

The Tip of the Iceberg



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President's Thoughts

This playoff season has been very different for me. I've only missed one home game since opening night, except for this year. Now, because of health concerns, I've made it to only one playoff game this year. I appreciate all of you who have sent get well cards and remembering me in your prayers. With the recent medical complications, I realized I needed to change my life priorities. Because of this, I feel I cannot continue to devote my time to the club. At the board meeting on May 19th, I verbally gave my intention to resign my presidency at the conclusion of May's general meeting.

I want to thank everyone for all the support that has been given to me and the booster club.

Day

Volunteer Report:

I'd like to thank ***all volunteers*** who have helped to distribute the giveaways at either pre/post-game times to make this year successful again! In appreciation for all the hard work and commitment, the Pens organization again this year provided a party box at a playoff game with goodies for the following volunteers:

Each volunteer who committed time for 30-39 games received their choice of a

Penguin stained glass lamp, an authentic St. Patrick's Day jersey, or an authentic Skills Competition jersey. They are: Patti Williams, coordinator of volunteers, 39 games; Vicki Silva, 39 games; Alex Silva, 39 games; Geri Melovitz, 38 games; Ron Melovitz, 38 games; RoseAnn Foy, 37 games; Marie Pisack, 37 games; and Gordon Pisack, 33 games.

Each volunteer who committed

time for 20-29 games received a full jersey card set.

They are: Peggy Johnson, Cathy Williams, John Williams, Donna Canino, Liz Renner, Joy Renner, and Chloe Renner.

Also, thanks to the time and effort of those volunteers during the 2nd intermission of tire toss nights. Without your help, the pucks would never be off the ice by the 13 minute mark.

Maybe next season, we can add more names to our list...so look for the black book and VOLUNTEER!

Patti



Trip Report

By Karen Harrison

The road warriors continued to take the whiteout on the road through the division and conference games. It's great to be traveling into June – woohoo – when we're usually just looking forward to next season's schedule and hoping for new destinations.

As you know by now, fortunately we did a lot of planning and credit card slip writing just for exercise, because we were able to close out Hershey at home. We went on to the Philly series and were able to send one bus to games 3 and 4. Playing at the Wachovia Center, instead of the arena, made most of us feel like we were at the NHL conference finals instead (except for the lack of people.)

What can I say about the Philly

series and the trips that you don't already know? The Wachovia Center was one of the coldest arenas I've ever been in (and we've been there multiple times and never been this cold.) I guess they wanted to make sure the ice stayed good for Mike Richards and company. This is also the first time that I can remember that only one person dissed us and halfheartedly told us to go home. Far

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Next Meeting

Monday June 9

7:30 p.m.

Scheduled Guests:

TBA

Subject to change.

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The Tip of the Iceberg is the official newsletter of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins Booster Club and is published for web and mail distribution 11 times a year. There is no July newsletter. Articles for each month are due before the 18th of the previous month. Members should e-mail stories and news to WbspbcNews@epix.net for inclusion. Upon submission, you will receive a confirming email. If you do not receive this, assume your submission was not received. Note: Guests shown are tentative and subject to change. Always consult the Booster Club's Phone Hotline for last minute changes. The newsletter director thanks all involved with this newsletter for their time and effort.

Meeting Notes (5/27):

46 members attended the meeting in which President Day stated he will resign at the conclusion of tonight's meeting due to ongoing medical problems from food poisoning.

Patti thanked the volunteers for their help this year. Penguins organization hosted volunteers with over 20 games to a game night in the club box with food and drink. Gifts also were awarded depending upon games volunteered. Volunteers will be needed for next year.

Diana Aleo will no longer chair the Meet the Players committee due to future events planned in her life.

Penguin Island---Cleanup to be held on Saturday, June 14th starting at 8am...bring gardening tools if available. Mulch is needed, know anyone who can supply?

Day proposed to the membership making Dennis Bonvie a lifelong honorary member. No one 'opposed'. Hopefully will present to Dennis at the June general meeting.

Debbie Bridge thanked Day for all of his many years of hard work with the booster club.

DRAWINGS

50/50 of \$45 won by
Karen Burke

Autographed Wheeling Nailers Helmet--Sue Matuella

Ochman's penguin necklace--Donna Kachinko

Golf balls--Barb Aleo

Our guest tonight not

only has a split personality, but also changes in appearance. Chad Spencer, age 35, known to the fans as "TUX", and accompanied by his girlfriend, Mary, spoke to the membership. He spoke of his changes in appearance, from 6'1" and ? lbs. to 7' and over 500lb. He enjoys walks on the beach (ok he's from Southern California) and of course acting, either in movies or in the arena. Started his hockey career as Rory the Tiger in the WHL. He was a mascot in the national lacross league's Calgary Roughnecks for 2 years. He spoke of his coworker who he didn't like [Chris Osgood's (Detroit's goalie for the Stanley Cup finals against the Pittsburgh Penguins) brother]. When he was hired by the Pens Organization, he traveled for 3 and a half days, performed at one Hershey playoff game, then had the summer off, except for appearances. His prediction for WB Pens is 'win in 6'. He can't wait until the season is over since he is growing facial hair like the players. Unfortunately, he gets really hot inside his suit and having a full face covered with a hairy growth doesn't help. His goal in life is to be a NHL mascot.

Since Chad was unable to attend our awards banquet, he was presented with a trophy, photo collage, silly string, popcorn and a permanent popcorn container.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The June Wbspbc General Membership meeting is to be held at Holiday Inn on Monday, June 9th at 7:30pm.

June Birthdays

- 01 Jessica McDermott, Alex Neyhard
- 02 Ann Marie Gifford
Alfred Bradley
- 09 Joan Jennings, Rita Druby, Veronica Klesh, Dennis Hynes, Kelsey Jones
- 11 Karen Rotondaro, David J. Kitelinger
- 13 Kathleen Diekhaus, Brendan Lee
- 14 Ed Dudick
- 15 Lorraine Franckiewicz, Ashley Scutt
- 16 William F. Andrasko, Rob Cardillo
- 17 Basil Kaczmarczyk
- 18 John Reese, Annemarie Slymock
- 19 Celeste Trinian, Margaret Sheetz
- 20 Wade Kapelanovich, Mark Luchi, Mike Cholko, Alexia Johnson
- 21 Bernadette Bussacco, Thomas Bonn, Pat Lane
- 22 Robert O. Black
- 23 Edward J. Prenga, Shirley Neyhard, Pamela McMahon
- 24 Todd Gorski
- 26 Larry Styczen, Krystle Miller, Jennifer Wilson, David Jenkins
- 27 Mary Payne, Ginamarie Aleo, Mark Gifford
- 28 Frank Kotsko, Danielle Baker, Anne Ambrose
- 29 Laurie A. Carlin, Kaitlin Fletcher, Kyra Wiatrowski
- 30 Cathy Williams, Matthew Benn

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Corr Sec's Corner by: Deb Charnichko

This past month the following cards were sent out:

- A sympathy card to Stu & Kathy Thomas on the death of Stu's father.
- A sympathy card to the LeValley family on the death of booster club member Cheryl LeValley.
- A sympathy card to Jason & Candi Patronick on the death of Jason's grandfather
- A sympathy card to Karen Burke & Ken Burke on the death of their mother.
- A get well card to Frances Ochman
- A get well card to Joe Lipski
- A get well card to Dorothy Lyons
- A thank you card to the Hershey Bears Booster Club on hosting us during our regular season visit to Hershey.

GO PENS! All the way to the Calder Cup!!!!!!

Due to the size of our Booster Club, greetings are not sent for birthdays, but are noted in the newsletter. I would also like to ask all of our Booster Club members to help me recognize special/sad occasions of our Booster Club members by contacting me whenever such an event occurs, such as: Wedding, Birth of a child, Illness or injury, Death of a member or of his/her immediate family member (i.e. father, mother, grandmother, grandfather, son, daughter, wife, husband, sister, brother, etc.).

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Redners

The booster club is saving receipts from Redner's Supermarket. 1% of the total of all valid receipts will be returned to the club. Receipts can be turned in at the June meeting. Remember to use your save a tape card to make your receipts valid. If you don't have one you can get yours at the service desk at the front of the store.

Convention

The plans are moving along for this years booster club convention to be held in Scranton. Jeanie Kotsko is working on the center pieces for the Friday night dinner. Design for the shirt is getting it final adjustments



and side trip reservations are being taken.

We are looking for anyone who has coolers that can be used for the hospitality room for the weekend. These coolers would be needed from Wednesday night thru Sunday morning. If anyone has a cooler or two or three that the club can use let me know. Also we are looking for convention goers to help out at the welcome table on Thursday and Friday afternoon. The hours are from Noon until 4:00. If anyone is interested let me know.

The next meeting for the convention will be June 16 at Norm's Pizza. The meeting will start at 7:00. everyone is welcome

without any further delay, get out your number two pencils and make sure you completely circle the correct answers.

What was different about the jersey that the players wore?

- The materials were changed so they players would have more comfort.
 - The teams wore their dark uniforms at home.
 - They had to contain their team's logo.
 - They did not have a third jersey to wear.
2. How long does a team have to warmup?
- 15 minutes
 - 16 minutes
 - 17 minutes
 - 18 minutes
 - As much time as they want.
3. What is the maximum length (from heel to shaft) of a hockey stick without getting a wavier from the

Two Minutes for Cross-Checking ... the Rules

By Rob Cardillo

This time of year, it is always fun to see what people have learned from my articles throughout the year. So

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league?

- a. .54"
- b. 68"
- c. 60"
- d. 63"

4. True or False – A goal frame must be completely in contact with the ice for a goal to be counted.

- a. True
- b. False

5. When can the start of the game be delayed for a ceremony, presentation, or demonstration?

- a. When the home team schedules.
- b. As long as the visiting team is notified.
- c. If the visiting team consented in advance.
- d. Never.

6. What is defined as a “distinct kicking motion”?

- a. When the leg kicks in a pendulum motion.
- b. If the pucks leaves the ice after contacting the skate.
- c. Any time the puck touches the skate.
- d. Any time the skate is turning and the puck makes contact with it.

7. What happens to a player if he picks up his equipment after he fights?

- a. Nothing
- b. The other team can start another fight with him
- c. \$100 fine
- d. A game misconduct
- e. A pat on the back from the officials so they didn't have to.

I also wanted to take this time to thank everyone who read this column and thank everyone who ever gave me feedback. My wife (and proof-reader of my column) and I are expecting our first child in September. That has lead me to the decision that I am not going to continue writing this column next year so I can spend as much time as I can with our new

child.

Answers...

- 1. A
- 2. B
- 3. C

4. False (The goal only needs to be in contact with the pegs, not the ice)

- 5. C
- 6. A
- 7. C

This column is designed to explain some of the rules of hockey, observations of our games, and give some insight into the officials who call the game. Please continue to contact me on specific rules that you would like more clarification on. I can be reached at cardillo@hotmail.com

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more people welcomed us.

By the way, since it was after a game, we agreed that it was a good idea to go home. From 81-northbound and 81-southbound chants that a small number of fans in Hershey and our own WB fans tried to get started, all playoffs, I've been thinking – duh? Can't anyone do better with trash talk? It makes me wonder if wit is gone. I haven't heard that penguin tastes like chicken even once during these playoffs. Oddly, I find myself missing that.

We were able to send one bus to Portland for game 3, though it was minus both Karens. Since I've heard so much about the trip since then, I'll write the trip report anyway! As always, we love Maine, and we were fortunate to have great weather for the trip. Finally, we got to see Portland with no ice. Since all the downtown hotels that we could afford were booked, we stayed at a sister Holiday Inn to our usual hotel. It got rave reviews. Apparently, despite our group's raucous behavior in the restaurant, or maybe because of it, we'll be welcomed back there. I understand that we serenaded a couple on their first anniversary, so pressure will be on next year's Pens to make the conference finals again,

so we can uphold the tradition at their second.

The game was not a win, though it started out well. From the excitement of JS not being in goal to a Pen scoring first, it all went the Pens' way, until the dreaded second period. I'm beginning to wish we could skip that one. We weren't able to get enough folks to run a bus to midweek games 4 and 5, but once again the Pens brought the handshake home. Thanks, Pens!

I've never hoped a cliché would be true before. Is the third time really the charm? We'll find out soon. (Maybe even by the time you read this.) Chicago here we come! At least this time, the wind chill won't be our biggest concern. Let's hope I get to write about happy buses (or cars, since right now I only have 2 people who say they are going to games 1 & 2, and I'm one of them!) Just once we want to be the team that gets to finish with a win...

Let's Go Pens! Bring home that cup!!!

Portland Trip

By Vicki Silva

With Karen and Karen unable to attend this year trip to Portland, Alex and Vicki were asked to take over. We headed up north with a small but enthusiastic group. We arrived in Portland just in time to go to the famous DeMilos floating seafood restaurant for a lobster dinner. We also helped the local economy on Sunday as half the group went to Freeport while the other half to downtown Portland.

After a disappointed lost to the Pirates, the group decided to have dinner together at the hotel. We all needed some cheering up and being together as a group certainly did that for everyone. We drove our poor waiter Dan crazy. He was in the kitchen quietly reading a newspaper,

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as they do not get many dinner guests on a Sunday evening, then we arrived. On one end of the table sat the hooter girls with Dan and Ray. That was balanced off by having Roseanne and Diania (driver) at the other end. Sitting in the middle, we didn't know which way to turn. After a few hours of telling jokes and talking about what we saw and did, our spirits were lifted. We headed home on Monday morning and this so called non drinking bus decided to make another stop at the New Hampshire duty free liquor shop. Good thing we didn't have a full bus as we had to stop at a weight station. With all of the booze on board, we would have been over weight by a long shot. We arrived home safely, with plan to hopefully meet again at the next home game.

We beat the Bear's



And the Phantom



Photos by Danielle Baker

July Birthdays

- 01 Rob Neyhard, Megan Levan, Mike Bartnikowski
- 02 Dave McDermott
- 03 Doreen Keeler, Chloe Renner
- 04 John Matuella, Steven Vergalito, Luke Nase
- 05 Judy Wasilko, Tyler Walsh
- 99 Donna Kachinko, Lynne Perkoski, Leah Payne
- 08 Marijo Mack, Joseph E. Sromovski, Vincent Sando
- 09 Ron Franks, Ralph B. Rozelle
- 10 Charles Burdett, Bernard Gurka, Karen Harrison, Michael Guarnieri, Drew Slater
- 11 Erica Rozelle
- 12 Matthew Mushala, Katie Sorokes
- 13 John Kasper, Rima Anescavage
- 14 Frederick T. Kile, Kyle Gifford
- 15 Dave Sapak, Helen Erick, Megan Walsh, Jared Kotsko
- 16 Craig Klesh
- 17 Kathryn Ardoline
- 18 Chelsea Lohe, Samantha Bowman
- 20 Maryann Sarnoski, Jerry John, Cheryl Levalley
- 21 Theresa Adamczyk, Russel I. Weller, Anne Flasser, Lisa Rittenhouse
- 22 Raymond J. Distasio Jr.
- 23 Christina Spegar, Katherine Kotch, Renee Tobin



2007-2008 Eastern Conference Champion Wilkes-Barre Scranton Penguins outside the East Inn during the Awards Dinner.

- 24 Matt Regulski, Jordan Wilson
- 25 Ray Kownacki, Marilyn L. Auker
- 26 Dean Alger, Nancy Stook, Candi Patronick, Aron Bender
- 27 Ron Foy Jr.
- 28 Brooke Keeler
- 29 Katherine Shamus
- 30 Brenda Engler, Carrie A. Kupsho, Lori Parsons, Frank Lipski
- 31 Rebecca Severcool, Mary Mack



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**If there are 3 asterisks after
your name, then you have not
renewed your membership
for the 2008-2009 season.**

Meeting dates:

June 9 Monday

Dates of interest:

Sept 5 - 7, 2008 BC Convention in Wilkes-Barre/Scranton

Penguin Island Cleanup

I'm sure most everyone has noticed the overgrown state of Penguin Island.

We're planning a cleanup for Saturday, June 14, at 8AM. If you can give an hour or two of your time, please let Karen Harrison know (sign up at the table at 119, at the June meeting, call 602-6332 or just show up that day).

If you can't make it at exactly 8AM, that's OK, because we'll be there for a few hours. If there is a gardener in our group or someone who has contacts with a nursery or landscaping service, please let me know, because we could use some expert advice. We'll limit this time to a clean up because of the sorry state that the island has fallen into, but we'd like to make it into a show place again. If we can't muster some support or find someone willing to chair this worthy cause, then we'll have to give up "Penguin" island, which just doesn't seem right for Penguin boosters.

Date: Saturday, June 14

Rain Date: Saturday, June 21 (Check the booster club

hotline at 602-6332 in the event of poor weather)

Time: 8AM

Place: Penguin Island, just off the I-81 exit for the arena
Work attire: If you have gloves, please bring them. Otherwise, I have quite a few pairs that PennDot supplied. Dress comfortably and brightly.

Gardening Tools: If you have shovels, rakes, trowels, whatever, please bring them. If you don't, we'll have some available. If you can't make it, but we can borrow your tools, let me know.

Parking: Make sure your car is off the road.

Food & beverages: I'll supply the drinks and snacks!!!!
Along with aspirin and sun screen if needed! If we get enough folks volunteering, I'll even muster up a cookout!

Participants need to be 8 or older. Any questions, call Karen at 430-0081.

Penguin Island and everyone who drives past it, thanks you for your support!!!