



# FACEOFF

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## BSens Boosters Attend BMets Game

Seventy-two Binghamton Senators Booster Club members joined Senator office staff at a Binghamton Mets baseball game in July. Prior to the game, everyone enjoyed a delicious picnic. It was a very hot day and the Mets were hot too, winning the game against rival Trenton Thunder, the New York Yankees affiliate.



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## AAHLBC Convention Attendees

Here is who is coming to convention: Albany (23), Baltimore (2), Binghamton (24), Bridgeport (20), Cleveland (9), Halifax (1), Hamilton (5), Hartford (3), Hershey (17), Lehigh Valley (5), Lowell (10), Manchester (17), Peoria (1), Philadelphia Firebirds (1), Philadelphia Phantoms (7), Pittsburgh (8), Portland (6), Providence (12), Rochester (14), Rockford (6), Springfield (6), Syracuse (19), Utica (1), Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (17), Worcester (4) for a total of 238 convention attendees.

Have a great time at convention!!!

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## Mission Statement

The purpose of this organization will be:

- a. To promote better understanding between Booster Clubs and the American Hockey League Organization.
- b. To Compare and attempt to alleviate problems confronting each individual Booster Club.
- c. 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**

## **Booster Club Happenings**

The **Bridgeport Sound Tiger Booster Club** served lunch at the Spooner House in July... They also attended a Bridgeport Bluefish baseball game... Also, they will participate in the Connecticut Strollathon again in September.

The **Cleveland Hockey Booster Club** sadly announced that a former CHBC scholarship recipient, Matt Shlonsky has passed away in Washington, D.C.

The **Hamilton Bulldogs Booster Club** will hold a wrap-up party for the Growl in August 23. All members received a voucher for a game of mini putt or batting cage and BBQ Buffet.

The **Hershey Bears Booster Club** participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in June.

The **Manchester Monarchs Booster Club** held a car wash fundraiser earlier in the summer... It will hold its annual summer party in August.

The **Rochester Americans Booster Club** will be celebrating the its 50th year anniversary during the 2015-2016 season. Congrats to them!!! They are also prepping to do player scrapbooks again this season.

The **Rockford IceHogs Booster Club** over the past year have raised over \$17,000.00 to support local charities. In addition, we collected peanut butter, school supplies, donated raffle baskets for fundraisers, and sent cards/plants/memorials to members, players (past and present), and hockey staff when we've known of illness or loss of a loved one.

The **San Antonio Rampage Booster Club** has 16 members participating in the 2015 Foam Glow Race.

The **Syracuse Crunch Booster** Club held its annual Clambake in July.

**Worcester Sharks Booster Club** member, Chris O'Shea's mother passed away in late June. Our thoughts and prayers to her and her family.

## **Hartford Wolfpack Booster Club President Passes**

The Hartford Wolfpack Booster Club has announce their Club President has passed away. Robert "Woody" Wood, 82, of Cheshire, beloved husband of Sandra Wood, passed away Thursday, Aug. 13, 2015 at home. He was the devoted husband for over 44 years of Sandy (Buechele) Wood. He was born Jan. 14, 1933, in New Bedford, Mass. He was the son of the late Robert and Beatrice (Hargraves) Wood.



Robert's entire life was dedicated to serving others. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy and was a veteran of the Korean War. He was one of the hardest working people you would ever meet. He worked for the Cheshire Post Office for 45 years, and Cheshire Ambulance and Campion Ambulance as an Emergency Medical Technician for over 25 years. Robert was a Life Member of the Cheshire Fire Department, providing over 50 years of service and previously held the position of secretary for Headquarters Company 1. In 1982, he received a letter of commendation for his service during a storm that resulted in severe flooding conditions. Even after retirement you couldn't slow him down. He worked at Awards of Elegance in Southington and served as President of the Hartford Wolfpack Booster Club. He was incredibly respected, admired and loved by all who met him. Robert was an avid sports fan and loved the Boston Red Sox, New England Patriots, New York Rangers, Hartford Wolfpack & NASCAR.

He will be missed by all who knew him.

Condolences to Robert's family and friends.





## 2015-16 AHL/NHL AFFILIATIONS

 ALBANY DEVILS	NEW JERSEY DEVILS 
 BAKERSFIELD CONDORS	EDMONTON OILERS 
 BINGHAMTON SENATORS	OTTAWA SENATORS 
 BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS	NEW YORK ISLANDERS 
 CHARLOTTE CHECKERS	CAROLINA HURRICANES 
 CHICAGO WOLVES	ST. LOUIS BLUES 
 GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS	DETROIT RED WINGS 
 HARTFORD WOLF PACK	NEW YORK RANGERS 
 HERSHEY BEARS	WASHINGTON CAPITALS 
 IOWA WILD	MINNESOTA WILD 
 LAKE ERIE MONSTERS	COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS 
 LEHIGH VALLEY PHANTOMS	PHILADELPHIA FLYERS 
 MANITOBA MOOSE	WINNIPEG JETS 
 MILWAUKEE ADMIRALS	NASHVILLE PREDATORS 
 ONTARIO REIGN	LOS ANGELES KINGS 
 PORTLAND PIRATES	FLORIDA PANTHERS 
 PROVIDENCE BRUINS	BOSTON BRUINS 
 ROCHESTER AMERICANS	BUFFALO SABRES 
 ROCKFORD ICEHOGS	CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS 
 ST. JOHN'S ICECAPS	MONTREAL CANADIENS 
 SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE	COLORADO AVALANCHE 
 SAN DIEGO GULLS	ANAHEIM DUCKS 
 SAN JOSE BARRACUDA	SAN JOSE SHARKS 
 SPRINGFIELD FALCONS	ARIZONA COYOTES 
 STOCKTON HEAT	CALGARY FLAMES 
 SYRACUSE CRUNCH	TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING 
 TEXAS STARS	DALLAS STARS 
 TORONTO MARLIES	TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS 
 UTICA COMETS	VANCOUVER CANUCKS 
 W-B/SCRANTON PENGUINS	PITTSBURGH PENGUINS 

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## AHL OPENING NIGHT

10.9.15



## Booster Club Election Results

### BRIDGEPORT:

2015-2016

President: Debbie Lietuvninkas  
 Vice President: Brian Jennings  
 Vice President: Eileen Sorak  
 Secretary: Lori Uilecan  
 Treasurer: Jackie Ziegler  
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 Finance Director: Al Longobricco  
 Parliamentarian: Audrey Medd  
 Convention: Michelle Krupel  
 Photos/Website: Josh Goldin  
 Celebrations: Val Sielert  
 Past Presidents: Rich Stieglitz, Jeff Krupel, Mark Novicki

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President: Michael Schmelz  
 Vice President: Paulette Kraybill  
 Treasurer: Harry Young  
 Secretary: Amy Shellehamer  
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 Trustee: Linda Campbell

### MANCHESTER:

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 Vice President: Marlene Lein  
 Treasurer: Laura Messer  
 Secretary: Judy Aikens

### NORFOLK:

President: Veronica Haran  
 Vice President: Sarah Gercke  
 Treasurer: Melissa Dilday  
 Secretary: Michelle Taylor  
 Director: Dick Strunk

### WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON:

President: Kathy Thomas  
 Vice President: RoseAnn Foy  
 Recording Secretary: Peggy Johnson  
 Treasurer: Wendy Koster  
 Corresponding Secretary: Anne Flasser  
 Membership Director: Dan Mensch  
 Past Presidents:  
 Vicki Silva, Day Williams, Ed Drozdowski, Chip Hanuscik  
 Newsletter Director: Ray Yakobitis  
 Members at Large:  
 Stew Thomas, Michelle Alters, Tom O'Malley  
 Trips: Chip Hanuscik, Stew Thomas  
 Volunteers: Geri Melovitz  
 Web Master: Paul Truman



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Please circle the convention years you would like on your DVD:

2015 Albany/Utica

2014 Pittsburgh

2013 Rochester

2012 Cleveland

2011 Hershey

2010 Binghamton

2009 Baltimore

A special 50<sup>th</sup> Convention DVD is also available for purchase.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Number of copies you are requesting @ \$15 each.**

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**\$\_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Due**

Please mail your DVD order to: Dennis Gottesman, 25 N. Lancaster St, 1<sup>st</sup> Flr, Jonestown, PA 17038

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions regarding DVD sales, you can contact Dennis Gottesman via email at [icecold061@gmail.com](mailto:icecold061@gmail.com) or by phone (717) 991-2037.

**PLEASE DO NOT MAIL CASH!!!**