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A Happy New Year to All, and . . .

GO SAINTS !

FROM THE FSLH CHAIR . . .

The FRIENDS OF ST. LAWRENCE HOCKEY hope that everyone had a great holiday. This short period of time spent with family, loved ones, and friends is well deserved and precious. A time for home-cooked meals, relaxing, enjoying one another and recovering.

Recovering? Yes, from the gruesome schedule. The papers and projects set aside, tests finished, and a break from the hockey schedule, which is a never-ending demand on the mind and body.

Now, in preparation for gaining new knowledge in the classroom and battles on the ice, a small number of students have returned to SLU. They must again hone their skills and tone their bodies. They must condition themselves for the beginning of another semester and the rest of the hockey season.

We wish the best of luck to you all. We will be there to cheer you on. You make us proud.

Go Saints!

Harold

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

“Skate with a Saint” is set for Sunday, January 25th, at Appleton Arena, from 2-3:30 pm. Come, meet, and skate with your favorite player(s) from the men’s and women’s teams! Refreshments will be served, and players will be pleased to provide autographs.

POST-GAME GET-TOGETHERS!

Janet Stitt reminds everyone to “Join the Friends of St. Lawrence Hockey, after every Saturday evening Men’s home game, at the VFW on Gouverneur Street. This is a great opportunity to meet the players and their parents, and to share the post-game excitement with other fans.”

SPECIAL NOTE TO PLAYERS’ PARENTS

Once again, a kindly reminder to players’ parents who have questions about accommodations in the Canton area to contact Janet Stitt at (315)714-2253, janstitt@twcnny.rr.com Thanks to Janet for handling this important responsibility.

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SCORES AND STATS

While we could update our teams' results here in *Center Ice*, we recognize that this info, by the time it reaches members, will already be out of date. For all of us, the best source of up-date-scores, stats, and team news is the Men's and Women's Hockey pages on the St. Lawrence University website www.stlawu.edu On the homepage, click on "Athletics" in the upper menu bar, and then select "Men's Hockey" or "Women's Hockey." For maximum future convenience, bookmark the pages. For more general news and info about college hockey, "US College Hockey Online" www.uscho.com is worth frequent visits and a bookmark as well.

DOES YOUR MAILING LABEL HAVE THE MEASLES?

If the label has a red dot it's to tell you that, according to our records, you haven't renewed your membership yet, and that this will be your last *Center Ice*. Please use the enclosed membership form and renew today! We need you! While you're at it, recruit a new member or two! And if you **have** renewed but still find a red dot, contact Secretary Darlene Leonard so we can straighten things out. Her telephone number and e-mail address can be found on the lower part of the back cover of this newsletter.

NEW FSLH BOARD MEMBER

A warm welcome to Bob Freego. Bob is a long-time Saints fan; he will be co-chairing the Golf Outing in September.

ANNUAL GOLF EVENT SET FOR SEPTEMBER 19

The FRIENDS OF ST. LAWRENCE HOCKEY Golf Outing has been set for Saturday, September, 2009, at the St. Lawrence Golf & Country Club. This year's event will be co-chaired by Don Clark and Bob Freego, and the familiar format is expected to prevail. Don and Bob would like to urge FRIENDS' members to solicit hole-sponsorships for the event from among their own friends and acquaintances. Or, sponsor one yourself! If interested, contact Don at (315)393-0955 for details. With costs rising everywhere, our organization is increasingly reliant upon Golf Outing revenues to carry out its mission of providing support to our Saints' hockey programs.

DOLL RAFFLE DRAWING HELD

Congratulations to winner Claudine Smith!

ECHOES FROM THE PAST: THE 1958-59 SEASON . . .

Looking back a half-century we recall that Coach **George Menard's** 1958-59 Larries topped pre-season Eastern polls as sophomores headed by **Terry Slater, Gord Brown, Joe Sherin, Paul Gaudet, Ray Pratt, and Dunc Campbell** joined a fine corps of veterans that included **Pat Presley, Bert Dalbec, "Vince" Massey, Frank Branchaud, "Sammy" Sammis, Bob "Bum" Steer, and Thom Lawler**. Another major addition to the team was junior **Larry Langill**, a transfer from Loyola, and younger brother of **Larry** hockey alumni **Neale, Don, and Irv**. Overcoming a slow start, the team tied Michigan on Thanksgiving night before upending the Wolverines two nights later, 7-3. Early-December wins over RPI (7-4) and Harvard (4-3) preceded a tough pre-Christmas New England swing. That trip saw BC, BU, and Providence upend the Scarlet on successive evenings, leaving Menard's troops with a 3-4-1 record, and facing the heart of the Eastern race in January.

SAINTS ALUMNI & HOCKEY-FOLKS' DOINGS:

From Glen and Doni Peters: "**Dale Clarke**, Class of 2000, lives in Helsinki, Finland, with his wife Christine and daughters Daley, 2 1/2, and Riley, 7 months. **Dale** plays for Espoo Blues in the Finnish Elite League. Currently in his sixth year of European hockey, he will represent Canada in the Spengler Cup at Christmas, 2008 . . . We are saddened to hear of the death of Sharon Symington, who died on November 30th. Sharon was the mother of **Jeremy Symington**, Class of 2001."

From Chip Skelley: "I thought I would update you on where my son is now: **Allie Skelley '04** has been the Associate Director of Admissions at The Holderness School in Plymouth, NH, for the past four years. He has been coaching hockey and baseball as well as keeping up his 'famous' workout routine. This year he also was named Assistant Dean of Students. After breaking his neck against Lake Superior State on that fateful December night, **Allie** tries to attend as many games as he can around this area."

According to a Canadian newspaper report, **Hank Lammens '88** has returned to an old love, competitive sailing, after a several-year layoff. Prior to that, the Brockville, ON native was a two-time world champion in Finn Class Gold Cup racing, and a member of the Canadian National Team in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. John Elmer relates that the former Saints' All-American D and his wife Hillary currently live in Norwalk, CT, and are the parents of Greer, 8, and Jake, 6. **Hank** works as an Equity Trader for Bank of America in New York City.

Janet Stitt informs us that **Rob** and Jen **Frost** have a baby boy, Carson, born on January 2, 2009. A former Saints' Trainer, **Rob** is now with the Portland Pirates (AHL). Their address is 12 Foxglove Court, Yarmouth, ME 04096; Jen's e-mail is jllynnfrost@hotmail.com

Darlene Leonard relays this e-mail from **Sabrina Harbec**, Class of 2008: "Right now I'm half of my time in Montreal and the other half in Canton with the women's hockey team. In Montreal, I worked 2 days a week with the government. It's an office job, mostly paper work, and it's called Institut Nazareth et Louis Braille. We are working with blind people. I also play hockey in Montreal with the Montreal Stars who are part of the NWHL (National Women's Hockey League). At St. Lawrence I'm doing a kind of internship with the team . . . I'm more precisely a volunteer coach. So I'm actually trying to learn as much as possible from the coaches so it could help me for next year to find a job somewhere else. I work with the players, do video, travel arrangements, etc."

Sabrina's address is 3199 Howard, St. Hubert, QC. **Annie Guay's '08** address is 1460 Beaumont, Longueuil, QC.

RB Lawrence kindly alerted us to successes of two recent grads: playing for the Toronto Marlies (AHL) **Max Taylor '06** turned a true hat trick in a game with the Philadelphia Phantoms on Jan. 3, 2009, and was awarded the game's First Star. On the same date the AHL Norfolk Admirals defeated the Portland Pirates, 3-2, and a 34-save performance by Admirals' goalie **Mike McKenna '05** earned him the First Star in that contest. In a January 7 3-2 loss to the Hershey Bears, **Mike** made 26 saves and stopped a penalty shot, to earn the Third Star.

Some very happy hockey-related news: Glen and Doni Peters report that "**Joe Marsh's** daughter Kathleen (Katie) was married to Christopher Garvin on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008. They were married at St. Patrick's Church in Williamstown, Massachusetts. A reception was held at the 1768 Hubbell Homestead in Bennington, Vermont, immediately following the wedding." The FRIENDS OF ST. LAWRENCE HOCKEY extend congratulations and best wishes to Katie and Chris and their parents.

On a sad note, the FRIENDS OF ST. LAWRENCE HOCKEY wish to extend sincere condolences to the Ross family on the occasion of the recent passing of Benjamin Ross, brother of Men's team Co-Captain **Jared Ross**.

And best wishes for a speedy recovery to devoted Saints fan Barb Phippen, wife of Chair Harold, who suffered a bad fall at home in November.

A general review of former Saints in pro hockey recently published in the *Watertown Daily Times* lists **Jacques Martin '75** and **Ray Shero '84** as General Managers of the Florida Panthers and Pittsburgh Penguins (NHL), respectively; **Mike Keenan '74** as Coach of the Calgary Flames (NHL), and **John Zeiler** and **Rich Peverley '05**, playing for the LA Kings and Nashville Predators (NHL), respectively.

In the AHL former Saints now playing include **TJ Trevelyan '06** (Iowa Chops), **Max Taylor '07** (Toronto Marlies), **Drew Bagnall '07** (Manchester Monarchs), **Kyle Rank '07** and **Matt Macdonald '05** (Portland Pirates), and **Mike McKenna '05** (Norfolk Admirals).

Playing in the ECHL are **Mike Madill '06** (Las Vegas Wranglers) and **Chase Trull '08** (Mississippi Sea Wolves).

Playing in the CHL are **Simon Watson '06** (Rocky Mountain Rage), **Adam Hogg '06** (Colorado Eagles), **Mike Zbriger '06** (Corpus Christi Rayz), **Jordan Hack '08** (Wichita Thunder), and **Jeremy Symington '01** (Odessa Jackalopes).

Playing in Europe in addition to **Dale Clarke** (see above) are **Ray DiLauro '02** (EHC Linz, in Austria) and **Brandon Dietrich** (EHC Munich, in Germany).

Updates on alums and other "hockey folks" are always welcome. Contact Bob Graham at (315)384-3193/her3bay@twcny.rr.com Thanks to Glen, Doni, Chip, Janet, John, Darlene, Sabrina, and RB for these updates.