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Hershey strikes it rich, wins 2011 AHL Broomball Tournament



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On July 9, 2011, AHL broomball teams from Hershey, Manchester, Philadelphia, Syracuse, Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, Worcester converged at the Cicero Twin Rinks facility in Cicero, NY. Entering the competition, Philadelphia had won the last five tournament championships.

Both Philadelphia and Manchester secured first round byes. W-B/Scranton (#4) took on Hershey (#5) in round one of the playoffs, which Hershey won a close game, 1-0. Worcester (#3) played host Syracuse (#6). Worcester ended up beating 'Cuse in another close game, 1-0.

Each team played 5 games in the round robin round, then the teams were seeded from 1-6. Records in round robin play were as follows:

Hershey (#5) won the task of taking on defending champion Philadelphia...in a rematch of the 2010 Finals. This time, Hershey was able to stun the champions by a score of 1-0, in a game that was decided in double overtime.

Manchester (#2) played New England rival Worcester (#3). Like the other playoff games, the final score ended up 1-0, in favor of Manchester.

On to the Championship game...pitting Manchester (#2) against Hershey (#5). Craig Blatt scored the only goal of the game, giving Hershey their first championship. As for Manchester, it was the first time they placed higher than 4th place in the tournament.

TEAM	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Philadelphia	5	0	0	9	1	10
Manchester	3	1	1	5	1	7
Worcester	3	2	0	5	5	6
W-B/Scranton	2	3	0	3	6	4
Hershey	1	3	1	2	5	3
Syracuse	0	5	0	2	8	0

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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 annual picnic on Sunday, August 21!!

The **Chicago Wolves Booster Club** will hold club elections at their next meeting on August 16... The Wolfpack will travel to Wolf-toberfest on September 24th & 25th in New Glarus, WI. They will carpool to the New Glarus Brewery for a tour, then head downtown for the annual Oktoberfest celebration.

The **Connecticut Whale Booster Club** unveiled a new booster club logo.



The **Hershey Bears Booster Club** will hold its Summer Picnic on August 28 at HM Levitz Park in Grantville, PA.

The **Lowell Devils Booster Club** will hold its final general membership meeting on October 3 before ceasing operations.

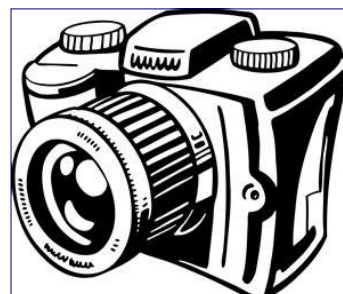
The **Rochester Americans Booster Club** will have a new Ways and Means Committee leader as of October 1st. Karen Hutchinson will move on and Sherry Petta will take over.

The **Rockford Icehogs Booster Club** has selected "The Kid's Place" as their August Charity of the month. They are looking for baby dolls, jumbo legos, DVD player & kid DVDs, new stuffed animals, toy cars & trucks, toddler clothes, (pants 2T, 3T, 4T) socks, books, puzzles, board games and gently used blankets. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact them at rockfordicehogsboosterclub@gmail.com.

The **Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins Booster Club** will hold a summer outing at a Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees baseball game on August 26. They will enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet featuring hot dogs, hamburgers and chicken sandwiches, as well as unlimited soda and water.

Convention Photo Contest

The September issue of Face Off will have complete details of the 2011 Convention Photo Contest.



AAHLBC Convention Side Notes

230 people signed up at this point – more than the last couple of years. Many plan to arrive on Wednesday or Thursday...

We still need a couple clubs to volunteer to host a hospitality room. Hershey will be hosting Friday night, so there is still a need for hosts on Thursday & Saturday nights. Two clubs can go together if it makes things easier. Please contact Melinda Hardy at mharty@valspar.com if your club would like to volunteer.

Here is the link to the hotel to make your reservations for the extra nights. Extra night reservations must be made by **August 16, 2011**:

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=1011100452&key=D6F31>

Convention Attendees

Albany - 16
Baltimore - 2
Binghamton - 36
Bridgeport - 16
Chicago - 1
Cleveland - 5
Connecticut - 3
Halifax - 1
Hamilton - 7
Hershey - 22
Lowell - 10
Manchester - 13
Peoria - 3
Philadelphia Firebirds - 1
Philadelphia Phantoms - 8
Pittsburgh - 7
Portland - 4
Providence - 5
Rochester - 18
Rockford - 4
Springfield - 6
Syracuse - 18
Utica - 1
Wilkes-Barre/Scranton - 15
Worcester - 8

Total Attendees as of May 30 is 230.

There will be 22 rookies in attendance :-)

Convention 2011 - things you need to know

The following is a letter from Convention Chair, Melinda Harty:

Hello Everyone:

As we are heading into the home stretch for convention – just a couple of notes..

First an apology to all the smokers – I was just told by the hotel that it is non-smoking. If had known sooner – I would have passed that information along to everyone.

Next, if you are arriving early – please make your reservations by Tuesday, August 16, 2011. A number of people have not done this...I found out when I was matching rooming lists with the hotel.

Shirt and pin orders must be into Chris by Saturday – August 13th! We have to provide numbers to the company in order to have the shirts by convention.

Below is information concerning the Convention Charity:



OPERATION HOMEFRONT
PENNSYLVANIA/DELAWARE

The Hershey Bears Booster Club has chosen **Operation Homefront** as our Host Charity for the 2011 Convention. **Operation Homefront** supports all branches of the military. Please check out their website to see what they accomplish:

<http://www.operationhomefront.net/pade>

Checks can be made payable to "**Operation Homefront of PA & DE**."

Hershey is working hard to make our stay in their city an enjoyable one!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our "Family Reunion"

Melinda

