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Happy Holidays!

PRESIDENT'S TIDBITS

Why did you join the booster club? Was it to go on trips, attend meetings and meet other members, volunteer and work on projects, meet players or support hockey? Well no matter what your reason you now belong to the Binghamton Booster Hockey Club which has a Constitution and By-Laws as does every organization.

Article 2 of the Constitution is the club's objective which states

"The objective of this club shall be to further the interest of hockey in the community, to boost the morale of the players, and to promote better sportsmanship among the fans and players alike."

The By-Laws also state that you can have your membership revoked if you don't conform to the objective. Are you fulfilling this objective or have you decided to create your own objective? As a booster club we must set an example to the fans as well as the members of our club and other booster clubs. We have the right to our opinion and to express our disapproval about something. But it should be done in the proper way. Stop and think what your actions are doing. Do they look good to others? Are these actions putting a bad light on the club? Be a member in good standing by supporting this objective.

Yours in Hockey,
Theresa Prozeralik

General Membership Meeting

**Wednesday, December 2
7:00 PM at The Relief Pitcher**

Guests: TBD



**Vote for the November
Player of the Month**

Join us for a fun evening with your fellow hockey fans!



**Check out our website at
www.BSensBoosters.com**

CONVENTION 2010

The committees for the Booster Club Convention held their first meeting on Wednesday, November 11. It was mainly an organizational meeting and all of the groups are beginning their projects. If you were not at the meeting but would like to work on the convention, please see Jan or Dick Havich.

Future meetings will be determined by the individual committees and will be announced at the General Meetings and on the website.

*Jan & Dick Havich
Co-Chairpersons*

CHARITIES

By the time you read this we will have had our first 50/50 charity night of the seasons. It was held on Saturday November 21st. The Booster Club's share of the night's proceeds went to Binghamton High School's Thanksgiving Dinner.

Our next scheduled 50/50 charity night is set for December 12th with proceeds going to Community Options.

There are still a few 50/50 charity nights that are not scheduled yet for this season. If anyone has any suggestions on a local charity that they would like to see the Booster Club support please let me know.

I want to give a BIG thank you to our member Jennifer Stover! She came out and braved the cold with me to participate in the Community Options 5K run/walk at Otsiningo Park on Oct. 17th. Jennifer was a real trooper sticking it out and completing the walk.

Bridget Traver

50/50

The 50/50 is one of our biggest money makers and we thank all of you who buy tickets and support us. We split our share of the 50/50 with the STHA and I know that they also appreciate your support.

Congratulations to the following winners!!

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| 09/30/09 | Dorothy Killeen | 10/30/09 | Al Segur |
| 10/16/09 | Donald West | 11/3/09 | Edna Coates |
| 10/17/09 | Anthony Trolli | 11/14/09 | Lorraine Hope |
| 10/27/09 | Eric Luckert | | |

Thank you to everyone who purchases 50/50 tickets and supports the Booster Club and STHA!

If anyone would like to volunteer to help out at any of the games selling tickets at the front table please let me know.

Bridget Traver

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OTTAWA TRIP

On Saturday, November 7th, fifty-three of us left on our first bus trip of the season. We arrived at our hotel in downtown Ottawa around 1:00 PM and had the afternoon to ourselves. Many of us went to Darci McGhees, an Irish pub near our hotel, for lunch. On Saturday evening we all went to see Ottawa play New Jersey. We had great seats for the game but unfortunately, Ottawa did not win. Once again, it was very cold in Ottawa and our bus had to park at the far edge of the parking lot so it was a long cold trip to the bus after the game.

On Sunday morning we returned to Scotia Bank Place for a guided tour of the Arena. We were taken to the locker room, video room, and weight room. It was very interesting and Mike has pictures at the Booster Club table. After the tour we had a luncheon in one of the more exclusive bars at the Arena. Our fellow Booster Club member, Dave Nabi, spent lots of time and energy setting up the tour and the luncheon and we thank him very much for all of his hard work and persistence. Ottawa gave everyone at the luncheon a Senators hat and Randy Lee, our tour guide and Director of Player Personnel in Binghamton, gave several mementos to our group. We thank him for treating us so well.

Our helmet crew, represented by Mike Prozeralik, Dick Havich, Gene Wells, Vince McInerney, Tim Orr, and Dave Nabi, set up the helmet before the game and the players entered the ice through the helmet just like at home. They did a great job and everyone had a good time except we lost the game 1-0. Melody liked the score being 1 as she won the total score game on the bus and was the only one who picked 1. Congratulations!!!

Jan Havich

TRIPS

Our next trip is:

Sat, Jan 2nd to **Hershey**

Cost: \$56, Deposit: \$25, Deadline: 12/12, Bal. due: 12/26

We will be adding:

Sat, Feb. 20th to Syracuse for the OUTDOOR GAME—as many buses as we need. **Cost TBD.**

We have already filled one bus for the Portland trip but we are trying for two. If you haven't paid your deposit, you need to do so to hold your place on the list.

Mar 12th-14th, Fri-Sun to Worcester, Portland and Providence
Cost: S:\$318, D:\$236, T:\$212, Q:\$201

Cost is per person and includes: bus, driver tip, three game tickets, and two nights in a hotel. We will go to Worcester on Friday and attend the game there, then leave after the game for Portland where we will spend 2 nights at the Holiday Inn by the Bay. We will attend the game in Portland on Saturday night and leave on Sunday morning for Providence for the 4:05 PM game. We will return home after the game and should arrive by midnight.

Deposit- \$50, Deadline: 1/27, Bal. due: 2/14

Why not leave the driving and parking hassle as well as purchasing tickets to us. Join us we're sure you'll have a good time.

If you have any questions, call or e-mail Jan at 772-0174 or bsensbc@aol.com

*Support the Sens on the road!
Jan & Theresa*

On November 3, 2009, Erik Condra and Paul Baier spent time with the Booster Club members telling us a bit about themselves and answering questions.

Erike Condra, #11, spoke to us about growing up in Michigan with his family, mom Sonja, dad Paul, and brother Sean, and moving to Texas for his senior year of high school. He took a year off and then played for the Lincoln Stars. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a degree in Psychology and Pre-Med.

Paul Baier, #5, spoke to us about playing many sports but sticking with hockey. He was born in Summit, New Jersey and at the age of 8 moved to Toronto. As a freshman in high school, he went to boarding school in Newport, RI and then on to Deerfield Academy in Massachusetts. He is a graduate of Brown University with a degree in International Relations. He was drafted by LA Kings, played in Rochester, Portland, and now here. He spoke of his family, his mom Ambi, dad Wayne, brothers Ryan and Eric.

Booster Club Member: I am surprised by not hearing a Canadian accent.

#5: I guess I am a little mutt. I don't really have a distinct accent.

B: Who determines what jerseys you wear at home?

#11: We show up and our jerseys are hung up.

#5: It must be pre-determined as the other team needs to know what jerseys to bring with them.

B: What are your impressions of the first month here?

#5: We are happy with everything so far. Different group of guys and have gotten to meet a bunch of new people. I am impressed with the town. I have never been involved with anything like this, attending a booster club meeting. Great to meet you!

#11: The experience has been great. We are happy with how things have been going. The guys are working on jelling. I really believe it is going to be a successful season.

B: How do you feel about the coaches?

#11: Little details. There are different players and different styles. It takes time to gel as a team. You have players like Cody Bass and Martin St. Pierre, it takes time.

B: Are you guys told by Ottawa how to play?

#5: We are concerned with ourselves, with what coach tells us to do. Where he gets his direction really not our concern.

B: Why do you wear the numbers you have?

#11: I started wearing number 9. In Lincoln I was a rookie and the last guy to pick a number and got 11. I have worn it ever since.

#5: I am 14 switched to 7. In high school I could not get 7 so I took 5. I am either 5 or 7.

B: Can you tell us your favorite place to eat.

#5 & #11-They agreed to Fujisun and Kampai and also Moe's. They agreed to being a little sick of eating out. They said they eat out every meal during Rookie camp, main camp, and Binghamton camp. It gets expensive and they would like to eat a meal prepared for them by a motherly figure. ☺

B: What is your favorite meal?

#11: Steak and potatoes.

#5: Shepard's Pie. He doesn't like to cook.

They both indicated getting a little sick of chicken and pastas.

B: Do you have any superstitions?

#11: I don't know if it is superstition or routine. We cook the same meals. RoutinE vs. superstition. I always tape my stick and mark it up with a puck.

#5: That is a philosophical question, isn't it? Superstition vs. routine. Let me ask you Erik, would you be thrown off by not doing something?

#11: No-But some would.

#5: I don't really like routines.

B: (to #11) I thought you were the psychology major?

#11: We have some good conversations. Paul is pretty smart. He went to an Ivy League school.

B: (to #11) Did your uncle ever share anything about playing in Europe and the differences there?

#11: I don't really think the caliber of play is much better. One could definitely make more money over there.

B: What do you do when the season is over?

#5: Well, during the summer I go home. Relax a bit. Rhode Island has some nice beaches so I hang out there. I hang out with my dog, a New Foundland. I love him and I love hanging out with him

#11: Back to school, work some hockey camps at Notre Dame. I like to golf too.

B: What about when your career is over?

#11: It depends on how long I play. I think about taking the MCATS. Take more classes, maybe PT or Sports Psychology. We have degrees so we are lucky. We have something to fall back on.

#5: Depends on how long I play, I know what I don't want to do...I don't want to work behind a desk. I am going to ride the hockey wave as long as I can.

Both players recognized the sacrifices their families have made to help them get where they are today and to have the opportunities they have.

B:(to #11) Erik, do you consider Paul a good case study?

#11: He is one of the most unique guys I have ever met. He has lots of questions. He wants to know things. He is not a know it all. He went to an Ivy League school and he still wants to learn from others.

#5: Erik knows a lot of things I don't know. And Geoff Kinrade, he is pre-med also. They are good resources. Erik would be a good case study too.

B: Who do you look up to?

#11: My dad. He has taught me so much. He taught me to play the game

#5: I don't know if I could say one person. I would say my family.

B: Do you guys have a player you look up to or want to emulate?

#11: Steve Yzerman, for his leadership and his play on the ice.

#5: Chris Chelios and Paul Coffey, defenseman.

Both players were thankful for the opportunity to speak to the Booster Club and get to know a little about us as well as share a little bit about their story... The players were very open with the Boosters.

When the conversation was over many Booster Club members spoke to them individually, and invited them to dinner; they were very excited.

EXTRA EFFORT AWARD

The Binghamton Senators Booster Club's "Extra Effort" Awards are given for the following achievements on the ice throughout the season:

Goalies-Shutout

Defensemen-4 point night

Hat tricks and any player with 5 or more points

Players receive a \$50 gift certificate for the Oakdale Mall

We also give a \$75 gift certificate for the Oakdale Mall for any player earning an AHL award.

Congratulations to Martin St. Pierre for his hat trick on opening night (10/3) against Hartford. Martin received a \$50 gift

certificate for his fine performance.

Congratulations times 3 to goalie Mike Brodeur for being named Rebok/AHL player of the week for November 9th. On 11/4, Mike had a 1-0 shutout against Albany on the road, a 2-1 victory against Hamilton on 11/6 in Montreal and lost 1-0 in Ottawa on 11/8 against Hamilton. On Friday, 11/13, Mike had a 5-0 shutout against the Phantoms in Adirondack. Mike received \$50 gift certificates for his shutouts, and \$75 for his AHL award. Keep it up.

Gene Wells



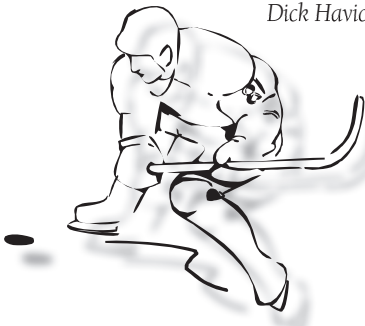
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PLAYER OF THE MONTH

RYAN KELLER is the SENATOR'S player to earn the "player of the Month" honor for October, as voted by the members attending the November 3rd meeting. Ryan's six goals leads the Sens and his 10 points are tied with Martin St. Pierre for team honors. His impressive speed and pressure against all teams is the sparkling effort we need. Ryan received a \$50 gift certificate for TEXAS ROADHOUSE. Congratulations Ryan!!

Dick Havich



PAST PRESIDENT'S POINTS

As past president, I want to remind you of why we are Binghamton hockey fans. Our Arena is nice, the games are exciting and fun, and many players have come through Binghamton and advanced to the NHL. As I reflect on this...we can be proud of them and watch them play on national TV. Over the years, we have been fortunate to see many players who are now "big names" playing or coaching our favorite sport.

Starting with the Dusters, goalie Ken Holland—long time GM of the Detroit Red Wings and Paul Stewart—long time and well-respected NL referee (now retired). Former Whalers coach Jacques Caron is the long time goaltending coach for the New Jersey Devils along with Larry Pleau (former Whalers coach) who is GM in St. Louis. Former Rangers captain Peter Laviolette coached both the NY Islanders and Carolina Hurricanes. Other notable names that passed through Binghamton include Tie Domi, Ken Gernander and many current Ottawa Senators—including Jason Spezza—who spent time in the Broome County Arena sharpening their skills. We can be proud of them all and say we "knew them when". There's more to come and that is why I go to the games.

Dick Havich