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CONGRATULATIONS HAMILTON BULLDOGS CALDER CUP CHAMPIONS 2006-2007

NOTES FROM THE PREZ



It hardly seems possible that the summer is over and the team has already played three games. What a start for Maxim Lapierre. Lets hope he is here for a few more games.

Our team did us proud last year and based on the roster we currently have it is going to be another year of the Bulldog. As always it is sad to see some players depart however additions like Sergei Kostitsyn and Janne Lahti will soon make us forget them.

The Growl is scheduled to play a bigger role in the game day presentations and many new initiatives are planned throughout the season, starting with the handout at the opening game and carrying forward to a number of special games including our toy toss.

There are changes in the office as well as on the ice. Dave Kaye the Ticket Director has left to join the staff of HECFI, Beth Dela Rosa has commenced her maternity leave and Sara Spoons has also departed. One new face has joined the staff and that is Barbara Adamson who is the coordinator for the Bulldogs Foundation.

Please drop by the booth behind Section 107 to see what is happening and to find out what great road trips are planned for this season.

Remember this is your club so if you have any suggestions or comments please bring them to the attention of the executive so they may be considered and acted upon.



Ray Richardson

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

Ray Richardson
President



MONTHLY MEETING



Our next
GROWL Meeting:

Date:
Tues November 13/07

Location:
Staybridge Suites
118 Market Street
Hamilton, ON

Ph # 905 577-9000

Time:
7:00 — 9:00 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"



Welcome back to the 2007-2008 hockey season and your HAMILTON BULLDOGS 2006-2007 CALDER CUP CHAMPIONS!!!

"GROWL Booth" The booth is still behind Section 107. Get up to date information on this year's trips, activities and fundraisers at the booth, your source for information. It's going to be an awesome year!

"Barks & Bites" will continue to be published monthly during hockey season. We're looking forward to more contributions and feedback from our members this year. Let us know what you would like to see published.

"Puck Patrol" We hope you stop by the "Growl Booth" before every home game to buy your lucky numbers.

"Fundraisers" More details to come as these events are finalized. If you are able to help with fundraising please see a member of the Growl executive.

"Trips & Travel" Plans are under way for some great bus trips so sign up as soon as they are posted as we don't want anyone to be disappointed. Seating is limited and always a sellout.

"Dogs Night Out" If you couldn't make it last year, you don't want to miss out this year. It will be a fun and mystifying evening. Further information to follow.

"AHLBC Convention" Story on page 3.



Here's to another great hockey season and perhaps another CALDER CUP!!



Your Re-elected Executive

Ray Richardson - Prez, Marg Bassindale - VP, Allan Taylor - Treasurer,
Directors - Glen Bassindale, Helen Richardson, George Tompkins
and Kelly Woods - Secretary.



"FAN FAVOURITE 06-07"

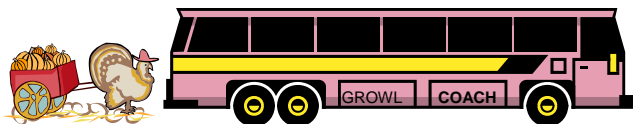


DUNCAN MILROY

"TRIPS 2007-08"

Our first bus trip of the year will be to Rochester on Friday December 28, 2007. Cost \$50/pp based on a minimum of 30 people. To sign up and for further information please see our trips coordinator Allan Taylor.

There are many more exciting trips being considered throughout the hockey season like Hershey, Wilkes/Barre, Philly, Syracuse and Lake Erie. Then there's the game challenge with the Toronto Marlies. What's that you ask? Visit the Growl booth for more information.





"AHLBCC 2007- CHELMSFORD MASS"



A ROOKIES PERSPECTIVE - PART ONE

by George Tompkins

Linda and I along with nine other of our club members attended the Booster Club convention this year that was held in Lowell, Massachusetts. It was our first, and we knew nothing about this "ROOKIE" thing. During the cocktail hour before the dinner on Friday night, a convention organizer approached from the right between myself and our "Mr. Organizer" Allan Taylor, I did not see this person but all I heard was "yes George will be there, he won't miss it." During dinner there were plenty of mumbles but neither Linda nor I could get any info of what was to happen. All I can say is that in our group of Rookies, Linda was the last one standing. What goes on in Rookie convention, stays at convention.

The convention I thought was well attended, out of the twenty-five clubs represented there were 265 attendees and our number of eleven was in the top quarter of representation. At each gathering all clubs were announced and we got the jeers and cheers as we were always announced as the "Calder Cup Champions!" That was cool.

Friday and Saturday had many tours (more about them later). Meals were second to none. The guest speaker at dinner on Saturday night was Terry O'Reilly and he was outstanding. The friends we have met and made in the few years we have been involved in the AHL from our Roadrunner days to the bus trips we have gone on with our Bulldogs Club, many of them attend the convention and it is a blast. For those who might attend for the first time, they too will make new acquaintances and will have someone to look forward to seeing on a future bus or car trip to another club.

Our club is good, we have a great group of people with many talents, just keep the stemmed cherries away from Charlotte! The next time the Booster Club has a trip, sign up for it; you will have a great time and won't regret it. Stay tuned for part two in the November issue.....



" CONGRATULATIONS "

Congratulations to all the winners of the raffle prizes drawn at the end of March. The autographed Duncan Milroy jersey that we acquired through the Player Fantasy Draft was won by a Growl member - Dan Dowdle. What a lucky guy!



In September Frank Arrowsmith and Michelle Berard tied the knot. We wish you many years of love and happiness.

Note from the Editor



Well I got my wish - the CALDER CUP!! Congrats to the Bulldogs for a great hockey season, an exciting playoffs and that wonderful trophy that was so deserving. I made it to all the playoff games but missed the rally at City Hall. At noon on June 8th when everyone was celebrating I was having knee surgery. I tried to convince my surgeon to delay the start time but I guess he's not a hockey fanatic like me. Oh well I can always hope for another Calder Cup this year. It's been a long hot summer and I'm ready for some more exciting hockey.

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



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October

- ★ Dwayne Dempsey
- ★ Iris Edwards
- ★ Daryl Flegg
- ★ Wendy Jackson
- ★ Brittany Janosi
- ★ William Keough
- ★ Jeannine McHugh
- ★ Scott McLean
- ★ Avis Rodney
- ★ Art Ward
- ★ Hazel Wiley
- ★ Ron Wilson
- ★ Kelly Woods

September

- ★ Marg Bassindale
- ★ Robert Beck
- ★ Abby Borer-Jay
- ★ Bernice Boyington
- ★ Don Christie
- ★ Ian McLean
- ★ Rebecca Stuart
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