



# THE PUCK

**Philadelphia Flyers  
Fan Club**

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

Hi Everyone,

Welcome Back to another Flyers Hockey Season! By the time you read this, training camp for the 2014-2015 season will be underway and the first home pre-season game will be in the books. I am looking forward to the home opener and all of the Hall of Fame nights this season.

First off, I want to wish Flyers defenseman Kimmo Timonen best wishes for a complete recovery from the blood clots he is suffering from. Our wish is to see him healthy most importantly and hopefully able to play later in the season. Secondly, I am looking forward to new General Manager Ron Hextall's first season in his new position with the Flyers. We as fans need to be patient and allow Ron to work his magic.

At the last officer's meeting, by a unanimous vote, Lou Milano was voted a lifetime board member after 30 plus years working with the Fan Club. I want to congratulate Lou on a position well deserved. Lou is also our trip czar. Please be sure to read in this issue of "The Puck" the trip list Lou has prepared. Hopefully we will see you all on one or more trips this season. Puck Editor Lois Witulski is always looking for interesting articles for our newsletters. If you go on a trip or visit another arena on your own or even meet your favorite player, please consider writing an article for all to enjoy.

Best Wishes to our Flyers team for a great start to the 2014-2015 season.

Joe Fisher, President

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## **Going to the Game??**

Be sure to stop by  
the Fan Club table  
at every home game!

Please check the  
PFFC website or  
Facebook page for  
this season's table  
location.

## **PFFC MEETING REMINDER**

The next meeting of the Philadelphia Flyers Fan Club will be on  
Monday, October 6, 2014 at 7PM at the Wells Fargo Center.

November meeting date: To Be Determined

**Please visit our website at [www.flyersfanclub.org](http://www.flyersfanclub.org) or  
check our Facebook page for the latest PFFC news.**





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

It was a beautiful evening at the ballpark on August 19<sup>th</sup>, when approximately 25 PFFC members and friends attended the Phillies game vs. the Seattle Mariners. Although the Phillies lost the game, it was great to see everyone during the long summer away from hockey.

Speaking of baseball, how about those Taney Dragons?? With the Phillies season going so badly and both hockey and football still a month or two away, it was truly exciting to watch this amazing group of young athletes. The maturity and composure of the Taney team was something to be admired and true example of what it means to be a team. Even though the Dragons fell short of the championship games, for those few short weeks during the Little League World Series, it was great fun for Philadelphia sports fans to have something to cheer about. Congratulations to the Taney Dragons for a job well done!!

I am looking forward to Flyers training camp and the start of the new season. Can't wait to see what Coach Berube and new Flyers GM Ron Hextall have planned for the team! Go Flyers!!

**Important News!!**

Flyers Fan Club 2014-2015 Membership is now open!  
A new application is included in this issue. Don't miss out!  
For the latest PFFC news and information, RENEW TODAY!!

Please check your label and email any corrections to Randee Rubin at [flyersfanclub67@aol.com](mailto:flyersfanclub67@aol.com). Questions or ideas are also welcome!

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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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**PFFC 2014-15 Trips by Lou Milano (9/1/14)** For further details, visit the PFFC website.

### **MONTREAL 11/14 - 11/16/14: Provide Your Own Transportation/ Bus Trip**

November is a GREAT time to visit Montreal, it's a neat city, and the weather shouldn't be freezing, plus it's a perfect time to see a great NHL game between the Flyers and Montreal Canadiens (11/15/14 Hockey Night in Canada 7PM). Montreal has MANY Pubs and Restaurants located footsteps (even in Lou length) from our hotel (The Novotel, located one block from Bell Centre). Whatever you do, you'll have a blast! We're also looking into watching practice at the Bell Center. PFFC Members Only!!

**Price includes two nights lodging, game ticket, reception and round trip Motorcoach (depart at 6:30 AM 11/14/14 and return by midnight 11/16/14): Single rate and one or three night packages are available, see Lou. PASSPORT REQUIRED! Quad Occupancy \$449.00, Triple Occupancy \$479.00, Double Occupancy \$549.00 All prices are per person.**

**Provide Your Own Transportation (no bus): Quad \$329.00, Triple \$349.00, Double \$399.00**

### **NY RANGERS 11/29/14 (Saturday) 1 PM Bus Trip**

Treat yourself to a post-Thanksgiving gift and join us to a trip to NYC and Madison Square Garden to watch the Flyers battle the always fun NY Rangers. After last season's playoffs, you'll want to see this revenge game. After the game you'll have some time to explore. The bus will leave at 8 AM and return by 10 PM that evening.

**Price includes round trip Motorcoach, snacks, reception and game ticket: \$199.00 per person**

### **NY ISLANDERS 1/19/15 (Monday) 1 PM Bus Trip (Martin Luther King Day)**

Nassau Coliseum is one of the great old places to watch a game. This is the last regularly scheduled game for the Flyers at Nassau Coliseum. Join the PFFC on a trip to say a proper goodbye to a great arena. The bus will depart at 8:30 AM and return by 7 PM.

**Price includes round trip Motorcoach, snacks, reception and game ticket: \$99.00 per person.**

### **COLUMBUS/BUFFALO 2/13 - 2/16/15 (Friday to Monday) Bus Trip**

This would be a perfect time to cross these arenas from your bucket list. Plus it's a holiday weekend!! Columbus's downtown setup is pretty neat, with many places to eat and drink while Nationwide Arena is one the best arenas in the NHL. There are lots of great things to do and see in Buffalo. Chomp down some wings at the Anchor Bar; take a small excursion to Canada (passport required). The HSBC arena is another newer type arena surrounded by local watering holes and great places to eat. The trip will depart 5 AM 2/13/15, arrive in Columbus around 1 PM and check into the Crowne Plaza hotel, located a couple blocks from Nationwide Arena where we'll watch the Flyers battle the Columbus Blue Jackets that evening (7:05 PM). On 2/14/15, we'll head to Buffalo where we'll spend that night at the Hampton Inn Downtown (there's a chocolate pub located inside the hotel). On 2/15/15 at 7 PM, we'll head to HSBC to watch the Flyers take on the improving Sabres. After the game we'll head home with arrival at 5 AM.

**Price includes Round Trip Motorcoach, two nights lodging, taxes, breakfast at the Hampton Inn (Buffalo), snacks on bus, welcome reception and two game tickets (Flyers-Blue Jackets 2/13/15, Flyers-Sabres 2/15/15)**

**PRICE WILL BE DETERMINED BY INTEREST!**

### **WASHINGTON 2/8/15 (Sunday) 3 PM Bus trip or Game tickets only**

Now that the Caps and Flyers are back in the same division, Flyers/Caps games are fun again. With this game in early February, playoff battles will begin. You'll want to be there. The bus will depart for the Verizon Center at 10 AM and return after the game.

**Price includes round trip Motorcoach, snacks, reception and game ticket: \$175.00 per person**

### **BOSTON/NEW JERSEY (Friday to Sunday) 3/6 - 3/8/15 Bus Trip**

This will be a chance to see two games in the same trip. We'll depart at 7 AM and have almost two full days to explore Boston (a GREAT Town!!). Our hotel, Wyndham Beacon Hill Hotel is located within walking distance of the TD Bank Center (Flyers/Bruins 1PM on 3/7/14) AND many bars/eateries that Boston is most famous for. And, the hotel is not far from Faneuil Hall!! Around 11AM on 3/8/15, the bus will depart Boston for home but on the way, we'll stop at Newark's Prudential Center to watch the Flyers battle the always tough NJ Devils (5 PM). After the game we'll head home with expected arrival approximately 9:45 PM that evening. Two game trips are hard to come by, you may want to take advantage.

**Price includes roundtrip Motorcoach, two nights lodging, taxes, welcome reception at hotel, snacks on the bus and TWO game tickets (Flyers-Bruins 3/7/15, Flyers-Devils 3/8/15). Quad \$549.00, Triple \$599.00, Double \$699.00, Single \$1099.00 All prices are per person.**

**Provide Your Own Transportation (no bus) and Save (although if driving, pricing at Boston parking lots is ASTRONOMICAL!!): Quad \$429.00, Triple \$475.00, Double \$575.00 See Lou for single price. All prices are per person.**

**VANCOUVER 3/17/15 to ???** Details coming... Start looking into airfares!!

**For more info contact: Lou Milano at 609.922.2234/ Lmstut@comcast.net/ 1608 Lucas Lane, Voorhees, NJ 08043**

**Happy Birthday to PFFC members celebrating their special day!!**

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		Glenn Heiland	

Birthday List Compiled by: PFFC Corresponding Secretary Randee Rubin

(current as of 9-1-14)

**Tales of a Rookie by Beth Krummert**

The second weekend in August every year means it is time for the NHLBC Convention. This year I had the opportunity to be able to attend the convention which was held in St. Louis. It was a great distraction from summer hockey withdrawal to get together with other hockey fans from around the league. As a rookie it's a little intimidating when everyone else knows one another but it turns out that everyone is just one big family who welcome newcomers like they'd been there the whole time. Even though when one needs a drink, snack or a helping hand, they tend to call on a rookie for help, it is all in good fun.

Hanging out with our hockey family and seeing the sites of St. Louis was an experience I will never forget. On Friday I took the "Beer Barons Tour", which included a full brewery tour at Anheuser Busch and the Busch family's private retreat, Grant's Farm. We got to see the world famous Clydesdales up close and personal, along with other animals on the grounds. I thought it would feel like I was a third wheel but it turned out that within no time at all it felt as if we'd all been friends for years. It was great to hear the guest speaker, Blues defenseman Bob Plager speak of his time as a player in the league. Many laughs were had by all. Survivor night was a blast and a great experience for everyone, especially a rookie, but you need to attend to find out what it is all about. I can't wait for next year in Nashville to see everyone again and hopefully many new faces too.

Note: The 2015 NHLBC Convention, will be held in Nashville on August 7-9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and hosted by the Detroit Red Wings For'em Club. More details in the next Puck issue.



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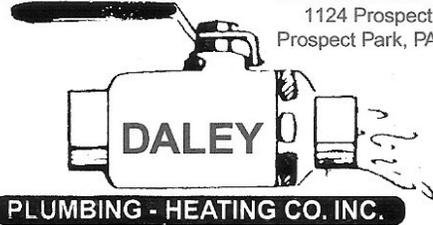
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