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## Hershey Bears BC holds 2014 Broomball for Autism

From Bear Facts,  
Hershey BC Newsletter

The morning after the Bears were officially eliminated from playoff contention, a group of Booster Club members and local personalities from radio, TV & the print media combined to bring some happiness back to Central Pennsylvania. The Bears Booster Club's broomball team held its 3rd annual "Autism for Broomball" event at Klick-Lewis Arena in Annville. This year's festivities featured a number of new players for the celebrities, and the new and returning players all had a great time.



returnees like Tim Leone, Tom Flynn and "Puff" from 93.5 FM mixing with newcomers like Valerie Pritchett, Rebecca Solomon, and Puff's morning partner, Sami. The blending of new and returning people along with the Booster Club members made for some lively times on ice. When the games ended, it was time for the raffles.

Of course, the reason all these people had shown up was to raise money and awareness in the fight against Autism, and to a large

extent, it was mission accomplished. In publicizing the event, the radio, TV and print coverage promoted not just the club but the cause we were taking up with the help of our friends.

It aided our cause that a number of the personalities taking part in our event have family or friends of their own who have been impacted by this disease. As a number of our own players have also dealt with Autism, the event resonates as much, if not more, than any charity event we do.

When all was said and done, a total of \$1,961 was raised at the event. This will be added to what remains of our

During the morning hours, a number of the broomball players and supporters had been hard at work setting up the raffles, the tables and the locker rooms. Other players and the local celebs who had agreed to play trickled in and were given their jerseys, equipment and locker room and team assignments. While the games were going on, players not involved in the current game mixed with spectators to chat, get photos and to purchase raffle tickets for the approximately 40 packages available. There was even a celebrities-only game, which many people said was the most entertaining of the day!

There was a nice mix among the celebrity turnout, with

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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.

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sponsorships, outside donations, T-shirt sales, and other ancillary money. At that point, a final total we hope to see in the mid-to-upper \$2,000 mark will go to the Autism Society of Harrisburg.

There are so many people to thank for an event like this: Our corporate sponsors, including:

**Title Sponsor:** PA Central Federal Credit Union;

**Team Sponsors:** NHS Services, New Story Children's Services & Barcrawlers Entertainment;

**Associate Sponsors:** Michelle Livingston, Fairview Golf Course & A & M Pizza in Campbelltown; to Klick Lewis, who donated 50% of the ice time fee; to Baltimore Broomball Club, who supplied the equipment used by our celebrities; to all those celebrities who took time out from their schedules (some on extremely short notice) to join us and who granted us air time to discuss the event; to the off-ice personnel who worked the doors, sold raffle tickets, guided people through the maze of prizes and activities, and to our staff photographer, Dennis Gottesman, who along with Janelle Rebman, took the photos you see here.



2014 Celebrity Participants

Tim Leone & Tom Flynn chatting between games



Team NHS Jersey, Autographed by the celebrities and raffled off



## Leaders of the Pack

### **Manchester Monarchs Booster Club**

**President** - Dan O'Grady

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## Monarchs Boosters Hold Summer Party

The Manchester Monarchs booster Club held its annual Summer Party. Over 50 members had signed up to participate in this summer celebration. We once again invaded the Gagnon family compound in Manchester for a day of getting together and having fun!

The tents were out for shade and people starting gathering after noontime. Everyone brought something to eat for the party. There were some great appetizers, side dishes and delicious desserts. One of the popular items back again this year were Yvon Gagnon's homemade French fries made onsite. Always delicious!!! There was plenty of food and drinks for everyone.

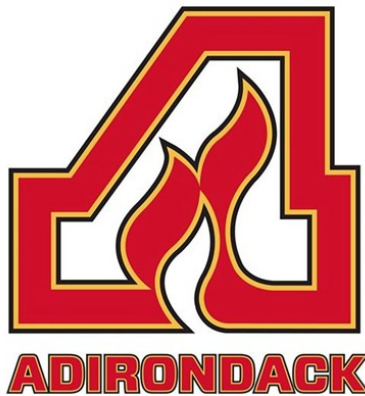
MMBC members had a great time socializing at this gathering, having some fun and good conversation! There was some good competition going on over at the bean bag toss area. It was all good fun and no penalties were given out! The pool was also put to good use by some of the people, always a nice thing on a summer day. There was more than enough food, conversation and activities for everyone in attendance!!!

The raffle tables were loaded with some really great items, most of it was hockey related. There were some great autographed memorabilia, as well as Monarchs At Your Service items. MMBC Members that had accumulated Booster Bucks throughout the year were able to use them in a separate raffle just for that purpose. There were some great things in both raffles, as well as, the separate raffle that included the nice autographed Monarchs photo frame. We also had some fun door prizes that some members received.

I think all in all it was a great event for everyone that was in attendance! It is nice to see us come together as a group to have a fun afternoon. Thank you to each of you for some great fun and laughs, I hope that each of you had a blast!!!

Thanks to the entire Gagnon family for the use of you compound.

## Team Relocations for 2014



Replacing the Phantoms in Glens Falls will be the Abbotsford Heat. The heat become Adirondack Flames. They will play in the Glens Falls Civic Center

At the end of the 2013-2014 season, two teams were on the move. The Adirondack Phantoms have relocated to Allentown, Pennsylvania to become the Lehigh Valley Phantoms. They will play in the brand spanking new PPL Center smack dab in downtown Allentown.

