

the Boiling Pot

Our next Booster Club Meeting is Monday, December 6 at the Bossier Library

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BOOSTER CLUB THANKSGIVING PARTY

Sunday, November 21, 2010

VFW Post 5951

1315 North Gate Road, Bossier City

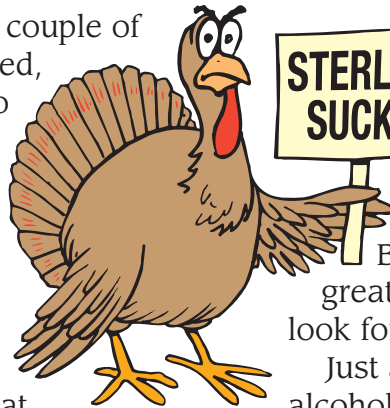
2:30 to 6:00, eating around 3:00

Come join the Boilers, players and staff for some turkey and all the trimmings! Not to mention some decadent desserts!

Covered dish – please bring a couple of dishes that are Thanksgiving related, drinks for your family and some to share with the players. Also you might want to bring lawn chairs just in case we run out of folding chairs. If you are bringing meat, please make sure it is carved ahead of time as we do not have kitchen privileges.

This will be the first function that sponsors will be able to share with players! This event is for members only, so please wear your badges.

We will be voting for and crowning a King



Gobbler and Queen of Harvest chosen from our players and their families. You will be able to vote as you sign in.

Also new this year:

At each function we will be requesting certain items to be used by the Housekeeping Committee. These items will be collected as you sign in. For the Thanksgiving party we are asking each member to bring pots and pans. We are requesting "new" items only please.

We have lots to be thankful for this year – we still have hockey in Bossier/Shreveport. And the team is off to a great start! Please make plans to attend. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Just a little note - we are not allowed to bring alcohol beverages into the building for consumption. There will be a cash bar.

Entertainment Committee

Lynn DeBroeck – Chair

Veronica Merritt – Co-chair

FROM THE ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

As we begin another season of Booster Club functions I would like to urge you all to make a special effort to attend these functions. Attendance has dropped off and I am not exactly sure why this has happened. These functions were created to allow the booster club members to come together and share food and friendship – not to mention the players are required to be at these functions so it is always a good chance to meet and visit with the players and get to know them better!

Please know that the Entertainment Committee is "committed" to making these functions enjoyable for all that attend. We are open to any

and all suggestions to make these functions exactly that....FUN!!

Please feel free to contact me or any other member of the Entertainment Committee if there is anything we can do to encourage your attendance.

Come on out and join us. And help us make the functions fun!

Hope to see you all at the Thanksgiving Party on November 21 at the VFW Post!

Sincerely,

Lynn DeBroeck, Committee Chair

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MUDBUGS TEAM UPDATES

Brian Foster Named Sher-Wood CHL Goalie of the Month

The Central Hockey League announced that Bossier-Shreveport Mudbugs goaltender Brian Foster has been named the Sher-Wood CHL Goalie of the Month for October. Foster's award comes after the rookie started his professional career with a 3-0-0 record for the 'Bugs during the opening month of the season.

Foster, 23, went 3-0-0 for Bossier-Shreveport with a 1.95 goals-against average and .941 saves percentage during October to help the 'Bugs jump out to a 7-2-0 record entering November. The Florida Panthers draft pick returned from an early AHL call-up with Rochester on October 23 and made his professional debut that night in Texas, stopping 29 shots in a 4-2 win over the Brahmas.

The Pembroke, New Hampshire native then backstopped the Mudbugs to a 6-3 road victory over the Allen Americans last Tuesday with 34 saves in his second pro start. Most recently Foster helped the 'Bugs to a 2-1 shootout win over Rio Grande Valley, turning aside 32 shots during regulation and overtime and stopping four of five Killer Bees in the shootout as Bossier-Shreveport won its third straight.

Foster is in his first pro season out of the University of New Hampshire, where he served as the full-time starting goaltender over the past two seasons. The 6-2, 175-pound netminder was selected by Florida in the fifth round of the 2005 NHL entry draft and is currently on contract with the Panthers. He will receive a special gift from Sher-Wood and the CHL to recognize his accomplishment.

The Mudbugs are on the road in Mississippi, where they will face the RiverKings tomorrow before returning home to host the Allen

Americans at 7:05 Saturday night at the CenturyTel Center.

Putting the "Power" in Powerplay

Although they were held scoreless Saturday against Allen, the Mudbugs scored three more powerplay goals Friday against Mississippi to improve their season average to nearly 28 percent on the man-advantage. The 'Bugs currently boast the CHL's second best powerplay unit entering this week at 26.6%. They have scored at least one powerplay goal in eight of 11 games this season and notched multiple PPG's five times.

Balanced 'Bugs

With five players on their roster averaging at least one point-per-game, the Mudbugs have used a remarkably balanced offensive attack this year. Bossier-Shreveport is the only team in the CHL with six players (Aikins, Smith, Martens, Rutherford, Limpricht, Milam) in double-digit scoring, and all six currently rank in the league's top 25 scorers. Allen and Colorado (four) are the only other CHL teams with more than three players over ten points this year. Of the 19 skaters who have played at least two games for the 'Bugs this year, 18 have recorded at least one point.

South Texas Series Begins

Starting with Tuesday's game at Laredo, the Mudbugs will play all of their next five games against the Bucks and Rio Grande Valley Killer Bees. After travelling to Laredo on Tuesday, Bossier-Shreveport returns home to host the Killer Bees and Bucks this Friday and Saturday at the CenturyTel Center. Next week the 'Bugs will travel to South Texas once again to visit Rio Grande on Friday 11/19 and Laredo on Saturday 11/20. The mini-series reflects a scheduling trend where the Mudbugs have played ten of their first 11 games against Berry Conference teams and will only play two of their first 32 games this year against clubs from the Turner Conference.

American Issues

After facing each other just five times all last season, the Mudbugs and Allen Americans have



already met four times in the first 11 games of this season. Allen beat the 'Bugs for the third time this year Saturday night to move into first place in the Berry Conference and in the CHL overall standings. Bossier-Shreveport has had some trouble with the Americans in their two seasons in the CHL, winning just two of nine games against them so far (2-6-1). The Americans are 5-0 all-time here at the CTC.

Loose Pucks

Second-year forward Tyler Burton, who was waived by Rio Grande Valley earlier in the week, made his Mudbugs debut last weekend. He posted one assist, a -1 rating and two shots on

goal in the two games... The 'Bugs are one home win away from 300 home victories in franchise history... Forward Shawn Limpright had scored five goals and totaled seven points in his last four games before being held off the score sheet Friday and Saturday... The 'Bugs and their opponents have combined to score fewer than six goals only four times this year... Defenseman Clay Plume is out of the Mudbugs lineup on a leave of absence while defenseman Michael Couch, forwards Shane Hart and Tyler Lucas, and goalie Jeff Harvey are all on the Injured Reserved list.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bill Clark, Brad & Debbie Barnett, Carl & Sharon Anderson, Carol Pate, Christy Suggs, Cindy Waldrop, Cyndi Ulrich, Gail Fleetwood, Jerry Thompson, Joan McCoy, JoAnn

Gardner, JoAnn Seamon, Kim Smith, Kitty Roat, Lolette Dayberry, Mike & Irene Giles, Valerie Mueller, Lee Cornwell Veronica Merritt (Co-Chair) Lynn DeBroeck (Chair)

Please let us know if you would like to join us!

Our Commitment – to make this season's functions the parties you won't want to miss!

November 2010

					HOME	AWAY
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Booster Club Meeting	2	3	4	5 Mississippi RiverKings Away Game	6 Allen Americans CenturyTel Center 7:05 pm
7	8	9 Laredo Bucks Away Game	10	11	12 Rio Grande Valley Killer Bees CenturyTel Center 7:05 pm	13 Laredo Bucks CenturyTel Center 7:05 pm
14	15	16	17	18	19 Rio Grande Valley Killer Bees Away Game	20 Laredo Bucks Away Game
21	22	23 Missouri Mavericks CenturyTel Center 6:35 pm	24 Texas Brahmas Away Game	25 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	26 Tulsa Oilers Away Game	27 Texas Brahmas Away Game
28 Mississippi RiverKings CenturyTel Center 4:05 pm	29 Board Meeting	30	<p>Now that the season is underway, we'll all be keeping up with our Mudbugs when they are on the road. Or anytime we can't make games ourselves. There is now a free Pointstreak app for your iPhone or other smartphone. To learn more, just do a search for "pointstreak"</p>			

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Coming soon to the Booster Club Table...



Mailbox Covers

We've had a fairly good number of people sign up for the mailbox covers, and they should be at the table for folks to pick up at the home games on November 12 or 13. If you've ordered one, stop by and pick it up. If you didn't sign up, check in quick before they're gone.



Mudbug Decals

The new Mudbugs Fleur de Lis window decals are in stock at the table now. They look great on your car!

Membership Committee

Membership growth has been slow, but steady this year. We would like to welcome our new members, as well as those of you who have renewed their memberships this season. As always, we're all going to have a great time this year sharing in the fun of Mudbugs Hockey!

Also, keep in mind that we are always looking for new members to share in the fun with us. If anyone who sits near you at the games is not a current member, get them signed up. We will soon start a membership drive, and offer something to those members who can sign up the most new folks.

If you haven't picked up your membership packet yet, make a stop by the table at the next game. Inside your packet you'll find your membership badge along with this year's membership decal for your car or truck. Display it and let everyone know that you're proud to be a part of the best booster club in the CHL!

Brad Dennis
Membership Chairperson

