



TAMPA BAY IOWA CLUB HAWKEYE CONNECTION

March 2009 Issue 12

Schedule of Events Spring/Summer 2009

- **Basketball Game Watch:** Sat. 2/28 – Northwestern (Wildcats) at [Boston's](#). Time 2p.
- **UI Mini Medical School Program** in Tampa Bay Thurs. 3/5 at [The Quorum Hotel](#).
Times: 5-7p Hawkeye Happy Hour
7-8:30p Mini Medical School Program.
Pre-Registration Required.
- **Mat Watch:** [Big Ten Wrestling Finals](#), Sun. 3/8 at [Boston's](#). Time 2p.
- **Hawkeye Happy Hour:** Thurs. 4/15 at [Whiskey Joe's](#), 7720 W. Courtney Campbell Causeway, Tampa, FL Time: 5:30p.
- **Hawkeye Happy Hour** Thurs. 5/14 @ [Ferg's Bar](#) (by Tropicana Field) before the Indians game [Ferg's Bar Location](#). Time: 5-7p; more details page 5.
- **Baseball Game: Rays vs. Cleveland** Game Thurs. 5/14 @ [Tropicana Field](#). Time: 7:08p; more details page 5.
- **Annual Board Meeting:** Date, time and location TBD.
- **UI Student Sendoff:** Date, time and location TBD.

TBIC President's Corner by Doug Smaus

Hello to all of you in the Tampa Bay Iowa Club.

Members: I have a very important request for you. We would like to see a good TBIC turnout for the Hawkeye Happy Hour and UI Mini Medical School Program to be held on 3/5/09, from 7-8:30p at The Quorum Hotel.

**RSVPs are required by Friday, 2/27/09 and can be accomplished online at [Mini Medical School Registration](#).
Cost: **FREE****

The Hawkeye Happy Hour will be held from 5-7p before the Mini Medical Program.

The TBIC kept very busy in February with basketball game watches, a Board Retreat, and a great Hawkeye Happy Hour at the Grape attended by 30 people. Coach Dahm brought the Hawkeye Baseball Team back to Tampa Bay to open the 2009 season. TBIC hosted a pre-game tailgate on Sat. morning before the



Doug Smaus, TBIC President with Jeff (I) and Joe



Dr. Reid Longmuir, Assistant Professor at the U of I Carver College of Medicine Department. (↓details below↓)

St. Johns game, attended by 95 members and parents.

A big **Thank You** to all of you who were involved with the February events and made them a great success!

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

UI Mini Medical School is coming to Florida!

UI Leading the Way in Vision and Eye Health

The University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine is proud to bring our popular **UI Mini Medical School Program** to Florida featuring Dr. Reid Longmuir, Assistant Professor at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences. The University of Iowa is an international leader in vision research and care with particular strength in inherited and degenerative diseases of the eye. This evening program will showcase how the work we are doing from labs to operating rooms will affect the lives of millions of people.

Cost: Free.

When: Thursday, March 5, 2009

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Mini Medical School Program

Where: **The Quorum Hotel** 700 N. Westshore Blvd, Tampa, Florida

RSVP: By Monday, March 2nd at [Mini Medical School Registration](#). To ensure that there is adequate seating and materials, please register online or call: 877-MED-IOWA.

Hawkeye Happy Hour: A Hawkeye Happy Hour will be held conjunction with the Mini Medical Program on Thurs. 3/5 event. **Time:** 5-7p HHH. **RSVP required by members for the HHH. Register at: [Mini Medical School Registration](#).**

Hawkeye Insider – Doug Smaus

Doug Smaus, a native Iowan, was raised in [Muscatine, IA](#), graduating from Muscatine HS (go [Muskie](#)s) in 1979. He has been an active and essential part of the Tampa Bay Iowa Club since 1995. He became involved with



Doug Smaus (Herky Club Cover), with Jeff (r), Dan (2nd from left) and Dick (l)

the Club when Les Young, Jim Mulherin, and Ross Raynor were the core organizers. In 1996 he became a Board Member and the President of the "Suncoast Iowa Club." His

first duty was to speak at the U of Iowa President Reception in Tampa for Dr. Sue Coleman. For those of you that know Doug, he is a very good public speaker and ambassador for TBIC.

Doug is an avid golfer and in the early 1980's played for the U of Iowa Golf Team as a walk-on.

This was "after realizing the PGA was not in the cards."

In 1985, he graduated from the University of Iowa with a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration.

He currently is part of the Commercial Design Services Corporation's management team and from 1985-2007 was with HNI Corp. (Office Furniture Industry). He resides in Tampa with his wife Lisa and 3 children.

Under Doug's tutelage and exceptional people skills, the TBIC continues to thrive as one of the best Iowa Clubs in the UI Alumni Association.

2009 TBIC Retreat: "Building on Our Success"



TBIC "Building on Our Success" Team Members Plan for the Future

On February 15, 2009, Doug Smaus, TBIC President called the TBIC Leadership Planning Retreat, "*Building on Our Success*," to order. The purpose of the retreat was to build on the successes we enjoyed in 2008 and better serve our members through our programs and services.

Eddie Peters, TBIC Vice President, facilitated this year's retreat and emphasized to the members the need to continue to

change in order to meet the needs of the members. After the treasurer report by Les, -followed by membership, website, and newsletter reports by Steve, Dan and Dick - Eddie updated the retreat members on the TBIC achievements since 2008.

The retreat was attended by TBIC Board members and 5 non-members who were invited to help us determine the goals and activities for 2009. The group broke into smaller groups who brainstormed ideas in the following areas:

- Membership
- Events
- Website
- Newsletter
- Hawkeye Happy Hours

After two rounds of small

group discussion, the ideas were shared with the entire group and priorities were developed for each discussion area. A follow-up meeting will be held to finalize results and complete the 2009 calendar.

Some decisions were made before adjourning:

- Getting email addresses for all alumni in the Tampa Bay area will be a 2009 priority
- TBIC will return to Homecoming in Iowa City Oct. 9-11.
- "Non-athletic" events will be expanded for 2009



Breakout Group at Work

TBIC HAWKEYE CONNECTION

Hawkeye Happy Hour Update

On February 19th, 30 people of the TBIC, met for a Hawkeye Happy Hour at The Grape in Tampa, located at the International Plaza.

This was the largest group to date that has attended a HHH. In addition to the excellent wine selections, the conversations and



Hawkeye Happy Hour at The Grape on Feb. 19th

For those of you who have not had an opportunity to attend a Hawkeye Happy Hour, Jeff Summers researches venues around the Tampa Bay area to allow members to socialize and network.

Don't be shy - join in the fun.

**UP NEXT: Thurs. Mar. 5th
@ 5:00 pm.**

[The Quorum Hotel](#)



Come & join us for

Hawkeye Happy Hour

*700 N. Westshore Blvd,
Tampa, Florida*



Biff and Miriam Ludes

camaraderie throughout the evening were all "top-shelf."

The Grape's wait staff was also very accommodating and knowledgeable about wine selections. No one appeared to be disappointed with the libations recommended.

The Grape donated a bottle of wine as a door prize, won by Debbie Summers.

Basketball Game Watches at Boston's

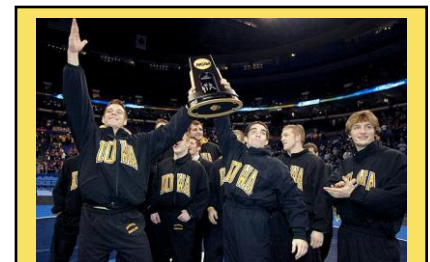
Men's Basketball: The Hawkeyes continue to play without key starters but won big at home on 2/22, upsetting Michigan in OT, 70-60. The Hawkeyes continue to show improvement in their game and hopefully will be upset minded as they enter the Big Ten Tournament on March 12-15 at Indianapolis, IN.

Women's Basketball: The [Iowa](#)

[women's team](#) is finishing the regular season with an eye on being in the NCCA's first round at Iowa City's Carver Arena.

Wrestling update: The Hawkeyes closed out the regular season with an unblemished 24-0 record. This is the 12th unbeaten and untied season for the Hawkeyes, the last one in 2000. The historic 24 dual match wins also set a school record ([Press Citizen article](#)).

Join your fellow Hawkeyes at



Iowa Celebrates Their 2008 NCAA National Championship in St. Louis Last Year

[Boston's](#) for the [Big Ten Wrestling Finals](#). An email notification will be sent out as a reminder before the Mat Watch.



TBIC's Rowdiest Fans at the Iowa vs. Purdue BB Game Watch

Next up: MAT WATCH

Big Ten Wrestling Finals Watch @ Boston's

WHEN: Sunday March 8th TIME: 2:00 PM



TBIC HAWKEYE CONNECTION

Iowa Hawkeye Baseball and Tailgate Party

Coach [Jack Dahm](#) and the Hawkeye baseball team returned to Clearwater to open their 2009 season. They were in town to play in the inaugural BIG EAST/Big Ten Baseball Challenge – 24 games total.

The Hawkeyes played their first two games against Illinois and St. John's at Jack Russell Stadium on February 20th and 21st. They lost 8-3 to Illinois and 18-3 (seven innings) to a good hitting St. John's team.

On Sunday, the final game was played at the Naimoli Complex in St. Petersburg against Georgetown. The Hawks played a well balanced game and won 4-2.

Overall the [Big Ten](#) won the challenge with a record of 15-9. Because there are 10 Big Ten teams and only 8 Big EAST teams the Big Ten played some inter-league games. The wins and losses will count in the team's overall

record but will not be included in the 2009 Big Ten standings.

Before Saturday's game with St. John's, the Tampa Bay Iowa Club sponsored a tailgate party with hot dogs, cold slaw and beverages for

95 members and guests, including 35 team family members.

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

The Big EAST/Big 10 Challenge" will return to Tampa Bay in 2010.



TBIC Pre-Game Tailgate Before Iowa v. St. John's Game



Coach Dahm (c) with Justin McBride (r), President, Paradise Iowa Club (Ft. Meyers), and TBIC members Eddie, Dave, and Dick



Iowa Hawkeyes Hustle on Field at Jack Russell Stadium to Face St. John's



Justin McBride, Paradise Club President (l) with Parents Susan and Mel Blaser, and Doug Smaus, TBIC President



TBIC Members Cheer on the Hawkeyes at Inaugural Big East/Big Ten Baseball Challenge

TBIC HAWKEYE CONNECTION



Iowa Night at the Rays Game
May 14 7pm
Tampa Bay Rays
Cleveland Indians



Join the Tampa Bay Iowa Club at Tropicana Field at a Ray's game vs. the Indians!
We have a block of reduced-price tickets but they will go fast! Tickets will be assigned in the order checks are received!

Join us also before the game at Ferg's where you will enjoy their famous wings provided by the Tampa Bay Iowa Club. Ferg's is right across the street from the stadium. Grab dinner before the game and a cold one (or 2).

Send your check payable to TBIC to:
Eddie Peters, 500 Trinity Ln, #7107, St. Pete, FL 33716.

Name _____
Address _____
Email (please print) _____
_____ **@ \$13 Total** _____



TBIC at the 2009 Homecoming Parade



The Tampa Bay Iowa Club will make a return visit to Iowa City Oct. 9-11 to attend the Homecoming game vs. Michigan AND participate in the Homecoming Parade on Friday night.

Our plan is to debut the Tampa Bay Iowa Club Marching Conch Shell Band! That's right...we will play the Iowa fight song on conch shells (hint: if they can lip synch at the Super Bowl, so can we!) We have 3 packages for you to

choose from:

Packages A & B include hotel rooms for 2 nights, a game ticket vs. Michigan and a pre-game alumni brunch. Package C includes everything but the hotel room.

A \$50/person non-refundable deposit is due by May 15 as our football tickets are extremely limited.

Please send your deposit payable to TBIC to Eddie Peters Ed at:
 500 Trinity Ln, #7107,
 St. Pete, FL 33716

Indicate which package you are interested in.

Package A Motel 6

1 Queen Bed--2 persons
 \$353 members; \$383 non-members
 Single occupancy available

Package B Baymont Inn

2 Queen Beds--2 persons
 \$561 members; \$591 non-members
 Single occupancy available

Package C No Hotel

\$80 members; \$95 non-members.



TBIC HAWKEYE CONNECTION

March 2009 Issue 12

We're on the Web!
Visit us at:

[Tampa Bay Iowa Club](#)

Other Important Website Links

- [Other Iowa Clubs](#)
- [Nat'l I-Club E-News](#)
- [University of Iowa](#)
- [Daily Iowan](#)
- [Hawkeye Sports](#)
- [Iowa City Area](#)
- [UI "Fyi"](#)
- [Alumni Band](#)
- [UI Library](#)
- [Alumni Career Services](#)
- [Find a Friend](#)
- [Go Hawks!](#)

Tampa Bay Iowa Club is chartered by University of Iowa Alumni Association.



[UI Alumni Association](#)

Comments to Dick Fry at:
dandfry@aol.com

Meet the TBIC Board Members

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.

Doug Smaus, President Dsmaus@cdstampa.com
Ed Peters, Vice President epeters13@aol.com
Les Young, Treasurer Leslie_Young@nylaarp.newyorklife.com
Diane Lane, Secretary dianelane23@yahoo.com
Dan Rhoer, Website drhoer@yahoo.com
Dave Byers, Logo/Branding Crayon399@yahoo.com
Steve Feigenbaum, Membership fltransit@verizon.net
Jeff Summers, Hawkeye Happy Hours Jeff@munosummers.com
Dick Fry, "Hawkeye Connection" Newsletter dandfry@aol.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 your are an Iowa Grad, Year and Degree _____

Spouse _____

If your 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:

Steve Feigenbaum
9207 Meadowmont Ct.
Tampa, FL 33625

Thank You For Your Support!