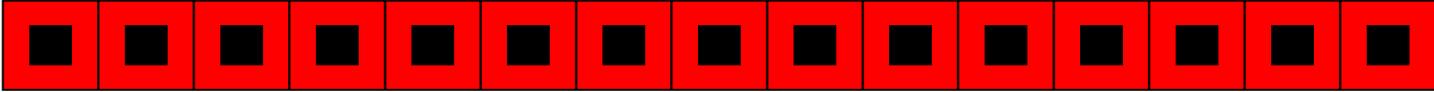


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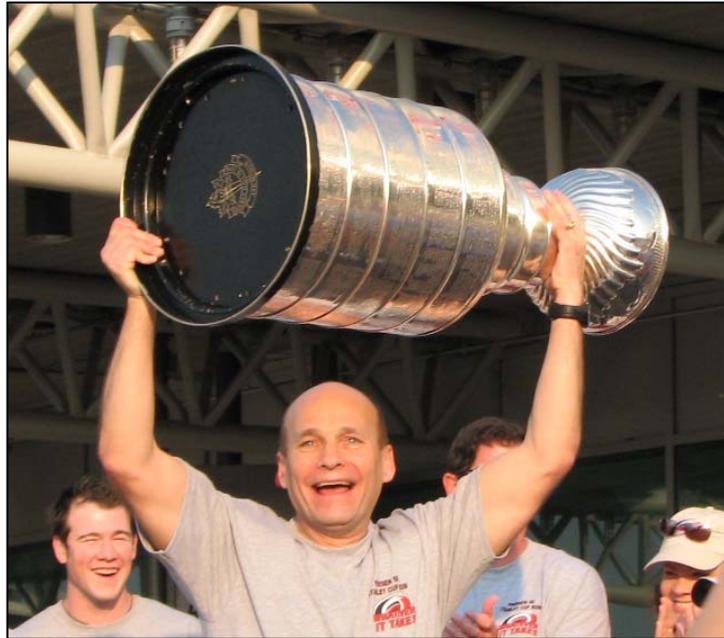
Friesen's 5K Stanley Cup Fun Run Raises \$20k for LLS!

Several booster club members and Hurricanes fans participated in the first Stanley Cup run organized by Carolina Hurricanes head trainer/strength and conditioning coach Pete Friesen. Friesen utilized his day with Lord Stanley's Cup to help out the Leukemia Lymphoma Society.

Friesen followed in the footsteps of Head Coach Peter Laviolette, who started the Coaches Against Cancer Challenge during the 2005-06 season and during the 2006 playoffs.

If you listened to Coach Friesen for about 30 seconds, it's pretty easy to see why the Carolina Hurricanes won the Stanley Cup. Friesen is a clear motivator with a big heart. Upon hearing him speak before the event, participants needed no further motivation to do "whatever it takes" to help the coach in this worthy cause.

"I guess this is my way of doing what Coach did this spring," said Friesen in an article on carolinahurricanes.com. "Even though he was trying to



Heart of a champion! Canes' trainer Pete Friesen hoists the Stanley Cup at charity event.

win the Stanley Cup at the time and faced all the pressures that come with that, he had the presence of mind to use that opportunity to raise monies for this worthy cause."

At the race's end, the fun never stopped as participants were treated to a complimentary pancake breakfast and several Hurricanes prize packs were given away including autographed hockey sticks and photos with the players and the Stanley Cup.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Eastern N.C. Chapter serves patients battling leukemia, lymphoma,

Hodgkin's disease and myeloma in 49 Eastern N.C. counties. The Triangle based chapter, with a satellite office in Wilmington, raises money for research leading to a cure for the blood cancers and to enhance the quality of life for local patients through services such as family support groups, educational programs and financial assistance. For more information, visit www.lls.org or call 919-677-3993.

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President's Message / Brian Williamson**The Cup Defense Begins!**

Hello Members,

GAME ON!!! The Hurricanes have begun the defense of the Stanley Cup. It's time to shake the rust off and clean the gear for yet another NHL season. Even though it feels too warm for hockey, things have started moving for the organization. As of this writing, we just finished up with the Caniac Carnival, which was even better than the past 6 years combined.

The Canes got off to a rough start, but rebounded quite nicely after losing their first 4 games. Wins at Atlanta, Pittsburgh, and Tampa Bay have our Canes back in championship form we have come to know and love. Congratulations to Justin Williams on his first career hat trick!

The Carolina Hurricanes Booster Club is also starting to get event plans started and our schedule is taking shape for this year. We will be working with the Hurricanes to promote and enrich hockey in the Triangle in many ways this year. As in years past, we will be working with the Kids-N-Community organization and with UNC Hospitals on our third annual bear project. We are also hoping to work with the Food Bank of Eastern North Carolina for a food drive this season.

We took a first step with the help of Stormy this past month at Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream in North Hills mall. After the Red & White game going on at the RBC Center, we had many Canes fans drop in afterwards to take shots at Stormy in the Slap Shot booth and buy ice cream to help the cause. Thank you to everyone that was involved for a great turn out and a wonderful evening.

We had our September meeting in the media room of the RBC Center and Paul Strand was our guest speaker. It was a very informative night. We learned that there is a great need for help and support for children's hockey in the Triangle and it is our mission to help where we can. On behalf of the Booster Club, I'd like to thank Paul for giving us a step forward in this ongoing cause. Paul has a blog on www.carolinahurricanes.com. I highly recommend checking it out if you have children interested in playing hockey or would like to lend your support to youth hockey in the Triangle.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our tailgate coming up on Oct. 28th in the West Parking lot beginning at 5:00 pm. Look for the Carolina Hurricanes Booster Club banner as you enter from Edwards Mill Road. Please bring food and drink and meet your CHBC officers and other fellow Caniacs.

Thank you,
The Prez,
Brian Williamson

*The Carolina Hurricanes
raise the banner on
opening night.*



After a short summer...it's hockey time

So ... did you enjoy your summer?

For fans of the Carolina Hurricanes, and for Canes players, coaches and staff, that was one SHORT summer break. The last column I wrote for this Newsletter was celebrating a Stanley Cup championship, and it seems like I just wrote it a couple of weeks ago. In fact, the short summer has done more damage than to our sense of renewal, as several Hurricanes players are facing either serious time away from the roster or starting the season in less than full health thanks to limited healing time. The two players who will miss significant time will hurt badly, as Corey Stillman and Frank Kaberle both needed shoulder surgery. Stillman will be out until the Holidays and Kaberle will miss almost the entire season.

So that's a fine how do you do. The Hurricanes open the defense of their 2005-06 Stanley Cup Championship with a couple of key returning players on the shelf. So who's coming in to replace those guys and those who left over the summer?

Fortunately GM Jim Rutherford has added some significant players to roster as recently as one hour before I sat down to write this column. Canes prospect Jack Johnson and defenseman Oleg Tverdovsky were traded to the LA Kings for defenseman Tim Gleason and center Eric Belanger. Now, both of these guys have spent their careers laboring on the Left Coast, so some of you might be asking ... a fat, dead comedian and a former Orioles shortstop?

Not quite. Gleason is a physical young defenseman who will add some stability to the Canes defense corps while Belanger is a reliable and experienced third line centerman. In addition to those two, former Tampa goalie John Grahame now mans the Carolina net with Conn Smythe winner Cam Ward, and Trevor Letowski and Scott Walker have joined the mix at forward. Those guys bring sincere quality to the club, and will be joined by some returning former Canes like David Tanabe and Ryan Bayda as the club looks not only replenish the talent in Raleigh, but to also re-tool their new AHL affiliate in Albany, NY.

October 4th we raised the Cup banner and celebrated 2005-06 one more time. Close the book. The title defense has been rough thus far, but mark my words, the reigning champs will bounce back.

Eastern Conference Predictions

Traditionally, this is the time of the year when

I stick my neck out and risk looking a fool as I ponder the fate of the 15 NHL Eastern Conference teams for the coming season. Mercifully I was not one of those who picked the Hurricanes to finish 15th in the East last season, but then again I'm a homer so what do you expect?

1. Ottawa Senators – the Sens are still loaded and their young defenders have come far enough along to absorb the loss of Chara. Former Cane Martin Gerber will add consistency in net and they can score with anybody.

2. New York Rangers – Young Henrik Lundqvist has done nothing but get better in net, and the Rangers have tweaked the lineup to add more defense and scoring depth.

3. Carolina Hurricanes – I expect a sluggish start as the traditional Cup hangover clears up, but the Canes are once again deep and dangerous.

4. Philadelphia Flyers – Forsberg looks healthy and their talented youth is maturing.

5. Buffalo Sabres – Still fast and furious, but the defense will need to hold up.

6. Atlanta Thrashers – the Thrashers will give Carolina fits in the Southeast, as a healthy Lehtonen means good goaltending from day one this season.

7. New Jersey Devils – How? I'm not really sure how they're going to pull it off. I just have trouble picking against a team that finishes this high regardless of what happens.

8. Montreal Canadiens – I like the mix in Montreal and the Habs gave Carolina fits in the playoffs.

9. Tampa Bay

10. Toronto

11. Florida

12. Pittsburgh

13. Washington

14. Boston

15. New York Islanders

So, closet Islanders fans can find me here if and when they win the Cup in June 2007.

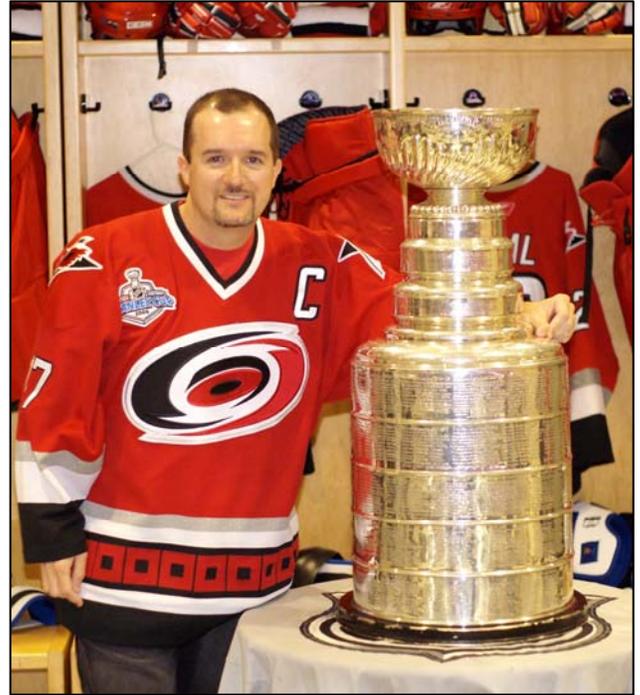
Change of Address

Allow me to make just a quick note to inform anyone interested that what I consider to be the best Hurricanes hockey message board on the internet has packed up and moved to a new address. Find us at www.TheScoreBoards.com along with fans of every other NHL team.

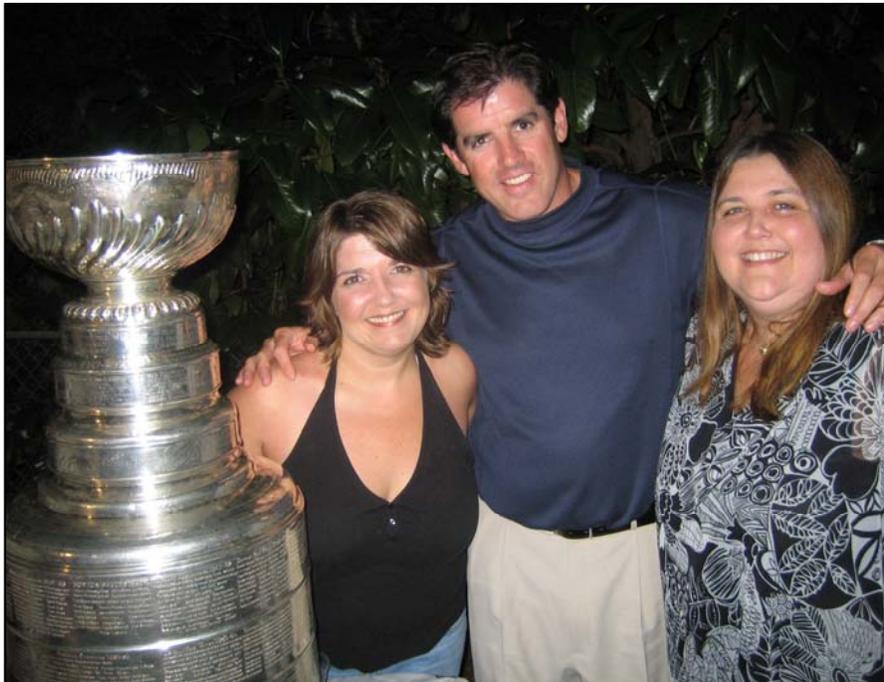
Show us your photos with the Stanley Cup!



Members Tom and Elizabeth Sullivan participated in the Kids 'N Community Charity Golf Tournament at Prestonwood Country Club September 25th. The "Hurricane" red Thunderbird was won by Elizabeth in the Hurricanes Kids 'N Community Charity Raffle.



Member Shawn Moore took full advantage of the full season ticketholder photo opportunity on September 19th to grab this photo with Lord Stanley's Cup. Over a 2-day period the Canes put together a locker room backdrop with the Cup.



Members Elaine & Mary Noulis with Hurricanes Head Coach Peter Laviolette. He got the Noulis' vote for Coach of the Year!

Forget to send in your photos?

Fear not, we will continue to print Stanley Cup photos throughout the season.

Send your photos in jpeg format to:

southside_johnny@hotmail.com

Autograph etiquette: 8 simple rules

One of the coolest experiences a fan of the NHL can have is acquiring autographs from your favorite hockey players. Below are some simple guidelines I have used when trying to get player autographs.

SOME DO'S

1) Be courteous! This is the most important rule. Hockey players are people first and foremost and should be treated as such. An autograph is a privilege from the athlete to you. Do not forget this is a courtesy to you.

Talk to the players. Don't just shove your item in front of them with a grunt. It's okay to ask, "Mr. Brind'amour, can you please sign my photo?" or "That was a great game tonight, Kevyn." Or "Nice goal, Andrew!"

Overcome the anxiety and just converse with the person (remember hockey players are people too!).

It helps set both the hockey player and the fan at ease plus it is always cool when a celebrity remembers you and calls you by name. Don't be a weirdo.

2) Have plenty of your own Sharpies. There is nothing worse than being that guy that has to bum a sharpie off of someone to get an autograph. As funny as that may sound, it happens a lot. Bring your own and always have a spare or two to share. North Carolina Southern hospitality extends to the autograph line.

3) If you don't know, ask. There is nothing more embarrassing than handing Anton Babchuk a Kevyn Adams card so don't be afraid to ask those around you or ask the player themselves what their name is. Remember, hockey players are people too.

4) Listen to security. Security's job is to provide a safe environment for the fans and hockey players. There are rules in place to ensure this safety. Please be aware of the rules and listen to security.

SOME DON'Ts

1) Don't bug the players for autographs on their personal time! Hockey players make themselves very accessible after practices and games. The Canes have numerous free autograph sessions throughout the year (i.e. Caniac Carnival,

Season Ticketholder party, etc.). I highly recommend the public signings versus the post game signings because autographs tend to turn out better when a player is sitting down and comfortable.

If you see the players out and about in public, it's okay to say hello (after all, hockey players are people too!), but it's not a good practice to hide out where they live or to chase them down at the mall or at a hotel or bug them while they have dinner with their family. To me, that just gets a little weird. Don't be a weirdo!

2) Don't drop your Sharpie. Sharpie ink is rather permanent. Most players come out in nice suits and drive a nice car, so please be careful not to drop the sharpie in your nervousness to get the autograph. It could ruin a good business suit or the nice leather upholstery in someone's car.

3) Don't be hog! Apologies to Stormy, but in general, it's not a good practice to ask for multiple items at one time, especially when there is a crowd waiting. Autographs are a privilege and because the players are accessible, chances are there will always be other opportunities. Make sure everyone gets a chance.

4) If a player opts not to sign, don't take it personal. Have you ever had a bad day at work and not wanted to talk to people? Believe it or not, this happens to hockey players too. They have families and commitments to their time same as you. There is no need to hold ill-will towards an individual just because they may not have time to sign for you on a particular day. Chances are they will stop and sign an autograph for you at some point during the year so don't judge them for wanting to get home a little sooner.

Summary: I hope you find these guidelines helpful. When in doubt, just remember to use your common sense and a little courtesy. Remember, hockey players are people too.

Websites for sports memorabilia and card shows:
www.insidepitch.com – Card shows normally in the Kerr Scott Building at the Fair Grounds
www.ncproshows.com – hold athlete signings for local sports stars

Boosters kick off fund-raising at Ben & Jerry's



We had a great turnout this past month at the Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream event at North Hills Mall. Stormy came out with the slap shot booth to entertain. We also had local sports memorabilia store the Sports Zone (located on 1022 Ryan Road in Cary - (919) 468-0001) set up with lots of hockey stuff (owners are club members).

The Hurricanes held the Red & White game at the RBC Center on the same night. Special thanks to CanesVision for putting the event on the JumboTron. We were able to raise just over \$100.00 for our ACTION Fund, which is a great start for our charities this year.

Board Member Michelle Morris, left, runs interference in front of Stormy at the Ben & Jerry's event.

Boosters help Erik Cole raise money for Oswego Library

When Erik Cole's 2005-06 season was cut short by injury, it also meant the "Score for Oswego" campaign could have met an abrupt end. For each point (goal and/or assist) that Erik scored during the 2005-2006 NHL season, he and wife Emily would donate \$1,000 to the Library's Capital Campaign if the donation is matched collectively by businesses and individual donors. Because of his neck injury, it appeared as though the contribution would be stopped at 59 points.



CHBC Treasurer Steve Meyers (far left) and CHBC Corresponding Secretary Deb Meyers (far right) congratulate raffle winner Richard Constable, who won the Erik Cole jersey and framed poster.

However, the Hurricanes Booster Club in cooperation with Erik Cole helped to keep the scoring streak alive so to speak by raffling a signed Erik Cole jersey and framed poster.

The efforts of several booster club volunteers during the season and Stanley Cup Playoffs brought in an additional \$4,687 for the campaign. Erik Cole was present to draw the winning ticket.

"That's a lot of raffle tickets!" said Erik Cole.

Cole also briefly discussed some of the campaign highlights with members of the CHBC board: Increase library space from 9,000 to 23,000 square feet, a new children's area, young adult section, reading area, and additional computer workstations, provide a divisible community room for meetings, group and individual study, and exhibits, expand current library collections, providing advanced library technology and wireless access.

The booster club received a note of thanks from library president Charles Young this past summer for

the fundraising effort.

For more information concerning the Oswego Public Library, call (315) 341-5867 or visit their website at www.oswegopubliclibrary.org.

Strand Talks Youth Hockey at the September Meeting

(9/21/06) Paul Strand, Youth and Amateur Hockey Coordinator for the Carolina Hurricanes, spoke to the large group assembled at the September booster club meeting about how youth hockey has grown in the past few years and the work the Hurricanes Organization does to promote hockey in the Triangle. At this time, there are over 6,000 boys and girls registered with USA HOCKEY in the Carolinas.

He talked in detail about the Pee Wee team (11-12 year olds) that went to the International Quebec Tournament and how much better they are playing compared to their first appearance. Over 90 teams compete in this 10 day tournament from all over the world, though a majority of the teams come from Canada and the US.

Paul also spoke about traveling to schools in Wake County and introduced Street Hockey to the middle and high school age kids. He is working on making the same program available to elementary schools to introduce hockey to a younger age group.

When asked how the Booster Club can help the YAH programs in the triangle, Paul suggested volunteering with the upcoming Tournaments that are in March. These are the SOBIAC Tournaments that are held at The Factory in Wake Forest.

Paul also talked about his time as a player with the Raleigh Ice Caps (Raleigh's former ECHL franchise prior to the Hurricanes' arrival) and growing up in Alberta and being an Edmonton Oiler's Fan. While he is a Hurricanes fan, he had some mixed feelings during the Finals watching the team he supported for so long lose to the Canes. This brought some laughs to the crowd.

September Business Meeting Notes:

- 1st Action Fund Fundraiser at Ben & Jerry's at North Hills raised \$151 dollars for the Action Fund
- First Official Tailgate of the Season on Saturday Oct 28th in the West Parking Lot.
- Goodie Bags were handed out to all the players in Training Camp. Most players were happy to see them.
- Visiting Booster Clubs
 - Philadelphia Flyers Booster Club will be in town for New Years Eve
 - Islanders Booster Club and Albany River Rats Booster Club will be in town in January

"Ron the Ref" Returns at the October Meeting

(10/9/06) Ron the Ref, one of the greatest ambassadors to hockey in North Carolina, entertained the 39 members in attendance with stories of the Greensboro days of the Canes. He told many stories of traveling from Raleigh to Greensboro and the filming of Stormy antics along the way. He also talked about what it was like being Stormy as well as Cappy the Bear during the Ice Caps days. One of the funniest was of the debut of Stormy that did not go off as planned at the Greensboro Coliseum. Stormy was hiding in the Olympia for the big unveiling, but was overcome by the fumes from the exhaust. Stormy made his official entrance at a later date.

Ron also answered several questions regarding the new NHL rules, including the goalie interference rule and why it is called and when it isn't called. He discussed the many implications of the rules and talked about how exciting it was being around the team when the Stanley Cup was presented. He promised to show everyone at a later date the picture of the Stanley Cup and his famous Canes Motorcycle. Ron discussed how the players in the Hurricanes Organization like living in NC and playing for the great fans that we have here. The players do not feel that they live in a bubble as in other cities and their families truly enjoy being a part of the community.

October Business Meeting Notes:

- Storm Shelter** is planned for November 1st game against Atlanta at Playmakers
- Holiday Party and All-Star Party in the planning stages - donations needed for prizes and silent auctions. Leigh LeClair and Annette Hutchens are chairpersons.
- Away game trips are in the planning stages.
- Some discussion on doing a Food Drive for the Food Bank of NC in the Middle of March.

Upcoming Events

Tailgate Party! (vs Tampa Bay)

Saturday, October 28, 2006 - 4:00pm
West Parking Lot

Look for the
Carolina Hurricane Booster Club banner
as you enter from Edwards Mill Road.

Storm Shelter! (away game party)

Wednesday, November 1st – 6:30

Ben & Jerry's and 7pm at Playmakers – on
Hillsborough St (across from Meredith College)
Canes at the Atlanta Thrashers

Next CHBC Meeting

Tuesday, November 14th

7:00 pm RBC Center Varsity Room
Guest Speaker: To Be Announced

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