

Hurricane Warning

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Official newsletter of the Carolina Hurricanes Booster Club

THE SCHEDULE IS OUT!!

Not only has the Canes schedule come out but so has ours.

We are pleased with the CHBC schedule for this year. Not only are we doing our usual, Critters, Carnival, Food Drive and UNC-TV but we are bowling, doing pub crawls, tailgating, and having storm watches.

Join us for the FUN!!!

Date	Event	Location	Time
29-Aug	Bowling	Pleasant Valley	6:30
9-Sep	Board Meeting	Tobacco Road Café	7:00
12-Sep	Pub Crawl	TBA	6:00
20-Sep	Caniac Carnival	RBC	TBA
22-Sep	Welcome/Goodie Bag	RBC	TBA
29-Sep	General Meeting	TBA	7:00
7-Oct	Board Meeting	Tobacco Road Café	7:00
17-Oct	Storm Watch/General Meeting	Tobacco Road Café	7:00
10-Nov	Board Meeting	Tobacco Road Café	7:00
14-Nov	Food Drive/General Meeting	TBA	Morning
2-Dec	Board Meeting	Tobacco Road Café	7:00
5-Dec	Tailgate/General Meeting	RBC EAST LOT	11:00
Dec	UNC Telethon	TBA	TBA
6-Jan	Board Meeting	Tobacco Road Café	7:00
19-Jan	General Meeting	RBC	7:00
2-Feb	Board Meeting	Tobacco Road Café	7:00
16-Feb	General Meeting	RBC	7:00
20-Feb	Caniac Critters	Southpoint	2-Oct
21-Feb	Delivery of Bears	TBA	TBA
27-Feb	Pub Crawl	TBA	TBA
27-Feb	Delivery of Bears	TBA	TBA
3-Mar	Board Meeting	Tobacco Road Café	7:00
20-Mar	Storm Watch/General Meeting	Tobacco Road Café	12:30
14-Apr	Board Meeting	Tobacco Road Café	7:00
TBA	UNC Telethon	TBA	TBA

All Events Subject to Change.

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News from Your Board

Hello members

Greetings to all! There is a lot happening behind the scenes here at the CHBC, as I prepare to cheer on our team to another Cup run. The board redesigned our membership form and the Caniac Critter forms. A special thanks to Julio Vazquez and his special help with this. Michelle and I have met with the Organization to go over this year's schedule and to see how we can help the team.

Many thanks to Sherri and Bill Hollicraft who graciously opened their house to the club for our summer picnic. There was a good crowd of folks, but there is always room for many more. So if you are one of the folks who missed out, start making plans now to attend next summer.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Caniac Carnival. We will have the Bloodmobile there, a table and volunteers for one inflatable at the Carnival. Our goal is to have enough volunteers (12-15 people) to be well-presented. Volunteers are being scheduled for 1-2 hours shifts. The hours we need volunteers are 9:30am to 3:00pm at the RBC Center. Those who volunteer by September 5 will get special small gift from the club for volunteering. To sign up to volunteer, contact me at president@hurricanesboosters.org.

We are such a lucky organization with many members who have many skills and talents. Please share your talents this season. If you are willing to share/donate to the club, we will be happy to provide you with a tax-deductible receipt. Thank you in advance for being a part of the great things happening with the Carolina Hurricanes Booster Club. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Clare Cook

Caniac Critters 2010

Caniac Critters is steadily gaining respect and exposure, and we need your help to build on that exposure. The better our exposure, the more bears we can build...then more children will have a new fuzzy friend to snuggle when alone and afraid in the hospital. We

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can't do this without your help. Our Build Party is scheduled for Saturday, February 20, 2010. We need a dedicated core committee to help with planning, fundraising, working on the day of the build, and delivering the bears. If you would like to assist, please send an email to caniaccritters@hurricanesboosters.org by September 5th, 2009. Specify where you prefer to assist on the committee. Our first committee meeting will be before 10/1/2009, so let me know ASAP how you'd like to be involved. I am very excited about what we can accomplish this year, and I look forward to working with you. Thank you, Boosters, for your support!
Annette Hutchins, Chairperson

P.S. Don't wait until the last minute to turn in your donation form. Beat the rush, and complete your donation form along with your membership form for the 2009-2010 season.



Canes Depth Chart / Lineups w/ Yelle in the Fold

by [Holty Panthers Fan](#) on [Aug 19, 2009 9:54 PM EDT](#)

Okay so it has been a while but here is the way that I see the Canes lineups looking on opening nite barring anymore injuries/trades/ etc....Here are my ideas / thoughts along w/ heathly guys held out on opening nite !

Line

1	Cole	Staal	Ruttu		
2	Whitney	Brind' Amour	LaRose	Gleason	Corvo
3	Samsonov	Cullen	Walker	Pitkanen	A.Ward
4	JOKINEN	Yelle	Kostopoulos	Wallin	Alberts

Goalies

Starter: C. Ward Backup: M. Leighton

Heathly Extras Offense – M. Ryan, Conboy, Dwyer (maybe Sutter if he shines in camp but he needs more time to develop) Defense – J. Harrison, B. Rodney,

Breakdown: Okay so I guess not alot is different but my backups maybe given injuries etc.... However I believe that Rodney will beat out Borer and any others to at-least stay on with the Canes I hope. Offense extras are about the same as last year except Conboy is listed as a winger officially when the season starts and could see time against bruiser type teams !! Everything else shouldn't

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come as a real big shock this season b/c line ups are basically the same ! Of course we can only have so many extra so all of those guys will not be there, more than likely we will keep just one from both probably M. Ryan and J. Harrison !!

Surprises : Dwyer, Conboy, and Rodney make huge strides this season and help out alot when injuries arise. Jussi continues to shine eventually replacing Yelle as the 4th line center. Lastly, A. Ward with stay heathly enough to help the d-men improve their overall play and give us the toughness we need along w/ Alberts and Tom Kostopoulos, plus Walker. Speaking of Walker I think he will finally have a great year, I believe that playoff goal did wonderful things for him, and he will stay healthy finally and shine this year; plus not having to carry the title as being really the only guy on the team besides Gleason that can fight and provide toughness will help him greatly as well.

MAN I CANNOT WAIT !! I think this is the best team we have had since the 06' cup year. Can we start the season today man I wish. Cannot wait to go see the Canes and reclaim the greatness which is the Stanley Cup in this upcoming season !!

GO CANES !!!!

A note from the editor: This is a blog from Yahoo Sports.



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BY: Danny Alexander

Hello everyone! I am Danny Alexander and my family and I are members of the Booster Club. We live in the Ramseur area which is West of the RBC on highway 64 and living that far away, coupled with my work schedule, makes it difficult for us to attend many of the club functions let alone make the games in our ticket plan without having to swap for an upcoming one.

I love hockey and have since my youth, and want to be more involved and a larger contributor to the club, so I asked about the possibility of writing short articles covering the technical side of the game as my way of being more involved.

I am an old ex-net minder from the Midwest, with the emphasis on "OLD". I love the Canes and the wonderful sport of hockey. I believe in the pure nature of the game. I like the "X" and "O"'s of the game and am an advocate of sportsmanship and professionalism. I believe in the sport and its wonderful fans.

Some of you may have insight that can also make this a great addition to the newsletter so

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chime in please. Ready? Here we go!

To begin my “X”s and “O”s articles I thought I would discuss a very critical component.....”THE ICE”.

Have you ever heard a play-by-play or maybe the color announcer use the term “fast ice” or “slow ice,”

What’s does this really mean to the average fan? It can possibly make the way we think our favorite club is playing to be incorrect. We may think they have tired or they have forgotten how to pass or stick handle the puck. But there is more to this game than meets the eye.

You see, these terms have everything to do with the condition of the ice surface itself.

The term “Fast” ice means that the surface is harder and colder and has a much smoother surface. The opposite term used is “Slow” ice and this means that the surface is much warmer and its consistency is much softer.

Soft ice may even tend to develop rough spots along the surface.

So what would the difference between the two ice surfaces mean for the players?

Well, the difference would be that the surface termed “Fast” ice would be less rough or as it is called “chippy” and there would be much less of what is called “snow” built-up on the surface.

The players are able to pass and skate better when the ice is “fast.”

Keep in mind that the quality of the ice surface will change during the course of the game and because it changes as the play progresses, it can cause the way a team plays the game to change.



Small Markets Get no Love from Versus

by [Bubba](#) on [Aug 20, 2009 11:00 AM EDT](#)

The Lance Armstrong Television Network does not like small hockey markets.

Versus recently released their broadcast schedule for the coming season and of course the [Carolina Hurricanes](#) were nowhere to be found. As we discussed last week, Carolina is one of the smallest markets in the NHL and the snub comes as no surprise. But shouldn't Versus and the NHL get on the same page?

Gary Bettman and the thinking tanks of the league have been working diligently to grow the sport in non-traditional, smaller markets. They are putting a lot of money, (including millions in revenue sharing), into making their effort a success. Yet their partner, Versus, has done very little if anything to help in the effort.

Not only are the Hurricanes void from the schedule, but other small markets like Atlanta (0), Florida (1), Phoenix (0), Nashville (1), and Tampa Bay (2) are ignored as well. One of the largest markets, (but untraditional), is also snubbed in that the [Los Angeles Kings](#) and [Anaheim Ducks](#) only have one broadcast between them. How does this help to grow the game? I asked [John Forslund](#) about this last year, and he said it was simply a numbers game. The markets with the largest audiences get the most games.

The funny thing is, they love doing games here. If they had their way, they would do more here. Raleigh is one of the places they like to come, from a professional standpoint. The crews that they get to work here are great. The atmosphere in the building is great. The weather is nice. They really like coming here. But the way they schedule their games is based strictly on a local ratings basis. For instance, it wouldn't matter if the Hurricanes were better than the [Sabres](#), Buffalo does a huge number. I believe they have put Versus in more cable homes over the past two years than any other market. We need to get to the point where the local numbers justify them doing more games here.

But that's it. You know, Pittsburgh is on because they are Pittsburgh and Detroit is on because they are Detroit. Even a market like Colorado. They do a very good job locally for Versus, so they are going to get more games.

But if Versus and the NHL are truly partners, shouldn't they work together? Shouldn't they have the same objectives and goals regarding growing the game? How does showing a small grouping of teams multiple times and some teams zero times help to achieve any progress in this area?

And if Versus is truly the "exclusive cable network of the NHL", shouldn't they be required to broadcast at least one game per each NHL franchise? Come on NHL. It's time to stop allowing "partners" to call all the shots and to put your foot down on some matters. It makes you wonder sometimes who is running the league, Bettman or the head honchos at Versus and NBC?

A note from the editor: Bubba is a blogger on Yahoo Sports



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Convention'11:

Phone Loop: ????

Hospitality: ????



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Previous Season Highlights:

- Donated over \$3,000 to Kids 'N Community
- Provided 3 youth hockey scholarships
- Mentored, volunteered and coached with TSHA
- Supported UNC-TV by volunteering at their telethons
- Donated enough to provide 8,000 meals with the NC Food Bank
- Provided over 300 teddy bears to children in local hospitals
- Hosted a fun tailgate with over 200 Washington Capitals Fans
- Donated \$1,700 to Triangle Special Hockey Association (TSHA)

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As a member of the CHBC, I agree to abide by the bylaws and will support the mission of the club.

Signature: _____

_____ - I have enclosed an extra donation of \$ _____ for _____ extra club lapel pins (\$5 each).

_____ - I have enclosed an extra donation of \$ _____ for Caniac Critters.

_____ - I have enclosed an extra donation of \$ _____ for the Annual Food Drive.

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