



# TAMPA BAY IOWA CLUB HAWKEYE CONNECTION

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## Schedule of Events for Winter/Spring 2008

- BB Game Watch: Sat. 3/1 Illinois at [Boston's](#)
- BB Game Watch: Thurs. 3/6 Big Ten Tourney at [Boston's](#) (Time TBD)
- Wrestling Game Watch: Sun. 3/9 Big Ten Finals at [Boston's](#) @ 3 pm
- Hawkeye Happy Hour Thurs. 3/20 starting at 5:30p @ **Green Iguana** (Veterans) on Anderson Road (813) 288-9076 [Green Iguana Location](#)
- Gambling Boat Thurs. 4/11 Location TBD
- Hawkeye Happy Hour Thurs. 4/17 starting at 5:30p @ **Rock-N-Sports Bar** in Centro Ybor (813) 242-6220 [Rock-N-Sports location](#)
- Florida Orchestra Night 4/20 Location TBD
- Wine Tasting Evening 5/6 Location TBD
- Hawkeye Happy Hour 5/15 Location TBD
- Annual Board Meeting 6/6 Location TBD
- UI Student Sendoff 6/11
- Hawkeye Happy Hour Thurs. 6/19 @ **Ferg's Bar** (near [Tropicana Field](#)) before the Cubs game [Ferg's Bar Location](#)
- Cubs/Rays Game Watch 6/19 @ [Tropicana Field](#)

## TBIC President's Corner by Doug Smaus

I am pleased to welcome you to the inaugural issue of the "HAWKEYE CONNECTION," the official newsletter of the Tampa Bay Iowa Club (TBIC).

The purpose of the newsletter is to communicate news and activities of the TBIC. There are 2,800 Iowa grads in the area so it is a goal to link all Iowa Alumni to the University of Iowa and University of Iowa Alumni Association.

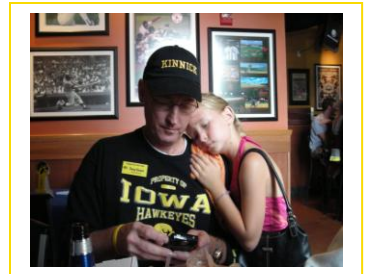
The history of the TBIC

goes back to 1996 with humble beginnings when it was called the Suncoast Iowa Hawkeye Club. A handful of current members met for game watches at the Dogwater Café in Clearwater. The club then later moved to Bleachers located in St. Petersburg, as the club grew in size from a handful of people to dozens. Currently, the Iowa game watches are held at Boston's in west Tampa.

One of our goals has been

for the TBIC is to provide scholarships to Tampa Bay area students enrolled at the University of Iowa.

Enjoy the newsletter and I look forward to meeting you in the near future.



Doug and Daughter

## TBIC Retreat: "Extreme Makeover Edition"



TBIC Makeover Leadership Team

On January 5, 2008, Eddie Peters, TBIC Vice President, facilitated an "Extreme Makeover" Leadership Retreat. Both Eddie and Doug Smaus,

emphasized the need for TBIC to change in order to meet the needs of the members. The purpose of the meeting was to review

past, present and future ideas and parlay the ideas into actionable goals to enhance the TBIC of the future. The main theme was "What can the TBIC look like?" The main idea was to meet the needs of all members, not just the ones interested in Iowa athletics.

The agenda items for the 17 TBIC leaders in attendance were:

1. UIAA Corporate Structure
2. UIAA Club structures – requirements and benefits

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## TBIC HAWKEYE CONNECTION

### “Extreme Makeover Edition” continued



If you don't see two dolphins – You are a HAWKEYE!!

3. By-Laws: updating to meet the UIAA template and change inaccuracies
4. Plan events and activities for 2008.

Eddie presented other Iowa Club ideas to all in attendance. Small groups brainstormed ideas in the categories of Membership, Branding, Events, and Website.

After the presentations by the breakout groups, each

attendee had the opportunity to “vote” on the top 5 ideas per category.

Two more meetings were held on 1/19/08 and 2/9/08 to streamline and formulate the list of ideas in each group to a “2008 Calendar of Events.”

Actions produced from the last two meetings are:

1. Approved draft By-Laws to meet UIAA

requirements

2. Approved the template for an electronic newsletter developed to reach the 2,800 alumni in the area.

3. Approved a calendar of events for 2008 with a focus on more non-sporting events (e.g. family events, arts, etc.).

4. Approved a list of goals for the makeover of your Tampa Bay Iowa Club.

### 2007/2008 Scholarship Awards



The Old Capitol

The Tampa Bay Iowa Club has always strived to balance activities with local community needs and the University of Iowa.

A key philanthropical project has been to set aside part of the TBIC's membership dues each year, to be used for an annual scholarship award to a U of I student from

the Tampa Bay area.

For many years in a row, the TBIC has sent a scholarship to the University of Iowa Alumni Association (UIAA) for a local student enrolled at the University of Iowa. The TBIC contribution is matched by the UIAA.

This year the TBIC was

able to give \$750 each to a sister and brother who are both enrolled at U of Iowa for the fall semester.

The University of Iowa Financial Aid Office makes all scholarship decisions.

Your direct support for this program through payment of membership dues is much appreciated.

### Meet the TBIC Board

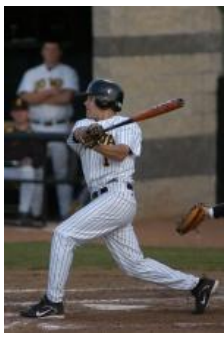
Your Tampa Bay Iowa Club Board of Directors are all volunteers who plan all activities, protect the treasury and try to make your membership a valuable and enjoyable experience. If you are interested in serving on the Board or helping in any way with the various activities of the Club, contact Doug Smaus, President, or any of the Board at the listed email addresses listed below.

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## Hawkeye Baseball Opener and Tailgate Party



TBIC Tailgate Before Notre Dame Game



Caleb Curry  
Center Fielder

Coach [Jack Dahm](#) and the Hawkeye baseball team opened their 2008 season at the Clearwater Invitational on February 22-24. The games were played at Jack Russell Stadium in Clearwater.

The Hawks won their Friday night game against the University of Albany (NY) Great Danes, 8 to 3.

Before Saturday's game

with Notre Dame, the Tampa Bay Iowa Club sponsored a tailgate party with hot dogs and beverages for the 110 prepaid members and 20 family members.

Unfortunately heavy rains delayed the 3 pm game until 8 pm. Not to be deterred the TBIC tailgated at 1 pm & 7 pm for the loyal Hawkeye fans and family members who braved the elements.

Coach Dahm and his assistant coaches were able to visit with the tailgaters as they came off the team bus.

This is Coach Dahm's fifth season as the Hawkeye's Baseball Coach. Last year the Hawks compiled a record 31-23 record, with a fourth place finish in the Big Ten.

Iowa lost to Notre Dame in the bottom of the 10<sup>th</sup> inning at 12:15 am, 14 to 13.

After very little sleep the Hawkeyes played the Liberty University (VA) Flames at 10 am Sunday and lost 3 to 1 in a close and well played game.

The coaches, players and family appreciated the great turnout and support by the TBIC fans.

Photos will be posted on the [Tampa Bay Iowa Club Website](#).



Coach Dahm (right)  
Greeted by Ed Peters

## Hawkeye Happy Hours and more.....

The Tampa Bay Iowa Club has been organized since 1996. A primary reason of the founding members to get together was to find a place to watch football games with other Hawkeye fans.

Aware that not all of the members and friends of the TBIC in the Tampa Bay Area are not interested in sporting events, the TBIC is attempting to provide other opportunities and venues for getting Iowa

alumni together to have fun.

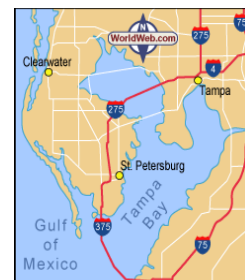
Hawkeye Happy Hours was developed this year in order to find various locations in the Tampa Bay area to allow members to socialize and network.

The dates, times and locations will be announced by email and also featured in the Hawkeye Connection.

If you think of an event that you would be

interested in having TBIC sponsorship, your input would be appreciated.

The Board can make quick approval of new ideas and determine how to best coordinate the activity.



Green Iguana  
Happy Hour on  
3/20 @ 5:30pm



**We're on the Web!**

Visit us at:

[Tampa Bay Iowa Club](#)

**Other Important  
Website Links**

- [Other Iowa Clubs](#)
- [Iowa Alumni Assoc.](#)
- [University of Iowa](#)
- [Daily Iowan](#)
- [Hawkeye Sports](#)
- [State of Iowa](#)
- [Iowa City Area](#)
- [General Public](#)
- [Alumni Band](#)
- [UI Library](#)
- [Alumni Career Services](#)
- [Find a Friend](#)

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newsletter, please let  
me know:

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## TBIC Business Connectors

In an effort to assist our members in all ways possible it is TBIC's goal to connect our members with business in the Tampa Bay area.

The Tampa Bay Iowa Club has had the good fortune to work with many quality businesses in the Tampa Bay area over the past 12 years.

In addition there are many "Iowa owned or connected" firms doing business in the Bay Area that you may wish to access. In tandem, the services provided by these partners may be of a higher quality knowing that we share those Hawkeye values of quality and top-notch customer

relationships.

If you read this article and would like to recommend your company or an Iowa friendly company, please email Doug Smaus, at

[Dsmaus@cdstampa.com](mailto:Dsmaus@cdstampa.com)



## Membership Information

Membership in the Tampa Bay Iowa Club (TBIC) is open to all alumni, former students, active military stationed in the Tampa Bay Area and friends of the University of Iowa.

Annual member dues support the TBIC, allow us to sponsor our events and maintain communication with area alumni. Help keep the TBIC alive and remember the dues are also tax deductible.

### Tampa Bay Iowa Club Membership Form

**Please fill out this form and make your check (active military are free) payable to Tampa Bay Iowa Club.**

Annual Dues: \$15/single; \$25/couple, and active military are free.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

If you are an Iowa Grad, Year and Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

If you are an Iowa Grad, Year and Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Alumni Club Member? \_\_Y\_\_N Current Iowa Club Member? \_\_Y\_\_N

**Please mail your check and this form (or the information) to:**

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**