



# Captains Log

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Go Fish Go

## Baton Rouge Youth Ice Hockey

by Justine Swarner

*The Captains Club assisted 2 of the Baton Rouge Youth Ice Hokey teams to a tournament. BRYIH is one of the very worthwhile organizations the Autograph Jersey raffle tickets help support in out local area. Please help the Captains Club by buying raffle tickets as well as checking out tickets to sell.*

### Mites

The Baton Rouge Youth Ice Hockey, Jr. Kingfish Mite Travel Team went to the Freedom Tournament Jan. 13 - 15, 2001 in Huntsville, AL. The team ended up being short-handed having only 8 skaters for the first two games as illnesses prevented the other two team members from playing. This team, who's motto is "Never, ever, ever, ever, ever give up!", played tough in both games posting a 1-1 day. They defeated Pensacola in the 6:00 am morning game and fell short to St. Peters, MO Spirits in the afternoon game. In addition to the day's games, there was a skills competition held in the afternoon. Our "sniper" (shooting) event was done by Logan Kirkwood who placed second and our relay team (Peter Galasso, Michael Kellner, and Paxton Cook) took first place in the afternoon's fun. The team regrouped and gained back one of the players that was ill for the Sunday morning game. The Jr. Kingfish was able to defeat the Nashville team for a 2-1 tournament finish. This tough little team came out 2nd in their group and 4th place overall out of 8 teams.

The team members who went to Huntsville are as follows: Alex Bolduc, Paxton Cook, Peter Galasso, Alec Schleicher, Nathan Black, Michael Kellner, Jace Swarner, Logan Kirkwood, Jay Karasiuk, and Kyle Melancon. A great time was had by all!!!! The team would like to Thank the Kingfish Captain's Club for their sponsorship of this tournament.

### Squirts

The Baton Rouge Youth Ice Hockey Jr. Kingfish Squirt Travel Team went to the Dr. Pepper Texas Star Tournament Jan. 13 -15, 2001 in Dallas, TX. The tournament opened up with a skills competition for any player who wished to participate. Seven of our twelve team members

competed and our goalie Bryce Beniot placed second in one of his events. The tournament play began Saturday when our Squirt Jr. Kingfish faced a Winnetka, IL team. Both teams played a great game ending up in a tie. The second game of the tournament was against the Dallas Jr. Stars. Our Jr. Kingfish team defeated them in a very competitive contest. The first day ended up with great results for this team's first time visit to Dallas with a 1-0-1 record. Sunday proved to be much more of a challenge for our boys as they met the only defeat of their trip. They played a very physical team from Phoenix, AZ. Baton Rouge played tough but could not get by the Phoenix team. This sent Baton Rouge to the playoff game for the 3rd place final with Dallas, TX. Monday morning the Baton Rouge Kids were up to the challenge. Although it was a great contest, Baton Rouge Jr. Kingfish emerged victorious with a 2-0 win over Dallas to capture 3rd place in their division. The kids are very proud of their third place team trophy that they were able to bring back to Baton Rouge in their first trip to Dallas. Their final record for the entire tournament was 2-1-1. The Squirt Travel Team members are as follows: Bryce Benoit, Ryan Zemke, Micah Podorsky, Dex Swarner, Bret Oldendorf, Trent Sanders, Patrick Bloom, Matt Copeskey, Michael Copeskey, Peter Ottsen, Andy Andrade, and Garrett Karasiuk. All of the kids, coaches, and parents had a great time.

The team would like to Thank the Captain's Club for their sponsorship in this tournament.

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## Chad's Corner

I would like to wish a Happy New Year to all Captains Club members, I hope everyone had a great holiday season. This will be a very busy month for the Captains Club. As many of you know in February, it will be time again to nominate Board of Directors at our general meeting for the 2001-2002 season. The time just flew by. We need all members to come out to this next general club meeting, to nominate fellow club members or themselves, to help the club grow and succeed through the next hockey season. I quote Article VI, Section 1 of the Baton Rouge Kingfish Captains Club by-laws concerning nominations to the board of directors: "Directors must be 21 years of age upon nomination and must have consistently and promptly paid their annual membership dues."

I also have some good news, we have secured a new place to hold our Captains Club meeting. The February general meeting will be held at Taste of China 9716 Airline Hwy, Airline and Old Hammond Highway, across from Don Carter's All Star Lanes. The restaurant has a large private meeting room, they have given us a special buffet rate: Buffet, drink of your choice, and tip for \$ 10.50. There will also be menu selections available for your dining pleasure. The general meeting will be on Tuesday February 13, dining at 6, meeting at 7. Come by to see which Kingfish players and office staff members will be there.

Membership dues will also be due in February for the 2001-2002 season. There will be a slight increase in membership dues this season. Keep in mind that Captains Club membership dues have not been increased in the club's history, (Five (5) years and still running strong). This increase is to help with the day to day operation, and used to support our Kingfish players. The increase in dues is as follows: Individual Membership -- \$ 25.00, Family Membership -- \$ 35.00, Corporate Membership -- \$ 150.00. As you can see, it is just a \$ 10.00 increase on the individual and family membership. Keep in mind that our annual dues are lower than most clubs in the league. Dues can be paid at the general meeting, during home games, or by mailing them in. If you have any questions or comments about this increase, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I would like to thank everyone who has been helping with the various Captains Clubs activities. I really appreciate all the hard work, and I know that the Kingfish players and organization also agree. Keep up the great work, and we are always looking for volunteers to help out.... Thanks again!!

## Public Relations

This years toy drive was a great success. Huey, Chris Chelios, Ronald Ozolinsh, Matt Erredge along with some P.R. elves delivered some of the toys to the children at the Lady of the Lake Hospital. Toys were also delivered to Earl K. Long. The remaining toys were delivered to CAAWS.

Thanks to everyone involved for making some children's holidays brighter.



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Q and A with ...

Andy Doktorchik



How long have you been playing hockey?  
18 years  
What is your favorite hockey memory?  
Playing in the Viking cup  
What is your favorite kingfish memory to date?  
Scoring tying goal

and winning in overtime against Tallahassee.

What is your favorite hockey team/player?  
Boston Bruins  
What do you do when you aren't playing hockey?  
Play on the computer or workout  
How do you keep in shape over the summer?  
I have a personal trainer in Dallas  
What type of music do you like and who is your favorite musician?  
All types. For hard rock it's AC/DC  
What is your favorite book?  
Catcher in the Rye  
Favorite movie?  
Usual Suspects  
Favorite actress/actor?  
Al Pachino  
Favorite food?  
Steak  
Do you have any pets?  
1 dog name Venus 2 1/2 year old lab mix  
Do you have any superstitions?  
No  
Who are your heroes?  
My Dad  
What would you like to say to the Captain's Club?  
Thanks for all you do for us.



Josh Mizerek

How long have you been playing hockey?  
I started skating when I was 3 and playing when I was 5. I am 23 now.  
What is your favorite hockey memory?  
When I first started skating with my Dad.  
What is your favorite kingfish memory to date?  
Scoring the game winner in my 1st game & beating Florida 6-0  
What is your favorite hockey team?  
Dallas Stars & Minnesota Wild  
What do you do when you aren't playing hockey?  
Reading, relaxing, play station and watching movies  
How do you keep in shape over the summer?  
Work-out at Gold's Gym & skate as much as possible  
What type of music do you like and who is your favorite musician?  
For the most part anything and everything  
What is your favorite book?  
Most recently Timeline by Crichton  
Favorite movie?  
The classics. Anything with Chevy Chase, Eddie Murphy, Belushi, Ackroyd. Ex: Spies Like Us, Caddyshack, Trading Places.  
Favorite food?  
Anything edible  
Do you have any pets?  
No  
Who are your heroes?  
My parents  
What would you like to say to the Captain's Club?  
"Thanks for all your support, your deeds do not go unnoticed."



Hockey Trivia

Did you Know....

The game of Hockey got it's name from the French word "hoquet" which means "shepherd's crook" or "bent stick"

The early games of Hockey were played with 7 men on each side. The change to 5 came about accidentally in the late 1880's when a Canadian Club showed up to a match 2 men short and the other team agreed to drop to the same number to even the match up.

The word "puck" originates from the 12th century French from of a verb that means "to poke"

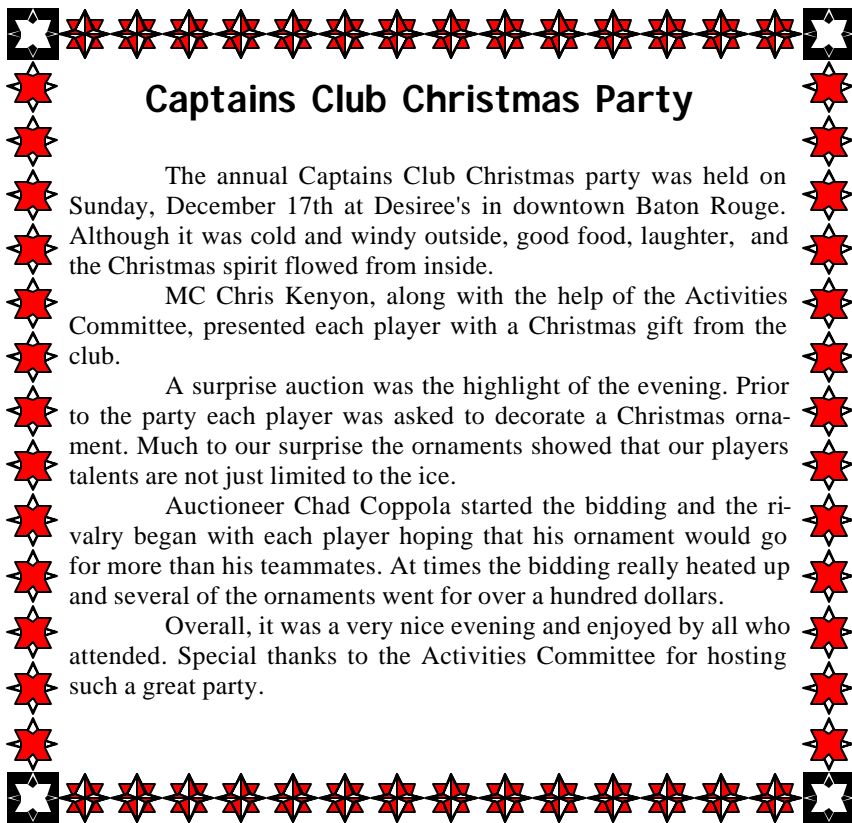
Some of the first Hockey players skates consisted of blades attached to shoes and sticks made from tree branches.

Goalies played without mask until 1959 and players did not wear any head protection until the late 1970's

At the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano Japan, women's hockey was a medal sport for the first time.

# February 2001

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 @ Arkansas	3 @ Arkansas
4 Vs. New Orleans	5 Coach's Show	6	7 Vs. New Orleans	8	9 Vs. Birmingham	10 Vs Arkansas
11	12 Coach's Show ECHL All-Star Skills Competition	13 Captains Club Meeting ECHL All-Star game	14 ECHL All-Star game on ESPN2 at noon	15	16 @ Louisiana	17 Vs. Pensacola
18 Vs. Jackson	19 Coach's Show	20 Newsletter Deadline	21	22	23 Vs. Mobile	24 Vs Arkansas
25 @ Pensacola	26 Coach's Show	27 @ Arkansas Mardi Gras	28			



## Captains Club Christmas Party

The annual Captains Club Christmas party was held on Sunday, December 17th at Desiree's in downtown Baton Rouge. Although it was cold and windy outside, good food, laughter, and the Christmas spirit flowed from inside.

MC Chris Kenyon, along with the help of the Activities Committee, presented each player with a Christmas gift from the club.

A surprise auction was the highlight of the evening. Prior to the party each player was asked to decorate a Christmas ornament. Much to our surprise the ornaments showed that our players talents are not just limited to the ice.

Auctioneer Chad Coppola started the bidding and the rivalry began with each player hoping that his ornament would go for more than his teammates. At times the bidding really heated up and several of the ornaments went for over a hundred dollars.

Overall, it was a very nice evening and enjoyed by all who attended. Special thanks to the Activities Committee for hosting such a great party.

Captains Club Dates of Interest		
February 13	Captains Club	General Meeting
February 12 & 13	ECHL All-Star Competition	
February 20	Newsletter Articles Due	

For only a \$6.00 donation you can have your very own Captains Club shaker.

**Show your team spirit!!!**  
 Stop by the Captains Club table or see Linzi to get yours.

**Do you have your Captains Club shaker**

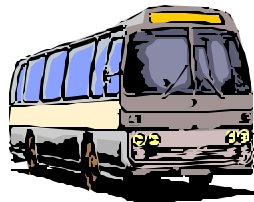
## On our way to the Kelly Cup Playoffs...

Here's the scoop...we're focusing on a big bus trip to Pensacola on March 28th to see our guys play their last away game of the regular season. We're telling you this now, because as of now, we're starting to take some down payments for the trip. The cost is \$40 per person, which as always includes your bus costs, and ticket to the game. We're telling everyone now, so you can save your pennies, and tell all your friends, that we want them on the bus with us! We'll be accepting payments at all the home games, and the final deadline won't be until some time in March. So, please, please, come with us on the bus...we want to make sure our guys know we're with them all the way to the playoffs!

For the month, we only have two away games that we're going to:  
Friday, February 16th in Lafayette--tickets \$13, deadline Feb. 9th\*  
Sunday, February 25th in Pensacola--tickets \$11, deadline Feb. 17th\*  
\*These are home games.

I hope everyone can make the trip to Pensacola as well as these two!  
Come see me at the Captains Club table before the game and at 2nd intermission for more information!

Linzi Conners—Travel Chair  
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768-7379



**Don't go to away games because you don't know where to go. Here are a few of the other teams arena's for the coming month.**

**Pensacola** — I-10 into Pensacola then go south on I-110. Pensacola Civic Center is located at the end of I-110 in downtown Pensacola. (850) 432-0800

**Arkansas**—Take Hwy 65 North to I-30 in Little Rock and then to the Broadway, Alltel Arena exit. Turn left onto Broadway at the stop light then turn left onto Cypress Street. Next turn right onto Washington Avenue and the Arena will be on your right. (501)975-9000

**Lafayette**—West on I-10 into Lafayette to Exit 100 (Ambassador Caffery), Take left and head south on Ambassador Caffery then take left on Congress. Cajundome is on the right. 1(800) 622-1337

**Now that you know where to go, come join the fun of Kingfish away trips.**

### December's Guest Speaker

Keith bland and C.J. Buzzell were the guest speakers at the December Captains' Club meeting. They talked about their lives and careers.

Keith Bland played for the Kingfish last season before being traded to the Wheeling Nailers. This is his fourth year pro. He is from New York. Keith volunteers as a fire fighter during off season. After his hockey career he would like to become a police officer.

C.J. Buzzell also spoke about his life. He played for the Fayetteville Force of the CHL for Coach Lohrei last season. He graduated from Miami University of Ohio, where he majored in History. C.J. is engaged to Heather that lives here in Baton Rouge also.

Keith and C.J. were greatly appreciated by all members that attended the meeting.

### January's Guest Speakers

Josh Mizerek, Mike Rucinski, and Brian Leitza were the guest speakers at the January Captains' Club meeting. They talked about their lives, careers, and answered questions from the members.

Josh Mizerek, first year Kingfish defenseman, talked about everything from his early days in hockey to when he graduated from Miami University of Ohio. He majored in finance. Josh is from Duluth, Minnesota. He began skating at the age of five and played junior hockey. Besides hockey, Josh likes to play golf and fish. He said Baton Rouge is the largest city he has ever lived in and he loves the weather here.

Mike Rucinski, Kingfish center, is in his third year of pro hockey. He is from Minnesota. He has been skating since he was five years old. Mike just recently got engaged. During off-season he does landscaping and he likes to play golf and fish.

Brian Leitza, one of the two great Kingfish goalies, has been playing hockey for 21 years. He is now 26. Brian is from Illinois and is in his third year of pro hockey. Like the others Brian likes to play golf.

Josh, Mike, and Brian were all great speakers. They were enjoyed by all the members.

Thanks a bunch guys!

# Appreciation for a Classy Team and a Classy Coach

My family and I are avid hockey fans. We love to go support the 'Fish every chance we get. My children have gotten so into hockey that they now want to play the sport.

A couple of weeks ago my youngest son, Ryan (4), had his tonsils removed. This did not stop him from wanting to see how the Kingfish were doing. After going to the doctor for a post-op check up two days after the surgery, the one thing my son wanted to do was watch the team practice. So, of course I took him. They were not practicing in the "Tank" that day. They were practicing at Leo's Ice Skating complex. While we were watching the team practice, the coach came over to talk to us. He was very touched that one of the team's young fans would want to watch the team practice after going through something that was surely pretty painful

for him. He was very nice to us. He called the team over to tell them about this young fan who had come watch them practice even after having his tonsils removed two days before. My son was very excited because he got to talk to the whole team. Coach Lohrei even gave my son HIS hockey stick and had the whole team sign it! That stick is now on my son's wall where he can see it every night, when he doesn't try to play hockey in my house with it!

That day, Coach Lohrei and the team made a fan for life....and I am not talking about my son! The extent of the generosity for a coach to give away his own hockey stick and for the players to take time out to sign it for him and wish him well has made quite an impression on me. That the Coach took time out of his schedule to speak to us was great, but after the whole team came through and showed how big their hearts are, I am truly impressed.

So, "Thanks" to the coach and to the members of this Kingfish team for being such good people. You will be remembered always. Not only is this team "WINNERS" on the ice, they are also "WINNERS " with these fans!

## NEWSLETTER HELP WANTED

We are looking for newsletter articles. If you can write or have an idea about an article please contact Sabrina Ballard.

## HOSPITALITY

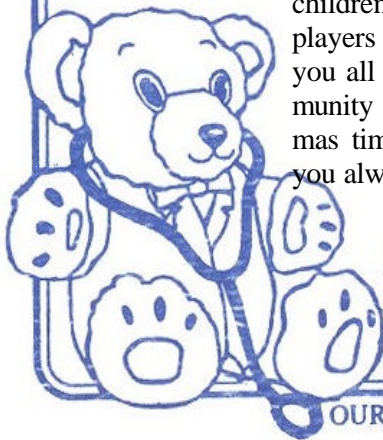
The hospitality committee met on January 16th to pack bags for the road trip to Tallahassee and Greenville.

Birthday cakes were made & delivered to Chris Mallette and Ronald Ozolinsh on behalf of the Captains Club.

Upcoming events include the road trip to Arkansas and planning an outing for the player's wives.

# THANK YOU!

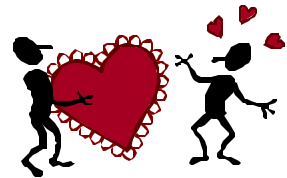
Dear Sabrina & the BR Kingfish Captains Club,  
I wanted you all to know how much we appreciated your visit to the Children's Center. Of course, the children thoroughly enjoyed the visit from the hockey players and continued to talk about the special visit after you all left. It means so much for people from the community, like you all, to think of our kids during Christmas time. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and hope you always feel welcome at the children's center



### CHILDREN'S CENTER

Sincerely,  
Patti Dowling  
Child Life Coordinator

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER



Have you gotten your Kingfish Captains Club tote bag. It is blue with the Kingfish Captains Club embroidered on the back. It has plenty of space to carry everything you bring to the game. For only a \$25.00 donation you can have one to.

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 Z E I R B Y A N O P S K A  
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*Defense is the Game*

BLAND	MALLETTE
CHELIOS	MCKEE
LETIZA	MIZEREK
LITKE	OZOLINSH
MAGNUSON	SCHAFFER

**January winner of the Autographed Kingfish Jersey.**

**Have you bought your raffle ticket yet?**



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Type of Membership:

\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 Individual (18 years of age and up)

\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 Family (Parents and Children under 18)\*

\_\_\_\_ \$150.00 Corporate (Limited to 10 employees)\*

\* Please list all names and ages to the side.

Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

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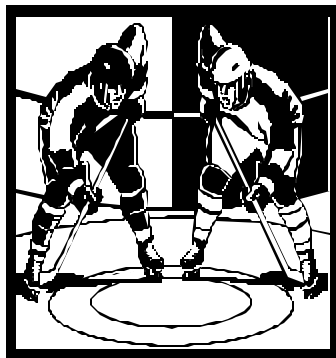
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## BATON ROUGE KINGFISH CAPTAIN'S CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Meeting  
Tuesday February 13, 2001  
New Location!!!! at Taste of China New Location!!!!  
9716 Airline Hwy.

\*\*\*\*\*Nominations for Board of Directors\*\*\*\*\*  
Come see which Kingfish players will be there!!

*Dining at 6 pm and meeting at 7 pm.*