



# The Garfield Backer

Newsletter for the "Garfield Heights Browns Backers"



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## Is this your "LAST" GHBB Newsletter?

This newsletter is just one way for us to communicate with the GHBB membership. It may contain results of past events, or important information for upcoming activities. It is currently sent to all primary members on an "as needed" basis.

If you've already renewed your membership, please check your expiration date (*located next to your name on the*

*mailing envelope*) to insure it has an expiration date of "2/28/05". An expiration date of "2/29/04" indicates that we have not received your membership dues for the Mar 1<sup>st</sup> through Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005 membership year.

Should you fall into this later category, this could be your last newsletter from the GHBB, unless you renew your yearly

membership. You will also be disqualified from member specific events and prizes. Don't let this happen to you. Renew your membership now. Membership dues remain the same: \$15.00 per Individual or \$25.00 per Family. Applications are available at Venture Inn. Please stop in, renew and join us for another exciting year of Browns Football. ❖

## Where were YOU Nov 2, 2003?

*Officer's disappointed at General Membership showing.*

With 16 members present, a "General Membership Meeting" was held on November 2, 2003. This works out to be only 14% of our total membership at the time. Not a very impressive figure when the club consisted of 121 members. This club is here for you ... THE MEMBERS.. Your input is very important to us, as well as to the overall success of the club. It's impossible to know what 121 members would like for: club activities; events; outings; etc.; without your feedback. Please plan on attending the next time a General Membership Meeting is announced. ❖

## The NFL Draft April 24, 2004

*GHBB Activities starting at 10:30AM*

Join us for *Kegs n' Eggs* on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. A breakfast buffet will be available from 10:30AM till noon. Other Activities are in the planning stages and will be worked out in plenty of time for this year's NFL draft. Be there for a day of Browns excitement, as we find out who will be chosen. Watch our Bulletin Board for further details. ❖

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Year for Cedar Point Outing

*Saturday, June 26, 2004 - 10:00AM till 11:00PM*

Ticket orders are now being taken at Venture Inn, at the cost of \$30.00 per ticket (*Ages 3-59, 48" or taller*). This is a savings of \$13.95 as compared to the park's regular gate price. Last year's outing was great, but this year should be even better. (*The "Top Thrill Dragster" should have all the kinks worked out.*) Only active GHBB members may order tickets, however they may order additional tickets for any guests they wish to include. (*Guests are the responsibility of the individual member.*) All orders must be prepaid-in-full by the end of business on Saturday, June 5, 2004. When you order, you will have the option of picking up

your tickets at the tavern (*after we acquire them*), or having them mailed to you via the US Postal Service. (*The GHBB can not be held responsible for tickets that get lost or misdirected by the US Postal Service.*) Please be sure to have your preference marked on the order sheet. Transportation is not provided for this outing, as member's desired arrival times can vary significantly. As with last year's outing, those wishing to travel together (in a sort of convoy) should meet in the parking lot of Venture Inn, the morning of June 26<sup>th</sup>. Exact departure time will be posted at the tavern. ❖

## GHBB Committees Forming

*Volunteers needed.*

On November 2, 2003, at the General Membership meeting (with only a small amount of our membership present), two committees were started, with three members volunteering for each.

The "Charity Committee", consisting of: Ken Satola (Chair-person), Sarah Coles & Ron Studniarz. Its purpose is to assist in the planning of future charity events, as well as recommendations for worth-while organizations as recipients.

The "Events Committee", consisting of Debbie Paycna (Chair-person), George

Coles & Thaddeus Paycna. Its purpose is to assist officers in future GHBB events, as well as recommendations for events not-yet thought of.

The two committees will be working closely with Club's officers, in order to provide more options, in regards to their respective purposes. If you are interested in belonging to one (or both) of these committees, please see the chairperson listed. Both committees are actively seeking volunteers. ❖

**May 31, 2004**

**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

The GHBB are making plans for the Garfield Heights "Memorial Day Parade". In doing so, we would like to get an estimate of how many members would like to participate. Interested members should show their interest by adding their name to the "Memorial Day Participants" list, located on our Bulletin Board at Venture Inn. Members are under no obligation, as this list is only to give us an idea of our member's interest. *An incentive for participating members, will be included.*

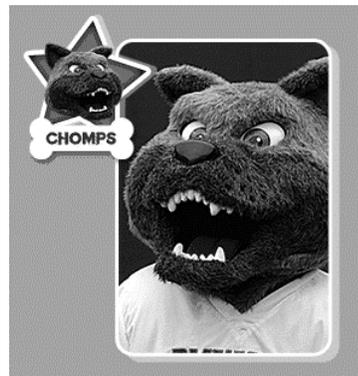
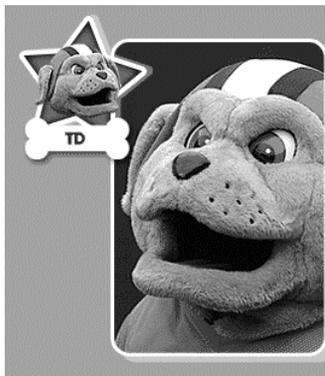
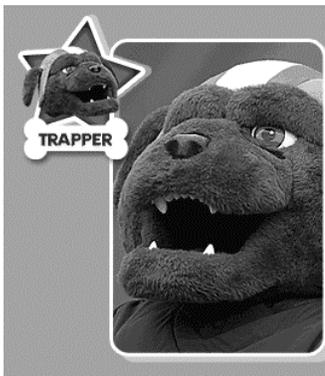
**Further Details will be announced on the Bulletin Board as we receive them.**

**A CHANCE TO SHOW YOUR TRUE BROWNS COLORS**

*Last year's participation was minimal, however I believe all that joined in, felt it to be an honor. This is an excellent way to start off this holiday, by remembering those that gave so much for our FREEDOM. All GHBB members are encouraged to participate.*

**Mascot Trivia**

*Our four Cleveland Browns Mascots are shown below. But after last season, their bones have gotten a little mixed up. Can you get them back the way they should be?* (Answers below)



**A is really ?**

**B is really ?**

**C is really ?**

**D is really ?**

A is really CB - B is really Chomps - C is really Trapper - D is really TD

**General Membership Meeting, Notes and Comments**

*Last meeting held: November 2, 2003*

The status of the Cincinnati Bus Trip (which was originally scheduled for December 27th and 28th, 2003) was announced as a "Go" at the GM meeting. However, circumstances unknown to us at that time, prevented it from taking place. The travel agency was unable to provide the necessary tickets, although we were told repeatedly there would be no problems. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our members, and vow to do better for the 2004 season's offering.

The status of the Browns vs. Ravens home game (scheduled for December 21st, 2003) was also announced. Although our transportation didn't work out as originally planned, the problem was taken care of. Outside of the late return bus (which was due to the CPD not allowing the bus to get to our pick-up point), all had a great time, and we're looking forward to next years home game.

Two committees were formed to assist officers in charity and event planning. (See "GHBB Committees..." on page 1.)

**Browns Backers Worldwide**

Total BBW Clubs: 252

Total BBW members: 37,277

Total GHBB members:

32 Primary - 9 Secondary - 10 Juniors  
*(as of Tuesday, March 16, 2004)*

## 2003 USO St Nicholas Project

*Our Christmas Charity*



The GHBB would like to thank all who helped make our Christmas project a success. Worthy of mention is our treasurer, George and his daughter, Jillian for volunteering their time in the purchase, wrapping and delivery of this years presents to the USO Saint Nicholas Project.