

# Covering All Bases

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## BUCKEYES MAKE STRETCH RUN

With two weeks left in the Big Ten season, the Ohio State Buckeyes are tied for sixth place in the Big Ten just a game out of fourth place. The Buckeyes are trying to qualify for the Big Ten tournament for the sixth straight year.

After losing the Big Ten opener to Northwestern, the Buckeyes bounce back to win the series by taking the final two games against the Wildcats.

Week two of the conference season saw the Buckeyes go on the road to Maryland. The Buckeyes were shut out in the first game of the series and then lost a pair of one run games on the way to being swept. The losses had the Buckeyes mired near the bottom of the conference with a 2-4 record.

Ohio State bounced back to take the series with Rutgers. After losing the opening game Ohio State rebounded winning the final two games of the series.

As the Buckeyes reached the half point of the season



Jacob Bosiokovic leads the Buckeyes with 11 home runs this season.

they hit the road for the second time in the season. For the fourth straight weeks, the Buckeye lost the opening game of the series 1-0 in 15 innings.

The Buckeyes bounced back to win game two, but fell in game three. After the weekend, the Buckeyes found themselves in 10<sup>th</sup> place in the conference.

A trip to Purdue was just what the doctor ordered. The Buckeyes swept the Boilermakers, winning the first game of the series for the first time in the season.

The Buckeyes won their fourth series of the season against Iowa, taking games one and three. With the wins, the Buckeyes find themselves controlling their own destiny to make the Big Ten tournament.

The final two weekends for the Buckeyes have them facing 19<sup>th</sup> ranked Michigan at Bill Davis Stadium and then on the road to Minnesota.

## GOLF OUTING AUGUST 1st



The 2016 Buckeye Diamond Club Golf Outing is scheduled for August 1st at York Country Club in Worthington.

This year's event is being presented by West Coast Chill.

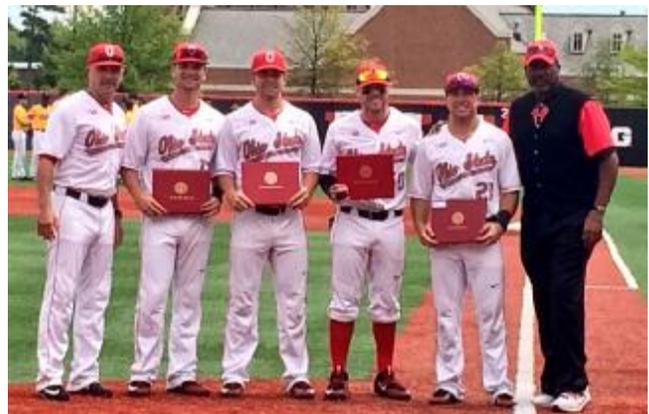
Registration begins at 10:30 with the shot gun start scheduled for noon. The cost is \$ 150 per person or \$600 for a foursome. The fees include the round of golf, use of the driving range, lunch, dinner and beverages. Hole Sponsorships are also available for \$ 250.

To make your reservation, please complete the form on the back page of the newsletter, e-mail the Buckeye Diamond Club at [buckeyediamondclub@hotmail.com](mailto:buckeyediamondclub@hotmail.com) or call the baseball office at 614-292-1075. The Diamond Club can now accept credit cards for your payment..

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## Senior Class Says Goodbye

One of the largest senior classes will play their final home game against Eastern Michigan, Tuesday May 19th. The 2016 senior class has won 132 career games, while advancing to three-consecutive Big Ten tournaments in the last three years. The class includes Jake Brobst, L Grant Davis, John Havird, Michael Horejsei, Troy Kuhn, Ryan Leffel, Daulton Mosbarger, Craig Nennig and Nick Sergakis. Leffel, Horejsei, Davis and Sergakis received their degrees during spring commencement. (Pictured below with Head Coach Greg Beals and Athletics Director Gene Smith)



## COACHES CORNER

Greetings from the Ohio State baseball office. We are playing pretty good baseball at this point in the season with an overall record of 32-16-1, yes that tie is still on the record and will always be there, unfortunately. We have had a few tough weekends on the road in conference which leaves us in the middle of the pack at this point in the conference standings. We have 2 remaining weekends in conference play which will be critical to our overall standing. We have the opportunity to make some serious noise here down the stretch.

The pitching staff has performed extremely well to this point – ranking atop the conference in many categories. Our offense has shown signs of being powerful as can be seen in our numbers which also rank atop the conference in many categories. The offense has been a little inconsistent, which can be typical in baseball but we believe we can put it all together and really finish strong.

We have our next 4 games here at home in the friendly confines of Nick Swisher Field at Bill Davis Stadium where we have enjoyed a 19-4 record this season. We took two of three from Iowa last weekend and now are in the middle of the Big Ten standings. We had one of two games against nationally ranked Florida Atlantic rained out, but won the second game. This is a return trip from our series last year at their place. These games are key for our strength of schedule and opportunity to improve our RPI ranking which is a key determinant in NCAA selection. This weekend we host the team up north – enough said! We conclude the regular season at Minnesota who ranks atop the conference at this point. Our schedule is tough here down the stretch – which presents great opportunity for our ball club.

Last weekend we held our annual Alumni Day, in which the Diamond Club will be hosted a picnic on the patio. We had a very special day with the recognition of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1966 team's National Championship and the Golden Era of Ohio State baseball – 1965-1967. This Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, will be our senior day – recognizing 9 special young men and their contribution to Ohio State Baseball.

Thank you for all that you do for the Diamond Club and our baseball program.

I look forward to seeing you at the ball park! Great weather and great baseball games to come.

Go Bucks!

Greg Beals

## Buckeyes in the Pros

When the 2016 major league baseball season started, the Buckeyes led the Big Ten with three former players on opening day rosters. Eric Fryer was with the St. Louis Cardinals, Cory Luebke with the Pittsburgh Pirates and J.B. Shuck with the Chicago White Sox.

Since opening day, Shuck was sent down to the Charlotte Knights in AAA. He is joined in Triple A with six other Buckeyes. Also in Charlotte, Brad Goldberg. Nick Swisher is playing with Scranton Wilkes-Barre (Yankees), John Kuchno is in Indianapolis (Pirates), Drew Rucinski is in Iowa (Cubs), Josh Edgin is in Las Vegas (Mets) and Alex Wimmers is with Rochester (Twins).

The Buckeyes have two players in AA. Jaron Long is with Harrisburg (Senators) while Brad McKinney is with Altoona (Pirates).

Two others are in A ball. Pat Porter is playing in Quad Cities (Astros) and Ryan Riga is with Kannapolis (White Sox)

## Buckeyes Add Three Recruits

The Buckeyes have added three new recruits for the 2017 season. Two signees are Ohioans, while one is from Massachusetts; the three additions to the 2016 recruiting class bring in skills on the mound and around the infield.

“We are excited to announce these additions to our 2016 recruiting class of future Buckeyes,” Beals said. “We believe these guys help fill the needs of our program on and off the field.”

The 2016 class, now up to 12 new recruits for the 2017 season, adds Clay Surrell (INF/RHP, Lithopolis, Ohio), Joey Roddy (3B/1B, Hingham, Mass.) and Andrew Magno (LHP, Dublin, Ohio).

Surrell is a three time All-District honoree. He hit .430 as a junior and was 4-2 with a 1.28 ERA.

Roddy is an ESPN Boston All-State selection. He hit .383 while going 2-0 with a 1.11 ERA.

Magno is a first team All-OCC selection and was 4-2 last season with a 2.82 ERA.

## ALUMNI RETURN HOME

Over 75 alumni returned to Ohio State to celebrate Alumni Weekend. The weekend honored the 50th anniversary of the Buckeyes National Championship in 1966. The 1966 teams was joined by members of the 1965 and 1967 teams.



The Golden Era of Ohio State Baseball was honored at Alumni Day.



Former Buckeye Mike Swain from the 1966 team throws out he first pitch on Alumni Day.



The Columbus Home Plate Club hosted a panel discussion with members of the 1966 National Championship team. Diamond Club member Jim Tootle moderated the panel. The team was represented by Dr. John Sonedecker, Pat Mogan, Ray Dusenbury, Dick Boggs and Chuck Brinkman.



2017 Captains Jalen Washington and Nick Sergakis received their captains mugs at annual Captain's breakfast during alumni weekend.

## BUCKEYE BITS

Jalen Washington became the fifth Buckeye catcher to be named to the Johnny Bench watch list for the top catcher in college baseball. Washington, a junior, was one of 74 catchers to be named.

With the Big Ten Baseball Tournament set to return to Omaha, Neb., in 2016 and 2018, the conference announced an extension for TD Ameritrade Park to serve as the host venue from 2019 through 2022.

The Diamond Club would like to extend its condolences to the family of former Buckeye Jim Herbstreit. Herbstreit passed away March 20th. Herbstreit lettered in 1960 leading the Buckeyes in at bats and doubles that year.

# 2016 Golf Outing Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Individual \$ 150 \_\_\_\_\_ Foursome \$ 600 \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Fee \$ 50.00

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Columbus, OH 43216 Ex. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security code \_\_\_\_\_

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### BUCKEYE DIAMOND CLUB MEMBER CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

As a condition of membership in this organization, I certify and agree to the following:

1. I have not offered or provided a prospective student-athlete or an enrolled student-athlete an improper inducement or extra benefit, and I have not engaged in any other violations of NCAA, Big 10 or University rules and policies applicable to Ohio State's intercollegiate athletics program.
2. I am not currently aware of any violations of NCAA, Big Ten or University rules and policies applicable to Ohio State's intercollegiate athletics program.
3. I will abide by all NCAA, Big Ten, University rules and policies applicable to Ohio State's intercollegiate athletics program and will report to the Director of Athletics or his/her designee and to the Assistant Athletics Director of Compliance Service any violations of those rules and policies of which I become aware.
4. I will not participate in any organized gambling activities involving intercollegiate athletics in violation of NCAA, Big 10 or University rules and policies or applicable laws.
5. I understand that if I engage in conduct that is determined to be in violation of NCAA, Big 10 or University rules and policies applicable to Ohio State's intercollegiate athletics program, both this organization and the Ohio State university may withhold any benefits or privileges related to Ohio State's intercollegiate athletics program to which I may be otherwise entitled.

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