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**ICE HOCKEY HEROES CELEBRATE *GIANT* ACHIEVEMENT**

THE Stena Line Belfast Giants recently played their 1000th game on their home turf at the SSE Arena, Belfast, and to celebrate this achievement, title sponsor, Stena Line is offering fans the chance to win a 16 seater suite at the SSE Arena to watch a home game of their choice\*.

Leading ferry company Stena Line has been title sponsor of the Belfast Giants since 2008 and Diane Poole OBE, Head of PR and Communications at Stena Line, commented on the recent achievement:

“We are delighted that the Stena Line Belfast Giants have just reached their 1000th game and it demonstrates just how popular ice hockey has become here in Northern Ireland over the years.

“Fans of the Belfast Giants are renowned for their passion and loyalty and it is fitting that we should run a competition to offer something back to the enthusiasts that support the team all year round!

“To enter this great competition, fans simply need to go to the Stena Line Facebook page, tag the people you would like to bring to the game by 23.59 on October 17 and the winner will then be selected at random,” added Diane.

Steve Thornton, Head of Hockey Operations at the Stena Line Belfast Giants said:

“We are thrilled to have recently played our 1000th game and I would like to extend a huge thank you to our fans who show us so much loyalty and dedication.

“Last year we welcomed over 150,000 fans to the arena and the popularity of the sport here in Northern Ireland just seems on keep growing every year. We look forward to November when the SSE Arena will play host to the 2016 Friendship Four event and I am excited to see what this season will bring as I am confident that we can go all the way to the top of the league, “added Steve.

To enter the competition go to [www.facebook.com/StenaLineUKIE/](http://www.facebook.com/StenaLineUKIE/)

For further information on Stena Line or to make a booking click on [www.stenaline.co.uk](http://www.stenaline.co.uk) or call 08447 70 70 70.

For further information on the Stena Line Belfast Giants visit [www.belfastgiants.com](http://www.belfastgiants.com)

\*Subject to availability.

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