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## The 7th annual MMBC Bowl-A-Thon was a Success!

By: Veronica Hannemann

The Manchester Monarchs Booster Club held its 7th annual bowlathon, with 11 bowlers and 10 spectators in the house. The event was held at Stadium Ten Pin in Manchester.

Every bowler had to have at minimum of \$35 in sponsors and the spectators paid a \$7 fee. Everyone enjoyed pizza, sodas and deserts. It was a great day and everyone had a great time.

Participating on the lanes were Steve Belforti, Cody Hannemann, Olivia Collins, Zoe Kemp, Noelle Clark, John Heywood, Bill Walch, Karen Heaton & Simon, Todd Hannemann, and Gerry Clark. A small group cheered the bowlers on.

In the crowd was Mary-Lynn Belforti, Hal Collins, Paul & Katie Kemp, Veronica & Madison Hannemann, Jennifer Toland & Guest, Marlene Lein, Dan Barrett, and Michelle Gagnon.

Each year the MMBC holds a bowlathon to raise money to support the Jennifer Kemp Memorial Scholarship fund. The scholarship is intended to benefit young hockey



players, from mites to bantam level, who play house hockey, and who would benefit from participation in these hockey camps.

Players in house leagues often do not have the financial means by which to attend developmental camps. Our goal is to assist such worthy players.

This year, the bowlathon raised \$1221.50. Most of the money came from the donations raised by the bowlers. Bill Walch raised the most money with total donations of \$325, just ahead of John Heywood, who also raised over \$300.

Raffles brought it just over \$200. As always, there were lots of raffles and door prizes!

The bowler with the highest score was Todd Hannemann. His combined three-string score was 363.

Congratulations to both Bill and Todd. Each received a gift card to local merchant and a Domino's Pizza buy one get one card. The bowler with the lowest score was Zoe Kemp. Her combined score was 205. Zoe won a bowling set so she can practice for next year's bowlathon.

Thanks to all who participated this year and we look forward to seeing you next year.

## Hello & Goodbye

This upcoming season, there will be an AHL team in Charlotte, NC & Oklahoma City, OK. The city of Lowell, MA will be no more in regards to the AHL..

Welcome to the AHL Charlotte Checkers. Before joining the AHL, the Checkers were members of the ECHL

since 1993, winning the championship in 1996. Charlotte will be the AHL affiliate of the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes.

We also welcome the Oklahoma City Barons to the AHL. They will be affiliated with the NHL's Edmonton Oilers. The Oilers AHL franchise had

been dormant for the last few seasons.

Unfortunately, we say goodbye to the Lowell Devils. The New Jersey Devils moved the team to Albany, NY to form the Albany Devils.

Good luck to all the teams.

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## **Mission Statement**

The purpose of this organization will be:

- To promote better understanding between Booster Clubs and the American Hockey League Organization.
- To Compare and attempt to alleviate problems confronting each individual Booster Club.
- To act as a social organization for Booster Club members.

## **Submitting an Article**

To submit an article to this newsletter, please email it to [lighthouseman2@yahoo.com](mailto:lighthouseman2@yahoo.com) with "AAHLBC Newsletter" in the subject line.

**Please note: Your club must be a member of the AAHLBC in order to submit an article to this newsletter.**

**Editor: Bill Walch**

## **Convention 2010: Binghamton - Who Will Be There?**

Albany (13)  
Baltimore (2)  
Binghamton (59)  
Bridgeport (10)  
Cleveland (3)  
Grand Rapids (2)  
Halifax (1)  
Hamilton (5)  
Hershey (13)  
Lowell (12)  
Manchester (12)  
Peoria (3)

Philadelphia Firebirds (1)  
Philadelphia Phantoms (8)  
Pittsburgh (5)  
Portland (6)  
Providence (2)  
Rochester (13)  
Rockford (3)  
Springfield (3)  
Syracuse (14)  
Utica (1)  
WBS (17)  
Worcester (5)

## **Planning Ahead**

Every year, the Association of AHL Booster Club Convention moves to a different AHL city. The following is a list of the next ten cities on the Convention list and the year they are scheduled to host this event (after Binghamton).

2011 - Hershey, PA  
2012 - Cleveland, OH  
2013 - Portland, ME  
2014 - Halifax, NS, CA  
2015 - Philadelphia, PA (Firebirds)

2016 - Pittsburgh, PA  
2017 - Rochester, NY  
2018 - Springfield, MA  
2019 - Utica, NY  
2020 - Albany, NY

Please note: The convention schedule can and most likely will change as booster clubs opt out of hosting this event. That said,, this is the most current list available at the time this newsletter was published.

## **Election Results**

The Lowell Devils Booster Club held elections for the 2010-2011 season. The results are in and the winners are listed below:

**President: Dan O'Grady**

**Vice President: Jamie Sherwood**

**Treasurer: Jim Freer**

**Secretary: Karen Hicks**

**Executive Chair: Tricia Indelicato**

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The Syracuse Crunch Corps Booster Club also held elections for the 2010-2011 season. The results are as follows:

**President: Theresa Jackson**

**Vice President: Denise Farrell**

**Treasurer: Tina Swab**

**Secretary: Caitlin McConnell**

**Sergeant at Arms: Ken Zahn**

**Parliamentarian: Randy Beach**

**Membership: Ann Wasiewicz**

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The Worcester Sharks Booster Club held their elections, as well. The results are below:

**President: Rich Lundin**

**Vice President: Ernie Racine**

**Treasurer: Chris O'Shea**

**Secretary: Judi Dionne**

**Congrats to all!!!**



## 2010 AHL Booster Club Convention Trip/Activity Details

### Thursday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup>

• **Pub Crawl** — Join your fellow boosters on a journey sampling a bit of “the creature” at several local watering holes. We’ll gather in the hotel lobby at 6pm and proceed to State Street where we will visit several of the finest establishments in the downtown. Your costs are determined by what you consume - it’s pay as you go!

### Friday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup> day trips

#### • **Corning Museum Tour (self guided)- \$40 pp**

Located in the heart of the Finger Lakes region of UpState NY the Corning Museum of Glass is the world’s largest glass museum, featuring 35 centuries of glass artistry, live glass blowing demonstrations, an opportunity to make your own glass experience, and an international glass market. It is also the home of the Rakow Research Library, which is the library of record on glass and glass making, and The Studio, a highly respected glass making school. Many lunch options are available in the café.

Additional attractions located two blocks away include **The Rockwell Museum of Western Art** and the **Corning Gaffer District**. The Rockwell Museum owns the largest collection of Western and Native American art in the East. The Gaffer District is downtown Corning’s shopping and dining destination. In this historic district you’ll find busy streets, bustling stores/shops, and happening restaurants and bars. Both can be accessed by a free shuttle bus from the Corning glass museum which runs every 15 minutes on the hour.

#### • **Cooperstown Baseball Hall of Fame Tour (self guided)- \$40 pp**

The Hall of Fame Gallery serves as the centerpiece of the historic National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum and the ideal place where excellence is honored. Cooperstown also offers unique shops and gifts for those interested in Shopping. Lunch can be found at any of the many local eatery’s.

#### • **Duffer’s GOLF- \$25 pp**

Join your fellow boosters for a day of driving, slicing, and putting at one of our local 18 hole courses. Cost includes breakfast, greens fees, and cart. Departure to the course will be at 8:30am from the Hotel parking lot. Bus Transportation is not provided, so bring your own vehicle or carpool with others. Please let us know if a ride is needed.

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**Saturday Sept 11<sup>th</sup> Trips will depart following General Meeting**

• **Tioga Downs Casino-\$25 pp**

Tioga Downs Casino is one of the most inviting, entertaining and rewarding experience that the region has to offer. Here you will be able to enjoy the thrills of video gaming, simulcast betting, the up-beat atmosphere of the state of the art Sports Bar and the delight of fine food and spirits. This trip includes a \$9.99 lunch buffet voucher and a \$10 Play card.

• **Binghamton City Tour/Roberson Museum/Planetarium-\$ 9 pp**

Ride the City Trolley back in time and learn a brief history of Binghamton with a stop at the Roberson Museum and Planetarium. At the museum you will view an exhibit highlighting the history of sports in the local area. Come and see the "History of Champions". You may be surprised how many sports hero's started their careers in this upstate NY region. The tour concludes with a stop in the Planetarium where you'll gaze at stars, planets, Sun and Moon.

Lunch is not provided so chow down before we leave....Space is limited

• **Finger Lakes Winery Tour - \$35 pp**

Hop aboard our Bacchus Bus for a tasting tour of a Cayuga Lake Winery. We will depart Binghamton and make the trip to the western shore of Cayuga Lake, north of Ithaca, NY. We will spend the afternoon at the award winning Sheldrake Point Winery. Sheldrake point has a beautiful view of gardens, the lake and the vineyards. Inside we will experience wine tasting, and will have the opportunity to browse the gift shop and to purchase wine. A box lunch will be provided at the start of the trip. Once our tasting and shopping has concluded, we will head for the Taughannock Falls overlook for an amazing view of the falls and gorge (time permitting). Photo ops abound so bring your cameras.

**TRAVEL SCHEDULE (from Hotel Lobby)**

	<u>Time Departing</u>	<u>Time Returning</u>
Pub Crawl	Thurs. 6pm	TBD
Corning Glass Museum	Fri. 8:00 am	Fri. 4:30 pm
Cooperstown Baseball	Fri. 8:15 am	Fri. 4:30 pm
Duffers Golf (from parking lot)	Fri. 8:30 am	Fri. 3:00 pm
Tioga Downs Casino	Sat. 12:00 pm	Sat. 4:30 pm
Finger Lakes Winery	Sat. 12:00 pm	Sat. 5:00 pm
Binghamton City Tour	Sat. 1:00 pm	Sat. 4:00 pm

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## 2010 AHL Booster Club Convention Trip/Activity Signup Form

### Directions:

Enter Name(s), Address, and Booster Club.

Enter number attending trip/activity on the line to the left of each item..

Make Check/Money Order for total amount payable to "Binghamton Hockey Booster Club"

Send this form and payment to :

Binghamton Hockey Booster Club  
c/o Gene Wells  
21 Wilcox St.  
Binghamton, NY. 13904

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Booster Club: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return Form and Payment  
by July 15, 2010**

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2010**

- \_\_\_\_ Pub Crawl

**Friday  
Sept. 10,  
2010**

- \_\_\_\_ @ \$40 pp Corning Museum of Glass
- \_\_\_\_ @ \$40 pp Cooperstown Baseball Hall of Fame
- \_\_\_\_ @ \$25 pp Duffer's Golf      Ride needed - yes (circle) no

**Saturday  
Sept. 11,  
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- \_\_\_\_ @ \$25 pp Tioga Downs Casino
- \_\_\_\_ @ \$ 9 pp Trolley City tour/History of  
Champions/Planetarium
- \_\_\_\_ @ \$35 pp Finger Lake Winery Tour

Total \_\_\_\_\_

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