

Ravens Roost 50 Newsletter



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MAY 2008



President Don Miller

Hello Roost 50! It's so good to be back in Maryland. I couldn't wait to leave the sunny skies of Key West and return to lots of rain. And then there's this marriage thing. I'm going to have to get used to carrying this extra weight on my finger and on my leg. But enough about me. How is everyone? Good, I hope.

I would like to thank Steve for taking care of everything while I was away. I hear that things went swimmingly, for the most part. Now that I'm back we can return to chaos.

I understand that the picnic at St. Vincent's was another wonderful day. I would like to thank everyone who donated their time for the kids.

The annual Council Convention is here. We have 55 member headed to the beach for another fun-filled weekend with great weather (I hope). We have boys and girls participating in volleyball and horseshoes this year. For the parade we will be carrying our banners, representing Roost 50 with pride. A special song may be in the works for the occasion, so maybe we'll bag another trophy. If you're not going to the beach, but have some time that weekend, please consider helping out at the PVA Shoot at the Gun Club. We have been blessed to have great participation for this event, and I do know that the PVA and the members of the Gun Club have been blown away by our support.

If you haven't done so yet, but wish to, please see Alan or Maria to get some raffle tickets to sell. The proceeds benefit the Social Club, and the better we do on this fundraiser, the better the year-end Christmas/10th anniversary party will be.

I hope to see you at the meeting on the 28th. Now I've got to get back to catching up on my Ravens literature. Coach Harbaugh is looking like a nicer version of Vince Lombardi. I guess Camp Cupcake is finally over. I might actually have to attend a couple of practices this year.

ANNUAL PVA SHOOT

If you are not headed downeey ocean for the Ravens Roost convention, consider helping out at the Carney Rod and Gun club that weekend! Volunteers are needed on both Saturday and Sunday from about 8:00am until 5:00pm. The Paralyzed Veterans are one of roost 50's core charities, and this event is the highlight of the summer for the Carney Rod and Gun Club. The work is not hard, we need volunteers to assist the shooters, distribute water and just generally help out where needed. No kitchen help will be required; this area has been taken care of. Any help would be greatly appreciated! If you are able to volunteer, please contact Maria at mschenning@sha.state.md.us so she can set up a time for you. Looking forward to seeing you there!

RAY'S SUMMER DAYS

Volunteers are needed for the Rays' summer days youth fitness clinic which will be held on June 7th 2008. This event runs from 9:00am – 12:00pm at Patterson Park. Volunteers will need to arrive around 7:45am. Please be advised that if you volunteer for this event that some of the work is strenuous, you will be running stations with the children which involve different football maneuvers, running, passing and jumping. This is not a Ravens Roost 50 event; this is sponsored by the Ray Lewis Foundation. About 30 volunteers are needed for this event, and will be handled on a first come first served basis. Last year was a lot of fun and Ravens Roost 50 made a name for it's self by stepping up in a big way. All volunteers at this event will be invited to work the paintball tournament at Ray Lewis's house that afternoon. If you would like to help out, email Maria at mschenning@sha.state.md.us

SEASON TICKET RAFFLE

The season ticket raffle is in full swing and ticket sales have been brisk. If you would like tickets to sell to friends and coworkers please email Maria at mschenning@sha.state.md.us to make arrangements to pick some up, or see her at the meeting. If you have stubs/money, you can turn these in at the May meeting. This fundraiser benefits the membership so your support is greatly appreciated. If you have a few hours to spare, we will be setting up a table at the Dicks in Hunt Valley on June 7th & 8th from 10:00am until 4:00pm; this is perfect for those members that really don't have anyone that they can sell tickets to! If you can help, please email Sharon at zsfluffy@comcast.net.

ROOST 50 NIGHT WITH THE ABERDEEN IRONBIRDS

The deadline for the Ironbirds night is approaching. The Roost's money needs to be in the Ironbird's office by June 17th so, if you would like to go, I'll need your money soon. Obviously, it would be whole lot easier to get it to me on the night of the May 28th meeting but I can accept it up to June 10th. If you can't make it to the meeting, contact me and we can work something out. In case you need a reminder, the Roost 50 Night at the Ironbirds is scheduled for Thursday, July 17th – game time is 7:05 and the gates open 90 minutes before that. We went back to a mid-week game because the crowd in the picnic area is a lot smaller then it is for a weekend game. The cost for this fun-filled evening is \$22.00 per person. This includes admittance to the game, an Ironbird Ball cap, recognition of the Roost on the video screen and over the PA. It also includes an All-You-Can-Eat Picnic buffet. It's the usual assortment of picnic/tailgating foods – Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Italian Sausage, assorted salads, baked beans, chips, sodas, water and iced tea. Sorry, beer is not included but it is available a short walk away at the concession stand. Since this is a rookie league park, the price is much more reasonable then it is at Camden Yards and Ravens Stadium.

Be sure not to miss this event – it's turning into an annual tradition and everyone who goes really enjoys themselves. It's a good way to start a three-day weekend.

ROOST 50'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

OK, we've got most of the details worked out for the Roost 50 Golf Tournament. Our tournament will be on Saturday, September 27th at Oakmont Green Golf Course in Hampstead, Maryland. It will have a 7:30 shotgun start – yeah, I know it is early but it just gives you a good reason to take a nap in the afternoon – nap notes provided upon request. The cost will be \$90 or \$350 for a complete foursome. Check out the other Roost's tournaments – we have the least expensive one going (almost). The cost includes your green fees (duh!) with a cart, beverages on the course, entrance into some of the skill contests, the golfer's goodie bag and, as usual, the steak dinner after the tournament. Flyers for the tournament will be available at the meetings starting in May.

The Golf Committee does need your help. I'm sure you are thinking, 'What do they want us to do now?' Not much really. We are looking for sponsors to help raise some funds for the Roost. If you are a business owner or know someone who is, please consider becoming a sponsor or asking if they will. To sponsor a hole, the cost is only \$65 and it is TAX DEDUCTIBLE. We are also looking for other sponsors and donations for the golfer's goodie bag. The goodie bag items could be anything that has the company logo on it that we could give to all the golfers. We have donations ranging from pens to key chains to golf towels. If you've got it, we'll take it. We also need prizes for the skill contests. These would need to be a little bigger like signed footballs or posters, jewelry, etc. Finally, we are going to try to do a cooler full of cheer as an additional fundraiser. We are going to print up 1000 tickets and raffle of the cooler of cheer. We are not going to ask any Roost members to sell any of the raffle tickets but, if you want to sell some, we aren't going to say no either. What we do need are donations and stuff to put in the cooler. We are looking for bottles of liquor, packs of beer (any size), snack items, whatever. All donators will receive a letter for tax purposes. Don't forget, all donations, whether it is for the goodie bag, a donation for the cooler of cheer or a sponsorship, are tax deductible. Please help us make this tournament our most successful ever.

MINUTES

After our meal, the meeting opened at 7:07 pm at the Club with Steve Pearce presiding. Donny and Ami Miller were away on their Honeymoon. We said the Pledge of Allegiance. Steve requested that all cell phones be turned off or put on vibrate and that all side conversations end. Guests introduced themselves and the members who brought them.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Pat

- **A motion was passed to accept the March Minutes as published in the April Newsletter.**

TREASURER'S REPORT – Steve

- **After Steve read the Treasurer's Report, a motion was passed to accept it.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Steve

-The President is now a married man in Key West.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Steve

- We want to welcome Huggie back to the Roost meetings. We are glad to see him.

- Adventures in Key West – the bad news is that Brian D. and Becky were in a nasty scooter accident on Saturday night. He needed stitches in his head and had a sprained ankle. Becky had staples in her head. Both will be OK. The good news is that the weather was perfect for the wedding ceremony on a sunset cruise.

COUNCIL REPORT – Steve

- Nothing. The past meeting was, to the best of my knowledge, the first time that Roost 50 was not represented at a Council meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Jack

- The various rates for the Parking Lot in 2008 were discussed.

- We sponsored Heather Ann Ricci in a golf tournament for organ donor efforts with a \$200 donation.

- Tonight the Roost's share of the 50/50 will go to Rob Koehler's daughter, Samantha, to help her attend the Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference.

- We will be asking Committee Chairs to attend at least one Board meeting per year.

- Work is being done on changes to the points system and we hope to finalize things at the next Board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Charity

- We will be taking a survey about the type, price range, and time of year for a successful fund raiser.

Fellowship

- Cards were sent to AJ Whatley, Mary Foehrkolb, Mark and Joan Balog, Ken (Huggie) Adams, Mary Whatley, and Karen Pearce.

Grievance

- We now have eight members on this Committee.

Shrimp Feast

- The money for the July 26th event will be due at the June meeting.

Membership

- In Linda's absence, Steve Einig gave the report. **A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept Kimberly Nelson and Tanya Laro as new members.**

Travel

- Registration, t-shirt orders, patron ads, and program ads for the Council Convention are due tonight. You can register late but you will not get a souvenir bag.
- We have a Hospitality Room for the Convention.

Crab Feast

- See Carolyn tonight for your tickets.

Family Picnic

- It will be held on August 10th.

Golf Tournament

- It will be on Saturday, September 27th at 7:30 am. More info as details are finalized. We are looking for donations for our Cooler of Cheer.

Ironbirds Night

- It will be on Thursday, July 17th and will cost \$22, and includes a ticket to the game, a ball cap, and an all-you-can eat. Money is due at the May meeting.

Merchandise

- We are not selling anything tonight but items will be given out with the 50/50 tickets after the meeting.

Season Ticket Raffle

- Maria has tickets available. See her to get some.

OLD BUSINESS

- **A motion was passed to donate \$500 for the Muscular Dystrophy Walk-a-Thon.** Ellen thanked all who signed up to help out at the White March Mall at 6:30 am on May 10th.
- We are still waiting to meet with the Balog's nephew, who is a website guy.
- Our 10th Anniversary will be celebrated at our Christmas Party on Friday, December 26th.
- Karen Pearce is working on Membership cards.

NEW BUSINESS

- We will request that Glen of the Charity Committee, Alan W. of the Season Ticket/Shrimp Feast Committees and Patti C of the Food Committee to come to the May Board meeting.
- Come here to the Club to help with their PVA Shoot if you don't go to the OC Convention.
- Tee Elliott requested a donation for a "Cops Against Cancer" fund raiser. He was told to submit the information to the Charity Committee.
- Lee suggested having the Bull Roast in November. We may not be able to get a hall on such short notice.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

- Keep Huggie, our Military, Fire, Medical & Police Personnel, Glen's cousin, Brian & Becky, Naomi & Jim McGuire, the Ravens during the draft, and AJ Whatley in your prayers.

The 50/50 was won by Lee. The Roost's half will go to Samantha Koehler.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Rebbert
Recording Secretary

2008 COUNCIL CONVENTION

The schedule of events for this year's Convention was published in the February newsletter and this month also, copies will be available at the March meeting in case anyone wants one. The new and improved 2008 Travel and Council Convention Committee met recently to go over some preliminary information. With the tough economic times that we are experiencing, attendance for most Roosts is expected to be down from the 1300+ people that attended the 2007 event. For those members of Roost 50 that plan on going this year, here are some dates and deadlines to remember:

April 23

This is the date of our April meeting. All monies are due at this time. Convention registration is \$55, which covers the cost of each attendee's goodie bag, food for Friday May 30 and Saturday May 31, and beverages for Thursday May 29, Friday, and Saturday. Late registrations will be accepted, but you will not get a shirt or goodie bag, and the price will still be \$55. T-shirt orders are due at this time, but you can pay when the shirts come in at the May meeting. They are \$10 for most, and \$12 for the large sizes. An example will be on display at the April meeting. You can order now and pay when it arrives, or you can pay up front. Program Ads will be due. They have full page, half page, and quarter pages ads available for a variety of prices. Information will be at this month's meeting. Patron Ads are due in April, and cost \$1 per line. These are placed in the back of the program, and most people simply put their names, but some of us send messages and stuff. They must be kept "clean," and longer messages will mean more than one line. Any checks written for registration, shirts, or ads need to be made out to Ravens Roost 50!

April 29

We are staying at the Days Inn on the boardwalk and 22nd St. Rooms are \$103.87 a night for Thursday May 29, and \$137.03 per night for Friday May 30 and Saturday May 31. These prices include all taxes. We have 38 rooms reserved, and at this writing there are only six rooms reserved. After this date we will need to release our unreserved rooms. Contact the Days Inn and reference the Ravens Roost 50 group for the special rates. We will have a hospitality suite with snacks and beverages all three nights.

May 15

This is the Thursday before the May Council meeting. This is the final day to sign up to participate in Convention activities (horseshoes, tug of war, volleyball, mini golf, etc.). Sign up sheets will be at the March and April meetings. If you will not be at these two meetings, but will be at the Convention and wish to participate in something, you will need to contact the Committee or Don Miller to get signed up.

Last but not least, the Committee is going to suggest to the Board and the membership that we enter the parade in the Novelty competition. Some ideas have been discussed, but we need to

Well, ladies and germs, in less that two months we will be in Ocean City. Back at the Days Inn, scene of a few good times for Roost 50. Here is all the information that we have at this time. I hope you will consider joining your fellow Roost members for what looks to be a great weekend (pray for good weather, pray for good weather, pray for good weather).

THEME: PURPLE PRIDE – On the Field and in the Community.

DATES: Thursday, May 29 to Sunday, June 1

OUR HOTEL: Days Inn, on the Boardwalk at 22nd street.

Prices (including all taxes) - \$103.87 Thursday night, \$137.03 each Fri. & Sat.

As of this writing, we have 34 rooms left out of 38.**

REGISTRATION COST: \$55 for adults, \$25 for ages 6-20, under 6 is free.

Money is due no later than our April 23 meeting! Late registration will be allowed, but you will not receive the souvenir bag full of goodies! All forms and monies MUST be turned in to the Council by April 25!

SHIRTS: Men's t-shirts - \$10 for all sizes S-XXL, \$12 for XXXL.

Available in purple, white, and gray.

Women's white tank tops - \$9 for sizes S - XL, \$11 for XXL

Women's violet tank tops - \$9 for sizes S - XL. XXL is not available in violet.

EVENTS: Castle in the Sand, on the beach between 37th and 38th streets.

Thurs. May 29 – Welcome Social from 6-10pm.

Open mike karaoke starts at 6:30pm.

Fri. May 30 – Miniature golf tournament at 9am at Old Pro Golf on 28th Street.

Roost #44 scholarship golf tournament – more info to come.

Scavenger Hunt starts @ The Castle at 2pm.

Horseshoes from 3-6pm on the beach @ The Castle.

Tug of War starts at 4pm on the beach @ The Castle.

The big boys from Roost #83 will not be there!

The Dunk Tank from 4-7pm @ The Castle.

\$25 to put someone in the tank for fifteen minutes.

3 balls for \$3, or 6 for \$5.

Proceeds to go to charity.

Karaoke competition starts at 7pm @ The Castle.

We can enter one person or one group.

Food from 5-9pm

Beverages from 5-10pm

Sat. May 31 – Parade – Line up by 8:30am. Starts at 10am.***

Volleyball starts at 2pm on the beach @ The Castle.

Horseshoes start at 2:pm @ The Castle.

Dunk Tank from 3-6 @ The Castle.

Tug of War final is at 4pm @ The Castle.

Food from 1-5pm.

Beverages from 1-8pm.

Awards presentation starts at 7pm.

****If we get at least 25 rooms booked, we will have a hospitality suite. If we don't get enough rooms booked, we'll have to use someone's room (I will take volunteers). The budget for a hospitality suite (food and beverages) is around \$550, which comes from the Social Club.**

***** We have to decide if we want to enter a float this year. This endeavor requires manpower, and a commitment to helping design, build, transport, set up, and take down a large moving display. Funds come from the Social Club and will be a minimum of \$1,000. Think about it and we'll talk at the meeting.**

ADVERTISING

Program Ads

A full page ad in the Convention program costs \$75 (7''w X 9 1/2''h printable area).

A half page ad is \$45 (7''w X 4''h printable area).

A quarter page ad is \$30 (3 1/2''w X 4''h printable area).

If you or someone you know owns a business or has something to advertise, this is a great way to reach about 1300 people in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area. And the cost is dirt cheap.

Patron Ads

Patron Ads are located in the back of the Convention program. The cost is \$1 per line. Most people put their names, but some of us put "other" things in there. Keep it clean, though.

Roost 50 usually has about two full pages of Patron Ads, so if you're going to the Convention, please consider buying one. And if you're not going, you can still place one.

ROOST NOTES

May menu:

cold cut platter, shrimp&macaroni and other deli salads, etc., served at 6:15 p.m.

Shrimp Feast Committee:

Tickets for the annual Shrimp Feast to be held on Saturday, July 26 have all been handed out. If you have unsold tickets, please turn them in along with any money collected at the May general meeting so that we may facilitate anyone still needing a ticket. The deadline for returning tickets and money is no later than the June meeting.

Call Alan Whatley 410-256-8858 or Carolyn Lacher 410-661-9064 to get on the waiting list.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**MAY MEETING -5/28/2008
MENU - SEE ROOST NOTES**