



Booster Club

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November General Meeting

Tuesday, November 22, 2005
Kearney Event Center – Second Floor
7:00 p.m.

Special Speaker – Steve from the Kearney Event Center will tell us about the zamboni and how they change the arena floor for different non-hockey events.

Make final arrangements for the Holiday Party

Reminder – No December General Meeting



Holiday Party



Tuesday, December 6, 2005
Holiday Inn, Kearney
6:00 – 6:30 Social Hour
6:30 dinner

**A dinner party for the Storm players hosted by the
Storm Chasers Booster Club**

**Dinner is \$10.50 for adults, \$5.25 for children 6-9, free for children 5 & under
Invitations will be arriving soon with instructions for reservations.**

Bowling With the Storm

By Mardi Anderson

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 13, Storm Chaser Booster Club members and Storm players met at the Big Apple in Kearney to enjoy a couple of hours of bowling. Over 50 Storm players and Chasers had a good time participating in a non-hockey sport. But I suppose we all talked hockey just a little bit.

It might be interesting to note the extreme results, high and low, of these games. We seemed to alternate between Storm Chasers and Storm players for the top three places. Tom Spilinek had the highest scoring game with a 183. Jake Obermeyer was right behind him with the highest Storm player score of 182.



We started here where Paula Fuestman and Russ Killion checked us in & gave line and team assignments



Sean Wiles had the second highest player score of 163 and Marty Garrels had the second highest Chaser score of 158. Mark Bernier was the third highest Storm player with 156. Joan Sonnenfeld was the third highest Chaser with 149. Congratulations on those good games!

At the other end of the scale, Amber Hinrichsen has the distinction of bowling the lowest game with a 38. Mardi Anderson is right in there with low games of 51 and 54. One of Ryan Gunderson's games was 59. Aaron Rock and Jaroslav Markovic both bowled a 62. Storm Chasers Robert West bowled a 66 and Don Jennings 67.

Greg Battani had the most strikes in one game. He had five. Three Chasers had 4 strikes in one game. They were Joan Sonnenfeld, Tom Spilinek and Paula Fuestman. Matt Ambroz deserves special recognition for his third game of the afternoon. He had a 122 because in the 10th frame he had a turkey (three strikes). What a way to end the afternoon



Left – Jordan Willert, Sean Wiles, David Brownschidle, & Alex Hudson are ready to bowl

Right – Matt Ambroz throws one of his curve balls.



Take School by Storm

Some 1200 students along with teachers and bus drivers began arriving at the KEC about 9:30 on the morning of October 12 for this year's Take School by Storm. Storm Chaser volunteers and Event Center staff were on hand to guide the students around the concourse where they could visit a variety of activity centers before it was time to take their seats for the program. The two most popular spots were the two tables where Storm players were signing team picture posters for the youngsters.

There were figure skating demonstrations and a motivational speech by former Husker star Scott Frost. The fact that he is from Wood River and there were students attending from that school helped to personalize his message.

Then the Storm players came on the ice and divided into two groups to play a scrimmage game. All of the team except those attending high school were there. After their game they were introduced to the students.

Members of the Storm Chaser Booster Club who volunteered that day were Karen Heun, Ed and Mardi Anderson, Ken Fankhauser, Kim Clark, Don Jennings, Paula Fuestman, Deb Hendrickson, and Joan Mickelsen.



Stormy poses with the new Kearney Police Department Harley.



Storm players autograph team posters for the children who attended Take School By Storm

Player Profile



Derek Brennan
G, 6'3", 190

The latest addition to the Storm roster is Derek Brennan, a goalie. Don't be misled when you hear that Derek graduated from Grand Island High School

He comes from Grand Island, New York which is located in the Niagara River half way between Buffalo on Lake Erie and Niagara Falls. Derek was a member of the Buffalo Junior Sabres before coming to Kearney.

Photos by Ed Anderson

Membership Reminder

Attention Storm Chasers! – The Deadline is near!

Is there a * on your mailing label? Good for you! You paid your dues for this year. If not, this is your last newsletter unless those dues are paid by Nov. 30. You can pay at the next general meeting, or send them to P O Box 2101, Kearney NE 68848. Dues need to be paid to attend the Holiday Party.

Storm Fans



By Butch Knapp

The question popped into my mind at a Storm game recently. How and why did these people become Storm fans? So I started asking around. Here are some answers.

Ken and Kathy Fulmer have been Storm fans since “Day 1”, as Kathy puts it. Someone in Michigan had taken them to a Red Wings game and Kathy says she became an immediate hockey fan. When it was announced that a team was coming to Kearney Ken says they bought tickets because he wanted to see the Arena make a go of it. I suspect you could count on one hand the number of games either of them have missed since the first Storm team skated out on the ice.

Kent Reynolds says he also has been a fan since “Day 1”. Although he had only ice skated a couple of times before the Storm arrived, he now skates with the Adult League. In fact, he has been a goalie for the past three years. As a result he says he “knows a lot more about” the game now.

Colleen Quadhammer wanted to buy season tickets as soon as it was announced that a team was coming. It took her a while to convince her husband, Steve, though. And then it was too late. They were all gone. So their name went on that famous (infamous?) waiting list for a couple of years. When they finally did get two tickets, Steve’s job prevented him from attending many of the Friday games. But Colleen was always there. Their son, Chad, filled in for his dad on those nights when Steve had to miss. This year, so far, Steve has been able to attend all the games.

Jeanette Meyers was, and probably still is, a Husker fan. Her son would take her to a home game each season. She came to a Storm game because her daughter insisted. “Mom, you just gotta’ come to a game,” Paula told her. So she did and has been an avid fan ever since. Besides, Jeanette says, she can go to five hockey games for what it costs to go to Lincoln to a Husker game.

So, who is Paula and how did she get interested? Paula is Paula Fuestman, the Storm Chaser Booster Club treasurer. She came to the first Storm home game because her brother, who had tickets, could not attend. She instantly fell in love with the game. No other sport is so fast paced and keeps her interest. No boredom here.