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FROM THE CHAIR

Hello Friends,

Welcome to another exciting season of Saints hockey from the Board of the Friends of St. Lawrence Hockey!

As this newsletter reaches you we are into the ECAC season and the Saints teams are beginning their quest to once again be among the elite in the league. Throughout the season they will have the backing of the enthusiastic members of the FSLH. We invite you to bring your support to the games and also to the functions that are being planned by your organization, such as the Annual Potluck Dinner on Tue., Jan. 11, and the Skate with a Saint Day. Also, plan on attending the team banquets at the end of the season. Please refer to your newsletter and to the website for dates and times of all FSLH events.

Let's cheer on the teams in their quest for another successful season.

GO SAINTS!

Mick Harrington

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STARRY RECRUIT CLASSES BOOST SAINTS ICE TEAMS

A host of MVPs, scoring leaders and all-stars will join St. Lawrence's men's and women's hockey teams for this season's campaigns.

- Wearing Number 2 for Head Coach **Chris Wells's** women, defender **Dayle Wilkinson** hails from Stouffville, Ontario, and last played for the Toronto Junior Aeros of the Provincial Women's Hockey League. Dayle is the daughter of Ed and Janis Wilkinson.
- **Rylee Smith** wears the #15 jersey. She is a forward from Hagersville, Ontario and played for the PWHL's Stoney Creek Jr. Sabres. **Rylee's** parents are Dennis and Dana Smith.
- Also a forward, **Dallas Boyd** (#17) calls Hamilton, Ontario her hometown, and played for the PWHL's Stoney Creek Jr. Sabres as well. Her parents are Terry and Tracy Boyd.
- Also a Jr. Sabres alumna is defender **Mel Desrochers**, from Welland Ontario, who will wear the Number 18 jersey for the Saints. **Mel's** parents are Roger and Sylvie Desrochers.
- Also patrolling the Saints' blue line, Wymark, Saskatchewan's **Bailey Habscheid** will be seen wearing "21." Last season's team was the Swift Current Diamond Energy Wildcats of the Saskatchewan Midget AAA Hockey League. **Bailey** is the daughter of Robert and Marilyn Habscheid.
- Warman, Saskatchewan's **Caitlyn Lahonen** joins SLU's goaltending corps wearing Number 33 after a '09-'10 campaign with the SMAAAHL's Prince Albert A&W Bears. **Caitlyn's** parents are Roger and Leeanne Lemaitre.
- Forward **Greg Carey**, from Hamilton, Ontario, wears Number 10 for Head Coach **Joe Marsh's** men. A veteran of the Burlington Cougars of the Ontario Junior Hockey League, **Greg** is the son of Alan and Debra Carey.



FRIENDS OF ST. LAWRENCE HOCKEY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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- **Nic Vangog**, from Aurora, Ontario is a tall figure up front in his #14 jersey. Last season’s team was the OJHL Aurora Tigers. **Nic’s** parents are Rick and Andra Vangog.
- Also a front-liner, Walpole, Massachusetts’ **Sean Logue** (#17) spent last season with the South Shore Kings of the Eastern Junior Hockey League. Ed and Sue Logue are **Sean’s** parents.
- #19 for the men this season is forward **Jeremy Wick**, hailing from Grand Valley, Ontario, a Georgetown Raiders (OJHL) graduate. **Jeremy** is the son of Tony and Sylvia Wick.
- Saints fans will see **Riley Austin** on the blue line wearing #23. A native of Bobcaygeon, Ontario and an ’09-’10 campaign with the OJHL’s Lindsay Muskies, **Riley** is the son of Steve and Sheree Austin.
- Brother of Saints’ veteran **Matt, Patrick Raley** from Inverness, Illinois wears the #25 jersey from a blue line spot. **Patrick** played for the North American Hockey League’s St. Louis Bandits last season, and is the son of Bob and Debbie Raley.
- Forward **Kyle Essery** (#26) hails from Mississauga, Ontario, and also played for the OJHL Georgetown Raiders in 2009-19. **Kyle’s** parents are Rick and Yvonne Essery.
- Flin Flon Bombers (Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League) grad **Matt Weninger**, from Lethbridge, Alberta, wears #34 and is the newest member of the Saints’ goaltending forces. Mark and Wendy Weninger are Matt’s parents.
- Defenseman **Justin Baker**, of Toronto, Ontario, wears #51. He played last season for the Streetsville Derbys of the OJHL. **Justin’s** parents are Thomas and Donna Baker.

Warm welcomes and best wishes to Bailey, Caitlyn, Dallas, Dayle, Greg, Jeremy, Justin, Kyle, Matt, Mel, Nic, Patrick, Riley, Rylee, Sean, your parents and families from your FRIENDS!

FRIENDS’ 2010-11 BOARD MEMBERS, OFFICERS ELECTED, COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED

As a result of action at September’s annual meeting, the following persons will serve as FSLH board members during 2010-11:

Rick Carden (Men’s Student Representative)	Darlene Leonard (Secretary)
Eric Foote (Member-at-Large)	Bill Murphy (Member-at-Large)
Cindy Ford (Member-at-Large)	Joan Narrow (Member-at-Large)
Bob Freego (Member-at-Large)	Joe Pemberton (Member-at-Large)
Mick Harrington (Chair)	Barbara Phippen (Member-at-Large)
Kendall Lawrence (Member-at Large)	Penny Pitts (Treasurer)
	Phil Spadaccini (Member-at-Large)

Committee appointments: Website: Eric Foote and Penny Pitts; Men’s Banquet: Eric Foote; Golf Outing: Don Clark, Bob Freego, Joe Pemberton, Phil Spadaccini; Travel: Bob Freego, Bill Murphy; 50-50: Kendall Lawrence, Joan Narrow, Phil Spadaccini; Women’s Post-game Parties: Darlene Leonard; Women’s Banquet: Darlene Leonard; Bylaws: Bill Murphy; Nominating: Joan Narrow; Sales: Penny Pitts; Newsletter: Bob Graham; Hospitality: Janet Stitt.

Other persons attending regular meetings: Mike Hurlbut, Randy LaBrake, Joe Marsh, Mare MacDougall, Bob Prier, Chris Wells, Ted Wisner.

Monthly meetings are normally held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Appleton Arena Community Room, and all FSLH members are welcome to attend.

ARE YOU STILL A “FRIEND”?

FRIENDS OF ST. LAWRENCE HOCKEY memberships come up for renewal each summer. If you haven’t renewed yours yet, please try to do so at your earliest opportunity. And bring a friend (or two, or more) to be a **FRIEND**! We truly miss all non-renewals, and this would be the last Center Ice mailed to those in that category. So please, rejoin. We’d prefer you’d be an “old” **FRIEND** rather than a “former” one!

POTLUCK DINNER DATE SET

The annual Potluck Dinner for the Saints Men’s and Women’s teams has been set for 6 pm on Tuesday, January 11, 2011, at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Miner Street in Canton. Mark your calendars for this opportunity to break bread with our players! Readers are advised to check *Center Ice* and the **FRIENDS** website (see below) for additions, updates, changes, and other information concerning events.

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING A GREAT SUCCESS, SOCIALLY AND FINANCIALLY!

As a vital fundraising vehicle, and also as a means of bringing together community, players, and coaches in friendly competition and fellowship, no other event on the **FRIENDS’** annual calendar outranks the Golf Outing, held this year on Saturday, Sept. 18 at the St. Lawrence Golf & Country Club, and Chaired by Bob Freego.

But let’s let Hole Sponsorship Chair Don Clark tell the story. Many thanks to Don for this report!

“The 2010 Friends of St. Lawrence Hockey Golf Outing was a huge success. Contributing factor was a bright sunny day, 77 golfers in addition to team members, and the support of both old, and many new, hole-sponsors. This increase was due in no small part to the efforts of Harold Phippen, Mick Harrington, Becky Bero, and “the old pro” Wes Stitt. Coaches Joe Marsh and Mare MacDougall were able to attend while other coaches were away, hard at work scouting. At the end of the day over \$8,000 was raised, and a check for \$10,000 was given to the Men’s and Women’s teams.

“Dallas Sutton won the putting contest, and a team from the Tupper Lake Crew captained by Al Cota headed the Leader Board. Pat Harrington won the cash prize donated by Fay Motors, and did not share a dime with his father (and FSLH Chair) Mick Harrington!

“A real tip of the hat has to go to the core of loyal Saints fans who put on this event: Darlene Leonard, Sheila Harrington, Janet Stitt, Tari Briggs, Penny Pitts, Barbara Phippen, Joe Briggs, Bob Freego and his two lovely daughters, Bill Murphy, Brian Henry, and I’m sure many more whom I’ve forgotten. Special thanks has to go to Sharon Lawrence, who provided extra chairs at the last minute for the more-than-anticipated numbers who came to the wonderful chicken dinner coordinated by Ken Lawrence and Penny Pitts. Bob Freego did a wonderful job with the outing, and it appears as if we will grow with the contacts of former Saints players Dave Snyder, Vince Egan, Brad McKee, and Chris Yoshida, who let their presence and interest be known.

“Thanks to all!”

50 YEARS AGO: A GREAT ST. LAWRENCE TEAM

Longtime St. Lawrence hockey fans have not forgotten the exploits of the 1960-61 Saints, coached by **George Menard**. Led by two-time All-American Captain **Terry Slater**, the starry team flummoxed Eastern opposition and finished as National Runner-up with a 16-5 overall record. In 2006 the team was inducted into St. Lawrence University’s Athletic Hall of Fame. Members of that historic aggregation included **Rollie Anderson, Jim Babcock, Richie Broadbelt, Gord Brown, Manager Varick Chittenden, Gary (Bonzo) Corby, Dwight (Buster) Dower, Robin Geddes, John Gummere, Rich Laub, John Mason, Ron Mason, Wayne Mousaw, Manager Evan Norris, Arlie Parker, Ray Pratt, Bill Schaffer, Joe Sherin, Pat Shey, Terry Slater, Ray Tessier, and Al Vizgaitis.**

SAINTS HOCKEY ALUMNI NEWS

Ron O’Brien ’57 was on hand in Lake Placid for the St. Lawrence-Clarkson “Halloween Faceoff” game. **Obie** was a member of the sensational “Ottawa Line” that also included the late **Joe McLean** and **Lee Fournier**. Men’s Strength and Conditioning Coach **Mike Elberty** ’79 is coaching the Thousand Islands Privateers semi-pro team, of which **Nicole Kirnan Hall** ’01 is an owner. ’79 **Ray Shero** ’84 M’85 has signed a five-year contract extension as Executive Vice President and General Manager of the Pittsburgh Penguins (NHL). **Ray DiLauro** ’02 is playing this season with the Missouri Mavericks (CHL). **Shannon Smith Desrosiers** ’03 competed in the Iron Man Triathlon in Hawaii in October. She and her husband **Matt** ’01 are co-Head Coaches of the Clarkson University Women’s Hockey Team. **Rich Peverley** ’04 was interviewed in a video that appeared on the Atlanta Thrashers’ (NHL) website in late August. **Pevs** scored his 100th point as a Thrasher recently, and was 114 for 192 in faceoffs, a 59.2 percent success rate, sixth-best in the NHL. **Mike McKenna** ’05 is tending goal for the Albany River Rats (AHL). **Mike** appeared with the Jersey Devils (NHL) in several pre-season games. **Mike Madill** ’05 M’06 is with the Nippon Paper Cranes of the Asia League Ice Hockey. His teammate **Adam Hogg** ’05 M’06 is with the Colorado Eagles (CHL). **Jessica (Moffat)** ’06 and Matthew Brozincevic welcomed son Mason Joseph in October. **Kevin DiVergilio** ’09 is with the Elmira Jackals (ECHL), and **Jared Ross** ’09 is playing with the Reading Royals (ECHL). Once again, sincere thanks to our “Alumni Secretary,” Kimberley Trombley, for these updates on our past players!

In late news, RB Lawrence reports that **Rich Peverley** had four shots on goal and was credited with an assist in the NHL Atlanta Thrashers’ 5-1 win over the Minnesota Wild on Nov. 12, gaining him the game’s Third Star.

FSLH WEBSITE REMINDER

Don’t forget that we’re on the web at www.friendsofstlawrencehockey.com Webmaster Bob LaRue and Eric Foote keep Saints ice fortunes up to date with game reports and lots of photos, plus information about our organization and what’s going on, event-wise.