

# The 50 Yard Line

## Ravens Roost 50 Newsletter – July 2007

### President's Message – July 2007

I hope everyone had a nice 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Unlike most of you lucky dogs, I worked during the day. However, I did get done in time to enjoy the rain during the fireworks. I love Maryland weather.

I'm sure I'm not the only person who owns an air conditioner that has been working overtime this month. It was so hot the other day my sweat stains started sweating on their own! At least I don't have to worry about a high gas and electric bill. My house is all electric, so I don't have to worry about the high price of natural gas. I... wait a minute. That's right! The price of electricity is going through the roof. I suspect that, from now on, paying my BGE bill is going to be as fun as getting a prostate exam from Captain Hook! (Sorry if that last one is too graphic, but I do feel that we are getting royally sc...ed)

If you own a dog, I highly suggest you avoid sending it to the Michael Vick Dog School. What an absolute idiot! There are too many players in the NFL like Mike – all the talent in the world, and nothing between the ears. I feel sorry for Falcons fans, but we know what they're going through. At least the bogus charge against McNair was dropped. Hopefully Mr. Goodell won't feel the need to flex his disciplinary muscle here.

By the time the meeting rolls around, we will have had our annual Shrimp Feast. I'm sure it's going to be another great time. Alan Whatley and his Shrimp Feast Committee have been doing a bang up job getting this thing set up, and I thank them very much for their hard work!

That's it. Good bye.

### Member Survey Message

The first response to our member survey was pretty good. A total of 86 were handed out at the June Meeting, and 54 were turned back in. Remember, they will be available at this month's meeting too. If you will not be there, and would like for your opinion to count, please contact me and I will send you one, either via USPS (snail mail) or email. For those of you who have responded, or intend to, I thank you very much!

### Golf Tournament Message

Things are still a little slow as far as teams signing up and hole sponsors making donations. This seems to be the way it is every year. It will probably get busy right around the deadline.

Please try to find a hole sponsor for us. It is a very easy way for a business to advertise, and the cost - \$65 – is a bargain compared to other tournaments. Ask anyone you know. I was in the Gun Club recently and gave information to three people. Hopefully at least one of them will sponsor a hole or make another type of donation.

Thank you for taking the time to help your Roost. Your efforts are appreciated!

### Merchandise message

**NEW STUFF IS HERE!!!**

We have screened printed purple t-shirts and purple tie dyes. We have embroidered shorts and hats. For all you fashion savvy members, we've got purple and gold bowling style shirts. And finally, we have a new lightweight jacket.

Bring your wallet or purse, and have fun shopping at the Roost 50 store at CRGC!

### Ed Block Mini-Golf Message

The annual Ed Block miniature golf tournament will be held on Saturday, August 18 at Westminster's Island Green. It's located west of training camp. There are spots at noon and 2:30pm. There will be food, beverages, and a goodie bag for each player. Based on availability, there will be a local celebrity with each foursome. There will be a hole-in-one competition or a chance to win \$5,000.

The cost for Roost members will be \$32.50 for individuals (not signed up on a Roost team), and \$20 each for members of a foursome. This is a pretty nice event for \$20.

Also, Poe's Crows is going to line up a bus for their club and ours. It should cost between \$10-\$15 per person for the bus ride (includes tip). The facility is a ways from Carney, so a bus will be nice.

Please arrange to sign up at the meeting. You can pay anytime up to event day, but if you sign up you're committing to play, because the Roost is going to pay for your registration ahead of time.

# Lottery Raffle Tickets

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\$5 per ticket

The winning number for each day is determined by the evening three digit Maryland Lottery. If your ticket number matched the number drawn that day, you are a winner. The prize pay-out is \$50 Mondays through Saturdays and \$100 on Sundays.

## THE 97<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF RAVENS ROOST 50

JUNE 27, 2007

The meeting at the Club, with Donny Miller presiding, opened at 7:04 pm after a good meal. We said the Pledge of Allegiance. Visitors introduced themselves and the member who brought them tonight.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT – Pat

- After noting that the Ravens, not the Orioles, rented our lot during the Lacrosse Tournament, a motion was passed to accept the May Minutes as published in the June Newsletter.

### TREASURER'S REPORT – Ami

- A motion was passed to accept this report.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Donny

- It was announced that we have a new member – Bobbi and Lee Haviland had a baby boy. Congratulations to all three of them.

- In Lee's absence, Jack Garmer was recording attendance and distributing a survey sheet to each member. We were asked to fill it out and return it to Jack before leaving tonight.

- Those who were in OC for the Convention missed a good time at the PVA shoot at the Club. Because of the hard work of a lot of our members, we received a plaque from the PVA.

- 31 Roost members have ordered tickets for the IronBirds game this Friday. Get your tickets from Steve tonight.

- Donny asked the Membership to think about whether we should send flowers or a donation when deemed appropriate. More discussion next month.

- Since Mike Davis donated a \$732 laptop, he will be given two tickets to the Ed Block Awards Dinner in March.

- Poe's Crows will have a fund raiser at the Green Turtle in Fells Point on July 10<sup>th</sup>. 10% of the evening's proceeds will go the Baltimore Football Club.

- Our 50/50 raffle tonight will include 4 IronBird tickets from the Kistlers and 20 sets of 10 Season Ticket raffle tickets.

- Thanks to all who helped in any way down the Ocean and to our Punt & Pass winners.

### COUNCIL REPORT – Donny

- Steve, Ami, and Donny attended the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting

- The two new Roosts are #96 at Billy's Bayside Inn and #97 in Arbutus. There are now 54 active Roosts.

- The bank account is approximately \$54,000.

- \$9,000 was given to the Sports Legends Museum.

- Because of gate crashers and trouble makers at the OC Convention, official security people will be hired for next year's Convention – May 29<sup>th</sup> thru June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.
- Thanks were given to all volunteers and celebrity car drivers.
- Check out the new Council web site.
- Forms are now available to obtain Council license plates.
- Raffle tickets costing \$20 will be available. Winners will be drawn over a 4-month period.

#### BOARD REPORT – Joan

- I cannot receive e-mails. Our computer has died.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS – Joan

##### By-Laws

- Several more members are needed on this Committee.

##### Fellowship – Robin L.

- Robin sent cards to Sharon Barger and Marge Shuminek.

##### Food – Patti C

- Patti will be away in September and some one is needed to volunteer that month.

##### Membership

- After Linda explained the dynamics of the “Queen” wave, she said there were no new members to vote on this month.

##### Family Picnic

- Bring a side dish to the August 5<sup>th</sup> picnic. We are having a Luau theme. Sign up tonight.

##### Season Tickets

- We will be selling tickets at the Perry Hall Town Fair on July 7<sup>th</sup>. We need help.

##### Golf

- Firman and Mary Kistler have sponsored a hole at our Golf Tournament. Dana Van Dyke got a donation from Peter Angelos for \$250. Butch Simms has a possible beverage sponsor.

##### Merchandise

- We have new window decals for \$7 each.
- Buy an Ed Block bracelet for \$3. The money all goes to their Foundation.
- There will be new Roost 50 items in July.
- New members have asked about our jackets. The previous company has gone out of business. A new one will be doing the jackets for us.

##### Daily Lottery Raffle

- This will start in July.

##### Season Ticket Raffle

- We have made \$4,118 so far. We have about 1,500 tickets remaining of the 10,000 ordered. Please make an effort to sell those you have, even if you buy them yourself.

##### PVA

- We were thanked for helping the Shoot run smoothly.

### Shrimp Feast

- Please sign up to work for an hour during the Feast. Don't leave it to a few members to do all the work.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Donny was asked if we can get clothing for "real" women, not just young girls. Can we get embroidery done on our own clothing? Check with Diane Nigrin.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Patti Champ and Alan Whatley were given plaques as a "Thank You" for all their hard work on the Board over the last several years.

- The Ed Block Mini-Golf Tournament will be in Westminster on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Todd Heap and some other Ravens players may attend. The Roost will give players \$17.50 toward the \$37.50 entry fee. A sign-up sheet will be available tonight and at the July meeting.

- There will be a Salute to Art Donovan on September 20<sup>th</sup> at Martin's West. Tickets are \$125. Proceeds will go to "Believe in Tomorrow" and the Baltimore Football Club. We discussed the Roost taking out a \$600 full-page ad in their program. The matter was tabled until after Donny finds out exactly where the money will go, There was some discussion about why players who had years of working time after their careers were in need of financial help.

- In Ocean City, Kelly Wigelsworth's brother, Patrick, has died. Both were good friends to our Roost. A motion was passed to donate \$500 in Patrick's name to the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

- A member wanted to know why more people weren't notified of the Ray Lewis event. It was because it was a last minute activity on our part. There was very little time to get a group together. However, e-mails were sent. It was pointed out that many e-mails are sent for other events but very few members volunteer. Since this was at Ray's house, members were upset they did not know about it. Donny pointed out that Maria sends hundreds of e-mails with very few results. All events need help, not just those at a celebrity's house.

- Maria cannot send out a mass-distribution e-mail from her home computer. Is there a member in the Roost who can do this? Let us know.

- Mary Kistler offered two free tickets for Saturday's Dundalk Heritage Fair.

- Jan Whatley has an 8-foot trailer he will give to anyone who will give it a good home.

### THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

- Remember Marge & John, our Troops, Lee & Bobbi, and Ami's kitty cat.

Jan Whatley won our 50/50 raffle. 20 members won 10 tickets each for our Season Ticket raffle, and four tickets to the IronBirds game on June 28<sup>th</sup> were won by Robin Whatley.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Rebbert  
Recording Secretary

Family Picnic

If you are attending the Family Picnic on August 5<sup>th</sup> at the Einig's, you must send me an email confirming your attendance; I need to give a head count to our beef caterer before our monthly meeting this month. [mschenning@sha.state.md.us](mailto:mschenning@sha.state.md.us)

This month we will be having a choice of a ham sandwich or a chicken salad sandwich for our meal.