Sandhills Scholarship Students 2016-17

Casie Jingle, pictured left, will be a senior at Ohio State this fall and serves as our club’s Student Representative. Casie thanked everyone for their support over the past years and stated that she is still pursuing her degree in Biology. However, she plans to continue her education to become a Physician’s Assistant. This past year, she was involved in the BuckeyeThon and the OSU’s Activity Board. We wish Casie the best in her endeavors at OSU in her senior year.

Rob McEwan, right, is sophomores this year and maintained a 3.95 average. He is continuing in the Actuarial Science field and has been very active on campus. He served as a marketing member in RHAC and went on a Buck-i-serv trip to National Tunnel State Park in western Virginia to clean trails, build fences and make a drainage ditch. Rob is well on his way to a highly successful year again. He thanks everyone for the club’s support.

Incoming Freshmen Scholarship Students

Riley Hamilton

Riley is from West End and is a graduate of Pinecrest High School in Southern Pines. Our club wishes him the best as starts his Freshman year at OSU this fall.

Samantha Kearney

Samantha is from Fort Bragg and a graduate of Pinecrest High School in Southern Pines. Our club also wishes her the best as she heads to The Ohio State University.

OSU Baseball Team, B1G Champs, at Myrtle Beach

What a great opportunity for the Sandhills Alumni Club to go to Myrtle Beach to watch the Buckeyes play in the Coastal Carolina Tournament. The team lost their opener against Duke, but came back to win against Coastal Carolina one more time. Ohio State lost in 10 innings with a score of 3-2. Ohio State went on to win the B1G Championship. Six Buckeyes were drafted by the pros at the end of the season: Dawson, Bosiokovic, Horejsei, Sergakis, Tully, and Montgomery.
The Sandhills Alumni Club annually supports the Reindeer Run held in Aberdeen, NC. The team of Buckeyes operates a hydration station for the 2,000+ runners and walkers who participate in the event. Needless to say, the club gets all kind of comments from “Go Bucks!” to “I’m not taking any water from a Buckeye!” Regardless, the cheers, the “thank yous”, the smiles on the faces of those who see a watering hole for their dog makes it all worth while. Several club members ran this past year and we were happy to see them get their mojo in gear and participate. Buckeyes at their best! Sandhills Buckeyes helping to support a community event!

Ladies Wine Walk in Pinehurst

Left to right: Dianna Ball, Debbie Lookabough, Sam Becker, Lisa Hampton, Nancy Phelps, Karen Robeano, Jackie Parise, and Vicki Haidet.

Wining in downtown Pinehurst on a chilly evening. Starting at Pinecrest Inn, traveling to Dugan’s Pub, ending at the Drum and Quill.

Buckeye Cruise for Cancer

Denny and Cathy diDonato represented the Sandhills Buckeye Club on the 2016 cruise. Information on the 2017 cruise is featured to the left of this article. For the upcoming 2017 cruise, our club is proud to announce that our own local ACC Replay Referee, Roger Parramore, will be doing a presentation on “Make That Call”. We are all excited that he is getting to do this and we hope many of you join us on the cruise this year! It is their 10th Anniversary, and it is for a very worthy cause. “Make that Call” today and join us!
Upcoming Events and Member Highlights

1 July  Officers take positions
20 August  Make That Call Seminar
28 August  Board Meeting
3 September  Game Days Start
9 September  Alumni Symposium
24 September  BYE Weekend
October  Cancer Fund Raising Month
November  Food Collection Month
3 December  B1G Championship Game
3 December  Reindeer Run, Aberdeen
25 February to 2 March  BC4C
24 June  General Membership Meeting

All other activities continue to be planned.

Married: Greg Lookbaugh of West End to Debbie Van Dyne of Dublin. Best Wishes!

Engaged: Jamie Roseberry to Stephen Floyd. Wedding to take place this fall. Congratulations!

Born: George Robert Skywalker Duohon to Andy and Erin Duohon. Another handsome addition!

Born: Benjamin Franklin Kemplin “Bear” to Ben and Kate Kemplin. Congratulations to your entire family!

Born: Finnegan “Finn” Jon Gribben to Jonathan and Emily Gribben. Wishing your family the best!

2015-16 Member of the Year, Betty Stewart

The Sandhills Alumni Club is always proud of its members who have given much of themselves to OSU and our club. Betty Stewart was selected as this year’s Member of the Year. She is a charter member of the club and has worked quietly behind the scenes for many years. Her work and dedication to Ohio State and our club has not gone without notice. To quote Betty upon receiving this award at our General Membership Meeting, “Actions speak louder than words.” And that they do, Betty! Congratulations! You are very deserving of this honor.

Can Collection for Back Pack Pals

November is the month designated as our club’s drive for canned goods. Every year we collect non-perishable food items for the Back Pack Pals Program in Moore County. Both the Southern Pines and Fayetteville club members bring non-perishable food items to our game watches. At the end of the month, the collection is taken to the Moore County Food Bank for the Back Pack program. The program started 8 years ago to help identify students who had little or nothing to eat on the weekends. It served one school and its students. The program was such a success, that it expanded to others schools in the area. Today Back Pack Pals serves 23 schools and 1,150 students.

Our club thanks all its members who help to support this program. Hopefully, we will top last year’s donations to help feed the hungry children of our own community. This is a true example of Buckeye Volunteerism and Paying Forward.
The Best Damn Fans in Buckeye Land

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