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Portland Holds "March to the Playoffs" Party

By Kathy Hooper, PPHBC...

On March 15th, the Portland Professional Hockey Booster Club held an end of season party, dubbed the "March to the Playoffs" party.

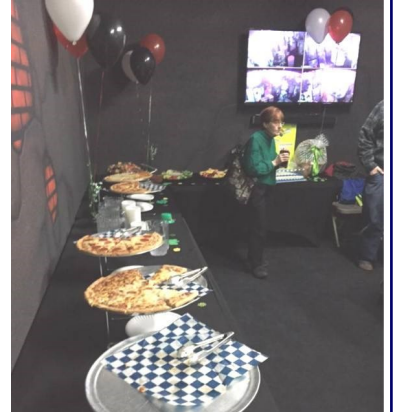
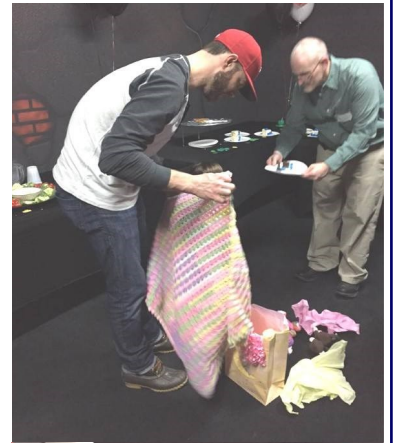
This year, we changed it up a bit. Instead of a banquet, we hosted a real party at Spare Time Lanes and Arcade. The entire Pirates team was invited to join the booster club for an evening of fun.

Although we couldn't bowl (it was league night), we did have the whole arcade and laser tag room. Each attendee was given a \$5 card to use on any arcade game. The laser tag room was a popular spot. The players seemed to enjoy it the most.

At the end of the evening, the PPHBC held drawings for many prizes and many people went home happy.

There was plenty of food. The all you can eat buffet had items like pizza, chicken, nachos, meatballs, fruit platters, and of course, cake.

The event was well attended...approximately 60 people made it out to the party. Thanks to all who came out to this event.



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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 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

Bruins Fan Club Hits the Road, Receives Award

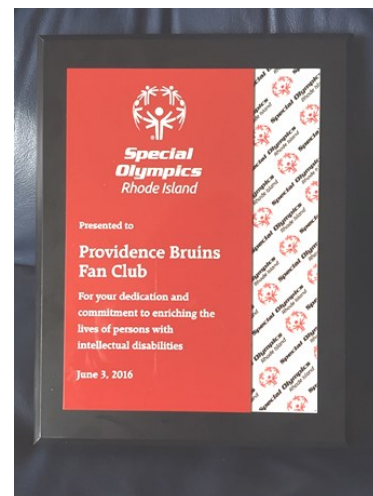
By Jeff Florio, PBFC...

The PBFC recently had the pleasure to follow the Providence Bruins as they traveled to Toronto and Rochester. Having left on Friday morning, and traveling for most of the day, we arrived on Friday evening and checked into the Sheraton/Downtown Toronto. After a good night's rest, it was off to breakfast and the Hockey Hall of Fame for the day. For most, it was a first, as well as a first to visit the RICOH Center and the HOF. After defeating the Marlies for the second time in a week, it was off to Rochester after meeting with the "boys" for congratulations after the game. After spending the night in Rochester and having breakfast, we were treated by the Rochester Americans Booster Club and some "family" hospitality, before a 5pm game. After another win, it was the usual post game human tunnel for high-5's while boarding the bus. After leaving Rochester and heading home, we stopped in an Albany rest stop, only to have the team bus pull in behind us...and another round of applause ensued. A big "Thank You" to the Toronto and Rochester fans for a "Fan"-tastic time.



On June 3rd, was a "Special" night for the PBFC. They were presented with the "Inspire Greatness" award, presented by Special Olympics Rhode Island's President Dennis Dejesus. I would like to thank my fellow Executive Board members and members of our Steak Fry Committee for joining me tonight. I would also like to thank all of our members who supported our Annual Steak Fry, as well as, all of those people and companies that donated to make this all possible.

A special thanks to the Providence Bruins hockey organization for their continued support. Rhode Island Special Olympics is one of two local charities that are supported by the Providence Bruins Fan Club's Annual Steak Fry. Our relationship over the last three years has gotten stronger and stronger as we continue our community service efforts.



Booster Club Happenings

The **Binghamton Senators Booster Club** named its 2015-2016 Booster Club Member of the year. Congratulations to Dick Dingleberry.



The **Cleveland Hockey Booster Club** traveled to Chicago to watch their Monsters take Chicago Wolves on April 2nd.



The **Lehigh Valley Phantoms Phan Club** named their 2015-2016 Phan Club Player of the Year. Congratulations to Phantoms player Anthony Stolarz for winning the Phan Club's inaugural award.



The **Manchester Monarchs Booster Club** held its bowlathon on March 20th. All proceeds benefitted the MMBC's Jennifer Kemp Memorial Scholarship Fund.



The **Providence Bruins Fan Club** held its annual "Steak Fry" at Jerry Remy's in Fall River, MA.



Steak Fry Donations!

Total Raised: \$10,200



The **Syracuse Crunch Corps Booster Club** held its "Meet the Players" party on March 9th at the Doubletree by Hilton in Syracuse.

It's That Time ! **The 2016 AAHLBC Convention**

(PLEASE NOTE - ALL THIS INFORMATION SHOULD NOT GO OUT TO YOUR MEMBERS - ONLY WHAT PERTAINS TO THE CONVENTION ITSELF -BOOSTER CLUB INFORMATION SHOULD NOT GO OUT TO YOUR MEMBERS)

The 52nd Annual Association of American Hockey League Booster Clubs Convention will be held at the Sheraton Hotel at Bradley Airport in Windsor Locks, Ct. on September 9th – 11th, 2016 **hosted by**
The Springfield Falcons Booster Club

The prices for this year's Convention are: (US FUNDS)
QUAD \$200 per person TRIPLE \$210 per person
DOUBLE \$245 per person SINGLE \$360 per person
Extra nights are \$102.35 inclusive of taxes per room US
Early arrival discount rates are available for Sept. 6th, 7th, 8th and 11th
-Room Tax is included in the above prices -

The above prices are PER PERSON for the COMPLETE weekend including the evening meals on Friday and Saturday and Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

The hotel has a large attached parking garage (15 Passenger Vans OK) , and there is no charge for parking

***A NON-REFUNDABLE** deposit of \$50 (U.S. funds), per person attending the convention is required by

March 31, 2016 with the BALANCE due by **JUNE 30, 2016**.

Earlier due dates are because we are trying to get everything done during the hockey season

LATE PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED THIS YEAR.

NO PAY, NO GO, NO EXCEPTIONS

- ALL CANCELLATIONS MADE PRIOR TO **AUGUST 1st, 2016** WILL RECEIVE A REFUND. **NO REFUNDS** WILL BE MADE AFTER THAT DATE ACCORDING TO OUR BY-LAWS. ANY REFUND WILL BE MINUS THE \$50.00 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT. (EXECUTIVE BOARD DISCRETION ON SPECIAL CASES)

ALL CHECKS ARE TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO **AAHLBC**. Please mail one check per club. Send check along with the DEPOSIT FORM to:

Chris O'Shea 80 Farrar Ave. Worcester, Ma. 01604

DEPOSITS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 31st, 2016

BALANCE DUE BY JUNE 30th, 2016.

No Exceptions, No Pay, No Go

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please publish the above information so your members will have an idea what is planned. At this time I would like you to return the form listing the convention contact for your club. This will allow me to keep in touch with the convention organizer from each club. I will send a complete rooming list to your convention organizer as deposits are sent.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO ADVERTISE OUR CONVENTION FROM THIS POINT ON.

CONVENTION CONTACT FORM IS DUE A.S.A.P.

Registration Forms and Deposit Sheets will be mailed/e-mailed shortly

PLEASE INFORM THEM: NO MONEY IS DUE AT THIS TIME.

Your club sets its own date for the DEPOSIT and BALANCE DUE.

Arrangements for early arrival or late departure should be made online at the following link (hold CONTROL and CLICK on the link) Association of American Hockey League or directly with the hotel. Please call

1 (800) 325-3535 or 1-860-627-5311 (Directly to the Hotel) and ask for the "Association of

American Hockey League Rate" for the preferred Convention rate for Tue., Wed., Thur. arrivals.

Deadline for early room reservations is August 24th, 2016

EARLY ARRIVALS PAID BY THE INDIVIDUAL. THIS COST NOT INCLUDED WITH THE CONVENTION PRICE

For Additional Information or Questions Call

Chip Hanuscik

498 Gaughan Ct.

Archbald, PA 18403

570-876-6701

I WILL GLADLY ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS AND FUTURE CONVENTIONS

ONE APPLICATION PER **ROOM** - PLEASE PRINT...

- 2016 - AAHLBC REGISTRATION FORM -

Day You Will Arrive:

VERY IMPORTANT (PLEASE CIRCLE)

WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

Room Information VERY IMPORTANT

Circle Appropriate Choice

NUMBER OF BEDS: 1 2

HANDICAPPED: YES NO

- The hotel has limited handicapped rooms.

AVAILABILITY IS NOT GUARANTEED.

IF ARRIVING BY AIR

Arrival Day: Time:

BOOSTER CLUB

1. LAST NAME: FIRST NAME

PLEASE NOTE: PRINT YOUR NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAME BADGE!

STREET: CITY:

STATE or PROVINCE: ZIP or POSTAL CODE:

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SATURDAY EVENING MEAL SELECTION

(Choose one meal for each person on this sheet)

Prime Angus Sirloin

Tuscanny Chicken

Buttercrumb Crusted Cod

Juliened sirloin steak

Zested lemon parmesan encrusted chicken

Served with a lemon garlic beurre monte

Vegetarian Offering: Ratatouille Stuffed Eggplant, with pepperonata coulis

Baby Spinach salad w/ pecans, (Maple glazed sweet potatoes w/ steak and /chicken, wild rice pilaf w/fish), Rolls & Butter, Dessert, Coffee, Tea

Note: EARLY ARRIVAL NIGHTS SHOULD BE HANDLED DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL AND PAID FOR SEPARTLEY Sheraton Hotel at Bradley Airport (Online reservations link available through AAHLBC.ORG, "Convention" tab)

PHONE NUMBER FOR EXTRA NIGHTS: 1-800-325-3535 or 860-627-5311 (Directly to the Hotel)

When making reservations mention rate code "ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE"

Prices Are \$102.35 PER ROOM (Rates Include Tax) parking is free in onsite parking structure-