

# Offside Skate

Official Newsletter for the South Carolina Stingrays Boosters Association



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Even though I had an opportunity to continue with hockey until June 13<sup>th</sup> it still seems like it has been a long summer.

I was fortunate to be in Cleveland, Ohio when the AHL Lake Erie Monsters, coached by our very own Jared Bednar, won the Calder Cup on June 13<sup>th</sup>. What an exciting time. The Cleveland area treats the Monsters like rock stars. Over 19,000 in attendance to watch this Calder Cup final game. Jared and his family are close friends of mine (family really). It was a game I wasn't going to miss and I am so glad I was able to be there to watch him win the cup.

Your booster association is preparing for another busy season. The Kick-Off party has been scheduled for Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at James Island County Park. Details will be posted on Facebook as soon as we have everything finalized. Please note the deadline to sign up and pay for the party will be prior to our home opener on October 22<sup>nd</sup> so please pay attention to the deadline date and pay online via [www.raysboosters.com](http://www.raysboosters.com) website.

Since we will not have any preseason games at home this season, we will look forward to seeing you all at our home opener on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Sincerely, Nancy Sullivan

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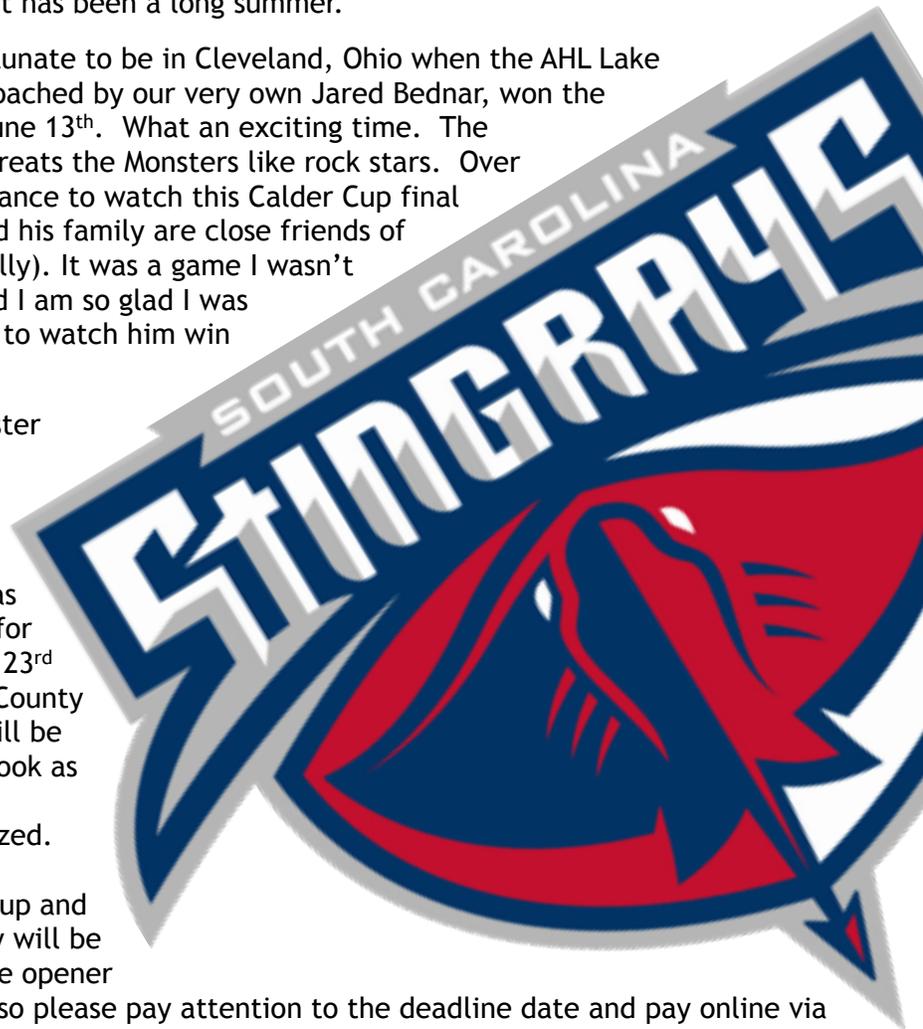
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## Player Apartments

It's time to restock for the coming season. 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 in need of the following items.

- quilts, bedspreads, comforters (Queen or King)
- queen sheets
- shower liners
- shower curtain hooks
- standard size pillows
- coffee makers
- toasters
- steak knives
- bath mats
- bath towels
- silverware
- dinner plates
- coffee mugs

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



## Prayers Needed

The South Carolina Stingrays are saddened to hear of the passing of a dear friend, John "Cofield" Atwater. Cofield, and his wife Carol, were dedicated supporters of the Stingrays since the team arrived in the Lowcountry during the 1990's. Cofield brought us many smiles and memories, and we send our deepest condolences. Our thoughts are with Carol and all of Cofield's family at this time.



**MEMBERSHIP**

We would like to welcome our newest members: Margaret Davis, the Calise Family-Dan, Tracey, and Jake. If you have a change of address, phone number, or email address, please let me know. This will allow me to keep our records up to date.

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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.

## Scrapbook Committee



Hi everyone! For those that do not know yet, I am Brittany (Cogdill) Jones, and I am taking over as chair for the player's scrapbook committee this year. Some of you may already know me, as I previously served on the board and helped Becky Niesen on last year's scrapbooking committee. I am excited about being able to continue this amazing tradition. Players really seem to enjoy reliving the memories as they browse through the end product. As always, this is a big project, and I will need as much support from our booster club members as possible.

One way I need support is help putting the scrapbooks together. I have already had some people sign up to be on the committee, which is great. Thank you to those people! Don't worry though, as there is still room and time to sign up. Also, please do not be afraid if you have never scrapbooked. There are plenty of little things to do, such as matting pictures which is easy to learn. Due to feedback that we have gotten in the past, I plan on having regular meetings in North Charleston (date and location TBD) throughout the entire season to help decrease the amount of work done at the end of the season. Do not feel like you need to come to all the meetings to participate. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated!

Another area in which I need help is the donations of scrapbooking materials. I know that you might be thinking that the season has not even started yet, nor have we even begun to make the books. But, now is the time to look because the local arts and craft stores like Michael's and Hobby Lobby always have great deals going on. The things we need the most right now are scrapbooking adhesive rollers and refills (MUST be photo safe), cardstock paper, including 12x12 size and regular paper size (needs lots of blues and reds), and scrapbooking embellishments/stickers. If you still didn't necessarily want to go to the store or are unsure of what to get, we will graciously take gift cards to those places mentioned above as well as donations towards the printing of the pictures and the books themselves.

Please let me know if you want to help in any way or if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to showing everyone the wonderful finished products, and of course, the look on the players' faces when they get these memory filled scrapbooks that were handmade by the Boosters' Association Members.

## Preseason Stats Monkey

Well, the off season is a barren land of wishing and anticipation for the Stats Monkey. Rosters aren't certain and players signed sometimes don't even make it to training camp and some that do will not be here for opening night. But there is always hope in past stats. Dreams and expectations as well. We've signed some players with consistent history in the ECHL so let's take a look at what, if history repeats itself, what we can expect to see.

**Forwards.** The big signing of Olivier Archambault was a nice surprise. He has averaged over a point per game in 88 ECHL games. Additionally he doesn't take a lot of penalties which means we don't lose his playmaking ability too often. Joe Devin's return is another shot in the arm to having a big point producing top line. With the Stingrays he has averaged .68 PPG and knows how to score the big goals. Everyone needs to keep an eye on Steven McParland. He played on a VERY talented Providence College team and didn't get many minutes on the top line. His production in juniors and a brief stint with Elmira last year lead me to believe he will be a top line scorer. Patrick Gaul has produced a steady .41 PPG mainly from the 3<sup>rd</sup> line. His prowess on the penalty kill and energy he brings to the game are hard to measure in stats. Marcus Perrier is slated to move to forward from the blue line much as Scooter Vaughn did a few years ago. He saw a rise in point production last year and look for him to be a mainstay on the 3<sup>rd</sup> line and special teams. Trevor Gillies is back and although not a force on the scoresheet, his ability to impact the flow of the game and keep things honest on the ice is something this team loves and respects about his game.

**The Defense** will be interesting to watch this year at camp. Some good players aren't going to make this team. Returnees Wade Epp and Colton Saucerman will be joined by Danny Federico, who won the Kelly Cup with Allen last year and Steve Weinstein who played in Cincy last year. Federico isn't flashy but is a stay at home guy who doesn't take penalties. (Think Luka Vidmar) Weinstein is a bit more offensive and is allergic to the penalty box apparently. He's taken 1



minor penalty in 61 pro games between the AHL and ECHL. He finished last year +1 so it doesn't sound like he plays soft. 2 Rookies, Alex Pompeo and Evan Moore, will be fighting for jobs as well. Moore is a stay at home guy and Pompeo is more offensively minded. Who gets a job at the end of camp may come down to who we get from Hershey and what role is needed more to round out the team.

Oh yeah, Hershey. So what will we get from our affiliation this year? Hard to tell now because free agent invitees to the Washington and Hershey camps will boost these numbers and injuries will take them away. However we can base a few things off of who is currently signed. Our goalies will most likely be Parker Milner and Adam Carlson. We may see Vitek a little if Milner has a great camp and they want to give him some looks. On the forward front it looks like we will get 2. All signed guys are solid. Who we get is hard to even guess. Two names to watch are Tim McGauley and Domenic Monardo as possible Stingrays. D-men are a bit more iffy with Orlov still not signed by the Caps. We should expect 2 assuming everyone stays healthy. Joey Leach, Colby Williams and Hubert Labrie will be fighting for the 7<sup>th</sup> spot in Hershey.

See you at the rink.

## Road Pack

Greetings Stingrays fans! Another season is upon us and that 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. Cliffbars or fruit-n-nut bars are also always welcome by the guys. 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!  
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## Bandage Drive

The South Carolina Stingrays Booster Association (and the South Carolina Stingrays) again collected "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. This year a total of 369 boxes were collected. All boxes of band-aids collected were given to the nurses on Sunday, March 27th.

- Ken Brenneman



## Changes in Staff This Season

### Hockey Operations

Head Coach - Ryan Warsofsky  
Assistant Coach - Steve Bergin  
Athletic Trainer - Rick Covard  
Equipment Manager - Cameron Parker

### Sales

Director of Ticket Sales - Robert McCaffrey  
Ticket Sales Manager - Kyle Huckabee  
Account Executives - Will Greene, Jesse Harris, Brook Elias, Zach Myers

### Staff

Owner - Anita Zucker and The Zucker Family  
President - Rob Concannon  
Vice President - Scott Frasnely  
Manager of Marketing and Corporate Partnerships - Laura Lee  
Office manager - Julie Thoennes  
Director of Communications and Broadcasting - Zack Fisch  
Director of Game Operations - Graham Jenkins  
Merchandise Manager - Allie Mulvaney  
Community Relations Manager - Mackenzie Farmery



## OFFSEASON BIRTHDAYS



### June

CJ Thompson 6/2  
#27 Wade Epps 6/3  
#2 Danny Federico 6/3  
Keith Judkins 6/3  
Donna Gelwicks 6/7  
Cole Gardner 6/10  
Vicki Webb 6/19  
Tina Grooms 6/23  
Ben Taylor 6/26  
Carol Greenlee 6/28  
Tracey Fender 6/29  
Sue Williams 6/29

### July

Laura Teas 7/6  
Sondra Sherman 7/11  
Marcia Ziemba 7/11  
Stephanie Campbell 7/15  
Lynn Herron 7/16  
Pat Allen 7/19  
Corlis Edmonds 7/19  
Ryan Fender 7/21  
Roger Shepherd 7/25  
Randy McIntosh 7/31  
Linda O'Brien 7/31

### August

David Teas 8/1  
Cameron Stonefield 8/2  
Annamarie Gordon 8/4  
Erik Gardner 8/8  
Brooke Martin 8/8  
Cole Fender 8/9  
Anson Stewart 8/11  
#15 Marcus Perrier 8/12  
#42 Steve Weinstein 8/13  
Jack O'Brien 8/17  
Morgan Stonefield 8/17  
Betty Ashwood 8/18  
David Bowey 8/18  
Hockey Fan Joe 8/19  
Teri Shuler 8/19  
Dean Wirth 8/19  
Tina Denton 8/23  
Tommy Vernor 8/23  
Robert Martin 8/25  
Steve Hamlett 8/26  
Emmy Hagan 8/26

### September

Timothy Steele 9/1  
Julian Garris 9/2  
Buddy Phillippe 9/3  
Cory Hagan 9/5  
Angela Brady-Kohler 9/6  
Russ Davies 9/11  
Brittany Jones 9/12  
Roger Schwartz 9/13  
Melody Taylor 9/17  
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## Just facts

1. Kris Draper was traded for just 1\$ in 1993 to Detroit Red Wings. Thus, he began his reputation as the “One Dollar Man” and went on to win four Stanley Cups for Detroit.
2. Jarome Iginla donates \$2,000 to the children’s charity Kidsport for every goal he scores. Since 2000, he has added more than \$700,000.
3. In 1930, a goalie named Abie Goldberry caught fire during a game when a puck hit a pack of matches he was carrying in his pocket. He was badly burned before his teammates put out the fire.

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