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## BSTBC participates in CT Strollathon

We had a beautiful morning at Camp Harkness in Waterford. Our star, Julia was smiling and laughing and enjoyed being the center of attention. Family and friends of girls who have Rett were supported by many who came and walked along the magnificent beach. Please read below a message from Andrea who helped organize the event.



"Thank you just doesn't seem to fit how thankful I truly am for the Bridgeport Sound Tigers Booster Club! It was absolutely a blessing to have you there, and you were my first corporate sponsor and I will always have a special place in my heart for all of you. You are an amazing group of dedicated, caring people". Melissa Ortiz



## We're Baaaaaack!!!



Just like the AHL, the Portland Professional Hockey Booster Club is back in action!!!

The club called a meeting on October 4th and voted to be reinstated the club to an active status with the State of Maine. Jim Clukey will fill the group's top spot as president.

The club had previously been inactive for two seasons. They will sell 50/50 and chuck-a-pucks at home games.

The PPHBC's first event was hosting a Holiday Party with the team on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Members had the opportunity to mingle with the team.

You can find them on Facebook by searching for "Portland Professional Hockey Booster Club".

If your club will be traveling to Portland for a game, our booster club table is located in the front lobby area right behind the Cross Arena Box Office.

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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.**

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## **Coming to an arena near you!**



The following is a list of cities booster clubs are planning bus trips to and the dates they are planning to be in town.

### **Allentown**

December 19 - Hershey  
January 30 - Hershey  
February 28 - Binghamton  
April 19 - W-B/Scranton

### **Bridgeport**

February 8 - W-B/Scranton  
March 22 - Binghamton  
April 10/11 - Manchester (1 night)

### **Hartford**

March 7 - Hershey

### **Hershey**

January 31 - Syracuse

### **Manchester**

January 9/10 - Binghamton (2 nights)  
March 6/7 - W-B/Scranton (2 games)

### **Norfolk**

April 3/4 - Hershey - 2 nights

### **Pittsburgh**

January 3 - W-B/Scranton

### **Portland**

March 18, 19, 20 & 21 - Hershey (2 games) - 4 Nights Hampton Inn @ Maine Mall

April 11, 12 & 13 - W-B/Scranton (2 games)

### **Providence**

January 18 - W-B/Scranton  
March 6 - Hershey

### **Springfield**

March 8 - W-B/Scranton

### **Worcester**

January 9 - Binghamton  
January 17 - W-B/Scranton  
March 18 - Hershey

### **Wilkes-Barre/Scranton**

December 31 - Hershey - Overnight

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The information provided here is just informational. All trips are tentative and may not happen. Please contact the traveling booster club for final trip plans, if needed.



**The San Antonio Rampage Booster Club at a membership meeting.**



## Rosters announced for 2015 AHL All-Star Classic

From AHL Insider Email Release. Player stats that were included in the original release have been removed due to space constraints.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass.

The American Hockey League announced the All-Star rosters for the **2015 AHL All-Star Classic presented by Turning Stone Resort Casino**, to take place Jan. 25-26 in Utica, N.Y.

Each team comprises 23 players: 12 forwards, eight defensemen and three goaltenders. Rosters were determined by committees of AHL coaches, and all 30 AHL teams are represented by at least one All-Star.

The 2015 squads feature 34 first-time AHL All-Stars, eight rookies and 18 former first- and second-round draft choices, including standouts David Pastrnak of the Providence Bruins, Ryan Pulock of the Bridgeport Sound Tigers, Ty Rattie of the Chicago Wolves, Derrick Pouliot of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins and Jacob Markstrom of the host Utica Comets. In addition, 17 of the All-Stars named have appeared in the National Hockey League already this season.

Utica's Travis Green and Chicago's John Anderson will coach the Western Conference All-Star team; Mike Stothers of the Manchester Monarchs and Roy Sommer of the Worcester Sharks will guide the Eastern Conference club. Fans will have the opportunity to vote for the starting lineups for the 2015 AHL All-Star Game via official CCM AHL All-Star Fan Balloting. Details will be announced soon.

A very limited number of tickets remain available for the 2015 AHL All-Star Classic presented by Turning Stone Resort Casino. They can be purchased in person at the Utica Memorial Auditorium box office (10-4 ET), by phone at 800-693-8000 or online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Tickets for the two-day event are priced as low as \$69 and include admission to both the All-Star Skills Competition at 8 p.m. on Jan. 25 and the All-Star Game at 7 p.m. on Jan. 26.

The 2015 AHL All-Star Classic presented by Turning Stone Resort Casino will feature the top young talent in the American Hockey League: Of the 644 players to take part in the AHL All-Star Classic since 1995, more than 94 percent have competed in the National Hockey League, including Patrice Bergeron, Ben Bishop, Ryan Callahan, Zdeno Chara, Logan Couture, Jimmy Howard, Chris Kunitz, Ryan Miller, Gustav Nyquist, Zach Parise, Tuukka Rask, Pekka Rinne, Bobby Ryan, Martin St. Louis, Cory Schneider, Patrick Sharp, Jason Spezza, Eric Staal and P.K. Subban.

### 2015 Eastern Conference AHL All-Stars

**Note: Number of appearances in parenthesis**

G Anton Forsberg, Springfield Falcons (1st)  
G Connor Hellebuyck, St. John's IceCaps (1st)  
G Jeff Zatkoff, Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins (2nd)  
D Austin Madaisky, Springfield Falcons (1st)  
D Brandon Manning, Lehigh Valley Phantoms (2nd)  
D Colin Miller, Manchester Monarchs (1st)  
D Nikita Nesterov, Syracuse Crunch (1st)  
D Derrick Pouliot, Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins (1st)  
D Ryan Pulock, Bridgeport Sound Tigers (1st)  
D Matt Taormina, Worcester Sharks (1st)  
D Chris Wideman, Binghamton Senators (1st)  
F Alexandre Bolduc, Portland Pirates (1st)  
F Chris Bourque, Hartford Wolf Pack (3rd)  
F Tim Kennedy, Hershey Bears (1st)  
F Alexander Khokhlachev, Providence Bruins (1st)  
F Tom Kostopoulos ("C"), Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins (2nd)  
F Vladislav Namestnikov, Syracuse Crunch (1st)  
F Brian O'Neill, Manchester Monarchs (1st)  
F David Pastrnak, Providence Bruins (1st)  
F Nick Shore, Manchester Monarchs (1st)  
F Chris Wagner, Norfolk Admirals (1st)  
F Jordan Weal, Manchester Monarchs (1st)  
F Joe Whitney, Albany Devils (2nd)

Coach: Mike Stothers, Manchester Monarchs (3rd)

Coach: Roy Sommer, Worcester Sharks (2nd)

### 2015 Western Conference AHL All-Stars

**Note: Number of appearances in parenthesis**

G Magnus Hellberg, Milwaukee Admirals (1st)  
G Jacob Markstrom, Utica Comets (1st)  
G Joni Ortio, Adirondack Flames (1st)  
D T.J. Brennan, Rockford IceHogs (2nd)  
D Matt Dumba, Iowa Wild (1st)  
D Stefan Elliott, Lake Erie Monsters (1st)  
D Maxime Fortunus ("C"), Texas Stars (1st)  
D Brad Hunt, Oklahoma City Barons (2nd)  
D Ryan Murphy, Charlotte Checkers (1st)  
D Xavier Ouellet, Grand Rapids Griffins (1st)  
D Bobby Sanguinetti, Utica Comets (3rd)  
F Connor Brown, Toronto Marlies (1st)  
F Bobby Butler, San Antonio Rampage (3rd)  
F Charles Hudon, Hamilton Bulldogs (1st)  
F Anton Lander, Oklahoma City Barons (1st)  
F Travis Morin, Texas Stars (2nd)  
F Joakim Nordstrom, Rockford IceHogs (1st)  
F Cal O'Reilly, Utica Comets (3rd)  
F Emile Poirier, Adirondack Flames (1st)  
F Teemu Pulkkinen, Grand Rapids Griffins (1st)  
F Ty Rattie, Chicago Wolves (1st)  
F Drew Shore, San Antonio Rampage (2nd)  
F Phil Varone, Rochester Americans (1st)

Coach: Travis Green, Utica Comets (1st)

Coach: John Anderson, Chicago Wolves (2nd)

## Booster Club Happenings

The **ALBANY DEVILS BOOSTER CLUB** supported their team by supplying the guys with sweet treats on the bus before they left for a road trip.

The **BINGHAMTON SENATORS BOOSTER CLUB** will be putting together Christmas Cookie Boxes for their team. They will host "Christmas with the BSens" on December 9th.

The **HERSHEY BEARS BOOSTER CLUB** will hold its Children's Christmas Party on December 14<sup>th</sup>. The HBBC will also hold an appreciation Banquet on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

The **MANCHESTER MONARCHS BOOSTER CLUB** launched a redesigned website this season. The group hired Speedy Green to overhaul the site and they did an exceptional job. The site can be updated easily. Also, the MMBC adopted 2 children from the Operation Santa program and made sure they each had a good Christmas. Coming up, the MMBC will hold its annual Holiday Party on January 11.

The **ROCKFORD ICEHOGS BOOSTER CLUB** has been busy. They sold 195 pies for Thanksgiving, with proceeds going to Relay For Life Winnebago-County. The RIBC also sold teddy bears at the IceHogs annual Teddy Bear Toss game. All proceeds from bear sales went towards funding Adopt An Angel and any teddy bears not sold were donated to Rockford IceHogs' Annual Toy Drive!

The **SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE BOOSTER CLUB** recently held a roller skating party. They will be taking a road trip to Oklahoma City, OK later in December.

The **SYRACUSE CRUNCH CORPS BOOSTER CLUB** donated 25 tickets for the Frozen Dome game to military families.

The **WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON PENGUINS BOOSTER CLUB** created welcome bags for players. Please don't forget that we need donations for the welcome bags for the players. The Pens Boosters also filled cookie tins with Christmas cookies for the team.

## Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Pens Boosters Deck the Halls



The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Booster Club participated in the Parade of Trees at The Grotto, Harveys Lake, in support of Pathways. Grotto customers vote by making a monetary donation to the tree decide is the best decorated. The three trees raising the most money share additional donations from the pool of entry fees paid by participants.

Top 3 were (1) Meadows Manor for Jackie Mazur (Four Diamonds Hershey Medical Center), (2) Reilly Finishing Technologies (Ava Kurilla Fund), and (3) H & R Block (David's Coffee House).

The event is held every year at Grotto Pizza in Harveys Lake, and features Christmas trees sponsored by businesses that support local charities. The cost of sponsoring a tree is \$150 - half of this fee goes to the charity of their choice, and the other half goes into the prize pool. This year's event raised a record \$24,259, besting their previous record, which was about \$17,000. Since this event began, it has raised over \$165,000. A total of 25 businesses/organizations participated in this years event. Congrats to all who participated. There are no losers here. It is a win for all involved, especially the charities for which each sponsor work so hard for.



## Lending Each Other a Hand

The Rockford IceHogs Booster Club was selling raffle tickets and merchandise at their game table. Helping out by making purchases were members of the Chicago Wolves Booster Club and members of the Milwaukee Admirals Crew Booster Club. Thanks to those visiting booster clubs and IceHogs fans in attendance, the RIBC was able to raise funds for purchasing presents for the 85 residents of Asta Care Nursing Home and 40 children thru Adopt An Angel. Know that you've helped put a little joy in someone's life who might otherwise have felt forgotten at this time of year!!



## Congrats!!!

Congratulations to Noelle & Gerry Clark of the Manchester Monarchs Booster Club on the birth of their daughter, Lorelei Morgan Clark (Oct 15).

