



# TAMPA BAY IOWA CLUB HAWKEYE CONNECTION

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## Schedule of Events Summer/Fall 2009

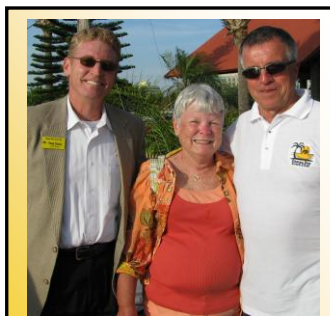
- **Hawkeye Happy Hour**  
Thurs. 5/14 @ Ferg's Bar (by Tropicana Field) before the Indians game ([Ferg's Bar Location](#)).  
Time: 4:30-6:30p; more details page 2.
- **TBIC Iowa Night at the Rays Game:** Rays vs. Cleveland Game Thurs. 5/14 @ [Tropicana Field](#).  
Time: 7:08p; more details page 2.
- **Annual Membership Meeting and Wine Social (HHH):** Fri. 6/12 at 5:30p @ the Echelon at the Reserve. Open to all members and those wishing to join TBIC.
- **Hawkeye Happy Hour:** Thurs. 7/16  
Time: 5:30p.  
Location TBD
- **Family Picnic/UI Student Sendoff:** Sun. 7/19 from 1-4 pm @ [Ft. De Soto Park](#). More details to come.
- **Hawkeye Happy Hour:** Thurs. 8/20  
Time: 5:30p.  
Location TBD
- **Football Game Watch:** Sat. 9/5 - University of Northern Iowa (Panthers) at [Boston's](#). Time TBA.
- **Football Game Watch:** Sat. 9/12 - Iowa State University (Cyclones) at [Boston's](#). Time TBA.

## TBIC President's Corner by Doug Smaus

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

### Iowa Night at the Rays Game is fast coming!

Last year we had a great turnout to root for the beloved Chicago Cubs but this year's game will feature your 2008 AL Champion Rays against the Cleveland Indians. →



**Doug With Glenn and Joyce Patton. Glenn Was Iowa's Head Swimming and Diving Coach**

## Hawkeye Insider – Jody and Dan Byler

Jody, a native Iowan, was raised in [Leon, Iowa](#), graduating from Central Decatur HS in 1981. Dan was raised in Middlefield, Ohio and graduated from Zion Christian School in 1976. He moved to Leon in 1979 and the rest is history. Their first date was Jody's junior prom and two years later they were married in 1982. They have two grown sons, Trenton and Ryan. Trenton lives in Iowa and Ryan in Florida

Jody has been a lifelong Hawkeye fan, and Dan since they met. While living in Iowa they hosted many football parties at their home, bringing Hawkeye fans together.

## Iowa Night at the Rays Game



**May 14 @ 7pm**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE**

Details: Page 2 below



**Pre-Game Happy Hour at Ferg's: 4:30-6:30 pm**

**\$13 includes: Ticket, Ferg's Wings & Fun**

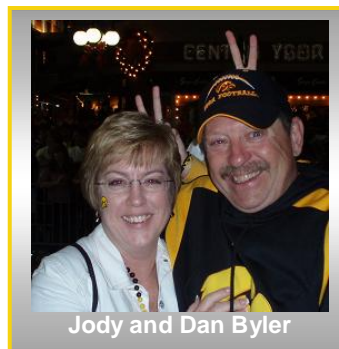
Tickets are still available for the TBIC Iowa Night at the Rays Game.

Mark your calendars now for October 9-11, when TBIC returns to Iowa City for the Homecoming. To date we have received sparse commitments so it is time to let Eddie

**Peters know before May 15th if you are interested.** Details can be found on page 2 below.

If you are interested in how the Iowa players fared in the NFL draft, go to page 3.

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



**Jody and Dan Byler**

Jody has worked for Ryan Companies US, Inc. since 2005. She is currently the Office Manager for their SE division. Her company does commercial property construction, real estate, and property management. Dan is a Project Manager for GuideOne Taylor Ball out of

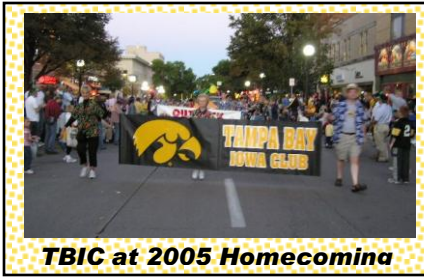
W. Des Moines, Iowa. His company does restoration work on damaged buildings, like New Orleans damage from Hurricane Katrina.

Jody and Dan found TBIC on a tip in 2007. They have always attended the game watches at Boston's. They also participated in the 2009 TBIC Board Retreat providing great suggestions for the Club's improvement.

The Bylers miss Iowa but not the flying snow since coming to Tampa. Instead of hosting game watches, they much enjoy watching the games at Boston's with fellow Hawkeye fans.

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## TBIC at the 2009 Homecoming Parade



TBIC at 2005 Homecoming

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 – note that all

transportation to and from Iowa City is on your own:

**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 15th as our football tickets are extremely limited.

**Please send your deposit payable to TBIC to Eddie Peters 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 Krewes at Homecoming

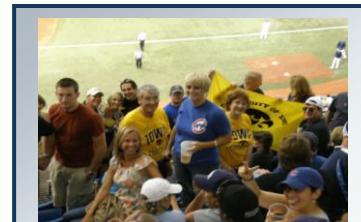
## Iowa Night at the Rays Game



May 14 - 7pm

Tampa Bay Rays

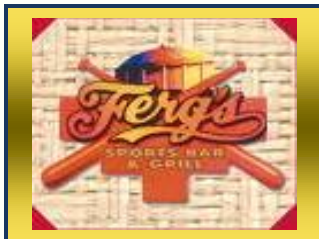
Cleveland Indians



TBIC at the "Trop" - 2008

**Join the Tampa Bay Iowa Club at Tropicana Field at a Ray's game vs. the Indians! LAST CHANCE TO ORDER TICKETS! E-mail Eddie Peters at [epeters13@aol.com](mailto:epeters13@aol.com) TODAY and tell him how many tickets you want reserved. He will give you instructions for payment and ticket pickup.**

**Join us also before the game at Ferg's FOR FREE WINGS (4:30-6:30)! Ferg's is right across the street from the stadium. Grab dinner before the game and a cold one (or 2).**



TBIC at Ferg's - 2008



Ferg's Famous Wings



All Smiles at the Trop

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## Hawkeye Happy Hour Update



*Hawkeye Happy Hour at Whiskey Joe's*

On April 16th, 17 members of the TBIC met for a Hawkeye Happy Hour (HHH) at Whiskey Joe's on the Courtney Campbell Causeway.

The cool breeze, wide vista of Tampa Bay, and the camaraderie of the TBIC

members, made this a near perfect HHH.

Jeff Summers locates convenient venues around the Tampa Bay area to allow members to socialize and network.

Don't be shy - join in the fun.

UP NEXT: Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm.

FERG'S



*Come & join us for*

**Hawkeye Happy Hour**

*1320 Central Ave.,  
St Petersburg, Florida*

## Hawkeyes in 2009 NFL Draft

### Iowa Players Selected in '09 Draft

Hawkeye fans were ringing their hands and scratching their heads after Saturday's first and second round of the NFL Draft, as no Hawkeyes were drafted. It did not take long on Sunday's third round when Shonn Greene and Bradley Fletcher were drafted back to back as the first and second picks of the third round. The other surprise was that All American Mitch King did not get drafted but was signed as a free agent to the Tennessee Titans. A good surprise is that TBIC members may get a chance to watch Rob Bruggeman fight for a position with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, as the Bucs have moved their pre-season practices back to Tampa this year.

For great analysis on each player and the strategies of the teams they have potential with, read the April 27<sup>th</sup> story by Scott Dochterman, of the Cedar Rapids Gazette: [HAWKEYES](#)

[Shonn Greene](#), RB: Third Round, Pick 1, 65th overall, [New York Jets](#).

[Bradley Fletcher](#), CB: Third Round, Pick 2, 66th overall, [St. Louis Rams](#).

[Seth Olsen](#), OL: Fourth Round, Pick 32, 132 overall, [Denver Broncos](#).

[Brandon Myers](#), TE: Sixth Round, Pick 29, 202 overall, Oakland Raiders.

### Free Agents

[Rob Bruggeman](#), C: Tampa Bay Buccaneers

[Mitch King](#), DT: Tennessee Titans.

[Matt Kroul](#), DT: New York Jets.

[Andy Brodell](#), WR: Green Bay Packers.



**King and Greene – All Americans!**

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Visit us at:

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## Other Important Website Links

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Comments to Dick Fry at:  
[dandlfry@aol.com](mailto:dandlfry@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.

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## 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 Meadomont Ct.  
Tampa, FL 33625

## Thank You For Your Support!