



Topeka Area Catbackers



Letter from the Club President

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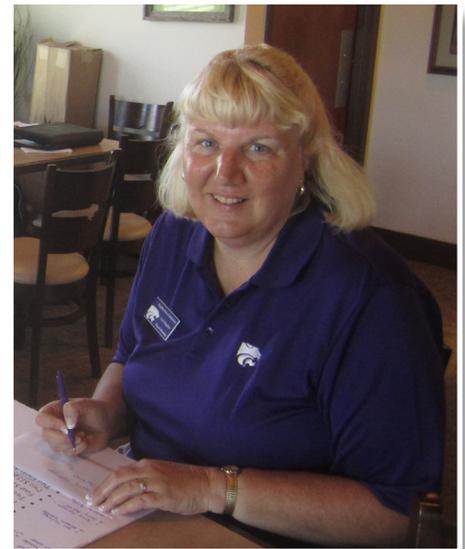
Happy Leap Year! Our club is undergoing some changes in 2016. The annual golf tournament, on June 24th, will be moving to the Lake Shawnee Golf Course. Also our annual Family BBQ and Auction, now called the 34th Annual Banquet, will be moving from the Kansas Expocenter to the Ramada Inn-West, on July 26th. The move was necessitated by crowd size and rental cost of the Expocenter. I promise the food will be of a much better quality, it will be served HOT and there will be enough for everyone.

We will continue our popular “Cat Chats” with former players, coaches and sportscasters. Bus trips are being planned to an away football game and the “K-State Night at the K”. We are also awaiting word when we can tour the new Vanier Football Complex and hope to include it with our Catbacker Day at a KSU home baseball game. Glacier’s Edge Vineyard & Winery has expanded their tasting room and we are planning to have a “Meet & Greet” potluck/social out there early this summer. Along with all those exciting events, we have other ideas in the works so stay tuned.

I am very proud to be a Catbacker member and you should be too! There is no other college or university that has an organized fan base like K-State. Universities across the nation are calling K-State and asking “how do you do that?” The answer is simple...we have the BEST fans in all of college sports. Win or Lose, we LOVE and support our teams. We have set the bar high for other universities to try to emulate and we are proud of our coaches who have mentored and molded our student athletes into great representatives of our University.

Our members are very important to us. I encourage each of you to get involved with the Topeka Area Catbackers club. We always need volunteers to help with the annual golf tournament, annual banquet, kid’s events, watch parties, and bus trips. I would enjoy hearing from you whether it is an idea for a new event, suggestions for a speaker, or anything else you care to share. Please contact me by e-mail at Irognlie@topekaareacatbackers.com .

Be Proud, Be Purple, Go State!
Lori Rognlie

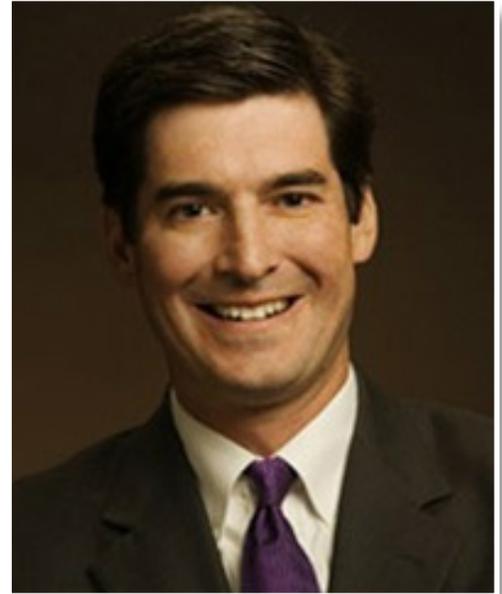


Cat Chat with Stan Weber

Our next Cat Chat will be **April 7th** in the Higgins Room at the Celtic Fox in downtown Topeka. We will once again welcome, former player and current color analyst, Stan Weber. It will be interesting to get his take on this year's men's basketball team compared to last year's team.

A soup and sandwich buffet will be served from 5:30pm to 6:30pm and Stan will begin speaking about 6:45pm. There will be door prizes at the end of the evening and the cost of the event will be \$15 person.

Due to limited seating, this event is for Catbackers members only. Any guests wishing to attend may purchase a \$20 membership, see the Topeka Area Catbackers website for membership form. The deadline for reservations is March 30th, or until we sell out, and we encourage you to get your reservation in early as we did have a full house last year.



Annual Golf Tournament

NEW LOCATION

Friday, June 24th
8:00am shotgun start
Lake Shawnee Golf Course

Cost per player is \$95 or a 4 person team for \$380, and includes cart, greens fee, beverage, lunch and tournament gift.

Registration deadline is June 1st, to be guaranteed a tournament gift. All proceeds benefit the Mike Ahearn Fund. The golf registration form can be downloaded from our website and we are always looking for hole sponsors. Please join us!

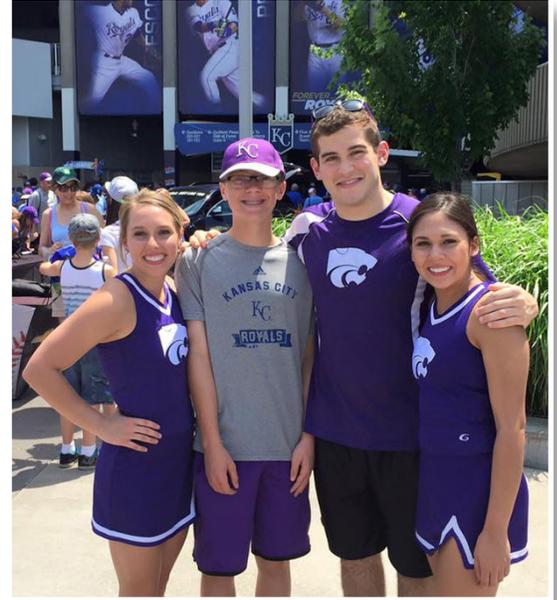


K-State Day at the Royals

Be there for K-State Night at the K on Friday, June 24th, when your 2015 World Series Champion Kansas City Royals take on the Houston Astros. Join your fellow K-State fans for an evening of big league action at the ballpark, topped off with Fireworks Friday!

When: Friday, June 24th. Game time is 7:17pm and the Catbacker bus will leave from Topeka at a place and time to be determined.

Cost: \$65 per person which includes game ticket in Section 247, transportation and souvenir hat.



Please check our website for additional information along with the registration form and contact information.

Survey Results

We want to give a special thank you to all members who took the time to fill out our Catbacker survey. We appreciate you letting us know what events you enjoy and what your interests are, it makes it easier for us to plan events.

As a result of the survey, we have decided to make a much needed change to our annual summer event and moved the golf tournament back to Topeka. Some other suggestions encouraged us to plan an early summer event called a "Meet & Greet" potluck dinner at Glacier's Edge Winery & Vineyard. Also, now that K-State games will once again be broadcast on WIBW 580 radio, we hope to partner with WIBW for an event or two.

It takes a lot of man hours to put on quality events and that is where we need your help. Please do not hesitate to contact us and tell us what kind of event you would like to help with. All board members email addresses are on our website.

"Volunteers are unpaid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless" unknown



34th Annual Banquet

After 33 years, it is time for a much needed change to our annual event. The change was mainly driven by the rising costs of renting the Kansas Expocenter and the crowd size. We have moved the event to the Ballroom in the Ramada Inn-West on Fairlawn. This location allows us to set up the room with round tables, tablecloths, and a better sound system will contribute to a classy and comfortable atmosphere for our banquet.

Gone will be BBQ faire and in its place will be champagne chicken, sirloin tips, rice pilaf, honey-glazed carrots, Neapolitan cheesecake, garden salad & rolls. You have the guarantee of Chef Chad McMaster, that we will not run out of food and the food will be served HOT! Also, new this year will be a cash bar so that you may purchase a drink of your choice.

While there are many new and exciting changes, some things will remain. This is your chance to meet and mingle with other “family” members and to experience the excitement of bidding on those special items in our silent auction. Our speakers will be our special guests from the Ahearn Fund staff, coaches and student athletes. The highlight of the evening will be bidding on live auction items donated by K-State Athletics, the Ahearn Fund and the Alumni Association.

The Topeka Area Catbacker Board has made the pledge to donate \$10,000 this year to the Mike Ahearn Fund. The Ahearn Fund helps support our student athletes with scholarships and a small monthly stipend to help with living expenses. This donation reflects the purpose of our organization and most of all the needed commitment of its members to the betterment of the K-State Athletic program.

Thank you for your continued support by being members and supporting the Club’s programs and fund raisers. We are asking you to come see what our new banquet is all about and help us reach or exceed our goal!

Silent Auction News

We’re very excited about the many changes being made to our Annual Banquet event this year. While the main changes are with the location and the banquet, the auction remains a mainstay!

There are various jobs involved in making the auction a success. At this time we’re asking for volunteers and depending on the amount of time you have available, you can choose what you’d prefer to do.

We need help with the following:

- Contact merchants and individuals for donations
- Arrange for the donations to be collected
- Setting up the afternoon of the event
- Working the auction tables that evening

If you or anyone you know would be interested in getting involved in our club, have an item you’d like to donate to the auction, and/or willing to volunteer a little time, please contact Jody Roberts at 785-640-2220 or email at PKRobcats@aol.com. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on July 26th!! Go CATS!!



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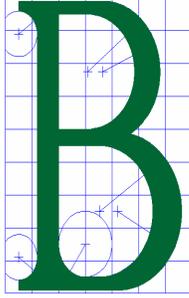
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Topeka Area Catbackers Club Events

April 7th - Cat Chat with Stan Weber

Celtic Fox 5:30 - 9:00pm

June 24th - Bus trip to K-State Night at the K

Kauffman Stadium time TBD

June 24th - Annual Golf Tournament

Lake Shawnee Golf Course

July 26th - Annual Banquet for Ahearn Fund

Ramada Inn West, Topeka

Please mail renewal form and dues of \$20 to the address listed to the right.

Make checks payable to: **Kansas State Catbackers Inc.**

A membership renewal form can be found on our website:

www.topekaareacatbackers.com

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