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PRESIDENT'S PASSAGE

Hey fans, our hockey season is 51 games old, with 29 games to go to make the playoffs. If we can improve just a little, from a tie for fourth, we're in! Twelve points in 13 games helped, but we need to cheer our boys on further.

The AHL All-Star Game ended our month with a BANG! Reports from the League and many, many visitors to our city are calling it a great success. Attending all the events was wonderful and our own Senators showed off well. Our Booster Club was very involved in the events helping with transportation, hospitality, and greeting many of the guests and we can be proud. We had over twelve volunteer drivers available for transportation from and to the airports, and to and from the hotels. Over 150 hockey boosters from other booster clubs all over the league were our guests at a hospitality room at the Holiday Inn. The All-Star Game was televised across the country on Monday night.

Dick Havich

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

7:00 PM at the Relief Pitcher

*Vote for the February
Player of the Month!!*

JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING!

CALLING ALL PAST PAUL FEHELEY AWARD WINNERS

Our meeting to select this year's Paul Fehelley Award winner will be held on Tuesday, March 4 at 6:15 PM (before our general meeting at the Relief Pitcher). If you are unable to make the meeting and have any suggestions, please let me know before then.

*Bidget Traver
2007 Award Winner*

CHATIN' WITH THE B-SENS

We had a visit with two of the B-Sens at our February Booster Club meeting. Forwards Shawn Weller and Scott May stopped by and gave us a brief personal biography followed by a question and answer session. We changed things up a bit for the boys since they wanted to get over to the arena to see the Harlem Globetrotters. They got to speak with us prior to our meeting versus our usual chat following the business meeting. Here's a synopsis of what went down:

Shawn Weller, 21, hails from Glens Falls, NY. He was playing for Capital District Selects of the Eastern Junior Hockey League when drafted. He was drafted by the Ottawa Senators in the 2004 NHL Entry Draft. After being drafted, Shawn enrolled at Clarkson University, where he played for three seasons. In 2006-07, he was Clarkson's leading scorer with 41 points, including a team-high 19 goals. After the 2006-07 NCAA season was finished, he made his professional debut with the Binghamton Senators for 5 games. This season he has spent time with the Elmira Jackals in the ECHL, but has since earned a regular spot here in Binghamton with the Senators.

Scott May, 26, is from White Rock, British Columbia. He was drafted by the Toronto Maple Leafs in the 2002 NHL Entry Draft while he was playing at Ohio State University. After spending 4 years at OSU, Scott began his professional career in the 2004-2005 season. Scott played for several teams in both the ECHL and the AHL from 2004-2007 including St. John's Maple Leafs, Pensacola Ice Pilots, Trenton Titans, Milwaukee Admirals, Phoenix Roadrunners and the Iowa Stars. This season, Scott spent time with the Manitoba Moose (AHL) and the Elmira Jackals (ECHL) before earning a regular position here with the Senators.

Q: To Scott: What was it like to play in Manitoba for a month?

A: The Moose are a good organization. It was getting cold when I left! It was a good experience. When you play on several different teams, every experience is good since it gives you more knowledge.

Q: To Shawn: There's a "home" game in Glens Falls in March. How many fans will you have there and have you ever played there?

A: The civic center is about a 3 minute walk from my house, so I'm expecting lots of friends and family. I played youth and high school hockey there. I used to have season tickets to watch the Adirondack Redwings there. They are trying really hard to get the AHL back there.

Q: Are you guys going to a super bowl party?

A: There's a party at Doc's house. **SW:** I'm rooting for the Patriots. **SM:** Rooting against the Patriots.

Q: What did you do during the All-Star break?

A: SM: I went to Boston to see a friend from there that I met in College.

SW: I have a girlfriend, but she stayed at school and I went to Cancun with Jeff Glass, Waugh, and a few guys.

Q: Was the ice any different after the All-Star game?

A: SM: It was the same as before the game. They had to scrape it down after the game so it's back to the same thickness now.

Q: Are you looking forward to tomorrow's game with Philadelphia?

A: SW: It wasn't good the last time we played them – it can't get any worse. We had a good practice today. We are ready for them. Also, Niko will be back from his injury tomorrow.

Q: To Shawn: You've been doing a lot better lately – what do you attribute it to?

A: SW: I'm taking the opportunity and making the best of what ice time I get. In the beginning I didn't get a lot of ice time.

Q: Do you guys have any stories about your stays in Elmira?

A: SW: It was a good experience. You do notice the difference in the level of play. I wasn't on the bus when the accident happened due to a call-up. **SM:** I was on the bus. I had just joined the team in Dayton for a ride back home. It's something I won't forget for a while. You get a lot more ice time when you are playing in Elmira. You have to fit into what the team needs and wants. For example, here there was a checking role that needs to be filled. That's what Shawn is here for. That's why he's turned it up a little bit. I've done well in the ECHL, but haven't found my stride here yet. It's a different role for me in Binghamton. In Elmira my role included a lot of ice time and the power play. Here it's more of a checking role.

Q: Who are your favorite NHL players?

A: SW: Mike Modano. **SM:** Whoever was hot at the time. Doug Gilmore in the early 90s. Pavel Bure and Marcus Naslund (I'm a big Canucks fan).

Q: What are your plans for the future – after hockey?

A: SW: No plans yet. I will finish my business degree and do something along those lines. **SM:** I graduated this summer with a business degree. I can't imagine cutting ties with the game of hockey. There are a lot of opportunities to play in Europe. I plan to play until my mid 30s and then do something associated with hockey. I do have my business degree to fall on.

Q: How do you like Binghamton as a place?

A: SW: I like it. It's not far from home so my family can come to games. It's a nice place to live. As a player it's great! The fans are great and there is a packed house every night. Hey, thanks for all of the support and for switching the meeting so we can get to the Globetrotters game!

Becky Severcool

50/50 WINNERS

Thanks to all for supporting our 50/50. Congratulations to our newest winners:

1/11/08	Brian Cosway	1/12/08	1/28/08	Nicole Rudock
	Al Segur		2/01/08	Mark Sanford
1/16/08	Randy Decker		2/02/08	Sylvia Walsh
1/18/08	David DaBell		2/06/08	Craig VanKuren
1/19/08	Russell Bigelow		2/16/08	Mike McCann

AWARDS BANQUET

Well, it's that time of the year again. April 5th has been set for the banquet. Mark it on your calendar. The place has not been determined yet, but we will know it by the time you get this newsletter. It will be posted at the booster club tables, so check with us. Tickets will go on sale as soon as we know the place and price. Save the date and come mingle with the players. It's a good time to get pictures and autographs. Just remember, it is open to booster club members and their children 12 and over.

Chairperson, Theresa Prozeralik



Sunshine Reminder...

Please let me know if a member(s) should be remembered by us.
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MARCH PROMOTIONS

Well, the All-Star Classic has come and gone in the blink of an eye. All of the preparation paid off in the end as everything seemed to go smoothly, and Binghamton has received rave reviews from the hockey world for hosting one of the best All-Star events ever! Now, back to the regular season and the push to the playoffs.

March 2 Hockey Day in Binghamton! There will be hockey all day at the BCVMA as STHA teams will be having cross ice games all day leading up to the Senators vs. Wilkes-Barre game starting at 5:05. There will also be a post-game skate with the players, so make sure to bring your skates! Your Senators will also be wearing those awesome Duster Throwback jerseys and they will be auctioned off directly following the game.

March 14 The Senators are welcoming the Albany River Rats to town and the New York State lottery will be on hand with great handouts and prizes that night. The Binghamton Badgers hockey team will be on the concourse with their great basket raffle to help raise money for their hockey team.

March 21 Before the Senators game, we will be hosting the annual Binghamton Police vs. Binghamton Fire Department Heart Cup.

March 21 The Senators support reading with their Four County Library System Seuss-A-Palooza. There will be a Dr. Seuss hat giveaway for children 12 and under and all of your favorite Dr. Seuss characters will be on hand to congratulate all of the Hat Trick Reading Program participants.

THANK YOU I would like to take this opportunity to **thank everyone** in the Booster Club for all of their help and support throughout the All-Star event. The event would not have been the success it was without your help and support. I would like to thank Theresa and Jan for all of their help keeping things organized, scheduling the Chuck-A-Puck kids, setting up coat check and hostesses for the Luncheon and helping wherever needed. I would also like to thank Sally for all of the great cookies. The players, coaches and officials raved about them. I hear they disappeared before the first intermission was over!

THANK YOU

*Christa Reese
Director of Game Day Operations*

TRIPS

We had a great trip to **Utica** on January 25 for our home game against Toronto. Our Sens won 3-2 with Matt Carkner's game winning goal just 20 seconds into overtime!

Saturday, **March 8** we are going to play **Albany** in **Glens Falls**. We will depart at noon and go to the Glens Falls Outlets before the game.

We have a **FAMILY TRIP** to **Syracuse** on **Sunday, March 16**. The game is at 3:00 PM and we will depart at 12:45 PM and should be home by 7:00 PM. If you signed up, be sure you've **paid by March 5**, or no ticket will be purchased for you.

Our only **NHL** game this season is on Tuesday, **March 25**. We will be going to **Buffalo** to see the **Ottawa Senators** play the Sabres. Check at the Booster Club table for availability.

Our last trip of the regular season is on Saturday, April 12 to **Syracuse**. The cost for the trip is \$36. This includes the bus, driver tip and game ticket. The Syracuse Booster Club will entertain us before the game. Sign-up deadline is 3/22.

Any questions, please call Jan at 772-0174 or e-mail bsensbc@aol.com. You can sign up at any game or meeting.

*Support your SENS on the road,
Jan & Theresa*

CHARITIES

Thank you to everyone who purchased 50/50 tickets on January 19. With your help, we were able to donate a total of \$618.25 to the **SOS Shelter. THIS WAS OUR BIGGEST DONATION EVER TO DATE!**

On February 2 we also donated our 50/50 proceeds share of \$586.50 to **Mom's House** and on March 22 the booster club's share of the 50/50 proceeds will be donated to **The Make a Wish Foundation**.

Our April 50/50 charity night will go to **CHOW** and they will have a CHOW food barrel there that night collecting non-perishable food items.

JOIN US FOR THE DIABETES WALK

The booster club will be participating in the American Diabetes Association Walk. It will be held on Sunday, March 9 at the Oakdale Mall in Johnson City. Registration is at 8:00 AM and the indoor walk route will be open from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM (please note daylight savings time). Distance is not recorded. During that time, you can go at YOUR own pace and stop to rest WHENEVER NEEDED. All participants will be invited to enjoy a continental breakfast before the walk begins. Everyone who registers will also receive a walk t-shirt and door prize raffle ticket (you can purchase more tickets to increase your chances of winning a prize if desired).

All registered participants will also have their name put into a drawing for a \$25 gas card that will be drawn that day at the walk. They also have a 50/50 raffle if you wish to buy tickets for that. All money raised from the raffles goes to the American Diabetes Association. After the walk, there will be a finish line celebration with music, raffles and more!

The booster club walked in this event for the first time last year and everyone had such a good time we have decided to try it again. Anyone who wishes to walk with the booster club is welcome. They do not have to be a member to participate in the walk. So be sure to ask your friends and family to join us. ALL AGES AND FITNESS LEVELS ARE WELCOME! The walk route is handicap accessible.

If you would like a registration form or have any questions, please see Bridget Traver.

SEASON TICKET RAFFLE

**DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE ON THESE GREAT PRIZES!
TICKETS ARE GOING FAST!**

1st Prize: 2 Season Tickets for 2008-2009
2nd Prize: \$250 Cash
3rd Prize: \$150 Cash

Ticket prices are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Tickets are available at all home games, booster club meetings, and on all bus trips. Look for our tables located next to the 50/50 and jersey raffle.

Drawing will be held at the last home game on April 11. You do not need to be present to win. **Please Note:** If the first place winner is already a season ticket holder, they will be allowed to renew their seats. They would not lose their seat location. They would also have the option of changing their seat location, if desired. If the winner is not already a season ticket holder, then they will be able to choose their seat location as to what seats are available.

If any member has any bundles of tickets they have taken to sell, **we just ask that they please be turned back in no later than March 26**. If you haven't taken any bundles yet and would like to help out with this fundraiser, there are still a few weeks left to help out. See me at the meeting or one of the games. We appreciate everyone's help.

Bridget Traver, Raffle Chairperson



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PLAYER OF THE MONTH



Lawrence Nycholat is the Senator to earn the Player of the Month for January as voted by the members attending the February 5 meeting. Lawrence led our team in scoring and strong defense throughout the month. We need his kid of efforts and energy to play for a spot in the playoffs.

Lawrence will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Number 5 Restaurant.

Great job!

Dick Havich

BOOSTER CLUB RAFFLE UNIQUE



2006-2007 GAME WORN JERSEYS
CHOICE OF THREE EACH GAME
TICKETS 3 FOR \$2.00 • 12 FOR \$5.00

**Everyone except employees of the
Binghamton Senators are eligible to participate.**

ALL-STAR CLASSIC

What a great time everyone had at the All-Star Skills Competition and All-Star Game. It was due to the efforts of a lot of people. Those people include our booster club. You all played an important part in making the Classic a success. After talking to some other booster clubs, I felt proud to be associated with the Binghamton Senators organization. Some clubs said that they are never asked by owners or be allowed to help with anything that involves their team. When Tom Mitchell stood up in front of everyone at the Hall of Fame Luncheon and praised our booster club for all their help it made me, as well as the other members who were there, feel extra proud. You too, as members should feel proud, from those attending the events to those who helped at the events, made goodies, helped with the hospitality room, ticket collecting, welcome bags, luncheon greeters, transportation, hotel and airport greeters and those that made other fans feel welcome.

A special thanks to Dick Havich for attending every committee meeting and chairing transportation, Jan Havich, Becky & Gary Severcool for chairing the hospitality room, Sally Spence for making cookies for the locker rooms, Lorraine Ostrowsky for picking up the donations for the welcome bags especially the big boxes, and Mike Prozeralik for donating the welcome bags.

The praise that we received from everyone belongs to all of you. We never would have had such a successful event without your help. We proved to the league that even though we have a small arena for attendance, we have fans who have the biggest love for hockey. You showed everyone that Binghamton is "Hockeytown." My thanks to all of you for a job well done.

Proud to be a booster club member!

Chairperson, Theresa Prozeralik

50/50

"The Quiet One" is often forgotten and that is exactly what I did when I thanked all for being great and loyal members. Joe Krizauskas is at the back 50/50 table tearing tickets every game he can be in attendance. Thanks Joe!

Joyce Lamphere