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President's Message

This is our first Quarterback Club newsletter. I am honored to be the President for the next two exciting football seasons. Together with an outstanding Board and Executive Committee, (names shown at the end), we plan to continue the great tradition established by our past leaders of providing an opportunity for members to come together and discuss Penn State Football. This year we started with a Social at Gigi's on August 1st with more than 100 in attendance and will continue with our regular Quarterback Event every Wednesday before our talented young Lions take the field. As in the past, selected players and Coach Franklin will join us to provide insight and answer questions regarding our football program, and the upcoming opponent.

I want to recognize our many volunteers who make our activities possible. They work hard to assure that our programs run smoothly. Without their help, we would never be able to have one of the largest booster clubs at Penn State. We will be publishing a list of volunteer duties and their responsibilities shortly. Please look them over to understand what each volunteer is doing for us.

One of my goals, and the goal of the Board is to communicate with our members why and how our Club operates. For a better understanding of the Quarterback Club history please read: <http://statecollegeqbclub.com/about-state-college-quarterback-club/our-history/>

As stated on our website the Mission of the Quarterback Club is:

"The State College Quarterback Club's primary purpose is to provide scholarship assistance through the University's Athletic Department, via The State College Quarterback Club Academic Enhancement Fund for Football, as well as to host the annual Penn State Football Banquet. The club solicits memberships every year, in conjunction with corporate sponsorships, to raise monies to fund both the *Penn State Football Banquet* and the *Academic Enhancement Fund for Football*."

With this in mind we are working to fulfill our commitment to the athletic department of our \$250,000 pledge to the Morgan Academic Center. As of this newsletter, we raised over \$150,000 with every Board Member making a contribution. I want to thank our individual members who are helping to make this goal possible. If you want to make a contribution to the Morgan Academic Center, please note on your contribution that it is to support the Quarterback Club's commitment.

Finally, to communicate with our members, a new question will be added to the weekly survey, "Ask the President". It will be my commitment to answer as many of your questions as possible and provide insight to the operation of our Club. I look forward to your questions.

I hope you find the next two years enjoyable as Coach Franklin leads our team to new heights.

Mark Toniatti, *President*, State College Quarterback Club

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FALL EVENT SCHEDULE

- 8/28 – Idaho
- 9/4 – Buffalo
- 9/11 – Pitt
- 9/25 – Maryland
- 10/2 – Purdue
- 10/9 – Iowa
- 10/16 – Michigan (Whiteout)
- 10/23 – Michigan State
- 11/6 – Minnesota
- 11/13 – Indiana
- 11/20 – Ohio State
- 11/27 – Rutgers

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2019 Weekly Events

The Quarterback Club is excited to kick off the 2019 football season with our first weekly event on Wednesday, August 28th in the Mount Nittany Club at Beaver Stadium. Doors open at 11:00 AM with the program scheduled to start at approximately 11:50 AM. A food buffet is available during this time period.

As in the past, each week Steve Jones, the voice of Penn State Football, will serve as the master of ceremonies and conduct interviews with the two players in attendance as well as Coach Franklin. The interviews will be followed by what is usually a lively Q&A with the members and guests in attendance. This Q&A session/the event typically ends just before 1:00 PM.

One of the main purposes of the weekly event is to give our members and their guest the opportunity to get to know more about the two players as individuals and not be seen as just football players. This opportunity is usually not available to the average fan. The players talk about such topics as their home towns, their siblings and parents, the various sports they played in high school, why they choose to play football at Penn State, their major area of study, their pre-game rituals, and what it's like to run out of the tunnel on game day.

Another main purpose of the weekly event is to afford the attendees the chance to ask Coach Franklin those questions that have been lingering in their minds since the game the previous Saturday. Why was a certain player called? Why did he go for it on fourth down? Why did a certain player get more playing time? Coach Franklin is open and direct with his responses. Other questions usually relate to what can be expected from the opponent for the upcoming game and how Penn State might game plan to address the opponent's strengths and weakness. Once again, Coach Franklin will answer these questions as best he can without giving away too much information. As with the players, having this opportunity to interact with Coach Franklin on a weekly basis is one of the unique benefits of being a member of the Quarterback Club. As always, remember what is said at Quarterback Club stays at Quarterback Club.

This season we have informed you of procedures to be followed when attending the weekly events. Please become familiar with those procedures so you can follow them and let us know if you have any questions. Also, this season we will be providing information about the duties of the various volunteers who work each weekly event. Having this information should help you understand the roles of each of the volunteers and who would be the appropriate person to contact if a question arises during the course of a weekly event. Please remember they are volunteers who are devoting their time and effort to making these events enjoyable experiences for everyone. By the way, they pay to attend the events the same as everyone else-no such thing as a free event!

Everyone at the Quarterback Club hopes you enjoy the upcoming season and that you can attend as many of the weekly events as possible. As we did last year, a survey will be sent after each weekly event seeking your comments regarding what you liked about the event and areas you believe could be improved. Please know we read all your comments and do our very best to address your suggested changes.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on August 28th and throughout the course of what is sure to be an exciting and successful 2019 season.

Vince Dadamo, *Vice President*, State College Quarterback Club



First 4 Weekly Event Menus

August 28, 2019: Opponent Idaho

- Spinach & Strawberry Salad with Lemon Poppy Seed Dressing, Crumbled Feta Cheese and Toasted Slivered Almonds on the side (V, GF)
- Minty Watermelon Cucumber Salad (V, GF)
- Fresh Vegetable Platter with Crème Fraiche (V, GF)
- Fresh Green Beans & Asparagus (V, GF)
- Idaho Mashed Potatoes (V, GF)
- Herb Braised Boneless Chicken Thighs (GF)
- Beef Bourguignon over Buttered Egg Noodles
- Idaho Baked Potato Soup
- PSU Bakery Dinner Rolls
- Large PSU Bakery Oatmeal/Chocolate Chip Cookies, Sugar Cookies, PSU Bakery Brownies, Sugar Free Apple Pie, Assorted PSU Creamery Ice Cream Cups & Cherry Crumb Pie

September 4, 2019: Opponent Buffalo

- Arugula Salad with Fresh Student Farm Tomatoes & Buffalo Mozzarella served with Balsamic Vinaigrette (V, GF)
- Broccoli Salad (V, GF)
- Fresh Cut Fruit (V, GF)
- Roasted Brussels Sprouts (V, GF)
- Basmati Rice
- Poached Salmon with Lemon Dill Sauce (GF)
- Bison Burger Sheppard's Pie
- Creamy Buffalo Chicken Soup with Homemade Baguette Croutons
- Sliced PSU Bakery Artisan Bread
- Large PSU Bakery Oatmeal/Chocolate Chip Cookies, Sugar Cookies, PSU Bakery Brownies, Sugar Free Apple Pie, Assorted PSU Creamery Ice Cream Cups & PSU Bakery Assorted Cup Cakes

September 11, 2019: Opponent Pitt

- Fresh Student Farm Garden Salad with Assorted Toppings (V, GF)
- Roasted Potato Salad (V, GF)
- Fresh Cut Fruit (V, GF)
- Steamed Broccoli with Julienne Carrots (V, GF)
- Perogies with Sautéed Onions
- Pan Seared Tilapia with a Lemon Butter Sauce (GF)
- Smoked Ham with Pineapple Maple Glaze
- Italian Wedding Soup
- Kettle Chips with Sriracha Dipping Sauce (V, GF)
- Large PSU Bakery Oatmeal/Chocolate Chip Cookies, Sugar Cookies, PSU Bakery Brownies, Sugar Free Apple Pie, Assorted PSU Creamery Ice Cream Cups & Pecan Pie

September 25, 2019: Opponent Maryland

- Spring Mix with Grapes, Goat Cheese & Roasted Pecans on the side (V, GF)
- Crab Raviolleti Salad
- Fresh Cut Fruits (V, GF)
- Roasted Corn w/ Red Peppers (V, GF)
- Roasted Stew Cut Carrots (V, GF)
- Fresh Cut Potato Wedge Fries (V, GF)
- Maryland Style Crab Cakes
- Seared Flank Steak (GF)
- Old Bay Seasoned Kettle Chips with Ranch Dipping Sauce
- Lobster Bisque
- Large PSU Bakery Oatmeal/Chocolate Chip Cookies, Sugar Cookies, PSU Bakery Brownies, Sugar Free Apple Pie, Assorted PSU Creamery Ice Cream Cups & Warm Apple Crisp

2019 Football Banquet

The State College Quarterback Club will once again be hosting the Annual Penn State University Football Banquet event on Sunday, December 15th, 2019 at 4 PM, at the Penn Stater Conference Center in State College, PA. The format for this year's banquet will be the same as year's past, where the outgoing senior players, along with their families, their coaches, their underclassmen peers, and several special invited guests, recognize and honor them for their commitment, dedication, and time exemplified throughout their tenure with the team. There will be a limited number of seats available to current State College Quarterback Club Members for this annual banquet event, and we expect that the information regarding the banquet details and ticket application for same, will be available sometime around the middle of October.

The Alumni Guest Speaker for the banquet, has not yet been confirmed, but the Banquet Committee is expecting to have that information finalized within the coming weeks and will be sure to share that information, with members, via our Quarterback Club website.

Stay tuned at our weekly luncheon events for any announced banquet updates, and periodically check out the QB Club website for similar banquet event updates as well.

Carla Jeremias – Board Member

Summer Social

On August 1 over 100 Quarterback Club members and their guests attended our Summer Social at Gigi's Restaurant. The purpose of the event was to raise money for a donation to the Morgan Academic Center, which serves our student-athletes.

Those in attendance were greeted upon arrival by the sounds of members of the Alumni Blue Band. Special guests were Scott Sidwell, Deputy Director of Athletics and Carolyn Kieger, our new women's basketball coach. Beside the fine food and drink, many door prizes were won by our members and guests. We hope this becomes an annual event, so that many members will plan on attending next year.

Special thanks to Pati Clickner, Wayne Palicia and June Walter for helping to make our Summer Social a successful event. Also, special thanks to all those who contributed door prizes, especially the Nittany Lion Club who provided 8 gift bags.

Wayne Palicia – Board Member



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