

# BLOHARDS

Benevolent Loyal Order of the Honorable Ancient Red Sox Diehard Sufferers of New York

February 26, 2008

Greetings from the not-entirely congenial confines of the "Port O' Call Lounge" at the Ft. Meyers Holiday Inn! We hope this communication finds you well, and would like to assure you that while you've been luxuriating in the bracing Northern weather, your BLOHARD Executive Committee has been selflessly tending to Official Club Business in the hot Florida sun.

This has necessarily occasioned some unpleasantness, what with January's Official Club Business having depleted the BLOHARD treasury, and management of the Holiday Inn becoming increasingly shrill in their demands for settlement of the February account.

You will thus understand that there is an especial urgency associated with this year's annual dues appeal. Through rigorous economizing, -such as certain of your Executive Committee members staying in "junior suites" while conducting Official Club Business- it has been possible to hold the annual price of membership to \$20. Lifetime membership, an actuarial imperative for younger BLOHARDS, likewise remains at \$150.

Membership benefits include a personalized membership card, a handy pocket 2008 Red Sox schedule, and an official BLOHARD bumper sticker suitable for adhesion to a bumper of your choice. Lifetime members are encouraged to resubscribe for annual membership for much the same reason that they get periodic "booster shots".

Memberships may be purchased either online at [www.blohards.com/membership.html](http://www.blohards.com/membership.html), or by mailing a check with name, address and email to Julie Powers Killian at 42 Forest Avenue, Rye, NY 10580. Membership materials will be distributed as early as possible, and in any event by the end of April.

The 2008 BLOHARDS calendar is chock-a-block with activities. Shortly following the always oversubscribed opening-day bus trip, we'll convene with the Red Sox on April 17 at the Yale Club in Manhattan to celebrate the team's second world championship in four years. Among other things, the program will include the recently revived Henry Berry Memorial Slide Show. Roger Clemens will likely be mentioned. Tickets on sale now at [www.blohards.com](http://www.blohards.com), or send \$75 a plate to Julie. At various times during the season we'll get together at a convivial watering hole to root our boys on to victory, and on August 27 we'll do the whole lunch thing again. Inane emails will be sprinkled throughout the season.

All of this, of course, is predicated on your Executive Committee's ability to continue to conduct Official Club Business, which, in turn requires that the Committee not find itself detained in the Lee County House of Correction, as has recently been rather inhospitably suggested by the staff here at the Ft. Meyers Holiday Inn. (It should be parenthetically noted that there is, in any event, little to choose between a prison cell and a Holiday Inn "junior suite". We will most certainly take our custom to another establishment next year.) Thus, the urgency of your dues subscription at your earliest convenience.

We look forward to sharing another magical Red Sox season with you.

YOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE