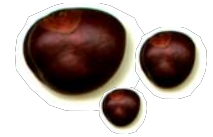




BUCKEYE Nut Notes



FIRST FOOTBALL GAME September 5th—NAVY @ OSU

Fall/Winter 2009-2010

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OUTSTANDING MEMBER of the YEAR AWARD

By Nancy Phelps

My nomination for Member of the Year award is **Brent Sanders**. Brent has exemplified what every Sandhills Alumni Club member should strive to be. From the beginning of the club and continuing through today, he has supported every facet of the club's vision and mission. He has made our club stronger and we would not have enjoyed our successful beginning without his dedication and willingness to go the extra mile.

Before the club began, Brent shared a vision to bring an Ohio State Alumni Club to our communities. He assisted in laying the groundwork for our club's very beginning. He visited other OSU alumni clubs in our area, as well as different states, to evaluate other club structures and to determine what made their alumni clubs successful. Using these findings, he helped put together a plan for starting the Sandhills Alumni Club.

Brent also helped in locating our club's first site by traveling to many area restaurants, sports bars and country clubs to gather information for evaluating each business based on predetermined criteria.

Once the site was selected, Brent quietly went to work behind the scenes. He met with the ownership and reached an agreement about what our club could do for its game day viewing. He wanted to set up a big screen projection set with wrap around sound for easy viewing and listening for the membership.

With his plans in place, he retained his own company's men to do the electrical work for the installation of the club's theatre type layout. When the wiring was completed, he ordered and installed the projector, screen, blackout curtains, and ordered the DirecTV.

This would require additional electrical wiring and the purchase of the necessary equipment for the club.

Brent's time, effort and service to our club are unquestionable of the highest level. Beyond installing the electrical wiring and the audio-visual equipment, Brent diligently worked every game day, for 12 consecutive weeks, by wheeling in his control boxes, setting up the visual and sound system, booting the programming and then breaking everything down at the end of each game day. Brent went that extra mile to ensure that the Sandhills Alumni Club got off to a healthy, enjoyable and financial start.

Brent's dedication didn't stop at the end of the first year. This year, when our club outgrew its first location, Brent volunteered to help find a new location that would be convenient to the majority of club members. Once the new location was determined, Brent again took the initiative to upgrade that bar's old system to duplicate the same type of theatre viewing we had before moving. This upgrade required rewiring, ordering a new projector, and setting up the video area. He oversaw all these projects.

Beyond what is mentioned above, Brent has shown support for the majority of our club's events and activities. In our club's first year, he attended every game day, participated in the Wounded Warrior Program, donated blue clothing to the Coalition for Humanity, and donated to the Scholarship Fund. This year, he attended all but two game days, participated in the Wounded Warrior Program, the Walk for Literacy, the Buckeye Cruise for Cancer, The OSU Women's Golf Dinner and attended the Fun Golf Outing.

In my opinion, Brent Sanders, a Life Member of OSUAA, stands out without question, among all our members for his overall performance of unselfish acts and dedicated support shown for the Sandhills Alumni Club and The Ohio State University. With his assistance, our club's membership is where it is today. He helped to create the Buckeye environment for our membership to enjoy. He aided in setting the pace, the standards, the quality and the pathway for our club's successes. He is, and will continue to be, a lifetime supporter of the university and our club.

Nancy Phelps

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FROM THE PRESIDENT... Nancy Notes:



Welcome Back!

This is going to be another exciting year for the Sandhills Buckeyes. Last year proved to be a very interesting busy and year with all the events and game day activities. This year, now that our club has a little more experienced under the Buckeye belt, our program of events is going to be even more sensational.

A few changes have taken place and you'll learn to recognize some new names and faces.

Chris Dixon is the club's new editor and chief of the Buckeye Nut Notes. Chris is taking over the position from Kim Thomas, our club's Vice-President. We wish Chris the best and know that she will do an excellent job. We are very proud to have Chris in this very visible, key position.

Ann Bilobrowka, our club's former Fundraising Chair, has accepted the position of Publicity Chair. The position of Fundraising Chair was eliminated due to fundraising being built into every Chair's position. Our club wishes Ann well as she assumes her new role, along with being the club's Archivist.

Anthony Buckmon has moved into the position of Social and Community Chair, previously held by Jim Hampton. Currently serving our country, Anthony is also a part-time x-ray technician. Anthony promises to take our club into areas we have never been before. Sounds very interesting!

Karen Triplett is currently working at The Pilot and is serving as an intern under Membership Chair, Keith Junk. Karen will assume her new role as Membership Chair next season, 2010-11. She has already contributed creative ideas and will be great in this position.

Chris Lyon has volunteered to be the manager of our club's Facebook page. He set the page up and manages the club's account. If you care to join our club's Facebook page and keep up with the club's events, this is the way to go: www.facebook.com. Type in Ohio State University Sandhills Alumni Club of North Carolina and join. It's that simple and it's free.

Hello Sandhills Buckeyes!

My name is Bukoto and I have been traveling around the United States. Can you guess where I am in each of these pictures? (6 Total) The first member to get all correct will receive a free Buckeye Tailgate Cookbook. The book features dozens of celebrity recipes and benefits the Stephanie Spielman Fund for Breast Cancer Research.

Where am I?

- A. At a park in Washington D.C., where the Purple Heart Memorial is erected?
- B. At the military installation at Fort Hood, Texas?
- C. At the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Aberdeen, MD?



#1

Where am I?

- A. In the mouth of a dinosaur at the Philadelphia History Museum?
- B. In the mouth of a *ichigan fan?
- C. In a cave crevice viewing crowds of people as they go by?



#2



LTC Tom Simons getting Coach Tressel's autographed photo while Coach Tressel visited the troops in Iraq.

WELCOME!



Chris Lyon: Facebook



Karen Triplett: Intern



Anthony Buckmon:
Social/Community Chair



Chris Dixon: Newsletter



#3

Where am I?

- A. Near the FBI training facility in Quantico, Virginia?
- B. Near the filming set for the YV series NCIS in Maryland?
- C. On a Navy base in Portsmouth, Maine, off the Atlantic Ocean?



RECIPE CORNER

Recipe taken from THE FAN Tailgate Cookbook
Featuring dozens of Buckeye celebrity recipes

Better Than Buckeye Bars

Submitted by Buckeye Fan, Beth Marrow

These are a less melty, make ahead bar version of Buckeyes for those hot, early-season games. Enjoy and Go Bucks!

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|-----------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | 18.3 oz box | Brownie Mix |
| 1 | 14 oz can | Sweeten Condensed Milk |
| ½ cup or | 1 stick | Butter, melted |
| 1-2 tbsp. | | Water |
| 2 | 12 oz cups | Bag of semisweet chocolate chips |
| 1 cup | | Peanut Butter |
| 1 tbsp. | | Butter |

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9 x13 pan and set aside.

In a medium bowl, combine brownie mix, ½ cup melted butter and 1-2 tbsp. Water until completely mixed. (Batter will be very thick.)

Spread into baking dish and bake at 350 degrees for FIVE minutes.
Remove from oven and set aside to cool.

In a small bowl, mix ½ cup sweetened condensed milk and peanut butter until thoroughly combined.

Spread over the baked brownie layer, making sure to reach the edges.

In a small sauce pan, melt the chocolate chips with the remaining condensed milk and 1 tbsp. Butter, spreading to seal the edges of the peanut butter.

Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes. Cool completely before cutting (or the brownie layer will crumble.)

Where am I?

- A. In Vermont at the Middlebury College near the Green Mountain
- B. Showing no fear outside of Joe Paterno's office at Penn State University?
- C. At West Virginia's Rocky Mountain High School?



#4



The Bell Tree
Southern Pines, NC



Beef O'Brady's
Fayetteville, NC



O'Mahoney's
Southern Pines, NC
(USC, *ICHIGAN & Bowl Game)



OSU Sandhills Alumni Club of North Carolina
Membership Application
(July 2009 - June 2010)

2009 – 2010 Membership dues. Please check all that apply:

Renewed Membership: _____ New Membership: _____
Single Membership, \$20 _____ Joint Membership, \$30 _____
Active Duty Military (E5 and below) Single, \$10 _____ Joint, \$15 _____
Scholarship Donation: \$ _____ **Total Payment:** \$ _____

Please make your check payable to: **OSU Sandhills Alumni Club**
Send your check and this form to:
Dennis diDonato, 34 McMichael Drive, Pinehurst, NC 28374

Member's Name: _____

OSU Alumni Association #: _____, Annual or Life: _____, Expiration Date: _____

Member's EMAIL: _____, Cell Phone: _____

Joint Member's Name: _____

OSU Alumni Association #: _____, Annual or Life: _____, Expiration Date: _____

Joint Member's EMAIL: _____, Cell Phone: _____

Street or PO Box Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Yes, I am willing to help with club activities or projects, Just contact me.

Yes, I would like information on becoming an Ohio State Alumni Association Member. (Woody would love you, and Archie will love you more!)

You do not need to be an OSU Graduate to enjoy the OSU Alumni Association's benefits as an associate member! You just need to be a loyal, enthusiastic, tireless, zealous, steadfast, spirited and fervent Buckeye **fanatic!**

Where am I?

- A. At a Military Rod and Gun Club called Bucky's, in New Jersey?
- B. At Bucky's Lodge in Maine before the hail storm hit?
- C. At Ohio State's secret vacation cottage for administrators outside Columbus?

#5



Calendar of Events

Through December 31, 2009
(Game Schedule on Page 6)

Nov. 27, 2009 1:00 Christmas Tree Decorating, downtown S. Pines
(Date and Time for the Christmas Tree decorating are subject to change. The Chamber of Commerce will verify date at beginning of November. Yes, we are decorating an Ohio State Tree for the downtown shoppers to see!)

NOTE: During the entire month of October, the club will be collecting cans of soups (**Souper Saturdays**) to be donated to a local food bank at the end of the month. This will be conducted at both game day locations.

STEPPING UP TO THE CHALLENGEBy Archie Griffin



One of the best blessings of my life is the fact that I've encountered so many people who showed me what true leadership is all about. From my youngest days until now I've come in contact with a number of role models who showed me the necessity of strong leadership. Some of those people would be familiar names to you (Woody Hayes immediately comes to mind) but others are not quite as well known.

Still, whether they were famous or not the best leaders I've met shared some very similar traits. All were good at setting goals but even better at crafting the plans that helped you achieve those goals. All understood the interpersonal dynamics that can make or break a project or team. And all had the consistent focus you need to stay the course even when things look bleak.

These elements are things I've put to use since I took over leadership of the Alumni Association. We set the ambitious goal of being the biggest and best alumni organization then put together a strategic plan to direct those efforts. And while I can't say that we have yet achieved the goal of being the biggest, I am confident in saying that we've moved much closer to being the best.

Today, we offer more programs and services than we did in the past. Our online capabilities have improved immensely and will continue to progress in the coming months.

We truly feel that we are putting the pieces in place to make some major transformational jumps in the next few years. At the same time, we recognize that we can't be satisfied with progress. Satisfaction can lead to complacency, and we will never be a complacent organization under my watch. So what does this mean to you?

I understand that guiding clubs and societies presents even more challenges from a leadership perspective. Our constituent groups are powered by the spirit of togetherness and volunteerism, but members are not being paid for their efforts. This presents a challenge to the leaders of these groups. How do you keep people engaged and focused in efforts that may lack a tangible personal benefit?

First, I think that it is necessary to recognize the common bond that brings us all together. One thing all Buckeyes have in common is a great love of Ohio State. We all want to see our university grow and improve. Much like I have the goal of being the biggest and best alumni association, President Gee wants to see Ohio State rise to a position of eminence in the world of academia. We can all play a role in that effort and being organized makes that impact even more powerful.

I also think there's a great deal of importance in goal-setting. Your group should have a clear goal or goals that all members are working together to achieve. Whether it's to raise scholarship money, advocate for the university, or recognize tremendous faculty members, your group should have a clear goal in mind. Activity for activity's sake is great, but purposeful activity is more valuable.

Lastly, I think that there must always be focus on growth that starts from leadership. All of our constituent groups have Ohio State alumni audiences they've yet to reach. It is up to you to help find these people and get them engaged. No Buckeye should even be able to say that no one has reached out to them. That would be an opportunity missed.

The challenge of leadership is clearly not an easy one to meet. Nothing worth anything is. At the same time, our university has given you the tools to lead effectively. I know you can do it.



Where am I?

#6

- A. At Williamsburg enjoying the tour with the ladies?
- B. At Fort Ticonderoga?
- C. At Gettysburg before the reenactment of the battle began?



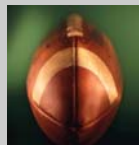
OHIO STATE FOOTBALL 09..By Larry Sanders

I start to get a bit itchy at this time of the year. It is now when sports publications begin to release their pre-season rankings for college football. I always peruse the magazine aisle in Barnes and Noble, leafing through the myriad of college football magazines, checking out the reviews/predictions and only buying the ones that have the Bucks rated higher! I mean who wants to read anything 'bad' about their team? Really, while there are several publications, paper and internet alike, there is only a small handful to which I usually gravitate. Regardless, it appears that most of the 'experts' have the Bucks rated anywhere from 11 to 5 this year. I find this rather interesting. While the Bucks are returning several good players, it appears that they are not as loaded as the years past. For example, I quizzed several of my football-fanatic co-workers and only a couple could name a player on this year's team

I personally like this. It helps keep them under the national radar, so to speak, and allows them to gain some identity (that will last for only one game until they meet the prophylactics from Southern California). While we don't have any nationally known players we do have some very good and seasoned players. Our defensive line and secondary should be solid. Linebacker will be a bit in question, but have enough talent that they should be fine. Offensively speaking, the line should develop into one of the best, at least potentially. I really like these behemoths and they should have few problems in opening some Peterbilt-sized holes! As for the personnel running through these holes, Herron and Saine provide a real nice one-two punch. Receivers are in a bit of a question and, with the linebacking corp, probably will take a bit longer to develop. Mr. Pryor is continuing to develop

and will provide some exciting moments this year. He will need to stay healthy however. We are not deep in experience in quarterback and will not have the luxury of years past of a more -than-capable back up. Now, that being said, we return to the national rankings. I don't see this team as a top five team. Top ten, ok. The Bucks do have a very favorable schedule this year with only 4 road games (5 if you want to count the game in Cleveland versus Toledo) and, with exception to Penn State, USC and possibly that team-up-north, should not pose any problems. While I don't see an undefeated season, I do see the potential of a BCS bowl once again. Regardless, this make-up of players will test our coaches in coming up with the right 'formula' in developing another successful team, which I believe **t h e y w i l l .**
GO BUCKS!

Football - 2009 Schedule



Date	Opponent	Location	Time (ET)	Media
Sep. 05	Navy	Columbus	12:00P.M.	ESPN
Sept. 12	USC	Columbus	8:00 P.M.	ESPN
Sept. 19	Toledo	at Cleveland	12:00 P.M.	ESPN Plus
Sept. 26	Illinois	Columbus	TBA	
Oct. 03	Indiana	at Bloomington, IN	7:00P.M.	Big 10 Network
Oct. 10	Wisconsin	Columbus	TBA	
Oct. 17	Purdue	at West Lafayette, IN	TBA	
Oct. 24	Minnesota	Columbus	12:00 P.M.	
Oct. 31	New Mexico State	Columbus	TBA	
Nov. 7	Penn State	at State College, PA	TBA	
Nov. 14	Iowa	Columbus	TBA	
Nov. 21	Michigan	at Ann Arbor, MI	TBA	



Our Club's Vision:

Make our club stronger by positively supporting The Ohio State University the Ohio State Alumni Association, and our local Sandhills Alumni Club in all its social, scholarship, recruitment and community activities.

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