



THE BARBERS

TULSA PACKER BACKERS

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WHO ARE THESE TULSA PACKER BACKERS?

Believe it or not, there are still some people in this world who don't know who the Tulsa Packer Backers are. So, for those of you who may be a little foggy, or have some friends who need enlightening, here's a little background on our club.

The Tulsa Packer Backers were formed in 1995 with Crazy Tim and Cheesehead Pete at the helm. Some of the old timers will remember those humble beginnings at the Half Yard Line at 25th and Sheridan. The place only had an occupancy around 80 people and that was exceeded many times by screaming cheeseheads who had to resort to sitting on plywood pool table covers, the floor and fireplace hearth. That year went to the NFC Championship, but the Cowboys blocked our Superbowl dreams. All that would change the following year.

1996 saw the club grow by leaps and bounds. Tequila Tory joined the board as well as Cheesewiz Paul. We jumped on that internet thing with a website and gain a lot of local and some national coverage during the NFC championship game. All three local TV stations were at the club filming our every move. Oh yea, and the Packers won the Superbowl too.

In 1997 we decided to use our fame and notoriety for good instead of evil and formed the 'Cheeseheads For Charity'. Our goal was to raise money for local charities that helped out kids. Since it's inception, we have donated almost \$33,000 in goods and money. Charities have included Emergency Infant Services, Toys For Tots, American Red Cross, the Brett Favre Fourward Foundation to name a few.

We also saw a couple of changes that season. Cheesehead Pete set sail for Iowa, Mark Loaf officially joined the board and the Half Yard Line moved to 33rd and Yale. Oh yea, and the Packers were in the Superbowl again.

In 1999, after several ownership changes, the Half Yard Line closed it's doors for good. So the Tulsa Packer Backers found a new home at Remington's. Since then we've maintained a steady annual membership of around 600 people. Mama Loaf took on the task of heading up the charity and Murph, Jay (Numba 2) and Becky also joined the board to run the registration table.

Now we are going into our 12th year. There's been a lot of water under the bridge, some friends have come and gone, but there is at least one thing that remains the same; if there's a Packer game on, The Tulsa Packer Backers will be watching it, and it still only costs \$1.00 a year to join. Go Pack Go!

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FROM THE DESK OF BRETT FAVRE

October 12, 2005

Dear Mr. Bartos:

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina hit and devastated much of the Mississippi's Gulf Coast and the southern states. The wide-spread destruction left many without food, water, power or a place to live.

We want to thank you for responding to this disaster and making a donation to my official web site www.OfficialBrettFavre.com. Your donation of \$1200 is greatly appreciated.

In 1996, my wife Deanna and I started the Brett Favre Fourward Foundation to aid disadvantaged and disabled children in Mississippi and Wisconsin. Since the focus of the Foundation has always been the children, and the foundation will use the donations received during this time of need to help the children in Mississippi. The Brett Favre Fourward Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 organization and all donations are 100% tax deductible.

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SADOWSKI AND SZOFER ADDED TO TULSA PACKER BACKER HALL OF FAME.

A couple guys from Milwaukee with Polish roots were added to the Tulsa Packer Backer hall of fame this past season. Glenn Sadowski and Tom Szofer have both been regulars to the club since the old half yard line days.

Glenn and his trademark van are fixtures at nearly every tailgate and charity event. He was a member of our MS walk team even though he needed a cane to complete the walk.

Tom has been a huge sponsor of the club with his magnetic schedules and more recently his can coolers.

We will add the next member of the clubs hall of fame on September 10th during halftime of the regular season opener versus the Bears.

2006 TULSA PACKER BACKERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The club may appear to run like a well oiled machine, but a lot of people put a lot of hours into making it work. Below is your Packer Backer 'Dream Team' that help makes it happen.*

Crazy Tim	<i>Dictator For Life</i>
Mark Loaf	<i>Sidekick, Web junkie and Graphics guy</i>
Tequila Tory	<i>Senior Prize Boy, Head Tailgator</i>
Murph	<i>Junior Prize Boy and Jack Daniels Quality Controller</i>
Mama Loaf	<i>Charity Chick</i>
Numba 2	<i>Keeper of the table</i>
Bockwald	<i>Head Signer Uper</i>

* Some names have been changed to protect the innocent

CHEESEHEADS FOR CHARITY

It is that time of year again when I get to tell the world how generous the Tulsa Packer Backers are.

The Packer Backers have been helping local and not so local charities since 1997.

Over all the club has donated \$ 32,794.54 to various charities. The year 2005 was no exception.

Once again disaster struck. This time it was a devastating hurricane that hit our own country, leaving destruction and many homeless people who felt totally helpless.

The Packer Backers took up a collection and sent a \$1200.00 donation to the Brett Favre Foundation for the disaster relief in Mississippi.

Anyone who comes to the Packer Game watch parties will see a framed copy of a thank you letter from our beloved Brett Favre hanging on the wall by our registration table.

Our main charity as usual was Toys for Tots. We were joined by two wonderful Marines, Dan Brechwald, who served time in Iraq and is a recipient of the Purple Heart, and our Packer Backer member Travis England.

This past year we donated 947 toys valued at \$3639.17 bring our total donation of toys since 1999 to \$25,115.27.

Our thanks go out to Jeff Errthum, Kathy Balsiger (a.k.a. Rollie and Kathy Fingers) and Richard Bradshaw for once again doing a great job on the Fish Fry. Also a thank you goes to Jerry Jacobson of American Airlines for contributing beer for the charities tailgates.

Kathy (Fingers) Balsiger also raised money for Toys For Tots when she brought her massage chair and gave massages at a tailgate party.

Thank you to everyone who brought toys to the fish fry as a donation to Toys for Tots. I hope you had as much fun shopping for them as I do.

Thanks to Gene and Kathy Kaminsky, Deanna McCoy, Amanda Heck, Pat and Martha Stephens, Tim and Cynthia Bartos, for bring extra toys the day the Marines came.

A special thanks to Angelina Blackmon for helping purchase toys at a discount for us.

I know there were more people who donated items, and did additional things for the various charities but I did not get everyone's names.

To each and every member of the Tulsa Packer Backers.

THANK YOU, JOB WELL DONE

Mary-Ann Vierthaler



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