



George Billingsley Northwest Arkansas Razorback Club E-News

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Olympic Sports Banquet, featuring Razorback Athletic Director Jeff Long and Various Razorback Men's and Women's Coaches Held on September 15th

George Billingsley NWA Razorback Club members met at Bentonville High School the evening of Sept. 15th to honor Razorback Men's and Women's Olympic Sports programs.

The club "netted" close to \$2,600.00 at the event. A check for \$5,000.00 was presented to the Razorback Athletic Department at the end of the evening to benefit the various Olympic Sports programs.



The group enjoyed a great meal "as always", donated and provided by sponsor Premier. After club President Doyle Groff welcomed attendees, member Dick Trammel helped begin the evening by leading the group in "Calling the Hogs".

Sean Rochelle, Assistant Athletic Director – Development introduced Bev Lewis, Associate Vice Chancellor and Executive Associate Athletic Director and then led a "Meet the Coaches" segment with Razorback coaches Lance Harter, Women's Cross Country/Track, Chris Bucknam, Men's Cross Country/Track, Shauna Estes-Taylor, Women's Golf, Mark Cook, Women's Gymnastics, Eduardo Rincon, Men's Tennis, Michael Hegarty, Women's Tennis and Jeff Poppell, Swimming and Diving introducing themselves and providing information regarding their programs. A raffle and live auction were held.

Members and their guests were then addressed by University of Arkansas Athletic Director Jeff Long who spoke about the merging of the Men's and Women's athletic departments, as well as the future direction of the program. He also took questions from the audience.

Doyle Groff, club President presented Sean Rochelle with a check for \$5,000.00 from the club for the Olympic Sports programs prior to adjourning.

Thanks to all who attended, the coaches, Jeff Long, Bev Lewis, Dr. Sean Rochelle, our sponsors and volunteers!

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NWA Razorback Club Helps Honor Legendary Coach John McDonnell at Tribute Dinner on September 18th

Six NWA Razorback Club board members and their guests represented the club at the **John McDonnell Tribute Dinner**, held September 18th at the Randal Tyson Track Center.

The board voted to double the amount raised at the club's aloft Hotel networking event in August and presented a check for \$1,000.00 to the Razorback Foundation in the name of Coach McDonnell and the U of A track program.

Thus far in 2008, our NWA Razorback Club has donated \$10,000.00 to the Football program, \$2,500.00 to the Baseball program, \$1,000.00 to the Men's Cross Country/Track program in the name of Coach McDonnell and \$5,000.00 to the various Olympic Sports programs for athletic scholarships.

Board members in attendance paid for their own tickets to the event, so 100% of the club's \$1,000.00 donation went to the Foundation.

Also in attendance at the dinner were NWA Razorback club members Randy and Valerie Lawson, who won tickets to the event in the live auction at the club's Olympic Sports banquet.



Picture of George Billingsley NWA Razorback Club Board of Directors at Event with U of A Chancellor Gearhart and Coach McDonnell:

Left to Right: U of A Chancellor Dr. G. David Gearhart and Jane; Bob and Becky Alexander; Jeanne and Doyle Groff; Coach John McDonnell; Steve and Lisa Lockwood; Wyley Elliott; and Deborah and Jim Reynolds

Club Website Updated!

www.bbvrazorbackclub.org



After significant delays, our club's website is now up-to-date at www.bbvrazorbackclub.org!

The web site offers club information, details about club and Razorback-related charity events, PayPal capabilities for annual membership and various club events, a ticket exchange to buy and sell Razorback tickets and links to various Razorback-related sites and sponsor sites. Check it out!

Club Information Page on

www.360Bentonville.com



Just a reminder about the club's new information page on www.360Bentonville.com!

The page has information about the club, slide shows, and links to our website and other information. It will be kept updated as new details on upcoming events become available.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, October 9th

2008 Basketball Banquet featuring keynote speaker:

Coach John Pelphrey

Benefiting Razorback Men's Basketball Program

Thursday, October 9th
Bentonville High School South Commons
1901 SE J Street, Bentonville, AR

Doors Open/Registration: **5:30 p.m.**
Dinner: **6:00 p.m.**
Program: **7:00 p.m.**



Cost:

**Reserved Tables for 8
(Order by 10/6) \$200.00**

Non-Reserved Individual Seating

Club Members \$ 20.00
Non-Members \$ 25.00
Kids (Under 12) Free

Mail in the order form sent in previous ENews with check/money order or PayPal option is available on the club website at www.bbvrazorbackclub.org

Contact jgroff1@att.net or 479-366-1209 for more information...



**October 16th – 18th
17th Annual Tom
Pagnozzi Charity Golf
Tournament, Banquet
and Sports Auction**

Don't miss out on one of NWA's most unique fundraisers this fall! The **17th Annual Tom Pagnozzi Charity Golf Tournament, Banquet and Sports Auction** presented by FedEx Freight will be held **October 16th - 18th, 2008**.

The golf tournament will be held at the Fayetteville Country Club and will kick-off Thursday, October 16th with an afternoon flight. Morning and afternoon flights will take place on Friday, October 17th.

The banquet and sports auction will be held at the Fayetteville Town Center on Saturday, October 18th. **Olympic Gold Medalist and Sports Agent Mike Conley, Sr. as this year's guest speaker.** Come hear Mike tell his stories of success on and off the field and help us to continue to "level the playing field for the youth of NWA." **Doors open at 6:00 pm and tickets are only \$35 or tables (seat 10) may be purchased for \$500 or \$1,000.**

For more information, go to www.pagnozzicharities.org

Remaining 2008 Events:

The board is in discussions with several locations in **Fayetteville and Springdale** to host another networking event (aka. "happy hour"), similar to the club event held this summer at the aloft-Rogers, in **the late October or November timeframe.**

Once details are finalized, information will be sent out via ENews, put on our website and on our informational page on 360Bentonville.

Ticket Exchange

The ticket exchange on our website at www.bbvrazorbackclub.org allows you to post Razorback tickets for sale or tickets wanted.

Check it out!

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Contacts

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