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*President's Message*

Last season was such an exciting one and then came the playoffs! How exciting and thrilling was that? Our Florida Everblades team accomplished what they had been working on all season long. The Ultimate Prize, 2022 Kelly Cup Champions! I know I speak for the whole Florida Everblades Fan Club! So proud of our team, staff and coaches on what they accomplished last season. Kudos to all of them! I am still on cloud nine and look forward to another successful season with our Blades team and hockey family.

The Fan Club also had a very successful season, and I am looking forward another one this season! We have already had quite a few new members sign ups this season. I personally want to welcome them all to the best Fan Club in the ECHL. Also welcome back to everyone that has rejoined again this season. Our club is only a success with membership's involvement. Remember this is your club so let's continue to grow it and make it better year after year. If there is something you are not sure or need answers to you can ask anyone on the Board, and they will be able to help you.

Our Fan Club table is one place we raise money each game to help with supporting our players with all we do for them each season. Louise and I are always at the table each game. We are there when the doors open and in between periods so if you have never helped at the table, we welcome you to come by and lend a hand. We get to meet a lot of our members and occasionally we have player's family stop by the table. So please think of helping us this season! I hope this season is as successful as our last!

Go Blades!!!!

**Belinda A Hanley, President**



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## ECHL-SPL JAMBOREE July 2022

Another Jamboree has come and gone ... this July Belinda and I visited Kalamazoo Michigan. K-Wings hosted this jamboree and they put on a great event. There was about 10 clubs that were represented, approx 50 hockey fans. A quick synopsis of our weekend. Friday night of eating, mingling, meeting old and new friends, and scouting out the baskets we wanted to 'bid' on. On Saturday, K-wings GM and Governor on the ECHL board, Toni, spoke. She presented really good input and suggestions. Her marketing strategy is to focus on the community, promote the franchise, maintain the tradition, and up the quality!! They do a "fan designed" jersey each season. Then their in-house broadcaster, Joe, spoke to us. Supports the booster clubs, their purpose, the needs of having them for our players. For apartments, his comment "we supply simple pleasures and make the players feel they have a 'home' ". Justin Taylor, their captain, was our next speaker. His thoughts... get a liaison between the Club and the team.. He is very involved in the community and with the K-wings booster club, has been with the KWings for 13 years. Praises the booster clubs for their efforts, their assistance and dedication to the team.

Our final speaker was Nick, their coach, a few items we walked away with ... communication is key between coaches, players and the booster club. They use at practice a 'heart beat system'... this 'documents' their physical condition. After practice the coaches analyze, find needs, pluses and minuses, what to 'work on' with the player. Onto the "fun" stuff ... we had entertainment both nights, a magician on Friday, amazing, and on Saturday an impromptu group. Food was good, hotel was perfect... they really catered to our event!! (note that I have called booster club throughout this article as the Everblades are the only "fan club", all others if the teams have club are "boosters") Belinda and I spent personally a bit of money and won some "baskets"... best one was a hockey stick lamp B won for her son. Wrap-up was Sunday with some teary good-byes to our 'hockey friends' with a promise to see next year!

Next year's Jamboree will be hosted by the Wheeling Nailers. It will be at Oglebay Resort.... looks like a nice place. Dates: July 28, 29, 30, 2023. Try to join! The 2024 Jamboree is hosted by Worcester Railers! Just an FYI ... the group is anxiously waiting for Florida to do again!! Everyone wants to come to Florida!

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*Louise Festa*

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From you Editor: I would like to welcome you to the 2022/2023 Season. We have a year to celebrate since it is our 25<sup>th</sup> Season! If you have any information you would like to share in the newsletter, please feel free to contact me. Remember, this is your newsletter so let's make it informative and fun!

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**Congratulations are in order!**

- John McCarron had his first child July 31, 2022 – Katherine Rose
- Ben Masella tied the knot on July 9th, 2022 to Brooke Caliguire

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING – October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Hertz#1 – Short meeting and packing party!**

**FLORIDA EVERBLADES FAN CLUB MISSION STATEMENT**

*Please go to [www.floridaeverbladesfanclub.org](http://www.floridaeverbladesfanclub.org)*

## Upcoming Events



**Pack/Party** – Thursday, October 6, 2022 6:30 pm – Hertz#1

**Locker Room Tour** – Tuesday, October 25, 2022 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm

**Meet & Greet** – Sunday, November 6, 2022 11-2 pm – Bridgetown at the Plantation

**Adult Christmas Party** – Sunday, December 18, 2022 Estero Country Club at the Vines 5-9 pm

**FEFC Quarter Auction** – January 10<sup>th</sup> 2023 at Hertz#1 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Fundraiser

**Children's Party** – Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 10-1 pm

**Player Painting party** – TBD OFR @ Hertz

**Spaghetti Dinner** – Tuesday, February 28, 2023 – Hertz Club

**Spring Picnic** – Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, Estero Park – 10:30 -1:30 pm

# October 2022



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<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Pack Party & short meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Pre- season game	<b>14</b> Pre- season game	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> A 7:00pm	<b>22</b> A 7:00pm
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Locker Room Tour	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> H 7:00pm
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					



## **SEPTEMBER**

**MICHAEL REGUSH 9-12-98**

## **OCTOBER**

**LEVKO KOPER 10-5-90**

**JAKE DURFINGER 10-6-97**

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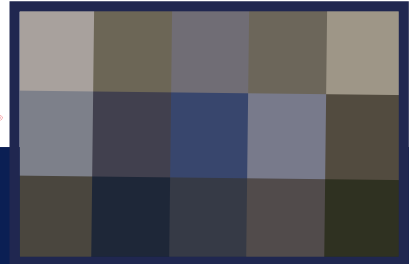
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## **Getting to know your Florida Everblades**

Player Name and Number: **Bengamin Nicholas Masella #3**

Where are you originally from? **Montreal, QC Canada**

If you were'nt playing hockey what would you be doing? **Playing on the PGA.**

What type of music do you like? **Depends on the mood.**

What is your favorite hobby besides hockey? **Golfing**

What do you like the best of living in Florida? **Beach and weather**

Where do you like to go? **For a nice dinner**

What is your favorite food? **Walleye**

If you could go anywhere in the world where would you go and why?  
**Amalfi Coast**

What personal qualities do you have?\_ **Hard working and dedicated**

What is your favorite animal? **Goldendoodle**

Who is your favorite actor or actress? **Woody Harrelson**

**Remember to Visit your Fan Club Table at the Next  
Blades Home Game!**

**We have opportunities to take a “chance” and  
other goodies to sell!**



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