



# Tri-City Storm Booster Club

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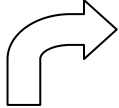
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New Spot



## NOVEMBER MEETING



**Tuesday, November 23, 2010 - 6:30 p.m.**

**Jerseys Sports Bar Grill -- 5012 3rd Ave. Kearney**

**Featured Guests - Some members of the Tri-City Storm**

**Who will they be????**

**Come and see**

**Here is your chance to meet some storm players in an informal atmosphere.**

**Sit and visit with them about ....**

**How the last game went  
Their dreams for the future**

**What they did last summer  
Who tells the best jokes....**

## September

Last month we visited with the team captains.



Left to right: Rick Pinkston, Dan Kolomatis, Cody Murphy, and Matt Johnson

Photo by Booster Club member Katelyn Hankey.

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## December



**December 12**

Save the date

**Food**

**Holiday Party**

**Karaoke**

Check at the Booster Club Booth at home games for details.



## Roster Changes

### Goalie Switch

Christopher Holden has been acquired from the Omaha Lancers via the Billings Bulls. Steve Bolton has left the team.

Bolton was traded to the New Mexico Mustangs, a new team in the NAHL this season. The Mustangs play at the Santa Ana Star Center in Rio Rancho, New Mexico, a city of over 51,000 population, just north of Albuquerque.

The Mustangs were in last place in the western division of the NAHL at the beginning of November. In a league of 26 teams, they were tied with two other teams in next to last position. They might feel they need a good new goalie.

We wish Steve good luck with his new team.

### CHRIS HOLDEN – G, 6', 180, 1/28/1990

Chris is from Marlton, New Jersey, close to the New Jersey/Pennsylvania state line near Philadelphia. He started his hockey career with the Philadelphia Little Flyers. During the summer of 2008 Chris attended the Cape Breton training camp and was accepted onto their team.

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(Holden, cont.)



As a member of the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles, Chris was named to the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League all-rookie team.

He started the next season on the Cape Breton team. In January, after being placed on waivers he was picked up a few days later by the Miramichi Timberwolves in the Maritime Junior Hockey League.

At the start of this season he was named to the Omaha Lancers in the USHL. After the possibility of going either to the Wenatchee Wild in NAHL or the Billings Bulls in the NorPac Hockey League, Chris was acquired by the Tri-City Storm.

First eligible to play in the Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> game with Fargo, Chris came onto the ice about three minutes into the second period. With only a brief pregame warm up and no opportunity to even stretch, the face off to resume play was right in front of him at his end of the ice. Since the game was tied when Diebold left the ice and the Storm ended up winning the game 3-2, Chris was credited with the win. Way to start!

## Storm on TV

Because of the success last season of broadcasting a Storm game over the Fox Nebraska network, three games will be broadcast this season. The dates and game times are as follows:

Dec. 11, 3 p.m. – Storm vs. Fargo

Jan. 29, 7 p.m. – Storm vs. Chicago

March 26, 7 p.m. – Storm vs. Fargo

If you have Charter, go to channel 4, if you have satellite TV go to channel 17.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthday greetings go to four members of the team this time.

Shane Walsh will be 19 on December 1.

Soren Jonzson turns 19 on December 10.

The next day, December 11, Kenny Brooks will be 19.

Cass Mappin's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday is December 20.

## New Goalie Coach

### Dave Rogalski

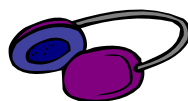
Dave Rogalski is from St. Louis Park, a suburb on the west side of Minneapolis, MN. He attended Benilde-St. Margaret's Academy where he holds the record of third in most career wins. First place is held by Jake Schuman who shared goalie duties with Dave during Dave's last two years in school there.

After graduation Dave spent a season with the Texas Tornado in the NAHL and then went on to St. Mary's College.

Like many hockey players who have moved through the high school, junior hockey, and college programs, Rogalski is now a hockey coach. But unlike the majority of these ex-hockey player coaches, he was a goalie and now is a goalie coach.

He works with young goalies through the Impact Hockey program in the Twin Cities where he is the lead goalie instructor. He also works with the Edina Lakers goalies in the Minnesota Junior Hockey League and the Owatonna Express goalies in the NAHL. He has worked with several goalies in the USHL.

Coach Rogalski was advising our goalies at the beginning of the season so this appointment formalizes work he has already begun.



## Ear Muffs

For Christmas in 1873 Chester Greenwood of Farmington, Maine, received a new pair of ice skates. Since the nearby Sandy River was frozen over, he had to go try them out. But it was cold and his ears were nearly frostbitten. So Chester came home with an idea. He took a piece of foot-long baling wire and bent each end to form a loop. Then he asked his grandmother if she would sew a piece of fur over each loop. When that was done he bent the wire to fit over his head and had the first ear muffs.

When other people saw how he was keeping his ears warm, they wanted ear muffs also. Baling wire does not hold its shape very well so he figured out how to use an adjustable steel band instead. He was 19 when he took his idea to the U S Patent office where Patent #188,292 was issued for ear muffers. Chester set up a factory in Farmington to manufacture them. In its peak year 400,000 ear muffs were made. (Cont. on p. 4)

# Pumpkin Raffle

The Tri-City Storm Booster Club held its annual Pumpkin Raffle during the Oct. 29 home game. This is the main fund raising activity of the season for the Booster Club. All proceeds are used for the players for bus treats on away game trips, for the Holiday Party player meals and gifts, and for the end of year Awards Banquet player meals.

Prizes were awarded for the four most creatively decorated pumpkins.



Drew Dorantes



Soren Jonzzon



Scott Diebold



Branden Fisher

## There were two other white pumpkins



Corey Czanik



Mario Puskarich

– Reaction when told he was one of the prize winners was an enthusiastic, “Yesss! I worked really hard on that thing!”

## There was one other purple pumpkin



Jason Binkley



Chris Eiserman

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Stormy



Nick Lappin



Brian Ward

More decorated pumpkins next month.  
Photos by Ed Anderson

# Metal Ice Skates

In previous newsletters we have been looking at the development of ice skates. We know now that the first skates were probably used in 3,000 B.C. in southern Finland. It was easier to skate across the many small lakes in the region than to walk around them in the winter. The skaters probably propelled themselves with sticks on skates made of bone.

Sometime during the 1300's the Dutch began using a wood platform covered with metal. The pole was not discarded until 1848 that a steel clamp for skates was developed. Over the next 25 years a variety of styles of skates were designed for speed skating, rink skating, and figure skating. Around 1890 boots and blades were integrated into one unit.

A St. Paul, MN blade maker, John Strauss, curved the skate blade up to invent the closed toe blade in 1914. This made the skates stronger and lighter. Now skaters could do more tricks on skates like quadruple jumps.



Curved blade with a figure skating toe pick

## Hockey Skates

Skates are the most important pieces of any hockey player's equipment. There are only two types of hockey skates, player and goalie. The player skates have a stiffer boot and shorter blade than the goalie skate. The stiff boot provides more protection, but a puck to the ankle or instep still hurts and leaves a bruise. The softer goalie boot allows for more ankle movement. The shorter blade allows the player to skate faster. A goalie does not need the speed but a longer blade allows for better movement within the crease.

As far as fit is concerned, it depends on what the player prefers. One player wants a more loose skate and softer boot. Another player may want a tighter, stiffer boot. In either case they want a boot that fits tight around the ankle to prevent injury from twisting.

Skates are expensive. Junior and youth skates might be found for under \$200. The intermediate price range for skates is \$250-\$400. Elite skates will cost anywhere from \$450 to \$600. While the more expensive skates may be stiffer, they may not be the best skate in other ways.

No matter what the price, brand new skates do not fit perfectly. The memory foam on the inside of the skate will conform to the foot with use but that takes time and there may be blisters. A quicker way is to bake the skates.

## Baking Skates

While a conventional oven is heating to 180° the insoles of the new skates should be removed and the skates laced up lightly. Put the skates on a cookie sheet, turn off the oven, and put the skates in for 8 to 10 minutes.

When the skates are soft and pliable, put the insoles back in and put the skates on being careful not to touch any metal parts. The heels need to be pushed firmly into the back of the skate by tapping the heel on the floor.

When tightening the laces they should be pulled outward instead of upward so the metal eyelets are not loosened. Running hands over the boot will press it into shape around the feet. Then the skater should just sit there for about 10 to 15 minutes while the skates cool in the shape of his/her feet.

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Chester went on to obtain over 100 patents for a variety of ideas. In 1977 Maine declared December 21, approximately winter solstice day each year, to be Chester Greenwood Day in his honor.



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