOR 2007

BOOSTER CLUB MERCHANDISE

BY RICH LUNDIN

Coming soon! Brand new club merchandise! Looking for more than just t-shirts? How about Pins? How about Coffee mugs, hats, clocks, bumper stickers, teddy bears, aprons, tote bags, mousepads, coasters, calendars, flash drives, sport bottles, keychains, and much more, ordered online and delivered directly to you? We're working on this and hope to have this up before the start of the season—stay tuned!

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Always looking for help/ideas

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