



Newsletter

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Bowl With the Storm

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Storm Fan



Some --- years ago, before I met my husband in a bowling alley, I bought myself a bowling ball which I fondly referred to as my Purple Grape. Purple has always been a favorite color. The Grape was put away when our daughter was born and not taken out again until last year when we Bowled With the Storm. It came out again this fall when we participated in the Storm Chasers third annual Bowl With the Storm.

As fans we tend to place the Storm players in an elevated position because of their ability on ice. But replace that hockey stick with a bowling ball and they are pretty much like the rest of us. I was not aware of many 200 games being bowled.

This event provides a time for the Storm Chaser members to renew acquaintance with returning

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REMINDER: STORM CHASERS CHRISTMAS PARTY IS DECEMBER 10TH RSVP BY DECEMBER 7TH

Never Too Young to Be a Storm Fan

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I had the privilege of sitting next to two young Storm fans at a recent home game. They took seats next to us at the start of second period. Unlike many 6-7 year olds we have seen in our arena, they did not move from their seats to play on the concourse or run up and down the aisles. They paid close attention to the action on the ice. If the Storm controlled the puck they chanted, "**Go, Storm. Go Storm.**" If the opposing team controlled the puck they chanted, "**Get the puck. Get the puck.**" Thinking they were probably son and daughter of a host family, I asked the boy how he had become a Storm fan. He barely took his eyes off the ice to answer, "**Cause they are so good.**"

With less than a minute left in the game he told me somewhat sadly that the green team was going to win because he did not think the Storm could make (he looked up at the scoreboard and mentally calculated) three goals in the time that was left.

Now as we watch Storm games we sometimes find ourselves quietly chanting, "**Get the puck. Get the puck.**" •

players and get to know the new ones. It's a time when we can all socialize and talk about nonhockey topics if we want to. We all, Storm Chasers and Storm players alike, are on more or less even footing.

Having alley assignments and Chaser/player pairings figured out ahead of time made for a smooth start to the afternoon. The Andersons bowled with Tom Pohl and Doug Conley this year. You know Tom, he visited with everyone. But he always knew when it was his turn and he was back in time. Reliable, just the way he plays hockey. We had met Doug after the Lancer game, his second game as a Storm player, where he got the hat trick. So this was a chance to get to know him a little better. He is a quiet and reserved person, maybe a little shy since he was still feeling new here. Being from New York this is strange country for him but he is getting acquainted.

Other observations:



Ed showed some talent from the past when he bowled a turkey (that's three strikes in a row, for you uninitiated bowlers).

Jake Obermeyer learned about the reward to the fans when the Storm scores 5 or more goals in a home game. He says they will have to do that more often.



Two Storm players who shall remain nameless tried to double team the pins by both throwing their balls down the alley at the same time. They did not knock down any more pins than when

they each took their turn and threw just one ball.

Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. I'd say this event is a keeper. ❖

Bowl With The Storm

High Games

Steve Wagner	149
Mark VanGuilder	149
Jace Buzek	143
Chris Zarb	141
Rastislav Spirko	141

Pumpkin Raffle Winners



Here are the names of the lucky fans that walked away with their very own player-decorated pumpkin. **Thanks** to everyone who made this raffle such a success.

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| Stormy | Susan Perkins |
| #4 Brian Kilburg | Amber Hinrichsen |
| #5 Chris Zarb | Jeannie Broughton |
| #7 Luke Lucyk | Nan Lucyk |
| #8 Kyle Kuk | Joyce Elbeis |
| #9 Jace Buzek | Pat Skeen |
| #10 Timmy Madsen | Jessica Wirth |
| #12 Garrett Vassel | Kathy Knapp |
| #14 Nick Pernula | Denise Anderson |
| #15 Ryan Dingle | Trudy Ekberg |
| #17 Jake Obermeyer | Lusci Collison |
| #18 Johnny Dingle | Sherri Roberts |
| #20 Doug Conley | Kenny VanHorn |
| #21 Steve Wagner | Linda Figgins |
| #22 Tom Pohl | Scott Winchester |
| #23 David Boguslawski | Emily Baito |
| #24 Brian D'Arcy | Mike Zgud |
| #26 Christian Hanson | Lindsay Heun |
| #27 Mark VanGuilder | Pat Skeen |
| #29 Peter Mannino | Scott Winchester |
| #31 Rastislav Spirko | Becky Crawford |
| #41 Eric Aarnio | Dennis Guilhouseen |

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HOCKEY TALK

JOHN DINGLE AND JAKE OBERMEYER

@CHICKEN COUP SPORTS BAR AND GRILL
KEARNEY, NE
DECEMBER 2ND FROM 7-9 PM

TRI-CITY STORM Vs DES MOINES BUCCANEERS

@ TRI-CITY ARENA KEARNEY, NE
DECEMBER 5TH@ 7:05 PM

TRI-CITY STORM Vs DANVILLE WINGS

@ TRI-CITY ARENA KEARNEY, NE
DECEMBER 6TH@ 7:05 PM

HOCKEY TALK

TIMMY MADSEN AND BRIAN D'ARCY

@BONZAI BEACH CLUB GRAND ISLAND, NE
DECEMBER 9TH FROM 7-9 PM

STORM CHASERS BOOSTER CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

HOLIDAY INN KEARNEY, NE
DECEMBER 10TH RSVP BY DECEMBER 7TH
6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR 7:00 PM PASTA BUFFET
\$12 for Adults
\$7 for children 6-9 5 and under eat free.

For more information about the Booster club and
contact information check out:

<http://www.tricitystormchasers.com>

ALL AWAY GAME TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED THROUGH STORM OFFICE -- (308)338-8011

TRI-CITY STORM Vs DES MOINES BUCCANEERS

@ METRO SPORTS ICE ARENA DES MOINES, IA
DECEMBER 12TH@ 7:35 PM

Metro Sports Ice Arena is located at 7201 Hickman in
Des Moines, IA. For Buccaneer ticket information call
(515)278-9757 or check out their web page

<http://www.bucshockey.org/about/tickets.html>

TRI-CITY STORM Vs WATERLOO BLACKHAWKS

@ YOUNG ARENA WATERLOO, IA
DECEMBER 13TH@ 7:05 PM

The Young Arena is located at 125 Commercial Street
in Waterloo, IA. For Blackhawk ticket information call
(319)291-7680 or 1-800-797-3681 or check out their web
page <http://www.waterlooblackhawks.com/>

HOCKEY TALK

PETER MANNINO AND RASTISLAV SPIRKO

@BULLSEYE'S SPORTS BAR AND GRILLE
HASTINGS, NE
DECEMBER 16TH FROM 7-9 PM

TRI-CITY STORM Vs SIOUX FALLS STAMPEDE

@ SIOUX FALLS ARENA SIOUX FALLS, SD
DECEMBER 18TH@ 7:05 PM

Sioux Falls Arena is located at 4000 W. 12th in Sioux
Falls, SD. For Stampede tickets information call
(605)334-8181 or check out their web page
http://www.sfstampede.com/ticket_info.asp

TRI-CITY STORM Vs CHICAGO STEEL

@ TRI-CITY ARENA KEARNEY, NE
DECEMBER 19TH@ 7:05 PM

CHRISTMAS BREAK DECEMBER 20TH- 28TH
HAPPY HOLIDAYS

TRI-CITY STORM Vs SIOUX FALLS STAMPEDE

@ SIOUX FALLS ARENA SIOUX FALLS, SD
DECEMBER 31ST@ 7:05 PM

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STORM BIRTHDAYS

TOM POHL 12/19/84



PUMPKIN CONTEST

Scariest Pumpkin: 118 Votes

Tim Madsen	28 votes
Brian D'Arcy	23 votes
Stormy	14 votes
Ryan Dingle	13 votes
David Boguslawski	10 votes
Peter Mannino	9 votes
Tom Pohl	6 votes
Eric Aarnio	5 votes
Chris Zarb	4 votes
Garett Vassel	3 votes
Steve Waqner	3 votes

Most Creative Pumpkin: 173 Votes

David Boguslawski	58 votes
Garett Vassel	24 votes
Tim Madsen	19 votes
Stormy	13 votes
Ryan Dingle	12 votes
Peter Mannino	12 votes
Rastislav Spirko	9 votes
Chris Zarb	8 votes
Eric Aarnio	5 votes
Brian D'Arcy, Kyle Kuk and Jake Obermeyer	4 votes
Jace Buzek	1 vote