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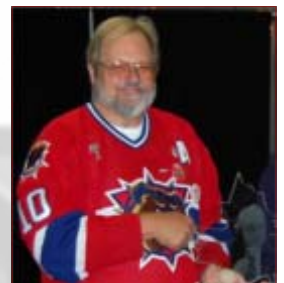
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NOTES FROM THE PREZ



The season for The Growl has begun with a significant number of new members and most of the members from last year are rejoining. I am very pleased with the number of members to date that currently totals 149 paid memberships. This is the highest number of memberships so early in the season. I attribute this growth to the early advertising for our road trips and the efforts of the entire executive in assisting in spreading the word that it pays to belong.



Ray Richardson

Now if we can only get the hockey team to become more consistent we could have a very successful season.

If you are planning on participating in one or more of the road trips make sure you drop by the booth and review the deadlines for your deposits and payments of the balances. Don't miss out because you did not know the details.

Dates to look forward to are the Christmas Party on December 4th at the Staybridge Suites for which tickets will be on sale starting at our November 13th meeting. January's meeting on the 8th and Dog's Night Out on February 10th at Liuna Station.

We have been issued a challenge by the Marlies Booster Club. The challenge is: Which club can sell the most tickets to games between the Marlies and the Dogs in the other team's building. We have arranged that we can purchase tickets in the Ricoh Coliseum at season ticket holders prices. The winning club will receive the "Broken Stick" award on ice at the other team's final game with the losing president having to wear the other team's jersey. In order to save me that embarrassment see Alan Taylor at the booth for tickets and details.

I look forward to seeing you at one or all of our functions.

GO DOGS GO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Ray Richardson
President

MONTHLY MEETING



Our next
GROWL Meeting:

Date:
Tues December 4/07
Christmas Social

Location:
Staybridge Suites
Lounge Area
118 Market Street
Hamilton, ON

Ph # 905 577-9000

Time:
7:30 to
10:00 PM



PUCK PATROL-BOOSTER CLUB 50/50 DRAW

Puck patrol will BE AVAILBLE FOR THE ENTIRE HOCKEY SEASON

Visit the booth to buy your numbers
and to see the posted list of winners.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING "THE GROWL"



" GROWL NEWS "



"GROWL Booth" New information all the time so drop by the booth behind Section 107 during every game.

"Barks & Bites" We're still looking for your contributions and feedback. Let us know what you would like to see published.

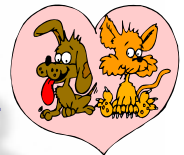
"Puck Patrol" Don't forget to buy your lucky numbers because it's been a sellout at every game.

"Face Painting" We plan on starting face painting again this month. Volunteers needed to paint paw prints. See Helen, experience not necessary.

"Fundraisers" Events are still being finalized. Thanks to everyone who volunteered with the handouts, the 50-50 draws and pink hat sales.

"Trips & Travel" If you haven't seen the list of great trips posted at the booth they are listed below. If you plan on taking one of these trips now is the time to sign up. Payment plan available so talk to Allan Taylor and get all the details.

"Dogs Night Out" Mark your calendars - The date for "DOGS NIGHT OUT" is confirmed for SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2008 at Liuna Station. Tickets will be on sale soon.



"AHLBC Convention" PART 2 - story on page 3.



" MARK YOUR CALENDARS "

" TRIPS 2007-08 "



Monthly Meeting Schedule for 2007-2008

All meetings will be held at the Staybridge Suites Hotel unless otherwise noted.

October 16/07 - Guest speakers were Ron Wilson and Glenn Stanford.

November 13/07 - Guest speakers - Bulldogs

December 4/07 - Christmas Social
Please bring a toy and/or non-perishable food item donation.

January 8/08 - Guest speaker - Bulldogs

February 10/08 - "Dogs Night Out" at Liuna Station

March 11/08 - Guest speaker - TBA

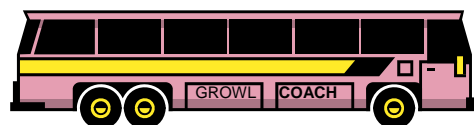
April 8/08 - ANNUAL MEETING and ELECTIONS Nominations due by March 9th

FRIDAY DECEMBER 28, 2007
ROCHESTER AMERICANS ----- \$50

FRIDAY MARCH 28 TO SUNDAY MARCH 30, 2008
2 NIGHTS, 3 GAMES
WILKES BARRE SCRANTON &
HERSHEY & PHILADELPHIA ----- \$280

SATURDAY APRIL 12 & SUNDAY APRIL 13, 2008
1 NIGHT, 2 GAMES
LAKE ERIE & SYRACUSE ----- \$200

PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE, FOR INFORMATION
SEE ALLAN TAYLOR





"AHLBCC 2007- CHELMSFORD MASS"



A ROOKIES PERSPECTIVE - PART TWO

by George Tompkins

After a healthy breakfast each morning Friday and Saturday, Kevin our well organized tour convener had some great tours lined up. The usual bus trips to a large mall for some and for the others some very interesting adventures. Linda and I arrived in Chelmsford around 11 AM Friday morning and missed the trips for that day, but on their arrival back Lyn and Kathy Harris, Wendy Jackson, Bruce, Charlotte and Bruce Sr. Dinning told us what a great time they had out of Boston Harbour onto the Atlantic for a whale watching tour. They survived the spectacular sunny day with the 92 degree heat and humidity while seeing 15 whales of which one broke the surface about 15 feet from the boat, it was the most sightings this tour company had encountered on any trip.

On Saturday morning, being a horse lover Linda and I decided to go on the Anheuser-Busch Brewery Tour because of course they house the eastern eight horse hitch of the famous Budweiser Clydesdales.

At the farm adjacent to the Brewery they house twenty-five Clydesdales. For each parade or function ten horses are chosen, two for backup and eight for the parade hitch. Each horse goes through twenty-five quarts of mixed feed, fifty lbs. of hay and thirty gallons of water each day.

The horse barns are set in a European setting with a cobblestone paddock that is centered between two rows of eight homes (like row housing) for the staff, only involved with the horses. The barns are spotless and all the stalls are in a dark stained oak.

It was a fifteen minute walk to and from the stables back to the reception area, where our tour of the Brewery was to begin. It was a very hot morning, again close to 90 degrees and the humidity was high. The reception area was a large stone and wood structure with every Budweiser souvenir imaginable, the air conditioning was working well and oh yes, the large stone fire place was lit and working.

The brewery uses six rail cars of grain a day; it takes over thirty days for mashing, brewing, primary fermentation, beech wood aging, final finishing and packaging. The beech wood aging was an interesting process. The chips that are used can only be used four times. They are then sold to a landscape supplier and used in mulch. I think I am going to take up gardening.

This brewery in Merrimack, New Hampshire was about a thirty minute drive from Chelmsford. They bottle 57,000 cases a day not counting the kegs and their warehouse stock turns over every four days. It is one busy place.

This was a two hour tour and at the end the hospitality lounge was opened and you were allowed two 10 oz. samples, both to be taken at the same time, no returns, and no refills!!

On our way out to the bus we passed by the shipping area, the only low point on the tour, there was not one Andlauer Transport to be seen, but this we have brought to Michael's attention.

Next issue.....between breakfast and the tour, our guest Speaker Mr. Terry O'Reilly, and no, I haven't forgotten about the cherries....whoops!! I mean Charlotte.

Note from the Editor



Well, it's been an interesting month of hockey. Our champs seem to be struggling a little but didn't it start off that way last year and look where we ended up. We just have to keep on cheering our team and I'm sure as the growing pains ease more victories will come our way. All our meetings are listed in this issue to give you lots of advance notice. No more excuses, mark your calendars now and plan on attending the meetings. Turnout at our first meeting was very disappointing. If you have a "Pound Puppy" that you would like to brag about, please submit a pic and bio to me.

GO DOGS GO!!!!!!
Till next month.....HR



"NEW POUND PUPPIES"



There's a new puppy in the pound. His coach aka "Granny" has him in training already for next season. If he makes the team, he will be the youngest rookie ever to play for the Bulldogs at the ripe age of 2. Introducing Duncan Milroy (the 2nd?), born on May 24, 2007. Watch out Duncan, looks like there's competition coming your way!
GO PUPPY GO!!!!!!!



Granny & Sherry Baldassi's new puppy

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- ★ Janet Bates
- ★ John Bates
- ★ Michelle Fisher
- ★ Paul Galloway
- ★ Bob Gulas
- ★ Amy O'Brien
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