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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

Hello, all!

I hope everyone's holidays were safe and fun. We at the Fan Club, wish everyone a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Turning to the team now, GM Ron Hextall made another brilliant trade to relieve some money off the salary cap. It's a shame, Vinnie never caught on here - he had a great career and I wish him well in his retirement at the end of this season.

Looking ahead at the prospects, the "Ghost" is everything and more at this point in his young career and seeing Provorov in the World Juniors, he was very impressive. And finally Travis Konecny is tearing it up in the juniors. Continue to be patient, and to quote Timbuk3, "the future's so bright, I gotta wear shades."

Joe Fisher, President

PFFC MEETING REMINDER

The next meeting date: To Be Determined

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**Congratulations!!
Raffle Winners**

**Road trip to NY:
Jennifer Mack**

**Giroux Jersey:
Jim Shields**

All proceeds from the raffle were donated to the Philadelphia FOP Survivor's Fund.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK**Honoring Rod by Lois Witulski**

When I heard that Rod Brind'Amour was being inducted in the Flyers Hall of Fame this season, my first thought was that I had to be there. I have followed Rod's career since he was traded to the Flyers prior to the 1991-92 season. I cheered loudly at the 1992 NHL All-Star Game when Rod was the lone Flyers participant. During his 8 full seasons in Philadelphia, Rod was exciting to watch, and when you saw that gleam in his eyes you knew this man was determined to win. Like many other Flyers fans, it was a sad day for me when Rod was traded to the Carolina Hurricanes in 2000. The Flyers had truly lost a great player. In Raleigh, Rod went on to enjoy another 10 seasons and I was able to go on a few road trips to see him play there. In 2006, I was thrilled (and I admit I cried) to see Rod finally hoist the Stanley Cup. If anybody deserved to win the Cup, it was Rod! Brind'Amour retired in 2010 and joined the Canes coaching staff. And in 2011, the Carolina Hurricanes retired Rod's #17 and I was able to make the trip to attend that game as well.

Rod played 633 games with the Flyers (484 consecutively), tallied 601 points (235 goals, 366 assists), and still to this day is in the top 10 all-time Flyers points leaders. His streak of 484 consecutive games says it all. Rod was (and will always be) one of the most hardworking and dedicated players I have ever watched.

On November 23rd, fans gathered at the Wells Fargo Center to pay tribute to Rod during an on-ice ceremony prior to the game. The building was festive and decorated with many large banners and balloons honoring Brind'Amour. Rod's family, along with Chris Therien, John LeClair and Ron Hextall gathered and a video of Rod's career in Philadelphia was shown. Rod then gave his speech thanking the Flyers Organization, especially Ed Snider, his first coach Paul Holmgren, his former teammates, Bob Clarke, Bill Barber, Harry Bricker, a few friends, his parents (who couldn't attend), his family and finally the fans of Philadelphia. Rod was presented with the ceremonial bust which will be forever displayed at the Flyers Experience and a painting for him to remember his years as a Flyer. Finally the banner was raised and Rod Brind'Amour will remain forever in the Flyers Hall of Fame. Congratulations Rod!

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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.

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PFFC ROAD TRIPS 2015-16 SEASON by Lou Milano (updated 1/10/16)

TORONTO: (2/19 to 2/22/16): Join us as we venture into Canada and invade Toronto (always a blast...) to watch the Flyers battle the always fun Maple Leafs. This will be another trip teaming with **Phans of Philly**. We'll depart for Toronto approximately 6:30 AM 2/19/16 via deluxe motor coach with arrival approximately 2 PM where we'll check in to the Sheraton Downtown Hotel. The hotel is located close to the Air Canada Center, Hockey Hall of Fame, CN Tower, Toronto's bars/eateries and all the hockey shops (an experience!!) on Yonge St. After some R&R or touring the town, we'll all gather at **Gretzky's bar/restaurant to watch the Flyers/Canadians game at 7 PM. The establishment will provide happy hour specials and a full buffet. I expect us to fully take over the place!!** Saturday, 2/20/15, you'll have all day to tour Toronto or do whatever you wish **before joining us at approximately 4:30 PM at Real Sports Bar located next to the Air Canada Center for another happy hour (with drink specials) and a full buffet. This should be a blast as we mingle with all kinds of hockey fans from Canada.** But, don't have too much fun and forget to venture over to the Air Canada Center to see the Flyers battle the Leafs that night. Sunday, after having all day in Toronto (**FYI the Hockey Hall Of Fame is open both 2/20 and 2/21/15**) we'll depart Toronto 6 PM and arrive in Philadelphia approximately 2:30 AM 2/22/16. Sounds like fun, doesn't it?? Seats for the trip will sell early, don't get shut out!!

Price includes: Roundtrip Motor coach, two nights lodging, a party at Gretzky's 2/19/15 with the opportunity to purchase drink specials, free buffet (at Gretzky's), a before game party at Real Sports with the opportunity to purchase drink specials, free buffet, (at Real Sports), upper level game ticket to the Flyers-Leafs game 2/20/15, ticket to the Hockey Hall Of Fame, drivers gratuity and more!! P.S. Get those passports ready!! Price: only \$599.00 Quad Occupancy (four to a room), \$659.00 Triple Occupancy (three to a room), \$729.00 Double Occupancy (two to a room). Single: See Lou. P.S. Get those passports ready!

FLORIDA games 3/11 and 3/12/16. Another one of our "you tell us where/when and how long" and we'll make it happen. See Lou for further details.

COLORADO/ARIZONA: (3/23-3/27/16): Ever want to take a trip out west and search for gold? Well here's your chance, maybe even a trip to the Grand Canyon!! See Lou for further details.

PITTSBURGH: (4/1 to 4/3/16). Pittsburgh is always a fun place to visit with all the places to view (Station Square, the Incline, and if the Pirates are home, PNC Park) as well as MANY restaurants and bars. Plus our hotel will be the Doubletree located within footsteps of the Console Energy Center. You know how games between the Flyers and Penguins are in Pittsburgh!! With the game a week before the season ends, it should have major implications in the Met Division and maybe Wild Card!! This will be a "Provide Your Own Transportation" trip with the option of one or two nights but if there's interest in a bus trip we'll do it.

Prices as follows:

One Night Lodging (4/2 to 4/3/16), taxes, game ticket, breakfast (4/3/16) Q-\$199.00, T-\$215.00 D-\$239.00 S-310.00

Two Nights (4/1 to 4/3/16), taxes, game ticket, breakfast (4/2 & 4/3/16) Q-\$245.00 T-\$265.00 D-\$299.00 S-\$479.00

For more info, contact Lou Milano, 609.922.2234 (cell/text), Lmstut@comcast.net

Please visit our website www.flyersfanclub.org for important trip notes and information!



Flyers Watch Party – Oh What Fun!!! By Terri Dziomba

What's better than attending a Flyers game at the Wells Fargo Center? Attending a watch party with 25 of the best Flyers Fans on earth! On December 11, some members of the Philadelphia Flyers Fan Club and Phans of Philly joined at Chickie's and Pete's in South Philly to watch our Flyers take on the Dallas Stars. Oh what a night! We began the evening by getting to know each other and checking out the buffet. Our hosts extraordinaire, Lou Milano and Joe DiBiaggio made the intros and made sure everyone had what they needed to enjoy the evening.

The buffet was just as promised - all the great food Chickie's and Pete's is known for. Great pizza (my personal favorite!), crab fries with cheese, buffalo chicken, chicken wings, etc. And plenty of "adult beverage" and soft drinks as well. The buffet was always replenished so there was never a moment when you needed a crab fry or anything else for that matter and it wasn't there.

Then the game began. Our Flyers were coming off a win in St. Louis the night before and there was great hope that the streak would continue. The Dallas Stars currently own the best record this season in the entire league, so we knew this would be a challenge for the Flyers. Shayne Gostisbehere scored the first goal of the evening and what a beauty it was! Although the Flyers lost this game, they played very well against the league leader.

So the next time there is a "Flyers Watch Party" and I'm sure based on the response to this party there will be another, consider joining the fun.

2016 NHLBC Convention hosted by: NY Islanders Booster Club August 12–14, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency Long Island

For more information follow the link on the PFFC website, www.flyerfanclub.org

Prices per person are \$570 single; \$410 double; \$370 triple; \$340 quad; children under 16 staying in a parent's room \$175. Extra night room rate is \$139 plus tax per night for stays beginning Sunday 8/4 through Thursday 8/8 & Sunday 8/11, see convention packet for details.

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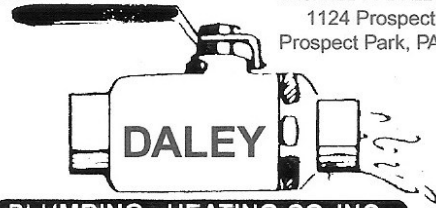
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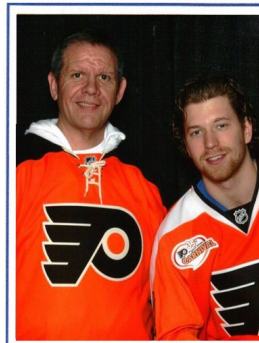
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