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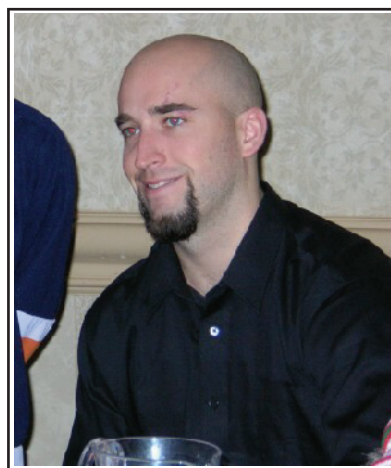


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Alexei Yashin (L) was our November guest while Trent Hunter visited the Club in December



both articles by Jim DiStefano

We weren't sure if tonight was going to happen at all. Alexei Yashin was supposed to be there at 7:30PM at the Long Island Marriott this past November 30th. It turned out there was a scheduling problem. Yashin, and a few teammates, were at another Islanders promotion. To top it off, Alexei was also supposed to be going to a concert being given at the Coliseum that night. The snafu was ultimately straightened out and he arrived about an hour late. "I'm very sorry you have to wait because of a mistake. Thanks for waiting." Alexei said. We still had a productive meeting that included many photos and autographs afterwards.

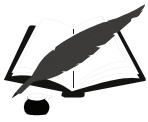
Alexei gave us a little bit about his hockey background growing up. "I was born in an industrial city called Sverdlovsk in Russia. Now it has a lot of chemical plants and big industry. It's one of Russia's biggest cities." He started skating when he was seven years old. "I skated with my parents who are huge hockey fans. I'm sure some of you see them during the hockey games because they like watching me play and seeing the Islanders win hockey games." He counts Valeri Kharlamov as, "one of my biggest heroes. He's a very famous forward on the Soviet National Red Army Team." While he was a goal scorer with the Red Army team, Kharlamov became popular in the 1972 Summit Series vs. the Canadiens. "He became a huge star back home and was always my idol."

"I went through the Russian system of organized hockey. I played with kids in a yard near my apartment building. I was selected for Sparta (a Pee-Wee like team that picked players from local area teams)." Sparta played in a few European cities as well as a twelve team tournament. *continued on page 3...*

It was nice to see the 2003-04 Rookie of the Year finalist Trent Hunter walk down the aisle to start our meeting December 11th at the Long Island Marriott. Trent had a very successful campaign then netting 25 goals (51 points) and had a full house waiting for him tonight. It's refreshing to see a player just starting out with his career because he's enthusiastic, works hard on the ice, and still feels he has something to prove that he belongs with the big club.

Born in Red Deer, Alberta, Trent didn't really remember the exact date when he started his hockey career, but "as soon as I was allowed to play competitive hockey, I was right there. I was at the outdoor rinks and in the basement of my house (practicing)." Trent has two younger brothers aged 17 and 23, but neither of them got interested in hockey. "My younger brother has a heart condition and is limited with his sports. My other brother played a few years of hockey, but he's now into the extreme sports like motor cross. Trent moved away from home at 17 to play for Prince George in the WHL, "which is our junior league back in Canada. It was a little difficult moving twelve hours from home at the age of 17, but my family was very supportive and it definitely helped. From there I spent three years in the WHL when I was drafted by the Anaheim Mighty Ducks. I was fortunately traded here to the Islanders, which is very exciting. I started my professional career in Springfield (AHL) and played one season there, followed by two seasons in Bridgeport. I was very lucky to make the Islanders. It was a goal of mine ever since I was a kid and just to get that chance, it was a dream come true. I'm hoping for a long career here in New York, and it's been awesome so far. Hopefully in the next few years we can bring the Stanley Cup back!"

Growing up in Canada, it wasn't hard for Trent to find hockey idols. "My home town is right between Ed- *continued on page 4...*



President's Message.....

I hope everyone had a great holiday and 2006 will be healthy and prosperous. Unfortunately, I can't say the same for our beloved team. Hopefully, by the time this is printed, things will have turned around and the team is back on track.

Since our last newsletter we have had two General Meetings. November 30th we had Alexei Yashin; he was great. Even though he arrived late due to a scheduling mishap, he spoke to us and answered all our questions. Then he made sure he gave everyone an autograph and posed for many pictures before running over to the Coliseum for a concert. He's a real "class act!" Kudos to our members and guests who waited patiently until Alexei arrived.

We hadn't planned a holiday party this year for our December meeting, but what we experienced was a lot better. Trent Hunter was scheduled to be our guest and coincidentally the family of a young physically challenged boy, Josh, from Connecticut, had contacted the Islanders for tickets. His idol is Trent Hunter and he used to see him all the time in Bridgeport. The Islanders contacted us and he was invited to attend our meeting the next day. To make a long story short, Josh got the thrill of a lifetime. He got to meet Trent in person the day after Trent scored the winning goal in a shootout. As far as we were concerned being able to make Josh's dream come true was all we needed for the holiday season.

Upcoming events include a trip to New Jersey, January 21, followed by our General Meeting on the 23rd. Scheduled guest to be announced, please check the website or the Booster Club hotline. Brad Lukowich will be the guest at our February meeting on the 9th. During the Olympic Break, we will be traveling to Bridgeport to see a game, but more importantly, we accepted the challenge by the Sound Tigers Booster Club to play a game of broom ball. Neither club has ever played, so this should prove very interesting. We have almost 20 volunteers to play, and hope the rest of you will come and cheer them on. Personally, I will be the General Manager. You're not getting me on the ice!!

Congratulations to Olympians Jason Blake, Mark Parrish, Rick DiPietro, Alexei Yashin, Miro Satan and Alexei Zhitnik. We wish them all well, but personally, I will be rooting for Peter Laviolette and the USA team. USA! USA!

Check out the article for Ducks tickets for this summer; we have tickets for 3 games. Two include a picnic prior to the game. Group tickets went on sale at 10am on December 14th and it took me longer than usual to finally get through. I was at work, so I was getting stressed as I had to dial and hang up so many times. At one point I had two phones dialing! These events are so popular, I think over 60,000 tickets were sold within 5 hours. Sunday games have changed to a 5:05 start, so those who were bothered by the hot sun in years past, should be more comfortable this time around. Sign up early, these tickets go very fast.

Getting back to the Islanders, I know it is frustrating to watch the team we all love and support lose so many games. I sincerely hope by the time you read this message the tide will have turned and we will be again "cheering" our team to victory. Until then, please try to be positive and supportive; no one is encouraged by negativity.

Claire

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Yashin: "My job is to make sure we play together all season long. It doesn't matter if we go through good stretches or bad stretches, but play together as a team... This means not just putting shots on net, but generating scoring chances...Put a lot of pressure (on the opposition) but at the same time play tight defense in the neutral zone..."

both photos: fans waited over an hour to hear Alexei's comments and to take pictures and get autographs.

Yashin was selected for the Russian National Team that played for the Czech Cup at fourteen. "I started my pro career at 16. After a few years I had to serve in the military. You had a choice to go to the army or play for a military team. I went to Dynamo Moscow where they gave me a car and an apartment.

I never really dreamed of playing in the NHL because the highest level for Russian hockey was the national team and representing your country in the Olympics or the world championships. When I came to Dynamo many teammates talked about going to North America." Alex Kovalev was a teammate of Alexei who was already drafted by the New York Rangers. "I saw he was preparing himself to go to North America. A year later (1992) my agent took me to the draft. I was very surprised to be taken second overall. The day before I thought I would go around the 20th (pick). After that I completed my military service with Dynamo Moscow and signed a contract with the Ottawa Senators and moved to North America."

"The last few years with the Senators didn't go as smoothly as everybody wanted. People must understand hockey is a business." The problems he had wasn't with the team but the management. "Sometimes we want things to go smoothly, but sometimes it goes badly." So when he got a call from Mike Milbury that he was traded to the Islanders, he was surprised. "The move to Long Island was terrific for me. We made a huge step forward and we made the playoffs with your support. Now we're hoping for the second step (implying getting out of the first round of the playoffs)."

Alexei was asked if he ever played under Viktor Tikhonov, Russia's world famous gold medal winning coach. "I played a few games with him when he was the coach of the national team. A lot of people had a sour experience with him. I didn't. He has a lot of coaching talent, so (people's dislike) wasn't because of that. His record is unbelievable. He knew how to put guys together and how to make lines. I had a very good experience with him and I can't say anything bad."

Speaking of experiences, Alexei was asked his opinion of the referees. He made a good point. "They have a very tough job. When every team loses, they're (refs) no good for them. We have to get their respect and make sure they respect us. Yelling and screaming at them and calling them different names doesn't work. They get more aggravated that way."

So do you like the new rules? "It's a faster game, it's good. But at the same time if you have a lot of penalties, it really breaks

the flow of the game." If we get a one or two goal lead, the flow is very positive. If we now take one or two penalties, "some guys are being overworked and it becomes easier to turn the game around (in the other direction). It used to be if you're up 2-0 or 3-0, it was almost impossible (for the opponent) to come back, especially with the trap system. Now when you're up 2-0, it's not safe. You have to continue to play. It's very tough when you have penalties."

Does it help or hurt the flow when the coach makes frequent line changes? The coach's job is a very tough job. If something doesn't go well and we don't win hockey games, it's really tough to stay with the same lines or combinations. He's got to show to management he's doing something to improve. It not only happens to our team, but happens to every team. When things don't go well, it's wise to do, I think."

The questions also got around to the way the Islanders play.

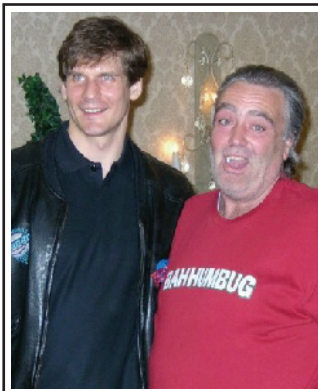
"When we play like a team we have success. When we go away from that, like when we go up 2-0 or 3-0, we feel comfortable and we cannot score goals. We have to find consistency to make sure everybody plays (on the same level) all game long.

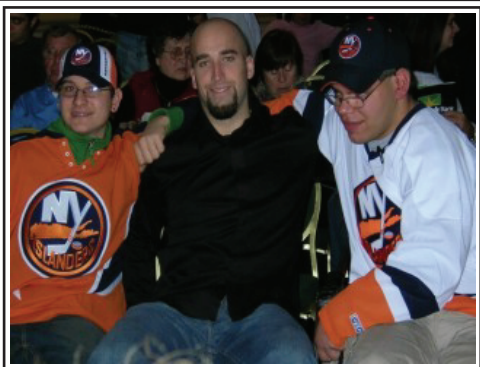
Yash didn't shy away from accountability. As captain of the team he felt that his duties are more than just tasks. "All my hockey career I've never been responsible for only myself. The status of my contract or the status of the team gives you special responsibilities." Team result is the bottom line. "It has always been like that for me. They've (management/teammates) been looking at me as the person who can help the team be successful. From

my perspective I try to do the best I can. My job is to make sure we play together all season long. It doesn't matter if we go through good stretches or bad stretches, we must play together as a team."

"We have to find a way to put it together, not just put shots on net. We have to generate scoring chances and put on a lot of pressure but at the same time play tight defense in the neutral zone. If you give them (opposition) a lot of freedom, which the new rules do for good players, they will score some goals." Alexei stressed that we have to adapt to the new rules.

We had a relatively short question and answer session with Alexei so that we would have enough time for signing autographs and taking pictures. In this area he didn't disappoint. He stayed with us for as long as we needed. Say what you will about Yashin as a player, but he generously gave us the benefit of his time. Alexei, let's hope that you can follow through and bring this team together and make a good run to the playoffs.





Trent poses with Connecticut fan Josh (R) and his friend. Below, many kids wanted our Rookie of the Year finalist's autograph.

monton and Calgary. A lot of people are split between rooting for the Oilers and the Flames. Growing up I was definitely an Oilers fan. Gretzky and Kurri were a lot of fun to watch for me as a kid. As I got a little older, I started to watch Steve Yzerman. I really enjoyed the way he played. There were a couple of other guys, but these were the main three.”

Do you have a memorable moment yet as an Islander? “Last night was exciting! (Trent scored the shoot-out goal that won the game vs. Edmonton, 3-2) I also think getting a chance to play in that Toronto (playoff) series was my first NHL game! Scoring against Curtis Joseph in my second NHL game was pretty exciting, too!” Especially since Canadian kids grow up watching the Maple Leafs, “to get that opportunity is something I’ll never forget.” By the way, on last night’s shoot-out goal, “I wasn’t really sure what I was going to do until the last moment. I just tried to make a little fake to freeze the goalie then I was able to get the puck up over his glove. It was really nice to see it go in.”

Do the guys like the shoot-out? “It’s good. You know it’s exciting because no one in the building is sitting down, everyone’s standing up! From a team perspective, come the end of the year, those extra points you can get in a shootout will be important in the standings and play-off races and will help the team out.”

Now that we’re talking about all the rule changes, any thoughts on all the penalty calls? “We were told right at the start of the year they were really going to crack down. It was going to be zero tolerance. Some nights you may not think they’re consistent, but they have a tough job. The speed of play forces them to make decisions right on the spot. As guys get more used to what they can and cannot do, it’ll get better with less penalties, but it’ll take awhile.”

As a forward, the rules have made a difference in his play. “You don’t take as much abuse in front of the net now. The defensemen are limited in what they can do. You’re able to stand in front a lot more without taking crosschecks and stuff. It has taken away a lot of the neutral zone trap. Defensemen are not able to hold and grab. A defenseman getting beat can’t put his stick on the guy or you’re in the penalty box. Teams that adjust the best throughout the year will have the best chance of making a (playoff) run.”

One of our members observed that Trent ‘breaks his back’ every time he goes on the ice, showing good work ethic all the time. When you see a lack of effort by other teammates not

Additional Trent Tidbits: Now that you’re no longer a rookie, are you giving any return razzing to the new crop that’s here? “To be honest, the guys were really good to me my first year. You always take a little razzing here and there. Though I’m not a rookie, I don’t know if I’m in a position yet to be giving young guys a hard time. I’m only a couple of years older.” When you played overseas during the lockout, was there a difference in play? “Over there the players are not overly physical. There’s not a lot of guys finishing checks. You can get away with a bit more. You have to train yourself to keep your head up again (coming back here).”

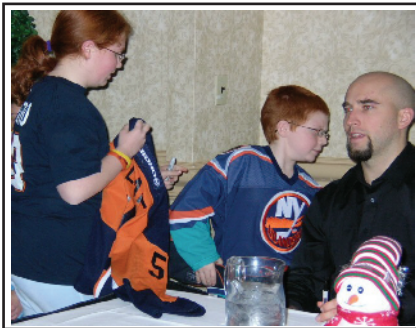
carrying their weight, do you guys take care of it yourselves and tell them to raise their level of play? Trent was a little diplomatic with his answer on this one. He observed that “some nights you’re not into it mentally. Or for whatever reason, you don’t ‘have your legs.’ It happens to everyone. You can’t go out and play as much as you like every game. You also don’t want to be negative and bring down the locker-room. You try and keep it positive and upbeat.” Trent did think that perhaps pulling the player aside and talking to him might be a better way to get him going.

One interesting aspect of Trent’s play is his use of a visor on his helmet. What made you leave it on? “When you’re young, it’s a big thing. It makes you feel tougher. You get out of junior’s and the first thing you want to do is get rid of your visor. I did the same thing my first year in Springfield. I played without a visor. It was only about a month in, I got a stick right between the eyes. I didn’t know where it came from, or who’s stick it was. I needed stitches. I just decided I’ve only been out of visor for a month; it wouldn’t take much of an adaptation, so I just went back to wearing one. It wasn’t a hard decision for me.” Does it fog up on you? “Once in a while, they’re pretty good now. The biggest issue is sweat coming down off your forehead onto the visor.”

So how did you find out that you were a Calder trophy finalist for rookie of the year? “One of the guys on the team told me that I was a finalist. It was pretty exciting.” Trent told us that he thought his teammate was kidding. “Coming into that season, that (rookie of the year) wasn’t even a thought of mine. My biggest worry was making the club and being an everyday contributor. I was really blown away when people started mentioning that. I think I even laughed at a reporter the first time he said it. It was something I didn’t want to focus on too much during the year. But it was a great honor to be named and have a chance to go to the awards banquet. It was very special.”

We couldn’t let the night pass without asking Trent’s thoughts on his first Islander/Ranger game. “It was quite intense. Down in Bridgeport I remember watching a lot of those games on TV. You just wondered what it would be like if you actually got in a game.” He felt the excitement in the air before the puck even dropped in warm-ups! “It gets the players even more fired up. It’s a pretty amazing feeling in those games.” Trent continued, “We had a similar rivalry between our two (AHL) clubs in Bridgeport and Hartford. The cities weren’t far apart. For two seasons in a row, our final two games of the season were home and home with Hartford. Both years,

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Booster Club Feasts On Philly Cheese

Islanders Beat Flyers 4-2 On Club Road Trip
by Joshua and Gary Siegel

Excitement filled the air as a crowded bus made its way toward Philadelphia on November 26th. It was the second Islander Booster Club trip of the season.

The bus, with Harry at the wheel, pulled out of the Coliseum parking lot, with Keith chasing as everyone laughed. The mood was as bright as the shining sun, portending what was to come.

After two games against the Flyers, it was time for an Islanders victory. The pools for first goal and first penalty quickly sold out. The trip was short and the Wachovia Center is isolated – all the Philadelphia stadiums and arenas are in one complex – but there are restaurants that open before the gates do. After driving around from one entrance to another, we soon found the correct parking area entrance, although one aggressive security guard kept asking Harry to move the bus from its parking spot.

In the parking lot there was a pleasant surprise, we were not alone: the Bridgeport Sound Tigers' fan club had also made the trip since the Tigers were playing the Flyers' affiliate, the Philadelphia Phantoms, in the building that evening.

Finally the gates opened and we were greeted by the Flyers' ice girls. We met some members of the Flyers fan club who were very friendly.

The Wachovia Center is a beautiful building with lots to do in addition to watching a game. There are so many different places to eat in the arena: bar/restaurants and concession stands are plentiful right after you enter. But it's Philadelphia, ya gotta have a cheesesteak.

After lunch, available distractions include bubble hockey, bubble soccer (for a fee), free face painting (but they didn't have Islanders colors), autographs from former Flyers (went by them too quick to determine who they were, but they looked familiar), a kid bouncing area, and a variety of free games where participants won plastic Flyers pins with their own photo inside. There were probably other things to do, but no time to do them.

Jason Blake, who scored a hat trick in the game, opened the scoring 31 seconds in but was answered by R.J. Umberger about a minute later. Umberger gave the Flyers the lead late in the first period, but Blake answered 7:41 into the second.

The third period belonged to the Islanders, with Brad Lukowich scoring what turned out to be the game winner at 4:43 and Blake completing the hat trick with an empty-netter with 36 seconds left.

The ride home was a happy one with everyone psyched, but sorry there is only one more Booster Club road trip this season. •

Convention package is out! The Sabres Booster Club is hosting it. Their theme is: "Buffalo, Feel The Warmth!"

Official Dates are August 11-13, 2006

A \$50 deposit per person is due now! If you need additional information, please ask at a general meeting or at the Booster Club table at the Coliseum. Join us for this fun summer event!

On The Road Again, Part I

By George Schutz

You may have heard about this trip before, but now it is coming up and it's time for you to think about it and make a commitment. The Isles play the Panthers on March 17th at 7:30 and the Lightning on the 19th at 5 pm. The Booster Club is in the process of securing tickets for both games but we need to know as soon as possible how many people have a serious interest in going. We are only providing game tickets, but we will work on group discounts for hotels if we have enough people to qualify.

Game Tickets:

Florida 300 Seat Level \$ 50 each
Tampa 300 Seat Level \$ 60 each

These prices will go down according to the number of seats purchased.

The prices below for hotel and airfare are for reference only and **ARE NOT** guaranteed by the Booster Club. You are free to make your own arrangements and do not have to attend both games. It is entirely up to you. We also are not providing rental car info since the variables are numerous.

Sample Hotels (based on 2 adults in 1 room)

Panthers	Crown Plaza Sunrise	\$159 per night
	Vacation Villa at Bonaventure	\$119 per night
Tampa	Tahitian Inn	\$ 113 per night
	Comfort Inn Raymond James	\$120 per night

Air Fares - Jet Blue

March 17th JFK to Ft Laud \$139 to 169 pp

March 19th Tampa to JFK \$ 139 to 249 pp

If you are interested in going, please get in touch with the club **NOW!** Any questions, please email George at trippguytoo@optonline.net. Include a phone number for a faster response. Look forward to hearing from you.

Happy New Year!

Islander Birthdays

December (none)

January

Mike York - Jan. 3rd

Brent Sopel - Jan. 7th

Robert Nilsson - Jan. 10th

Petteri Nokelainen - Jan 16th

Trent Hunter...final part

Do you hear the boos when you're on the ice during play? "I don't really hear much. I try to focus on the guys on the ice. You're a professional athlete. You've got to learn to deal with it."

a lot was riding on the games. Those were the games that were a lot of fun to play in."

It was this crowd reaction that made him choose our building when we asked him what his favorite arena was. "My favorite arena is right here! It's something I'll never forget. My first game against Toronto (in the playoffs), the arena was just packed. I've never been in a building, sports or concert, where it's been that loud. I think my ears were ringing for an hour after the game. It's just amazing when you get the building full and everyone is screaming. There aren't a lot of arenas out there that are louder than us."

Team chemistry is very important and Trent was very emphatic about how well the team gets along. "That's the great thing about our team; it's very close. We're a close group of guys. We're good friends with a lot of guys on the team. A couple of years ago I lived with Shawn Bates and Eric Godard. I stayed good friends with them. There isn't anyone on the team I wouldn't call for dinner and go out. Everyone gets along really well. It's a big part of our team."

We heard some amusing stories how Trent chose his number. He started with 21 in juniors. When he went to Bridgeport he didn't have a choice as a rookie. With the Islanders he had 43 in training camp before switching it to 21. That is until Mariusz Czerkawski came back and reclaimed his previous number. The team kind of gave him 7. "Its been working pretty well."

Some other highlights of the night included Trent telling us what it's like playing former teammates like Michael Peca. "You pretty much just say 'hi' on the ice. Peca was a big part of the organization and helped turn it around. He did a lot for the team. He's always been a good friend to all of us. You still go out on the ice and we all have a job to do. You can be friends off the ice."

We also heard that Ricky's (DiPietro) talking helps the defense out a lot. "He let's them know what's going on. Sometimes he talks too much. We all learned to deal with that!" But he also paid Ricky a compliment when asked about toughest goalies. Besides the Martin Brodeurs and the Dominik Haseks of the league, Trent said "there are a lot of young kids coming up. I wouldn't want to play against Ricky, that's for sure."

As we ended the meeting and lined up for autographs (including a physically challenged boy named Josh from Connecticut, a huge fan who was thrilled to meet his favorite player), you couldn't help but notice that Trent Hunter has his priorities in order and should make things happen for the club. Since he moved out of his teammate's house, he got married this past June and is expecting a baby in May. Family plays a big part of his life, from his family on Long Island that we call the Islanders to his family back home in Red Deer. Right now Trent's wife is home giving the finishing touches to a new house. "That's what my dad does, he's a contractor. He built a house for us. All our families and friends are back there. That's where we'll go when I'm done playing hockey." You can't ask for a more well-adjusted player and a person.

Charities Report

The Holiday Season May be Over, But Your Support Is Still Needed

At the General Meeting on **January 23**, we will be collecting for **Big Brothers/Big Sisters** new board games, arts and crafts kits and children's books for ages 7 to 12 years old. The books can be used but must be in mint condition.

A special thank you to Bob Foley who donated \$18.00 worth of pennies and Bobby Maas who always brings us a roll of quarters at the games for our Leukemia Fund. As you can see, saving those pennies do add up! Thanks to all of you.

Rose Muller

The NYIBC is looking for your help in another cause that we want to get involved with. So if you are coming to the meeting on Jan 23rd, we will be collecting sneakers to assist in the **Long Island Ducks "Re-use a shoe" program**. We will be sending them to the Ducks in the Booster Club's name. Here is a little information about what the program is about:

Nike's Reuse-A-Shoe was founded in 1993, when they began collecting both post-consumer, non-metal containing athletic shoes of any brand, and Nike shoes that were returned due to a material or workmanship flaw. The footwear is then separated, ground up and recycled for use in materials that build new sports surfaces, gear, padding and shoes. Since inception, the program has donated more than 170 sports surfaces to disadvantaged communities around the world while helping the environment, as thousands of pairs of athletic materials have been diverted from landfills.

Here is a link that will let you know what the Ducks are doing:
<http://www.liducks.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=news>
If you bring your sneakers to the meeting, we will get them to the Ducks.

Claire Le Compte

Please Remember The FDNY Hockey Team Raffle

In 2001, the FDNY Hockey Team founded the Teddy Bears That Care Program, Inc. a not-for-profit charitable program that gives teddy bears to children throughout the United States. Over 16, 900 teddy bears have been distributed so far.

Help the FDNY Hockey Team continue to help kids by buying a raffle for a jersey signed by the entire team. Tickets are at the games and at meetings. The drawing will be held at the last general meeting.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5

Have you have seen our "**Hockey Is Back**" ribbon magnet? It's great looking and belongs on the back of your car or on your refrigerator. It was a free gift for members who stuck with us during the lockout but you can buy one, or additional ones for only \$3 each or two magnets for \$5. Our sport is back and you can help celebrate!

Get One Today!

Available at the general meetings or at the Booster Club table at the Coliseum.

On The Road Again, Part II

1st Annual NYIBC - BSTBC Broomball Challenge

What is Broomball? - Basically, broomball is played on ice with sneakers instead of skates, a broom instead of a stick and a large ball instead of a puck.

The Bridgeport Sound Tigers Booster Club has issued a challenge to the NYIBC for an in-between period match-up at Bridgeport for Broomball supremacy! Are you up to the challenge? Would you like to see our Booster Club "sweep" the Sound Tigers Booster Club?

Then come join us in Bridgeport on Sunday, February 19th, as we attend the game between the Sound Tigers and the Norfolk Admirals.

Game time: 1:00PM at the Harbor Yard at Bridgeport.

Tickets are: \$16 - Adults \$10 - Children (under 14)

Payment can be made at any Islanders home game at the Club table, as well as the Club general meetings on January 23rd and February 9th. We'll let you know about ferry discounts as soon as possible. Please mail checks and order forms (available at the website or Club table) to: Claire Le Compte

6 Everett Place
Halesite, NY 11743
Attn: Broomball

We have almost 20 volunteers to play, so we need your support.

Hope you can come and root us on!

Any questions, please call the hotline or email our Booster Club.

Long Island Ducks Group Tickets

Back by popular demand, we have group tickets to Division Champion Long Island Ducks this summer. This year we were able to get tickets for three games. Two of the games include a pre-game picnic. Note the Sunday start times are 5:05PM and not 1:05PM.

We will start taking reservations now. Tickets will only be held for you when payment is received.

Game Dates:

Sunday, July 9th - 5:05PM (picnic)

Sunday, July 30 - 5:05PM

Saturday, Sept. 2nd - 7:05PM (picnic)

Plesser's Pre-Game Picnic - 90 minutes before the start of each game. The picnic includes an all-you-can-eat buffet with hamburgers, Nathan's hot dogs, chicken, Pepsi beverages, cookies, snacks, watermelon, potato and macaroni salad. New for 2006: all picnics will offer ribs, roasted corn, tossed salad and potato chips.

Cost:

Picnic Games (July 9th & Sept. 2nd)

\$30 per person \$23 Children (9 and under)

July 30th Game - \$10 per person

In addition, we also have the opportunity to purchase personalized T-shirts. We can have the Booster Club name or logo screened on the back of a white Ducks logo T-shirt for \$12 per shirt. Please let me know if you would be interested in a shirt when you request tickets (there is a 25 shirt minimum).

I can be reached through email at:

NYIBC2@aol.com

Or you can call on the Booster Club Hotline

(631) 547-NYIB (6942)

Claire Le Compte

Constitution and Bylaws Changes

The following four proposed amendments to our Constitution and Bylaws, made by members in good standing, will come up for consideration at our January meeting.

Bruce G. Schneider, Constitution and Bylaw Chairman

I. To amend Article II – Officers - of the Constitution –Section 2 - by striking out the words “Robert’s Rules of Order” and substituting the words “the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised.”

This proposal will have the effect of changing our parliamentary authority from an outdated obsolete version of Robert’s Rules to its current version.

II. To amend Article IV – Officers - of the Constitution by striking out the words “Recording” and “Corresponding Secretary.”

To amend Article II Section 4 of the Bylaws by striking out the word “Corresponding.”

To combine Sections 4 and 5 of the Bylaws by amending Article II Section 5 of the Bylaws by striking out the words “Section 5” and “Recording.”

To renumber any section of the Constitution and Bylaws which may be necessitated by the passage of any amendments approved.

These proposals will have the effect of combing the positions of Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary into one office of Secretary.

III. To amend Article VI-Board of Committees - of the Constitution by inserting the word “Webmaster,” after the word “Charities,”

This proposal will have the effect of adding the position of Webmaster to our listed Board of Standing Committees.

IV. To amend Article III - Membership - of the Constitution by striking out the words "dues-paying" and substituting the word "regular", and

to amend Article I, Section 3 of the Bylaws by striking out the word "Honorary" and inserting the word "regular" after "Lifetime"

The effect of these proposals would be to eliminate the provision which preclude past presidents who are given lifetime membership from being full members of the organization.

Booster Club Meetings.....

Monday, January 23rd - Coach Brad Shaw

Thursday, February 9th - Brad Lukowich

***** Please Make A Note Of Both Dates *****

We decided for our April Meeting that we will have a mini Chinese Auction. We will have sports items and restaurant gift certificates. The date is not firm yet, but we are hoping for a Sunday afternoon, hopefully April 23rd. We will let you know as plans are completed!

- All meetings will be in the downstairs amphitheater at the Marriott across from the Coliseum. Call the Hotline or visit the website for up-to-the minute details about meeting locations.
- Meetings start at 7:30PM.
- The Booster Club Booth at the Nassau Coliseum is located between Gates 3 & 4, and is open before every home game. The booth closes 10 minutes before game time, and reopens between periods.

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