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Official Newsletter of the Florida Everblades Fan Club

Holiday 2011

CHARLIE'S REPORT

Hockey Is In Full Swing!!!

We are already done with 1/3 of the games at Germain this regular season. I hope all of you are enjoying this season. It is a tight one so far; it is up for grabs. It certainly is a new feeling for me rooting on the Everblades being a transplant from Cincinnati, Ohio, a diehard Cincinnati Cyclones fan! I love hockey and so far things have really worked out with the change down here in SW Florida! I am excited to be here and I think the Blades could go all the way and win their first Kelly Cup! I think the Blades have all of the pieces to the puzzle – including having to deal with the hassle of the normal lineup shuffling..... to make a long post-season stretch run into the late Spring!

I am open to any suggestions you may have for the newsletter; so please don't hesitate to ask! I am new at publishing these newsletters, so bear with me, please!

I hope all of you had a stuffed Thanksgiving and look forward to seeing each and every one of you at the Germ!

As I said in Cincinnati:

KICK SOME ICE!!!!!!!

Go Blades

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Charlie Vonderhaar, Newsletter

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Season 2011-2012

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Blades Celebrate 14th Season of Play in ECHL



STUFFING PARTY And you say what's that??

The Everblades Organization is handing out bags with promotion flyers and pucks at each Friday home games. In conversation with Mr. Brush last month, he asked if the fan club would be willing to donate some time to "stuff" these bags.... WELL WE DID!!!

On November 3rd Thursday night, 22 members of the fan club donated their time for 2 ½ hours to help the Everblades!! The Organization supplied us with pizza and sodas and water to give us sustenance while they worked "our butts off"! In this 2 ½ hour period we stuff our faces and stuffed approximately 6,500 bagsWe were speedy little elves ☺ ☺ Since that time several of our members have worked at home to stuff more Approximately 4,000 are needed per Friday night ... there's a continuous need for completed bags. If you are interested in joining in the next "party" or can do some at home... contact Bubba 994-4499 ... he can 'point you in the right direction'

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE THAT HAVE ALREADY GIVEN THEIR TIME!!!

BIG THANKS to Tuffy in Bonita Springs for DONATING (4) Turkeys for the Christmas Party!!!!

Greatly Appreciated by ALL!!!!!!

Report from Kimberly Christiansen (Community Service)

MEET N GREET, a spaghetti dinner

WHEN: Sunday 10/16/11 2pm – 5pm

Enjoyed another successful event with the Florida Everblades and Fan Club members! Want to send out a big Thank You to all who attended and helped out! The leftovers were donated to St. Matthews House and they are always appreciative of all the homemade food. Looking forward to the next event. Thank you again! Go Blades!

Want to know how to experience Blades hockey in a suite with the fan club? Ask BUBBA for details!!!

IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME 😊 **Our Fan Club Christmas Party (adult members) will be held on December 11th Sunday from 3 – 7 pm at Fountain Lakes Community Center** (same location as our MeetNGreet).

All our players, staff & guests will be in attendance along with our adult fan club members. Mark your calendar and plan on attending. There will be great homemade food, appetizers, main course and of course, desserts. We will have a couple ice-breakers, entertainment, 50/50 raffle, member door prizes and player gifts.... Come join us!!! All we ask from our members is to either donate a food dish or drinks & if you can, some money towards our "Secret Santa" gifts for the players! We have a great group of guys this year... they are playing hard (not always taking the win but they are trying 😊) and they genuinely enjoy the company of the fans.

SIGN UP NOW! ... Please select from the list below the food/drink donation of your choice (if not on the list and you have a "favorite" then add it) and let us know your Secret Santa donation amount so we can purchase player gifts. THANK YOU!! COME & ENJOY THE EVENING!!

We want all of you to enjoy & participate in the player time & meal. We expect approx. 120 people in attendance. There will be plenty of time before and after to set-up & clean-up.... With the HELP of member volunteers!! ...yes, we will need volunteers!! 😊😊 If you would like to "work" at set-up, kitchen, clean-up, etc. please let us know, and as always THANK YOU for your involvement!

Co-chairs for this event:

Suzanna Navarro (cell 404-1997) email: orcaluvr24@aol.com and Louise Festa (cell 825-4205) email: louisef@nec247.com

****Please respond via email or phone to let us know your involvement.
THANK YOU .. *MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!***

Everblades Fan Club



Adult Christmas Party 2011

This is a Member only function.

When: Sunday, December 11, 2011

Where: Fountain Lakes Clubhouse

Time: 3:00 pm -7:00 pm

Join us for a fun celebration with the entire Everblades team. There will be great food, fun games, and Member Door Prizes.

We will be doing Player Gifts and need Secret Santa Donations \$\$\$\$.

Sign up sheets for food will be displayed at the fan club table and will be sent via email.

RSVP to Suzanna 239-404-1997

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Hello All,

OUR Fan Club has a new fundraising project: "ShopWithScrip"

The Club will sell gift cards at face value & for each gift card sold the club will get a percentage back. This is an easy money maker for the club. .. This year we are not having a great response at the raffle tables so to be able to help "the boys" we have decided to work this project.

Whether it is weekly, monthly, or daily, we all have to buy gas, groceries & household products. If people buy these gift cards from the Fan Club for items we use everyday, it helps us to earn a profit. This profit will then be used for our team's needs.

Here's the idea, purchase your cards from the club instead of the retailer themselves, can be for personal use or gifts; help your club in this fundraising program.

Belinda Hanley is coordinating this project & will be at the Fan Club table to take your orders. You may pay for your cards by cash or check (made payable to Florida Everblades Fan Club). Pay at the time of your order, cards will then be ordered by Belinda and distributed upon arrival. (usually within a week)

To check out the retailers involved, dollar values available, and percentage the club can earn on each card, to go www.shopwithscrip.com/shop

There will also be a complete list at the Fan Club table for your review so you can purchase ... so bring your cash or check... help the Fan Club help the team !! All monies the Fan Club collects goes directly to help the team... apartment supplies, special purchases for the locker room, player events and prizes, etc.

Ordering cards thru this fundraiser is not limited to our members take a copy of the list or give the email address to friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, etc ... Let's "sell", have them give you their order and payment. Payment must be made at the order time so as not to delay the 'delivery' of cards.

Our first order was placed last week, and the Fan Club earned \$180.00 on it. Easy money to use for the Everblades.....

REMEMBER: www.shopwithscrip.com/shop to view what's available.

Get with Belinda to place an order [cell 851-0871](tel:851-0871) email: starkeaton@aol.com

Children's Christmas Party with the Everblades players

WHEN: Monday 12/19/11

WHERE: Pump It Up – 4331 Veronica Shoemaker Blvd, Ft. Myers 33916

TIME: 5:15pm – 8:30pm

Pizza and sodas will be served

Parents will need to sign a "waiver"

Children will need to wear socks 😊😊

RSVP: by Wednesday 12/14/11 (as we have to give final count to Pump It Up)

CONTACT: Belinda Hanley 239-851-0871 cell or email: starkeaton@aol.com

or Stephanie Spagnuolo 239-671-1738

The kids will have their night with the 'boys'!!



Team Schedule »

Date	Time	Opponent	Score
10/14/2011	07:30 PM	Gwinnett Gladiators	
10/15/2011	07:00 PM	Gwinnett Gladiators	
10/21/2011	07:35 PM	@Elmira Jackals	
10/22/2011	07:00 PM	@Trenton Devils	
10/23/2011	04:05 PM	@Reading Royals	
10/28/2011	07:35 PM	@Greenville Road Warriors	
10/29/2011	02:05 PM	@Greenville Road Warriors	
11/01/2011	07:05 PM	@Gwinnett Gladiators	
11/02/2011	07:00 PM	@South Carolina Stingrays	
11/04/2011	07:00 PM	@South Carolina Stingrays	
11/05/2011	07:05 PM	@Greenville Road Warriors	
11/09/2011	07:30 PM	Wheeling Nailers	
11/11/2011	07:30 PM	Wheeling Nailers	
11/12/2011	07:00 PM	Wheeling Nailers	
11/18/2011	07:30 PM	Greenville Road Warriors	
11/19/2011	07:00 PM	Greenville Road Warriors	
11/23/2011	07:00 PM	@Toledo Walleye	
11/25/2011	07:30 PM	@Kalamazoo Wings	
11/26/2011	07:30 PM	@Kalamazoo Wings	
11/30/2011	07:30 PM	Gwinnett Gladiators	
12/02/2011	07:30 PM	Gwinnett Gladiators	
12/03/2011	07:00 PM	Gwinnett Gladiators	
12/07/2011	07:30 PM	Elmira Jackals	
12/09/2011	07:30 PM	Elmira Jackals	
12/10/2011	07:00 PM	Elmira Jackals	
12/15/2011	07:05 PM	@Gwinnett Gladiators	
12/16/2011	07:35 PM	@Greenville Road Warriors	
12/17/2011	07:05 PM	@Greenville Road Warriors	

12/22/2011	07:30 PM	Trenton Titans
12/23/2011	07:30 PM	Trenton Titans
12/29/2011	07:35 PM	@Greenville Road Warriors
12/30/2011	07:35 PM	@Gwinnett Gladiators
12/31/2011	07:05 PM	@South Carolina Stingrays
01/06/2012	07:35 PM	@Gwinnett Gladiators
01/07/2012	07:05 PM	@Gwinnett Gladiators
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02/15/2012	07:30 PM	South Carolina Stingrays
02/17/2012	07:30 PM	South Carolina Stingrays
02/18/2012	07:00 PM	South Carolina Stingrays
02/24/2012	07:35 PM	@Cincinnati Cyclones
02/25/2012	08:30 PM	@Chicago Express
02/26/2012	05:00 PM	@Chicago Express
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03/02/2012	07:30 PM	Kalamazoo Wings

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03/09/2012	07:35 PM	@Wheeling Nailers
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03/11/2012	04:00 PM	@Trenton Devils
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ECHL Mobile App now available

PRINCETON, N.J. – The ECHL continues its great relationship with NewSport Media, long-time supplier of real time stats and scoring, for the 2011-12 season. This season brings back all of the great web site features from last year, plus a great new look for the home page and the League’s first ever Mobile App.

“For the past five years, we’ve been happy to provide the ECHL with LeagueStat.com, our real time stats and scoring software. In 2010, we launched the new ECHL.com, a fully integrated stats and content web site plus a great mobile site to keep fans in the know when they can’t get to their desktop computers”, said Cary Moretti, President and CEO of NewSport Media. “For 2011-12, we wanted to do more with the ECHL and are happy to announce the release of the new ECHL Mobile App this fall. The App will include all of the real time scores, stats, and standings fans have come to rely on from directly from LeagueStat.com plus all the news direct from the ECHL.”

The ECHL Mobile App is now available for download for both [Android](#) and [iPhone](#). In addition to news, scores and stats, the App also has links to the ECHL’s Twitter and Facebook pages, and also allows fans to easily upload their fan photos to Facebook for consideration for the ECHL Fan Photo on ECHL.com. The ECHL App (available now for iOS and coming soon to Android) includes menu customization. Now you can decide which buttons you want to display and the order to display them in. Make the ECHL App all your own and get to the stats you want even faster.

NewSport Media, a boutique web development firm, has been providing web sites since 1997 and boasts a client list that includes the ECHL, AHL, and all three of the Canadian Junior Hockey leagues. Their development team consists of a dedicated group of experts who live and work in the sports field. At the forefront of NewSport Media’s solutions is LeagueStat.com, a real time scoring and statistics tool for Hockey, Lacrosse, and, new for 2011, Football. For more information about NewSport Media, visit their site at www.newsportmedia.com

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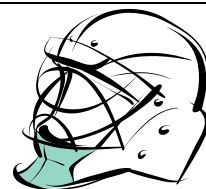
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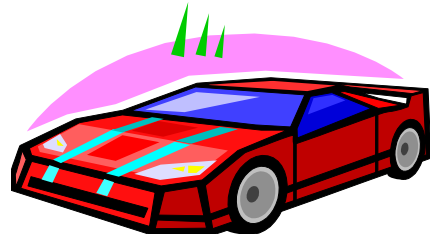
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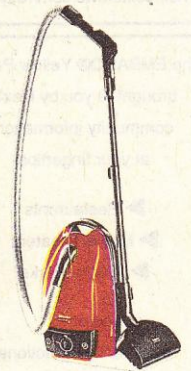
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