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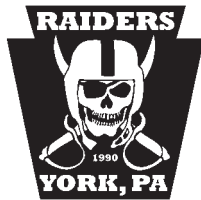
- January 1 – Last game at Brenn’s – 4:15 p.m. Kick off
- January 22 – Officer meeting @ 2 p.m. General Meeting @ 3 p.m.
(Sign up for Committee Heads)
- February 12 – Officer meeting @ 2 p.m. General Meeting @ 3 p.m.
(Sign up for Committee Heads and assigned)
- March 25 - Officer meeting @ 2 p.m. General Meeting @ 3 p.m.

Dates to follow in next Newsletter or Notice for April thru August Meetings.

Tell em you saw it on ... "The Wall"

Raiders Booster’s of York–2012 Officers

- President – Uncle Wheezie(717) 201-7611
- Vice Pres – Bill Perkins(443) 618-3469
- Secretary – Michelle Hill(717) 814-0756
- Treasurer – Jeff Groff(717) 684-0861



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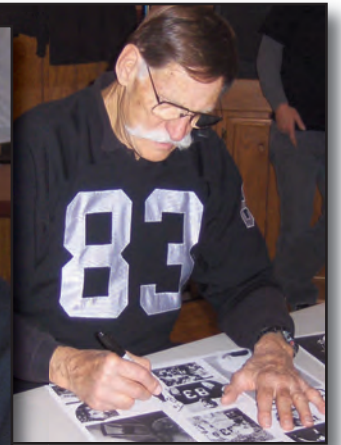
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Our Friend Ben



On December 4th, former Raider Ben Davidson visited our club for the 2nd time since his first visit 15 years ago! He thrilled everyone with his stories of his playing days with the Raiders and signed autographs for our members...What a delight it was to have Ben & his wife Kathy with us, it was a pleasure having them!... Thanks Ben, Just Love Ya Baby!...

Jeff Haldeman

You are cordially invited to attend the

**DC Metro Raider Booster Club's
10th Anniversary Celebration**



*Silver and Black Ball
(A donation of \$5 per person will be made to benefit the USO)*

*Saturday, the twenty eighth of January
Two thousand and twelve
At seven o'clock in the evening*

*Clarion Hotel
8601 Baltimore Avenue
College Park, Maryland 20740
(301) 474-2800*

DINNER AND DANCING TO FOLLOW
HOTEL ROOMS AVAILABLE

Tickets: \$65 per person (includes donation to USO). You may also make donations at our Team USO website:
http://www.teamuso.org/c.9sIKJOMFLaJYH/b.5880905/k.86BF/Find_a_Team/siteapps/teampage/ShowPage.aspx?c=9sIKJOMFLaJYH&b=5880905&sid=boJMIXMzEiLJUMuGIG.

Hotel rooms: \$80/night (includes taxes and breakfast). Check-in time 3:00 p.m./Check-out 1:00 p.m. Call the hotel directly (301-474-2800) and mention "Silver and Black Ball" or "DC Metro Raiders Booster Club" to get your discount hotel rates.

7:00 p.m. Cocktail reception with cash bar.

8:30 p.m. Dinner and Awards Ceremony.

10:00 p.m. Dancing until 1:00 a.m.

Contact: Laura Ghanem, 703-405-9296 or Peggy Holmes, 202-341-4958 for further information.

Support the troops and their families!



Join Today!

Secretary's Report - What We've Done So Far ... (since the Family Picnic)

By Mike Roseberry

The Raiders Booster Club of York had a good start to the season with Jon Ritchie and his family's appearance at the Family Picnic in August. There was also a challenge issued at the picnic ... if the club raised \$2000 for Make-A-Wish, by Nov. 6, President "Wheezie" said he would shave his head.

The Raiders, themselves, started the season, with a win for the first time since 2002. The team played, with a heavy heart, vs. Texans, after being told of the passing of legendary owner Al Davis, on Sat., Oct. 8. Still, Jason Campbell had the offense running like a well-oiled machine until the Cleveland game, when he suffered a broken collar-bone on this throwing shoulder. But, the Raiders wasted no time in trading for Carson Palmer. After a few "hic-cups" and adjustments, Palmer and the Raiders reeled off 3 straight wins. Then, injuries started to pile up and the Raiders, currently, find themselves on the outside of the playoff picture. Hopefully, things will turn around and team will make the playoffs for the first time in almost 10 years.

The Club, so far this season, has had one sub-sale, completed 4 Hi-Way Clean-ups (21 straight years of cleaning up North George St.), participated in 3 tailgates, with the annual Chili Cook-off coming up on Dec. 18, and, acknowledged all the veterans with a toast on Veteran's Day. The 25th Anniversary Committee is selling tickets for its Holiday Raffle and raffling its 2nd quilt (with the 1st won by Daryl Snyder). Merchandise has had a few member-drawing for prizes from the merchandise table.

The Club visited the DC Metro club on Oct. 9, for the game vs. the Texans. Former Raider TE Derek Ramsey was there and

invited both clubs to Coppin State's Homecoming basketball game on Sat., Feb. 18.

The Club also raised over \$2500 for Make-A-Wish and Wheezy stayed true to his word by having his head shaved at the Tailgate on Nov. 6. Between monetary donations from club members, Make-A-Wish t-shirt sales, and Al Davis tribute t-shirt sales, as of Dec. 4, the club has raised over \$3500 for Make-A-Wish this season, will more still coming in.

And, the Club welcomed Raider Legend Ben Davidson to Brenn's on Dec. 4 for the Miami game. Ben Davidson shared a few stories from his playing days and answered questions from members. He also signed autographs and posed for pictures with members. He even gave Mike Roseberry a possible nickname...saying he looked like an old friend of his, whose nickname was "Stumpy."

Then, on Dec. 11, elections for the 4 officers were held ... Tim "Uncle Wheezy" Boylan will be President, Bill Perkins will be Vice President, Michelle Hill will be Secretary and Jeff Groff will be Treasurer. Committee heads will be chosen at an off-season meeting and the club is looking for people to step up to take the burden off of many members who have been doing positions for years without a break.

The Club will be making plans for a visit to Coppin State for a basketball game at Derek Ramsey's invitation ... stay tuned for those ... you don't want to miss a great time at a beautiful facility.

The Raiders have 3 games left in the 2011 season to make things happen for their first playoff appearance since 2002 ... so come out to Brenn's and cheer your Raiders on.

From The Editor 2010

Well another year is almost over and we have had a lot going on this year. We have raised money for Make a Wish, fundraisers for general, Players, and 25th Anniversary Funds.

We lost our beloved (hated) owner and the game (show) must go on. This has been another year of injuries that has taken its toll on the game and gaining another quarterback in the middle of the season.

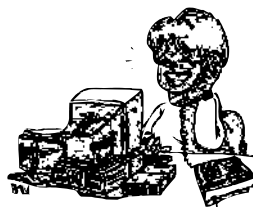
For those of you who have come out to see the games and enjoyed the tailgates this year, I thank you.

Please remember to read your newsletter on line, email or through the paper copy, I send if no email is given to us when you join the club. This is the way to stay in touch and updated as to what we are doing and where we would be going for away games. This is the last News Letter until after we pick Committee Heads in February or March.

The new Officers were elected or volunteered to take the office yet again this year and thanks to the new face, member Michelle who has stepped up to take Secretary so Mike Roseberry can go on to do another committee.

I hope to see a new year of The Raiders Booster of York PA fun and enjoyment with this Raider family.

I again encourage you to please remember you do not have to be an officer or Committee head to submit a News Letter Article, give me something to use to get the word out there as to what the Raiders are doing or the Club is doing in the future months to come. This is the way of communicating with each other, send me your thoughts and ideas for any future News Letter, I am always up for improvement.



I would like to thank Lori Gunderson for the nice job she does for us in putting all of the articles together for me.

To ALL COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

I would like to have all phone numbers for Officers and Committee Heads updated, after completed I will then pass out a new list to everyone at the first Sunday game. SO please call or e-mail me if I do not have your number or there is a change of numbers (home & cell number)

Pam Duncan

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Merchandise

Well, here it is already and I can't believe that the end of the football season is almost over. This was my first time in selling merchandise to all of our members. Thank you for making this a successful year for the club. I enjoyed doing this 100% and I hope see all of you next year. The [3-mmm's] the "Members Monthly Merchandise" giveaway was something new this year that I came up with, so next year in 2012 something new will be coming. I want to mention a BIG, BIG thank you to some members who really stepped it up and purchased many items every week and they are: SCOTT & HEDI, GRANT & CHRISTY, DARREL, JB, CHICO, CARL W. Jr. and DONNIE just to name a few and thank you to all the other members as well. Until then, let's have a safe and wonderful 2012 Happy Raider New Year.

Thank you,
Kevin " Zee " Zelinskie

Quiet Please!

Please remember when we have our meetings at half-time during the games, we give reports to you, the membership. In order to do this, we need everybody to keep the noise to a minimum so we can hear these important reports.

Raider Committee Heads for 2011

President – Uncle Wheezie
(Tim Boylan)

Vice President – Bill Perkins

Treasurer – Jeff Groff

Secretary – Michelle Hill

Membership – Connie Benedict

Merchandise – Kevin Zelinski

Liaison - Jeff Haldeman

Newsletter – Pam Duncan

Public Relations – John Maddux

By Laws – Herb Hirt

Fundraising – Dan Boylan

Sergeant at Arms – Brian Bott

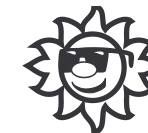
Website – Todd Horn

Games – Jeff Booth

Players Fund - Bill Perkins

Sunshine Committee

The Sunshine Fund is set up to send cards and/or flowers to our members who have had an operation, serious illness or a death in their immediate family. Please call me to inform me of these events. I try to read the daily newspapers (York editions), but it's possible that I may miss something. The Sunshine Fund does not receive any monies from the general treasury. It is funded solely through either "passing-the- hat" at Brenn's or from direct member contributions. If you would like to contribute, see me at any game. Thank you, Connie 717-792-1411.



Sergeant at Arms

Sign book at meetings.

No Report

By Laws

Players Fund

Liaison

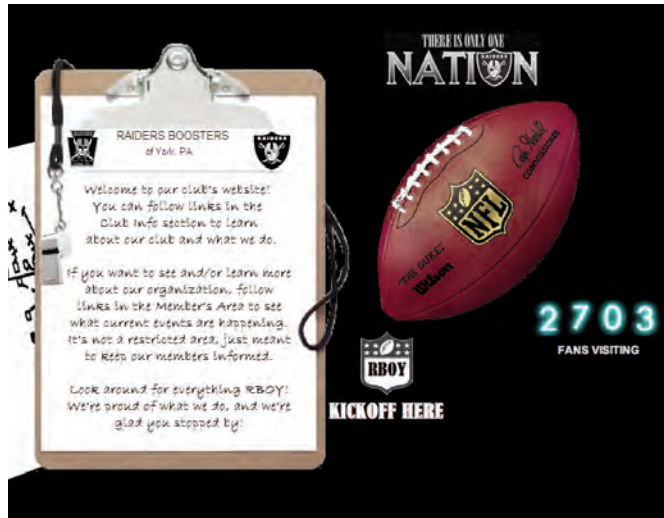
Notices

Please remember to notify Herb and Connie about any changes in your contact info.
Electronic & otherwise. Thank you.

10% Discount on Raider Merchandise Only

Grovey's – Morningstar Marketplace
The Collectible Store – West Manchester Mall
Bleacher Bums – York Galleria Mall

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The season is winding down, and thoughts of playoffs are dancing through our heads.

As I read through all the stats I've collected on our electronic communication usage, trying to see who has been naughty or nice, and using all this information we put out there, I've learned one thing..... I've got a lot more to learn!

It does appear as though we get a nice number of new visitors weekly to our site, so that's great. And when people do visit, 75% of the time they're on for more than 15 minutes! I found that kind of WOW! It makes me quickly think of three reasons:

- 1) Many visitors really like what they see and spend some time seeing and reading what we're about.
- 2) Members either like re-reading our info (as I do) or they can't find their way around too easily. (see below if this is the case)

3) Or I'm the guy boosting numbers to 75% as I make my weekly changes...

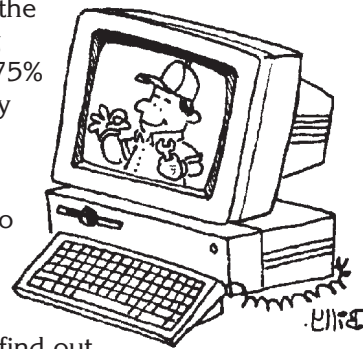
I've tried to make it as easy as possible for members to find out info quickly. There are 28 pages of 'stuff' on our site, as well as links to other pages off of our site. Only a few of these change regularly! Our main Member page, or Fast Facts page as

I call it, changes every week. It provides a quick glimpse at the upcoming weeks' events so you can instantly see what's happening. There is also a pull-down menu that shows links to any Recent Changes I made to pages so you don't have to go page-by-page to see what's different!

*TIP- A hidden web-trick for members, to make life easier; at the intro page you can just click on our club logo and it will take you straight to the Fast Facts page. A fast look at The Wall info, and a click to see what new updates are there, and most of the time you're on-and-off before your boss catches you !!!

Of course you're always welcome to browse at your convenience and pass along any ideas or improvements you may have. It's our site - lets make it as useful as we can!

Todd



Do YOU Support a Charity?

This is just a general question I want to throw out there ... The economy is tough right now, and we all know it's hitting everybody hard - individual families and organizations. Even in these rough times, our Public Relation committee did a great job this year and we had our most successful monetary donation to a charity in club history! We can all be proud of that.

Now I ask the question, "Do you support a charity", for a reason. Unless you live in a cave, you know they're coming at you from everywhere. Everybody seems to need help! I recently felt guilty because we had a very worthwhile organization make a presentation at my work, asking for weekly salary deduction/contributions, and I passed as others were contributing. But I knew in my heart that I would give what I could to charity and I'd do it

through our RAIDER club! John Maddux has been doing a great job researching charities in need and making sure our monies are being used wisely. And when we designate a charity we're collecting for, 100% of the donations are passed on - general club expenses are paid from a different account!

Charity is all about the giving to those in need. You can get the same feeling by donating through the club, and as a group we can make a bigger difference for some worthy cause. When you see your donation become part of a larger amount given to charity, you'll feel better and the club will benefit too! So I ask you to consider using the club as your avenue to give when you can. Together, we can all make a difference!

Todd

Al Davis dies at 82; Oakland Raiders owner transformed team

Al Davis turned a failing team into one of football's most successful franchises as a three-time Super Bowl champion. He savored battle both on and off the field, and after a court fight relocated the team to Los Angeles for over a decade beginning in 1982.

Oakland Raiders owner Al Davis, right, and coach John Madden celebrate... (Associated Press)

Al Davis, the tough-minded owner of the Oakland Raiders who transformed a failing team into a three-time Super Bowl champion and one of the most successful franchises in professional football only to preside over its dramatic decline in recent years, died Saturday. He was 82.



VP Report

I just want to take a moment to thank all of the ticket sellers for stepping up and making 2011 a good year.

We currently have 24 members selling a total of 54 tickets per week. We still have several outstanding winners and I'd like to settle all outstanding debts as soon as possible. Remember that we are using the Saturday evening daily number as our winning number. For the members that are thinking about becoming a ticket seller, I'll just give a brief summary of what constitutes being one.

First, you must sell (or buy) 2 tickets per week. The costs for the tickets are two dollars a piece. That's a total of four dollars each week. I typically hand out tickets in two month batches. (some two month's are eight weeks where others are nine weeks), so if you are selling two tickets and receive eight weeks worth of tickets you would owe \$32, for nine weeks you would owe \$36, Or course the more tickets you sell, the more the costs will rise incrementally according to how many tickets you decide to sell.

Second, according to the by-laws, you cannot owe the club any money at the end of the fiscal year. (See by- laws section 10), and basically that's it. So what does being a players fund ticket seller get you?

Well you have the peace of mind to know that you are directly involved in bringing Raiders players past and present to our club. Also you have the opportunity to have dinner with these players before the general membership get to meet them. Furthermore, typically there are different photographs and other mementos that are afforded to the ticket sellers.

If anyone would like to become a seller please see me before, during, or after the game(s).

Bill Perkins VP

Tailgates

by Jeff Booth

This afternoon we had final tailgate of the year. Annual chili cook off & dessert contest. Donald Ruby won 1st place with a excellent cheese cake. Chili cook off was close contest. Winner was Herb "Lucky " Hirt. One vote better than Mike " Stumpy " Rosenberry . JB finished in 3rd place two votes back of Herb.

Raiders loss to Lions in last minute of game ruined a otherwise great day.

Thanks JB

Membership Report

As of December 18th we are up to 128 members.

The breakdown is: I – 118 (30 new), A – 2 (1 new), J – 8 (3 new), I wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season.

Connie

Club Notices

In an effort to streamline our e-mail notices, we've adopted this new procedure. Anybody who would like club information to go out on our weekly notice, should contact RJ Clark by Tuesday with their information. Then, a Club Notice draft will be prepared and forwarded to all who've entered data so they can proofread and approve by Wednesday. On Thursday the formal club notice will be sent out to all members. We want to stay consistent on the days so that members get used to looking for info on Thursdays. Only in important or emergency situations will there be extra notices sent out. If we don't have your e-mail address please contact Todd Horn or RJ Clark to get on the list. Please be assured that you will only get club information - No other spam.

Todd and RJ

Fundraising

Thanks, to all who participated in our charity events this year. Due to your efforts we were able to make generous donation to make-a-wish.

We want to top our 20th Anniversary celebration at our 25th Anniversary event. Keep in mind the next two seasons we need to raise cash to make this happen. We have sub sales, Holiday Baskets of Cheer and Beautiful Quilts made from our T-Shirts (they really are nice). Everyone can sell a few subs it just takes a little effort.

Remember this club needs money to operate and provide the "Raider Expenses" that we have come to expect. Do not take this for granted, it cost money for us to be the club you joined.

Dan Boylan

This is Who We Are

This past year might have been the best in the club's history, proving once again that we are much more than a bunch of football fans. We started the year with the NFL strike, but that didn't even slow us down. While the players were idle we went about our business as usual. We held our first ever fundraising dinner in March at TGI Fridays for the benefit of the York County Food Bank. In April, we held the first of four highway cleanups, meeting our obligation for the 21st year in a row. In May we had two dozen people do volunteer work at the Special Olympics. Again, this makes 21 straight years that we have participated.

We kicked off a fundraiser for Make-A-Wish at our summer picnic that turned out to be the most successful charity drive the club ever held. When it concluded in October we had raised \$3,540 for this great cause.

In September several members helped pack food at the York Food Expo, for the benefit of the food bank. We also collected over 200 pounds of canned foods during games this year. Any way you look at it, this was a great year. A heap of Thanks goes out to Big Dan and the fundraising committees for making this all happen.

Next year we will no doubt try to top these records. We've already started discussing different charities to investigate. And the Public Relations Committee is always looking for new faces. If you have an idea of a charity you'd like us to pursue, come on out and share your thoughts.

John Maddux

P.R. Chairman

Fundraising Dinner in March

Once again we will be holding a fundraising dinner this March at TGIFridays in York.

Come on out and join us, and bring your family and friends. A whopping 20 percent of your entire bill will be donated to the York County Food Bank!

Last year 41 people participated.

We can beat that this year. Look for an announcement later in 2012.

From the President

Diary of a Madman

"What a long strange trip it has been"

The Grateful Dead

December 11, 2011

Here I sit on my couch in my humble abode and our beloved Raiders are just hours away from playing the Packers.

What an incredible season this has been, a long strange trip.... Hmmmm, where to start.

"Raise \$2,000.00 and I will shave my head".... You did (over \$3,000.00)... and I did. I get a kick out of telling people why I shaved my head. Brag...brag...brags...that's what I do.

Kudos' to the 11 people who journeyed to visit the DC Metro Club, a great time had. Our bond was strengthened. Hopefully Next season we could get between 20-30 members to make the trip.

As I write our beloved men of the Silver and Black are tied for the lead in the AFC West.

Playoffs?

I am still blown away that Jon Ritchie and his family just popped up for our family picnic.

Last week (Dec 4th) we were graced with a visit from the Davidson's ... Kathy and Ben. Sure Ben is a Raider legend. A great story teller with at great sense of humor... but anyone who didn't get the chance to visit with Kathy missed out, what a great lady... and a hell of a story teller in her own right. They are married for 50 years... and you can clearly see why. Shame we all cannot be so lucky, so blessed. What a great day.... 10,016 thank you very muchees to both of you.

So many members have stepped up this year... Hook, Big Dan for combining their efforts in making sure I shave my head.

Granny Nuggets (Denise).... For her genius idea on making quilts out of old club and Raider T-shirts to raise money for our Silver Anniversary Bash.

Congrats to Jim Miller for being anointed "the official sound guy to the President" great job.

To Todd and Groffy for the mental nugget they have given me, always challenging me... giving me

praises and reeling me in with their guidance, suggestions, and advice.

Chico for once again his continuous efforts in bringing players to the club.

ZZZZZ has been doing a bang up job buying and selling Raider stuff for the club. He has breathed new life into merchandising.

Donnie Ruby for raising \$101.00 from selling subs. We used this money to pay for our big Check.

To Pam and Reddog... for bringing back memorial Al Davis Trinkets from Oakland, Great job on the News Letter Pam. Thanks for your friendship to the two of you.

Bubba has continued to do a great job as special assistant to the President. Without Bubba... there would be no Bubba and Wheezie show.

Michelle, Vicky, and Ritchie Cunningham have given me a reason to smile each and every week.

Bruce and Jen for stepping up in the club efforts to make me hairless.... from 3000 miles away.

Connie has got membership down to a science and always has an answer when I am looking for club info.

Earl for checking out of the hospital to meet Ben Davidson. You blew my mind with your hardcore dedication.

Brian Bott has done a great job not only keeping the book... but hushing the club during meetings.

Carly what an amazing cake you brought to the tailgate (when I shaved my head).

Christy gets fined for wearing red shoes... pays her fine...and goes home and puts on some cool black boots... very impressive.

Attendance at the tailgate is up...with lots of new faces. Great job Jeff Booth and we still have the ever popular Chili Cook-off to go.

Thank you Nancy... for donating the two bowling pins we presented to Ben Davison and Jeff Haldeman.

I would like to welcome the Northern Virginia Raider Boosters to the the family, I foresee lifelong



friendship with Troy and "The Ace".

Our visit to DC Metro club strengthened the bond between our clubs. To both Clubs I say "there is strength in numbers"

Opie opened up his grass shack to us for the Buffalo game. It's kinda sad to see such a good friend living in such a dump. Saran wrap for windows... piled up newspapers for steps... a pile of leaves for a couch... and nothing to eat but chicken wings served on Styrofoam. But he was a gracious host and I would stay there again.

To all the ticket sellers from the players fund...thank you for your effort to tweak a fine oiled machine that wasn't running so well and for being open minded to changes.

Mister Vice President Bill Perkins thank you for listening to all my worries and concerns. Your advice, support, and guidance have been huge in the success of our club. You are truly the brains of we that lead.

I have always believed that if you are going to lead.... You should lead by example and so many people in the club ...RBOY ... have done just that.

We have seen so many new faces at the highway cleanup. This has become one of my favorite things to do. We actually have sidewalks to walk on and each time we picked up trash our little stretch was cleaner than the time before. It's good to see our efforts are making a difference. One lady even stopped her car and thanked us.

I am asking the general members to take a few moments to welcome new members and to bring them into the mix.

Elections are today. I am hoping to once again to be the guy who runs the meetings. I have done enough for you to want this too.

One of the biggest moments of this season was Mike Roseberry appears to have gotten a nickname that has stuck.

After our family picnic it looks as though we had an out of the mouth of babe's moment, As Mike was deemed Lemon Head... or Strawberry by some kids during Wheezie says. This evolved into Strawberry Lemon head. It slowly faded. So I asked Ben Davidson of he had a nickname for Mike. After many stories and much laughter, Ben told us that Mike reminded him of a guy he knew in Main...a guy named Stump. Cries of Stump,

Stumpie, Mr. Stumpy the Stumpinator instantly filled Brenn's. A great nickname usually has a good story. "Hey! Why do they call you Stumpie" "Ben Davidson gave me that name". So Stump (and all the versions that come with it) although I will occasionally use Strawberry- Lemon Head.

In closing, I would like to take a moment to thank Al Davis for sticking to his guns and for creating the family atmosphere among The Raider Nation. People are often threatened by folks that are different. Folks that speak their minds. People fear what they don't understand. When you challenge the accepted norm...people are quick to criticise. Upon his passing, many people who were Al's biggest critics were the first to praise him. I hate hypocrites. The way the media kissed Al's Ass after he died made me sick... made me laugh and made me cringe. No one in the history if the NFL did more for the game then Al Davis.

It shall always be a travesty... and injustice ... a joke that AL has to wait too long to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. To all those who didn't give Al his just do I Say: "Sissy Foo-Foo you"

Many years ago... we made a trip to Cleveland. Some Browns fans hung a banner at the field that said "The Oakland Raiders a Commitment to Litigation"

Translation: "Don't F...K with Al"

Thank you Al for leading us by example. Your legacy and the fire that burned within you shall continue to burn brightly.

P.S. Bronco fans have taken to wearing #15 jerseys with name Jesus on it, so pompous and disrespectful.

Term for an old fashioned butt kicking at the hands of Green Bay. The Packers looked like a well oiled machine.

On a more upbeat note... we had elections and I am once again going to be the guy who runs the meetings. I am proud say that Bill Perkins is going to spend another season as (VP) the brains if the operation. Jeff Groff is going to continue his duties as Treasurer. I sleep well at night knowing a man of such honesty and integrity is taking care of our money. Finally Michelle Hill has taken over as Club Secretary. Thank you Michelle, I love it when new people step up!

"I am not a Politician"