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Albany Devils Boosters Hold Annual Bowlathon



From The Flame

The Albany Devils Booster Club held its annual Bowlathon recently. It was held a bit earlier than normal, but still a rousing Success. All of the players and coaches joined us for a fun day on the lanes. They teamed up with kids from Bethlehem Youth Hockey Squirt B team and we were able to present the kids with a check for \$1,250 as a result of the efforts of the kids and our members in securing pledges. They had over 30 raffle prizes, a 50/50 and even a bake sale.

Newtown, CT Bracelets Still Available

The Bridgeport Sound Tigers Booster Club is following in the footsteps of the home team by showing support for the Sandy Hook Elementary School victims and families, as well as, the community of Newtown, CT.

The BSTBC is selling bracelets designed by a Sandy Hook resident for \$5 each. The green and white are inscribed with the words "Angels of Sandy Hook" and "Faith Hope Love" with hearts and angel wings sketched around them. One hundred percent of the proceeds will be donated to the Sandy Hook School Support Fund through the Newtown Savings Bank and the United Way.

For more information, contact Deb Lietuvninkas at debbie1@hotmail.com.

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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

Booster Club Happenings

The **Binghamton Senators Booster Club** will hold its Booster Club Player Awards Banquet on April 16th.

The **Bridgeport Sound Tigers Booster Club** is in the planning stage for their Awards Banquet. A final date has not been chosen.

The **Chicago Wolves Booster Club** will be participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

The **Hamilton Bulldogs Growl Booster Club** will hold its 7th annual BBQ, as well as, its 7th annual Golf Tournament. New this year, they will hold a mini golf tournament. All events will take place on June 23.

The **Hershey Bears Booster Club** will be represented in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life this June, marking our 16th year of participation...The HBBC recently held their annual Food Bank Night. They collected 272 pounds of non-perishable food items, \$306.50 in cash donations, and \$45.00 in Giant gift cards.

The **Manchester Monarchs Booster Club** recently held its annual bowlathon benefitting the MMBC's Jennifer Kemp Memorial Hockey Scholarship Fund.

The **Providence Bruins Fan Club** recently help its annual Steak Fry. Dinner included Prime Rib, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Bread/Butter, Coffee, and Dessert. A silent auction was also held at the event.

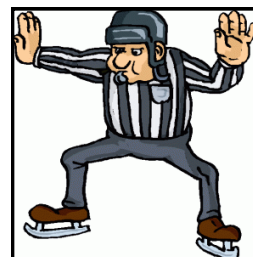
The **Rochester Americans Booster Club** made monetary donations to the Pittsford hockey team, the Webster youth hockey team, the MCYH 16U AA Midget hockey team, the Arc Foundation of Monroe, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Rochester, NY, and the Ba-den Street Settlement.

The **Worcester Sharks Booster Club** will hold its annual Awards Banquet on April 10th...The WSBC will be participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in June.

Tit for Tat

Members of the Syracuse Crunch Booster Club attended a Crunch game in Albany (right).

Members of the Albany Devils Booster Club invaded Syracuse to attend a Devils game (below).



Syracuse Crunch Boosters Serve It Up



The Syracuse Crunch Booster Club takes to the kitchen every third Sunday of each month at the Central New York Ronald McDonald House.

This is where "Chef" Rich Maracle whips up his breakfast creations.

The Crunch Booster Club sponsors this breakfast.



Connecticut Whale Boosters Hold Appreciation Banquet



The Connecticut Whale Booster Club held its annual Appreciation Dinner!!! There were many prizes, awards, raffles, players, scrap books and good food!!! Sandy Wood and Jennifer Ryan were recognized for their hard work at getting this event together. The Appreciation Dinner was a huge success.

Congrats to all the players who won awards, as well as all the others for coming. You made it a spectacular evening!



Broomball Tournament

The Association of AHL Booster Clubs Broomball Tournament will be hosted by the Providence Bruins Fan Club on July 20, 2013. This will be the 30th edition of this tournament. The tournament will be held at the Smithfield Municipal Ice Rink, 109 Pleasant View Avenue, Smithfield, RI. The first game will start at 7:00 AM.



Convention Letter #1

Letter #1 February 2013

It's That Time ! **The 2013 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 49th an Hockey League Booster Clubs Convention will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Rochester, NY on
September 5th – 8th, 2013 hosted by
The Rochester Americans Booster Club

The prices for this year's Convention are: (US FUNDS)
QUAD \$170.per person TRIPLE \$185.per person
DOUBLE \$225.per person SINGLE \$340. per person
Extra nights are \$101.46 inclusive of taxes per room US
Early arrival discount rates are available for Sept. 4th, 5th & 9th
-Room Tax and parking in a ground lot 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.

**Parking for cars is included in the above prices. Parking is in a ground lot at the hotel.
Bus Parking is free.**

***A NON-REFUNDABLE** deposit of \$50 (U.S. funds), per person attending the convention is required by
March 31, 2013 with the BALANCE due by **JUNE 30, 2013**.

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, 2013** 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, 2013

BALANCE DUE BY JUNE 30th, 2013.

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 enclosed 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.

Any Club Contact changes can be directly submitted to our website: www.aahlbc.org

Registration Forms and Deposit Sheets will be emailed to the Club contact

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 directly with the hotel. Please call **1-800-222-TREE (8733)** (Doubletree Reservations) or **1-585-613-9586** (Directly to the Hotel) and ask for the rate code **"HLB"** for the preferred **AAHLBC Convention rate for Wed. or Thur. arrivals.**

A link is to the hotel, for early arrivals, is also listed on the AAHLBC Website to book early arrival rooms on line. Deadline for early room reservations is **August 6th, 2013**

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

For Additional Information or Questions Call

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I WILL GLADLY ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS AND FUTURE CONVENTIONS

For more convention information, visit the association website at www.aahlbc.org.