



PASSING the PUCK

Newsletter of the

Rochester Americans Booster Club

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President - Tom David (tdavid63@me.com)

February hockey gave us some ups and downs, but the UP far outweighed the down. A five game losing streak that didn't reflect the season's play was broken on the 16th when the Amerks (7th place in the league) had their biggest offensive night in over three decades, with a 12-3 victory over the Penguins (3rd place in the league), marking the Penguin's biggest deficit in their franchise history. What an exciting night that was! This was also the most goals scored by the Amerks since 1985, when they defeated St. Catherine's 13 to 3 on April 7th, and the most goals scored by an AHL team since the Hamilton Bulldogs 15 to 1 win over the Cleveland Barons on Dec. 8, 2002.

The Club took their second bus trip to Lehigh Valley and Hershey, bringing back a point and many great memories. We are planning a thruway carpool trip to Syracuse for the last game of the season. Sign up now at the meeting or the booster club table. Seats are limited.

We played Toronto three times in February, winning 1 and losing 2 times. They currently lead us in the division by 11 points. However, the season is not over. There are 17 games still to be played. The Amerks meet the Marlies two more times this year, once in Toronto on March 3rd and at home on April 7th.

We will be drawing names during the March meeting for members to present awards to the players at the final game of the season. There will be one person per award presented, and you must be an active member at the meeting to be eligible to present.

Our Club is doing well and we are gearing up for the election of new officers. Please come to the March 8th meeting to support your candidate and the Club. We can use everyone's help in making the Club successful. Consider spending 15 minutes during intermission promoting the Club at the Booster Club table or selling a few raffle tickets in the suites. If everyone chips in, we all have fun!

As of March 1st the AMERKS are 4th in the division (points separate 2nd-4th), 7th in the conference (pts separate 3rd - 8th), and 10th in the league (again points separate 4th- 10th) it is still anybody's game with lots of hockey still left in the season.

Vice President - Mark Polizzi (map13@frontiernet.net)

I hope everyone is enjoying the Amerks season so far. Let's hope they go far in the playoffs. I am still in need of workers for the games. Please volunteer if you can. You can contact me either by e-mail at map13@frontiernet.net or at 585-469-1699. Let's Go Amerks!

Entertainment - Tammy Lerum (tammylerum@berryglobal.com)

The date is set for the annual Booster Club picnic. Save the date of August 12, 2018 for our picnic at Greece Canal Park on Elmgrove Rd. It is always a fun time with good food, games and good hockey friends. More details at a later time.

Exec Foundation - Patrick Lerum (mmdd4242@yahoo.com) - No report.

Sunshine - Jan Fernandez (jfernan7@rochester.rr.com)

A thank you card was sent to the Hershey Bears Booster Club for taking us around Hershey before the game. A thank you card was sent to the Lehigh Valley Booster Club for entertaining us at dinner. A baby gift was sent to Bob Mowry (trainer) and his wife for the birth of their daughter. Get well cards were sent to Gary Schaeffer and Drew Bobzin. A thinking of you card was sent to Richard Jackson.

Newsletter Editor - Chris Spangenburg (cmhspan@frontiernet.net)

If you do not have e-mail, I will have paper copies for you. If you are at a game at the beginning of the month, please stop at the Booster Club table to pick one up. This will save the Club money for postage since they have to be mailed first class. Money saved can be used for our mission of supporting youth hockey.

Deadline for articles is the 18th of each month.

Ways and Means - Kristie Holowka (marty43@frontiernet.net)

Please remember to stop at the Booster Club table at all home games to purchase your 50/50 tickets and \$5.00 chance for two season tickets for the 2018-2019 season. Also, pick up your 2018 Lottery Calendars. Each calendar is \$20.00.

Transportation - Mike Davis (Janik33@aol.com)

We had twenty people go to Lehigh Valley and Hershey the weekend of February 10-11. We only came home with one point, but we had a great time. LHV and Hershey's booster clubs treated us fantastically. We dined with LHV's club at a great brew pub. Hershey treated us to a trolley tour of Hershey where we learned a lot about Milton Hershey, founder of Hershey Chocolates. There were lots of candy samples along the way.

Our last trip of the season is a car pool trip to Syracuse on April 14th.

Convention

The AAHLBCC will be held at the Hilton Oak Brook Resort in Oak Brook, Illinois September 7-9, 2018.

Prices are as follows:

Quad - \$205 per person

Triple - \$220 per person

Double - \$255 per person

Single - \$375 per person

A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is due by March 15, 2018. The final payment is June 15th. As soon as we get the rooming list form, it will be at the table, so keep checking.

Scrapbooks - Virginia Paddock (vpaddock@rochester.rr.com)

Scrapbooks are well under way. Be sure to stop at the Booster Club table to see if I have articles or pictures for you for your book. Scrapbooks will be handed out on April 9th. Check at the table in early April for time and place.

Membership - Chris Spangenburg (cmhspan@frontiernet.net)

We have two new members. Welcome Tom Tracy and Lori Allen. Membership is at 171.

Please consider getting involved in the club's activities. You will make new friends with a common interest - Hockey. We can always use help at the table at the games.

Please join us at our monthly meetings to get a glimpse of what goes into running the club, and find out what you can do to get more out of the club.

The following members have March Birthdays. If you see them, wish them a Happy Birthday: 1- Doris Cowell, 4- Ron DiRose and Jimmy Elliott, 5- Mike Petta and Millie Schenkel, 11- Nicholas Holowka, 14- John Zink, 19- Chris Spangenburg, 20- Brigid Ryan, 29- Carol Carey

Upcoming Events

March 8 - Booster Club meeting at 7:00 at Five Star Bank at City Gate Plaza

April 9 - Scrapbook Party

April 12 - Booster Club meeting at 7:00 at Five Star Bank at City Gate Plaza

April 14 - Syracuse car pool trip