Congratulations is given to five Ohio State teams for becoming National Champions this year. It goes to show that Ohio State has some awesome coaches and serious, hard training students participating in the sports programs at the university.

The OSU football team did what many believed they could not do; they won the first play-off collegiate football game for the national title by defeating No. 1 ranked Alabama and No. 3 ranked, Oregon. This year should be just as interesting. It is hard to do a repeat National Championship, but it has been done! The Buckeyes can do it too! Go Bucks!

The OSU Pistol Team also won a National Championship. This made the team’s 6th NRA championship, scoring 6310 points, winning over Navy, 6277 points, and Army, 6239 points. Senior, Joe Totts, won his second National Championship in the standard pistol. They are rated high in this year’s competition also.

The Ohio State Women’s Synchronized Swimming Team continues its winning ways by capturing its 29th National Synchronized Swimming title. Eight ladies won All-American for their performances: Zanotto, Baranski, Hack, Davidson, Boneberg, Velasquez-Stiak, Hoying, and St. John. Coach Brown was named the US Collegiate Coach of the Year for a 3rd time!

Winning its first ever national title in NCAA Wrestling, Ohio State was lead by senior, Logan Stieber. Stieber is one of only four other wrestlers to earn this claim to fame by winning a his 4th personal NCAA national title.

This year’s 5th National Championship title is held by the Women’s Rowing team. The Ohio State Women’s Rowing Team posted the second best time ever recorded at the NCAA National Championship. They defeated the Washington Huskies by gliding past them and winning by more than 10 seconds at the finish line. The win was a first ever 3 time repeater. Congratulations to ALL!

What a Year for the Ohio State Buckeyes

Women’s Golf Coach Hession in the Sandhills

Happiness is having an Ohio State Coach come to the Sandhills and making a day of not only taking care of business, but taking the time to show appreciation to the Sandhills Buckeyes for the support given throughout the years. Coach Hession was here on a recruiting mission, and the Board got to honor her stay by helping to celebrate her being inducted into OSU’s Golf Hall of Fame. She was treated to dinner, a celebratory cake, and a night’s stay. Congrats, Therese! The Sandhills Buckeyes are proud of you, Coach Hession, and all your accomplishments!
The Sandhills Alumni Club is helping to assist three young adults in their endeavors to attain their education at The Ohio State University. L-R: Casie Jingle is entering her Junior year at Ohio State and is pursuing a degree in Biology. She is from West End, NC, and is loving the total life at Ohio State. She is the club’s Student Representative for this year. Robert (Rob) McEwan is from New Philadelphia, Ohio. He is the nephew of club member, Jane McEwan. He will be majoring in Actuarial Sciences. Erin Hampton is from Findlay, Ohio, and is the granddaughter of club members Jim and Lisa Hampton. She will be majoring in Social Work. Our club wishes the best for these students. Stay the course and be the best you can be. We are proud to have you as our scholarship recipients! Go Bucks!

General Membership Meeting, June 27th

The Sandhills Alumni Club held its General Membership meeting on June 27th. The club was honored to have as its guest speaker the Ohio State Alumni Association’s COO, Andy Gurd. At this meeting, the club recognized its Member of the Year, Doug Schmidt, its 2015-16 scholarship winners, and introduced the new officers for the 2015-16 year.

The day began with golf, of course. What else does one do in Pinehurst? Hitting the course were Denny diDonato, our club treasurer; Bill Bennett, host for our guest speaker, Andy Gurd; Jeff Gollehon, the father of our 4 year scholarship winner, Garrett; and, OSUAA’s COO, Andy Gurd.

President, Nancy Phelps, conducted the dinner meeting of 45 members and their guests. Keith Junk introduced Doug Schmidt as the Sandhills Alumni’s Member of the Year. Doug was “pinned” by Dr. Robert Billman recognized Robert McEwan, one of the club’s three scholarship students for 2015-16. Robert travelled from New Philadelphia, Ohio, for this event. He was accompanied by his father and grandfather.

The newly elected officers for 2015-16 were announced: President, Nancy Phelps; Vice-President, Carol Pizzi; Secretary, Glenn Phelps; and Treasurer, Denny diDonato.

Mr. Gurd took the floor and discussed the changes that were taking place on the OSU campus with the new Ohio State President, the new housing situation, as well as the changes within the Alumni Association.

The floor was then opened for discussion and questions. The evening ended with the singing of Carmen, Ohio.
Our Upcoming Events and Member Highlights

August 23—Board Meeting
August 29—Make That Call Seminar
September 7—OSU vs. VT 8:00
September 12—OSU vs. Hawaii, 3:30
September 19—OSU vs. N. Illinois, 3:30
September 24–25—OSUAA Symposium
September 26—OSU vs. W. Ichigan
October 3—OSU vs. Maryland, 12:00
October 17—OSU vs. Penn State, 8:00
October 24—OSU vs. Rutgers, 8:00
October 31—BYE
November 7—OSU vs. Minnesota, 7 or 8
November 14—OSU vs. Illinois
November 21—OSU vs. MSU
November 28—OSU vs TSUN
December 5—B1G Championship Game

Our newest little Buckeye, Benjamin Franklin Kemplin III, the son of Ben and Kate. He was born August 10th, weighed 10 lbs. 3 oz. and is known as the “Bear”. Our congratulations to the new addition, Ben and Kate! The club is happy for all!

Our Club’s OSU Graduates, 2015

Garrett Gollehon, pictured above with his sister, Danielle, graduated with dual degrees: Bachelor’s of Science in Economics and a Bachelor’s of Science and Business Administration. He was involved in research in the Economics Department conducting his own while working with a professor who was working on his own research. Garrett also served at the Newman Center as the Spaghetti Dinner Coordinator, the Mass Coordinator, a Student Minister, and was a Finance Committee Member. After graduating, Garrett moved to Georgia where he will be attending the University of Georgia pursuing a PhD in Economics through the Terry College of Business. Garrett served as our club’s Student Representative for all 4 years he was attending Ohio State.

(Son of Club Members Jeff and Laura Gollehon)

Megan Middleton (center above): graduated Summa Cum Laude in Neuroscience with research distinction. She worked three years conducting functional magnetic resonance imaging research in the Department of Psychology. She served 2 years as the Vice-President for Recruitment in the Delta Gamma Sorority and was awarded their national scholarship for her organizational leadership. Megan is spending the 2015-16 school year working with the inner city schools of Chicago conducting a “City Year”. Megan will serve as a tutor, role model, and mentor for underprivileged youth. She hopes to utilize her sign language skills in helping young deaf students better their education and lives. Megan’s future intent is to attend medical school and pursue a profession in either neurology or pediatric medicine.

(Daughter of Club Members Scott & Tracy Middleton)

Sarah Flanagan graduated from Ohio State with a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry. She is using her degree to continue on to Optometry School. While at OSU, Sarah was very active in her sorority, Delta Zeta. She served on the sorority’s board as the New Member Educator. After her term ended in the sorority, Sarah continued to be an active member in the sorority. Sarah was also involved in the Pre-Optometry Club and the Biological Sciences Scholars. She has moved to the state of Texas where she is currently living in San Antonio. There she will attend Optometry School. She is excited for the next years and in becoming a doctor, but cannot believe that her time at Ohio State went by so quickly.

(Daughter of James and Denise Flanagan)
Our club’s Mission is dedicated to connecting alumni, friends, fellow Buckeyes, and possible future Ohio State students in a lifelong, positive support of Ohio State and each others as individuals. Go Bucks!

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