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Official Newsletter for the South Carolina Stingrays Boosters Association



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Finally, our 2016-2017 hockey season has started! I'm looking forward to another successful year for our team on the ice. I am excited to see what this season holds and I hope that everyone will be supportive of Coach Warsofsky and his new staff.

We had another successful kickoff season party this year. It was great to see all the new faces and welcome back all the great guys we know and love. Jared Shafran, our new voice of the Rays, introduced our boys one at a time familiarizing us with the new faces. I think we have a great group of guys this year.

I am happy to say we have the date for our Holiday Party. It is scheduled for Wednesday, December 21st. The team doesn't get a break for the holidays this year so we can have this party closer to the holiday.

As always thanks to all of you for your continued support of me and your SC Stingrays Booster Association.

Nancy Sullivan, President



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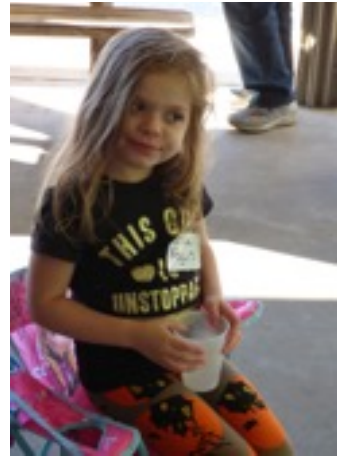
Wayne Kasten

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Kickoff Party



Player Apartments

Many of the players arrive with nothing more than their gear and clothes. This makes it easier for them to move back and forth between the leagues. Each year the booster club provides the necessities for their apartments. While some things can be used year after year, many need to be replaced. Also, many of those reusable items wear out and need to be replaced. This year, much the same as last year, will bring a long playoff run. This means more wear and tear on many of the reusable items we provide. Donations are needed throughout the season. This year, we are still in need of the following items.

Queen sheet sets and Steak knives

Monetary donations are welcomed at <http://www.raysboosters.com/memberapp.html> or at the Booster table.

If you have anything you would like to donate, you can drop it off at the Stingrays office or call or text me at (843)270-2300.

Thank you so much for all your help and donations!

Donna Gelwicks

Road Pack

Greetings Stingrays fans! We have officially started the season and this means bus trips for the guys. Ryan Warsofsky, our new head coach, has requested more fruit this year. This means the most beneficial goods that can be donated are water and Gatorade. I won't be putting as many prepackaged snacks on the bus, but gift cards to Sam's or Costco are always helpful. Coach has requested **no chips** on the bus this season so please try healthy options like Cliffbars or fruit-n-nut bars. If anyone has a recipe for protein brownies or a healthy baked snack, I'd love to have it. This season, anyone wanting to bake a healthy snack that can be individually packaged in a ziplock bag, should contact me to verify need during that bus trip. Thanks for all you do! So many of you donate items regularly and it helps the team so much! Can't wait to see you all at the games!

Thank you!
Tess Hagan

Bandage Drive

The South Carolina Stingrays Booster Association (and the South Carolina Stingrays) again will be collecting "Child Themed Latex Free" band-aids to donate to MUSC Childrens Hospital Nurses. MUSC only provides "adult" band-aids and not "Child Themed" band-aids. Our goal this year is to exceed our 369 boxes collected last year.

- Ken Brennaman



MEMBERSHIP

We would like to welcome our newest members: The Bryan Family -Richard, Helen, and Abigail. If you have a change of address, phone number, or email address please let me know. If you have renewed or joined us, I just need the patch for this year to give you your membership cards. I appreciate your patience.

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You can renew your membership online with Paypal! Visit <http://www.raysboosters.com/memberapp.html> Memberships can be renewed at the Booster table at all home games.
\$25 for a single membership
\$35 for a family membership.

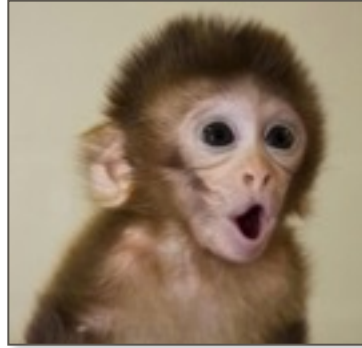
Stats Monkey

Well, definitely not the start to the season that Stats Monkey wanted.

But historically some of our best years have come after slow starts. So, not to worry. Yet. At 1-3-1-0 we are in 5th place in the South and merely one point away from 3rd place. AND we have games in hand on almost everyone in the division.

Special teams seem to be a hallmark of recent teams and this club is no exception. In this young season we are 2nd in the powerplay converting 27.3% of the time and 7th on the penalty kill with an 88.9% kill rate. Home and away is a Jekyll and Hyde with the powerplay. We have laid a goose egg at home but are 3rd in the league with a 37.5% success rate. The penalty kill is flipped with a perfect record at home tied for best in the league with a 14th place 83.3% success rate on the road. Things will even out over time but it is a very promising start.

One of the biggest contrasts from seasons past right now is the shots for and shots against. We are next to last in the league for shots for. While never a powerhouse stat for us we are usually in the top third of the league. The real shocker is shots against. We have consistently led, or been in top 3 of, the league in this stat for past few years. We are currently 18th allowing 33.20 shots per game. For comparison,



Adirondack leads the league allowing 18.83 a game.

I won't get into individual stats this article since 5 games really isn't a good sample to see who is clicking and who is struggling. I would like to point out that Adam Carlson is 6th in the league with a 1.50 GAA and is out

brightest spot. Both goaltenders have respectable save percentages with .950 for Carlson and .908 for Milner. Cut down on the shots they face and both will be near top of league in GAA.

My pet peeve stat (+/-) is not looking good this year. We only have 2 players with a positive +/- (Perrier and McParland) and Archambault trails all with -7. But Archy leads the team in goals but they don't count towards his +/- since they are all on the powerplay.

Here's to a better November and another great season. Remember, it's about where we are in April not October.

Scrapbook Information

Hi again everyone! I first want to say a special thank you shout out to those that have already donated their time and/or scrapbooking supplies. Our committee and the booster club greatly appreciate all the help. It is not too late though to donate! We are still in need of donations for scrapbooking adhesive rollers and refills (MUST be photo safe), cardstock paper including 12x12 size and regular paper size (need lots of blues and reds), and scrapbooking embellishments/stickers, especially hockey themed ones. We will also graciously accept gift cards to arts and craft stores such as Hobby Lobby, Michaels or Joann Fabric. Now that games have started, you can bring the supplies and/or monetary donations to the booster club table outside section 116. When making monetary donations specific for scrapbooking, we ask that you please make sure that they are marked accordingly. You can also contact me by phone or email to set up a time to pick up if that is more convenient for you.

The committee is going to start this month meeting on a regular basis to get started on the pictures and pages. The

location and actual meeting times are still to be determined, but the dates of the meetings for the first half of the season are going to be 11/5, 12/3 and 1/7. These may be subject to change depending on availability, but we will try to stick to these as close as possible. These dates were scheduled when the team was away to accommodate for games days being so hectic in general. Be on the lookout for more detailed emails regarding actual meeting time and place. Anyone is welcome to join us; the more the merrier!

Lastly, I am very excited to be working with our new broadcaster, Jared. He has graciously offered to help with getting pictures of the guys to our group. He has already taken quite a few fun ones when they were in Alaska! Also, if anyone has some action or community shots that they think would be good for the books, please feel free to share by contacting me directly. As always, I look forward to showing everyone the wonderful finished products, and of course, the look on the players' faces when they get these wonderful scrapbooks that our booster club contributed to and made themselves!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Steven Grooms	11/3	Andrew Ziemba	11/8	Robert Crosby	11/20
Andre Shuler	11/3	Tess Hagan	11/17	Nancy Schwartz	11/26
Michael Kohler	11/5	Glen Geiger	11/19	Valarie Sherwood	11/29
Judith Casey	11/8	Beth Bell	11/20		



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NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:05PM Home vs. Orlando Solar Bears	2	3 7:05PM Home vs. Elmira Jackals	4	5
6 3:05PM Home vs. Elmira Jackals	7	8	9	10 7:00PM Away vs. Orlando Solar Bears	11 7:05PM Home vs. Gwinnett Gladiators	12
13 1:30PM Away vs. Orlando Solar Bears	14	15	16	17 7:05PM Home vs. Colorado Eagles	18	19 7:05PM Home vs. Colorado Eagles
20 3:05PM Home vs. Colorado Eagles	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25	26 7:05PM Home vs. Norfolk Admirals
27 2:05PM Away vs. Atlanta Gladiators	28	29	30			

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Just facts

1.

In a game, the average hockey player can lose between 5-10 pounds, most of which is water.

2.

The shortest player who has played in the NHL was Roy Waters at 5 feet, 3 inches tall. A goaltender throughout 1925-1937. He played 484 games for the Pittsburgh Pirates, New York Americans and Montreal Canadiens.

3.

Tiger Williams holds the record for most career penalty minutes in the NHL. He has spent approximately 2.7 days (3966 minutes) of his professional life in the penalty box.

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