



# THE PUCK

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Fan Club**  
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## A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

Hi Everyone,

I would like to thank all the fan club members who came out this year to our meetings and voted for Player of the Month. This year our members choose Jake Voracek as the 2014-15-season winner of the Gene Hart Memorial Award. I would also like to thank VP Theresa Carney-Kestenholtz for presenting the award to Jake along with PFFC member Laura Encarnado. We will ask Jake to come to a meeting next fall to present him with a check to the charity of his choice.

The first round of the playoffs this year has some new teams involved like Minnesota, Winnipeg and Ottawa and left some playoff mainstays out like the Kings and Bruins. Even though our Flyers did not make the playoffs, I'm sure most of you have another team you are rooting for or maybe just a team you are rooting against. I hope you are enjoying playoff hockey as much as I am.

I want to wish everyone a happy, safe and relaxing summer and look forward to seeing you at next year's meetings.

Joe Fisher, President

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## Thank You!!

Congratulations to David Fink, winner of the raffle drawing for the autographed Jakub Voracek jersey.

Proceeds from the raffle will go towards the \$2000.00 donation to the favorite charity of this year's Gene Hart Memorial Award winner, Jakub Voracek.

The PFFC wishes to thank everyone who participated!!

## PFFC MEETING REMINDER

**Next Meeting Date & Venue to be Determined**

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**FROM THE EDITOR...**

**Bowling, Anyone? by Lois Witulski**

On Saturday April 25, 2015 over 30 PFFC members got together for the annual Beef & Bowl at the Cherry Hill Playdrome. As usual Lou Milano did a great job organizing this fun night. A buffet dinner of tossed salad, stuffed shells, meatballs and buffalo wings was served as the bowlers prepared for 2 hours of unlimited games. Plenty of delicious desserts were on hand too, provided by those who attended. Several people came just to eat and hang out (myself included) and everyone seemed to be having a great time catching up with one another. Lou had some giveaway items on hand for anyone who was interested.

Lou is once again organizing a Summer Bowling League. Bowling will be held on Wednesday or Thursday evenings for 8 weeks over the summer. Family and friends are welcome – you do not have to be a PFFC member to participate.

Interested in joining the PFFC Summer Bowling League? If you would like to bowl this summer, please contact Lou Milano at [Lmstut@comcast.net](mailto:Lmstut@comcast.net) or call or text 1-609-922-2234 by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Condolences to the Sereda family on their recent loss. Sereda Jewelers was a long time advertiser in the Puck. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

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**We'd like to hear from you!**

The PFFC welcomes all ideas and comments. You can submit your articles to: Lois Witulski, c/o PFFC, 3601 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148 or email to: [lwitulski@verizon.net](mailto:lwitulski@verizon.net).

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### Table for 3 in Vancouver, Please... by Alan Ellis

On March 13<sup>th</sup> at 4AM, I parked in South Philadelphia, and was driven to the airport by Lou Milano for my 1st EVER trip to Vancouver, BC. I would be joined 2 days later by my fellow PFFCers Liz Sanna & Beth Krummert. First was a short flight to Toronto, followed by a long flight to Vancouver, where I arrived by early afternoon. After bag pick up, I headed to Skytrain (Canada Line) into town ("This train is for Waterfront"), then switched to the Millenium Line to Burrard St., walked to the hotel, checked in and went for lunch. I grabbed a short nap and then headed over to the Pacific Coliseum, the former home of the Canucks, to catch a WHL junior league game. My visit was more about seeing the arena than the game, so I only stayed for half (I had planned on that, anyway. Long day, you know.)

On Saturday morning, I did a little city exploring in the drizzle, then I went to the Canucks/Maple Leafs game at Rogers Arena. The atmosphere was great, with a mix of Canucks/Leafs fans at the game. The Canucks won 4-1. On Sunday I spent some more time exploring while waiting for Liz & Beth to arrive, which they did late Sunday night. Monday was a GORGEOUS day (YES!!!), and we headed for Capilano Park, home to the famous Capilano Suspension Bridge. Also you could do the Tree Tops walk (short bridges connected to trees), and the Cliff Walk, a walkway built onto the side of a cliff. Definitely worth the price of admission. The scenery was awesome! Then, we went further up the road to Grouse Mountain, where a Gondola cable car took us high up the mountain (ANOTHER awesome view) and you could look out over the Vancouver area. After coming back down & heading to the hotel, it was out to dinner, then sleep.

Tuesday, we headed to Stanley Park (named after that guy who had something to do with the greatest trophy in sports), went on a horse buggy ride, walked in the park a little, then headed over to the waterfront for some picture taking and Canada Place, where we saw a cool film (complete with hydraulic "ride") called 'Fly Over Canada'. Before that film, we were treated to a bonus, 'Fly over USA'. They were both great! Then it was back to hotel to get ready for Flyers/Canucks game. With it being March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, it was only fitting that former NHL player, coach and executive, the late Pat Quinn was honored. A street alongside the arena was named "Pat Quinn Way" before the game outside, then there was an emotional ceremony in the arena before the puck drop. They played "When Irish Eyes are Smiling" and all 18,000 people sang along. Former Canucks players were there, as well as Bob Clarke, Paul Holmgren & Jack McIlhargey. Pat's wife dropped the puck for the ceremonial faceoff. The Canucks won 4-1, but finally going there was great. We went back to the hotel, said our goodbyes, and wished each other a safe flight home. I walked to the train to go to the airport, and at 4:30 AM I passed by an Irish bar with some people still there. I laughed & waved. They waved back. Two flights and a car drive later, I was back home with a LOT of great memories.

Thank you to Liz & Beth for sharing them with me.





## Road Trip to Allentown by Lou Milano

We had talked about making a trip to Allentown to see the Phantoms all season and finally figured March 22<sup>nd</sup> to be a good date. The Phantoms were playing their WB Scranton rivals, the game was a decent hour AND the Flyers weren't playing. So 15 of us ventured out (Denise Santagata and the Dziomba's were in my car). After meeting at approximately 2 PM we began what we thought would be an easy ride to the PPL Center. Even though MapQuest gave me directions there were no signs to the Arena after we exited the PA Turnpike. Thank goodness for Paul's GPS or else we may still be driving...

The PPL Center has a neat façade outside with a Tim Horton's on the side and great places to eat and drink. In fact it reminds me of Winnipeg's MTS Centre (which we hope to have a trip next season...). Anyway, everyone met around 4 PM and hung out before the game. Since the PPL Center is new I explored the place. As most of you are aware I'm an "arena food" sampler so I sampled the basics (hotdogs, pretzel, etc.). The game was your typical AHL game, chippy, rough and fun. The Phantoms (I didn't realize purple was taken out of the uniform) played a good first period but the score was 0-0 after one. The Penguins scored two 2nd period goals and added one in the 3rd for a 3-0 win.

I highly recommend a trip to the Phantoms' new home. It's a really neat arena with a lot of amenities (hey, where's that Tim Horton's donut?). And, we sat 18 rows (or so) from the ice and even though it was group ticket price the cost was only \$24.00 per ticket!! When was the last time this happened at WFC?? Just, if you go, be sure to get CORRECT directions or a good GPS. Maybe by next season there will be actual signs when exiting the PA Turnpike!!

On an unrelated note, I'd like to thank everyone who participated in our trips this past season. I hope you all had blast and will return next season. Hopefully the schedule will cooperate. Have a great summer and look for the Trip Schedule sometime in July.

## Current Nominations for Office for the 2015-2016 Season from Maureen Fisher, Chairperson

A few words about the election. The By-Laws state that to run for office you must attend five meetings from the previous March to and including the February nomination meeting and be a member for at least one year prior to the February meeting.

With these restrictions we would only have two people running for member-at-large and there are three positions. The Nomination and Constitution committees have agreed that since there was no September meeting we would make an exception for this year. The exception is that a candidate must have attended only four meetings. The ballots will reflect this decision.

Voting at the April meeting. Results will be posted in the next Puck issue.

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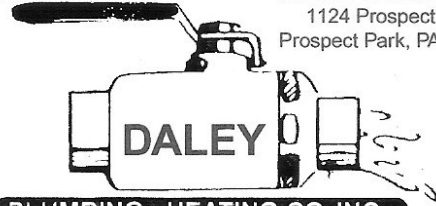
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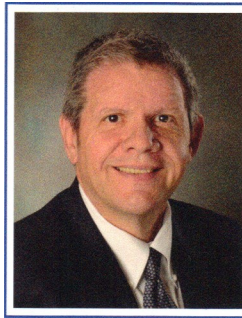
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| Mike Connelly    | Justin Pirmann     |
| Robert Doster    | Randee Rubin       |
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Birthday List Compiled by:  
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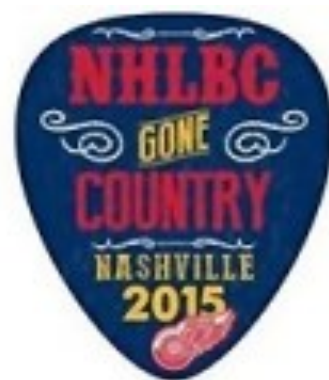
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**5/24/15 balance due**

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