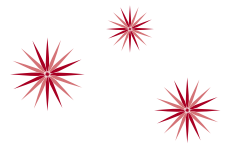




December Newsletter



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Happy holidays to all our booster club members!

A Letter from the President

Members,

We have seen some really great games lately. I hope you have enjoyed them as much as I have. We are always looking for new ways to make money so if you have any please let me know. We recently purchased some blow up hockey sticks and we sold all 12 of them the first night. We have ordered more. The ducks continue to be a big seller. If anyone would like to help with 50/50, please come to the booth behind section 9 and we can show you how to do it. Also, thank you all very much for purchasing the ornaments the players/coaches decorated. I don't have an exact figure yet but it was over \$500. I hope all of you who came to the Christmas party enjoyed it. Santa was a big treat for the children. I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Go Rivermen!

Peggy Cranford
President

AHL Booster Club Convention

This year's AHL booster club convention was held in Baltimore, Maryland. Joyce Basehoar and Nancy Hanks represented the Peoria Rivermen Captain's Booster Club at this year's convention. They toured many of Baltimore's sites including historic Fort McHenry, the inspiration for Francis Scott Key's poem that became our national anthem - The Star Spangled Banner. They renewed old friendships and made some new ones. We continue to share ideas for fund raising that help us all to support hockey in our communities.

Player Spotlight with #11 Chris Porter



#11 Chris Porter – Left Wing

Porter was born on May 29, 1984 in Thunder Bay, Ontario. His dad is a doctor in Thunder Bay, Ontario; and one of his two sisters teaches figure skating while the other one is attending school. When asked of his most memorable hockey event, Porter had two that came to mind. The first was winning the league championship in college, and the second was scoring the winning goal in overtime to advance the University of North Dakota Hockey to the Frozen Four. Porter spends the off-season in Faribault, Minnesota, where he likes to play cribbage, tennis, golf, and video games. Porter says that his dad has been a great role model, and that his

dad taught him how to work hard for what you want out of life. When Porter's hockey playing career ends, he would like to pursue a career coaching college hockey. As a youth, Porter most wanted to emulate Peter Forsberg's playing style. Porter said that it was Forsberg's skill and extremely hard work ethic that gave him inspiration.

Player Spotlight with #24 Mitch Love



#24 Mitch Love – Left Wing

Love was born on June 15, 1984 in Quesnel, British Columbia. Love's favorite color is black, and his most memorable hockey event occurred when he played in an NHL Exhibition game. During the off-season, Love lives in Seattle, Washington, where he likes to workout, golf, BBQ, and play tennis. While traveling with the team, Love likes to pass the time by reading and listening to music. Love's favorite NHL hockey team is the Montreal Canadiens. When asked if there was a player past or present he would like to have play on a team with, Love stated that he would have

to choose Jean Beliveau because it is his dad's favorite player. As a youth, Love wanted to emulate his playing style after Scott Stevens because Steven's played the game hard and with great leadership. In addition to playing for the Peoria Rivermen, Love has been on the following AHL Teams: Lowell Lock Monsters, Albany River Rats, Lake Erie Monsters, and Houston Aeros.

Welcome Pascal Pelletier and Brock McBride

The booster club would like to welcome some new faces to the Rivermen team. #41-Pascal Pelletier and #34 Brock McBride recently join the Rivermen after a series of trades with the Syracuse Crunch. Pelletier played the 2008-2009 season with the Rockford Ice Hogs, and Brock McBride played 2008-2009 season with the Harford Wolf Pack.

December Birthdays

12/1 – Joseph Schmiedeck

12/6 – Jennifer Roberts

12/26 – Kyle Nelson



*Peoria Mustang Hockey
January Home Games*

3 vs. Dubuque@1:15pm
22 vs. Quad Cities@8:15pm
23 vs. Metro@6:45 pm
24 vs. Metro@1:15 pm
30 vs. Grand Rapids@6:45pm
31 vs. Grand Rapids@1:15pm

*The next Booster Club
meeting is January 12, 2010
at 6:30 pm. at the Avanti's in
East Peoria*

*Booster Club Merchandise
is available at the booths
behind Sections 1 and 9.*

*50/50 Tickets
Hockey Ducks
Stress Pucks
Magnets
Inflatable Hockey Sticks
Player Buttons
First Goal*

We're on the Web!

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www.rivermenbc.com

Congratulations

The booster club would like to send out our congratulations to former Rivermen, Charles Linglet and Michelle Klein of Chillicothe. They will be married on June 26, 2010 in Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

The booster club would like to send out our congratulations to former Rivermen, Curtis Fraser and Erin Peterson on the birth of their son, Carden Delaney Fraser, on October 12, 2009

Adopt-A-Player Bag Due Dates

*January 16, 2010
February 13, 2010
March 21, 2010*

Trent Whitfield makes AHL history

On December 5, former Rivermen Captain, Trent Whitfield tallied his 500th AHL point. He is the 76th player in AHL History to reach this milestone. Whitfield also scored his 200th AHL goal on December 4th. We would like to send our congratulations to Trent on scoring his 200th goal and for achieving the 500 point mark.



*The Peoria Rivermen Alumni Association Invites YOU:
January 15th, 7p.m. at the Pekin Memorial Arena for the 1st annual*

RIVER CITY BLIZZARD

*Peoria All Stars vs. Pekin All Stars
(Men's Hockey Game)*

Proceeds to benefit Youth Hockey of Central Illinois

Bloomington Prairie Thunder Defensemen and former Pekin Alumni Cole Ruwe will be signing autographs along with Rivermen Alumni.

Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door.

Tickets can be purchased at the following locations: Pekin Ice Arena, Steger's Furniture, Kouri's Pub, Monge Crouch & Mahoney Insurance, or at the Booster Club Booth behind Section 9.

You Will NOT Want to Miss It!!!