

The Valley Buckeye

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Fall 2014



President's Corner:



It's hard to believe that it's been almost a year since I took office as President of the Sacramento Valley Club, a good time to reflect back on the club's accomplishments in 2014. The highlight of the year was clearly the choice of a new game watch location. Thanks to Gary and Peggy Penwell and Jay Beedy for their tireless efforts in locating and securing the Cordova Lodge after visiting over 40 potential locations. It

has been a resounding success resulting in a spirit and camaraderie that leaves me with a "Buckeye high" every week!

With 3 games remaining as I write this article, we have raised over \$1500 for our local scholarship fund. The Sacramento Valley Club awarded 2 scholarships this year – to Taylorr Navarro and Hannah Bensman, and attended 2 very successful high school College Night events in Roseville and the San Juan School Districts. We hope to expand this to include other area college nights in the coming school year.

Successful events also included attendance at Sacramento Kings and River Cats games, which will be continued and expanded in 2015. A group of Sacramento Valley Buckeyes also enjoyed an outing to the Music Circus production of *A Chorus Line*, and dinner afterward.

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December 4 - Holiday Party, Elections, and Silent Auction at Rio City Cafe

February 20 - Sacramento Kings vs. Celtics

May-June-July - Potential Sacramento River Cats outings

President's Corner (Continued)

The Board has also devoted a great deal of time to club organizational and systems functions – not nearly as much fun as game watches, but definitely as important. This included completely revising our local Constitution and Bylaws and ticket policy to be in compliance with OSUAA. The club membership list was also updated and validated, including dues status and comparison with OSUAA information. Financial systems and safeguards have been updated and strengthened, important to protect any non-profit organization.

On a personal note, it was my privilege to attend the Club Officers Leadership Symposium in Columbus in late September. It was a great opportunity to hear about OSUAA strategic plans, including addition of Regional Directors to expand involvement with clubs outside Ohio, and a completely revamped website. As is the case with all such gatherings, networking and brainstorming with other clubs concerning successful club events is probably the most valuable aspect of the weekend. One such example, “Scarlet and Grapes,” a wine-tasting event, has been very successful elsewhere and sounds like it could be a great idea for us here in California wine country.

I am very excited about the future of our Ohio State University Alumni Club of the Sacramento Valley. The Board will be infused with new blood in 2015, and the article concerning the membership survey outlines exciting plans for the coming year. As always, please feel free to share your thoughts and ideas with myself or any Board Member.

I hope you all have a blessed holiday season, and I look forward to seeing all of you at the annual Holiday Dinner and Silent Auction on December 4th at Rio City Cafe.



Sacramento River Cats Outing

Join the BRUTUS BUCKEYE CLUB for a night out with the River Cats.

Fellow Buckeyes Jay and Lloyd are looking at Friday night dates in May, June, and July, 2015.

The cost is just \$69 per person per game. You get: VIP \$20 parking; snacks and drinks; padded leather outdoor balcony seats for the game; air-conditioned indoor seating for game watch; restroom; leather living room setting: couches, bar, buffet, dining table, 4 large flat screen TVs inside and on the balcony; use of the Suite ALL DAY for early partying; and private access to ‘both’ Park’s Salon Club and Legends new air conditioned lounge. Enjoy a lot of fun with friends and Buckeyes!

Contact Jay (VP of our Club) at 916-955-4191 and then mail a check for \$69 made out to River Cats Baseball to Jay Beedy at P. O. Box 2434, Fair Oaks, CA, 95628.



Membership Survey:



Thanks to all of you who completed the membership surveys distributed during the Illinois Game Watch. We got very positive comments on the new The Lodge game watch location and member name tags. Your ideas and comments have also given us a great start for planning for the coming year. We also had several members volunteer to serve on the Board which

is fabulous!

You overwhelmingly supported having an annual banquet with a speaker that was very popular in the past. Speaker ideas included Jim Tressel, Urban Meyer, Thad Matta, Bob Todd (former OSU baseball coach), Archie Griffin, and other former players Carlos Hyde and Raymont Harris. We will explore these and other non-athletic speakers from the university, and will look to schedule a banquet, probably sometime in the spring.

Activities with other Big 10 clubs were also positively received, including bowling and a golf tournament. You also liked the idea of OSU Basketball game watches, flag football games, Kings and River Cat events, winter sports activities, theatre events and a summer picnic. Someone also proposed the idea of individual members heading up these events, so if you're interested in doing this, please speak to any Board member.

Sacramento Kings Outing

Come see former Buckeye Basketball Stars Jared Sullinger and Evan Turner of the Boston Celtics take on the Sacramento Kings.

Enjoy an exciting game with family, friends, and OSUACSV Buckeyes

Friday, February 20, 2015

VIP early access for pre-game warm-ups

Save 40% with special group seating:

\$28.00 - Upper Level Corner

\$57.00 - Upper Level Premier Corner

Optional dinner prior to game time at the Skyline Restaurant

Game time is 7:00 PM

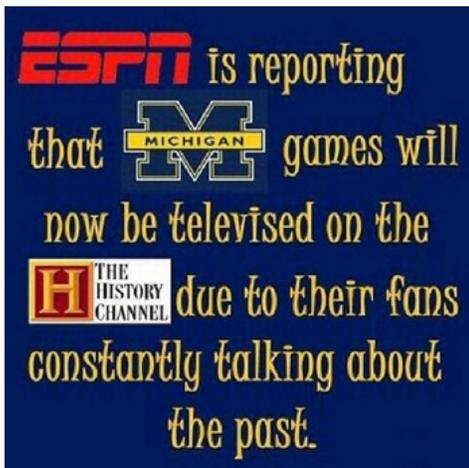


Website News ([HTTP://sacvalleybuckeyes.com](http://sacvalleybuckeyes.com))

There has been a lot of activity behind the scenes affecting the OSU Alumni Club's websites, some of which has little directly to do with the website. Our Club website was originally launched in late 2008 and was hosted on an OSU Alumni Association internet computer server. Recently, the Alumni Association ceased being an independent organization and was integrated directly into The Ohio State University. As part of this integration, the Information Technology department and all its associated computer hardware was assimilated into the OSU structure. Additionally, OSU began a program to 'brand' all affiliated department's websites to look and operate like the OSU website.

Of course, none of the Alumni Club's current websites looked or operated like the newly 'branded' and redesigned OSU website. This past July, our club was directed to bring our website into compliance by November 1, 2014, as part of Phase 1 of the conversion program. OSU required the new websites to use software unfamiliar to our Club's webmaster. Additionally, there was no training or other resources made available to convert the Club's over 200 page website to a completely new system. The Club's Board weighed several options and finally decided to remove the Club's website from the OSU internet computer server and move it to a commercial internet computer server. The Club also decided to maintain the current web software until such time that additional OSU resources became available. The Board takes solace in knowing that virtually all Alumni Clubs in this phase at this point in time have also not converted to the new system and software.

However, the Club supported OSU's desire to convert the 'current look' of the website to the 'new look' desired by OSU. For instance, the 'Home' page of the website has been converted to the new format. For the many loyal website fans and visitors, there has been some turmoil as the website moved from one internet computer server to another. There also will be many more changes coming as the website is reorganized and updated. With so many pages, there will be some inevitable 'quirks' as page and information is shuffled around. If you get hopelessly lost at some point, take a deep breath. If you want to contact the webmaster, do so from either the 'Home' or 'Officer' pages. I certainly will understand.! Thanks - Gary



How many Michigan football players does it take to change a lightbulb?

Wait, Michigan has a football team?

What does it say on the bottom of Dr. Pepper bottles at Michigan?

Open other end.

Spring Banquet

Our member survey indicated interest in a spring banquet. We would like to have a “Scarlet and Grapes” dinner at a local winery, possibly in April or May. We think a wine-tasting beforehand would be fun. We are also looking into having a guest speaker. We welcome ideas for location, menu, and speaker.

Big 10 Activities

The Big 10 Picnic is held every August at William Pond Park in Carmichael. It costs \$5.00/person and the hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, and condiments are furnished. Depending upon last names, we either bring salads or desserts. The Midwest cooks have some very tasty recipes! Every school hangs their flag and wears their colors. There is lots of good natured teasing between schools. Michigan runs a cornhole tournament and the Buckeyes need help! We have not done well these past few years. Plan to come this next summer and bring a camp chair or blanket, a hearty appetite, and a good arm for the tournament.

Big 10 Bowling is also held in the early fall. There will be information nearer the time as to where and when. Again the Buckeyes need help! If you are a bowler, please help out and sign up when we get the information.

Summer Activities

Sue Beedy will again invite a group to attend a Music Circus performance this summer. Last year 26 attended A Chorus Line with dinner at The Melting Pot afterwards and all had a wonderful time. Watch for news about which show the group will attend this year.

OSU-MSU Game Watch

Michigan State alumni joined us November 8th at the Cordova Lodge for the big game. We had a full house with 101 in attendance. Sparty joined Brutus at the door. Both sides cheered loudly for their teams. After last year when MSU beat the Buckeyes, it was nice to reverse the outcome. The Spartans were very gracious in both victory and defeat and have been invited for next year to see which team breaks the tie of one win each when we have met together.

The three latest Michigan technological discoveries:

Solar powered flashlights

Inflatable dart boards

Helicopter ejection seats

News from our recent scholarship recipients:



My name is Hannah Bensman and I am from El Dorado Hills, California. It is my third year at Ohio State, where I am studying Business Economics through the Fisher College of Business. I am pleased with my decision to have joined the Dunn Sport and Wellness Scholar's program upon my entrance into college. It provided me with an immediate support group, and lifelong friends. Through this program, I have had the opportunity to act as a teacher's assistant and become a certified D.I.C.E. (Diversity and Intercultural Community Engagement) Ally with the Multicultural Center.

In addition to my affiliation with Honors and Scholars, I am also an International Host. As a host, I attend admissions events, correspond with prospective students from China and Korea, and help new international students become better acquainted with life at Ohio State. My association with the Newman Center has led me to become part of the hospital ministry in which I distribute communion, and visit with patients at the Ohio State Wexner Medical Center.

Outside of school, I work as a property management and brokerage intern for R. S. Garek Associates. Interning has proven helpful in demonstrating how my schoolwork can be applied in the field. I grow to enjoy my classes more each semester as I enter into major courses, and plan to graduate this August.

Thank you to everyone with the Sacramento Alumni Club for your continuous support. It means a lot to know I have so many people at home backing me. Thank you again for everything you have done, and continue to do for me! Enjoy your Thanksgiving and have a great time watching the Michigan game next weekend. I'll be thinking of you all as I cheer from the stands!

From Taylorr Navarro's parents:



It was good talking with you, Ralph. Taylorr is doing well and loving Ohio. She is in the ROTC and loves her battle buddy friends. She should be enlisting in the Army National Guard as 68W – Combat Medic on Dec 1st. She just needs to meet the weight/measurement guidelines – she was off by 1%. With that being said, she will be off to Basic Training in May. She is in the Wakeboarding Club. I can't wait to see her Dec 18th when she comes home for break!