



# Fan

# Club

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**November Storm Chasers Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 23, 2004**  
**Kearney Event Center – Second Floor**

Who will be the special guest? Only Randie knows. Come see who it is.

There has been some talk about a special activity in January or February. Any ideas?



## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Celebration

Celebrate the Holidays  
with our Storm Players

Dinner and other Festivities

Tuesday, December 14, 2004

6:00-7:00 p.m. Social hour

7:00-9:00 p.m. Pasta Buffet Dinner

Kearney Holiday Inn

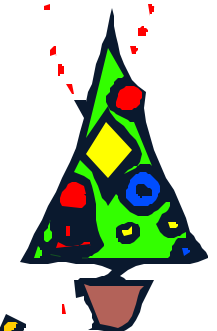
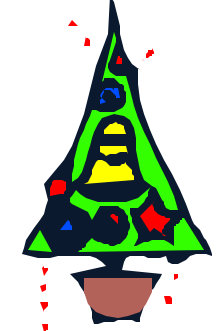
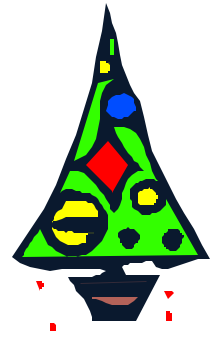
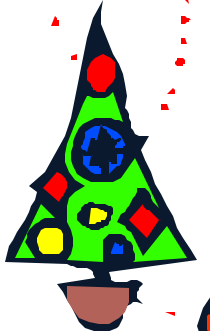
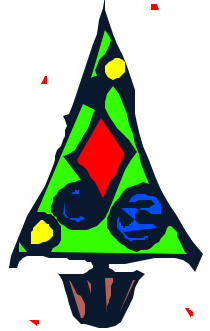
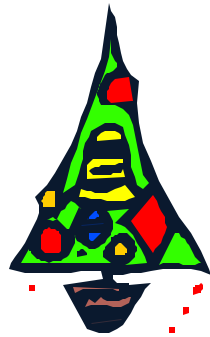
Adults \$12.00    Children 6-9 \$6.50

Children five and under free

RSVP by Dec. 6 to Tri-City Storm Chasers

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# Goalie Masks and Helmets

## Goalie Masks

Elizabeth Graham was the first person to wear a goalie mask in a hockey game. Back in 1927 she put on a fencing mask to protect her face. The first hockey mask was made of leather designed by goalie Clint Benedict. But he only wore it for a game or two in 1929.

The idea of wearing a mask did not really catch on until 1959 when Canadiens' goalie Jacques Plante started wearing one. That was after having his skull, cheekbones, nose and jaw broken! A puck to the cheekbone was apparently the last straw. His coach did not want him to wear the mask so he gave it up for a while. But he put it back on again and soon other goalies were wearing them too. By 1973 they were worn by all but one goalie.



Some of you who have been hockey fans for a number of years may remember those early masks. What I remember is a white mask with black lines crosshatched to show the hits and stitches that would have been required without a mask. It was gruesome.

## Helmets

We don't know for sure who the first NHL player was to wear a helmet. Maybe it was defenseman George Owen. He wore a leather football helmet in his first season with the Boston Bruins in 1928. Some players wore headgear for looks -- and it wasn't always helmets that the players put on. Quebec's Herb Scott wore a pink handkerchief around his head in a game against Ottawa in 1892. Expecting rough play in a Stanley Cup game in 1905, referee Mike Grant wore a construction worker's hard hat. Defenseman Johnny Crawford hid his bald head under a leather helmet in the 1940s.

By the 1970's helmets were required in college and junior hockey. European players were also wearing helmets. Finally the NHL ruled that any players signing on after June 1, 1979, had to wear a helmet. Those already playing were allowed to make their own choice about whether or not to wear one. Craig MacTavish, of the St. Louis Blues, was the last bareheaded NHL player, skating his final season in 1995-1996. [Not that long ago, was it?]

Goalies helmets and face masks have evolved into what appears to be single units. Many goalies have their helmets decorated to fit their team and/or their own personalities. Neither of our goalies this year was satisfied with a plain black helmet. Both are now specially painted. Zane Kalemba's is black on one side and purple on the other with a lightening bolt over the ear on each side.



Nick Hopper has streaks of lightening on each side of his purple helmet and a small palm tree behind the lightening. Why not. After all, he is from California.



[www.collectionscanada.ca/hockey/kids/h39-2000-e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.ca/hockey/kids/h39-2000-e.html)  
Davidson, John, *Hockey for Dummies*, 2000  
Duplacey, James, *The Official Rules of Hockey*, 2001

# Bowling With the Storm

In September it was a barbeque. In October it was decorated pumpkins. Now it's November so it was time to Bowl With the Storm. We gathered at the Big Apple Fun Center on the afternoon of Nov. 7. Kim Clark, Karen Heun and her daughter were ready to hand out the lane assignments.



It was obvious which lanes we were using because they were decorated with balloons in Storm colors.



All of the Storm players except Connelly, who had to be home for school, were there. This included the newest Storm player, Tomas Troliga. There were about 45 Storm Chasers of all ages who also enjoyed an afternoon of bowling.

During the hockey season we watch player hockey stats – most goals, total points, penalty minutes, etc. Well, here are some player bowling stats. Mark Bernier had the high game of 158. Cody Chupp was second with 146. Brian Kilburg was low for the afternoon with two 60 point games. Ryan Gunderson was next low with 66. As for strikes, Alex Hudson was the star with four strikes

in one game. Chris Zarb was second with three strikes.



Just as we might be found at the concession stands during intermissions at a hockey game, some hungry Storm players could be found at the refreshment counter at the Big Apple.



A few general observations:

- Some players really did not care if there were holes in the ball or not since they would hold the ball in both hands and let go.
- Even with that two handed style of throwing the ball, there were some wicked curves. If the ball did not go into the gutter it might curve back for a solid strike or nine-pin hit.
- There were LOTS of pictures being taken. Several photographers appeared to be trying to get at least one picture of everyone there. Anyone in attendance needing an alibi for the afternoon, has one.
- As far as bowling is concerned, we have very talented HOCKEY players.
- Awed comment by a young Storm fan upon seeing Zarb, Hanson, Troliga and Gunderson talking together, "Now there's height!"

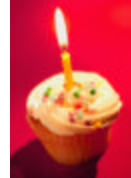


Drawing by Butch Knapp

What caption would you put under this drawing?  
Send your suggestions to Mardi Anderson at  
4320 W Highway 30, Kearney, NE 68845 or email  
me at <cottonwood@charter.net>. Results in the  
next issue.

## Coming Events

- Nov. 17 – Away game vs. Sioux Falls
- Nov. 18 – Away game vs. Sioux City
- Nov. 20 – Away game vs. Cedar Rapids
- Nov. 23 – Storm Chasers Gen. Meeting**
- Nov. 24 – Away game vs. Des Moines
- Nov. 25 – *Thanksgiving*
- Nov. 26 – Home game vs. Sioux City
- Nov. 27 – Home game vs. Sioux Falls
- Dec. 14 – Holiday Party at Holiday Inn**



## Happy Birthday

We have one player birthday coming  
up. Goalie Zane Kalemba turns 19 on  
December 19<sup>th</sup>.

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**Remember** – Go to [www.tricitystormchasers.com](http://www.tricitystormchasers.com)  
to see the pictures in this newsletter in color. You  
will also find photos of other Chaser events and  
Storm games there on the photo page.