

# THE BLACK AND GOLD POST

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## Stairway to Seven? Why Not!

So here we are. A mere 6+ months ago we were all celebrating like there was no tomorrow. Santonio Holmes tippy-toed his way from the back corner of the end zone all the way to Disney World and our Steelers were on top of the football world once again.

Six Super Bowls, who would have thought? It seemed like a lifetime between numbers four and five, didn't it? It's hard to believe that, with all the good times the PSFCOM has enjoyed over the years that Super Bowl XL was our Fan Club's first taste of the ultimate prize. Then we get to do it all over again just three years later.

And then, just to sweeten things a little more, here come the Penguins under Dan Bylsma to win Lord Stanley's Cup. Two epic seven game series against both the Capitals and the Dead Wings led to another massive parade down Grant Street. The "City of Champions" moniker is once again fashionable and in vogue. Terms like "Sixburgh" and phrases such as "On ice or grass, we'll kick you a\$\$" have become part of what we affectionately refer to as "Pittsburghese".

Try to imagine what will happen when the Pirates begin winning again. (And yes, it will happen. Mark my words. Maybe not in our lifetimes but it will happen).

The point here is that all reasonable logic states that we as fans should be satisfied with what the Black 'n Gold has achieved. No team in the NFL has more than we do. We are number 1. The top of the heap.

Satisfied? Neither am I. We want more. We always want more and we always will. We have all been patiently waiting all summer for the beginning of Training Camp. We have all been checking anything and everything Steelers to get us ready for that first live contact in a preseason game. As Opening Night approaches ever so slowly, the Black n' Gold fire within burns hotter and brighter with each passing day.

That's right. We want more. It won't be easy. Last season, the Steelers played the toughest schedule out of all 32 teams and still won the Super Bowl. Think about that. What an accomplishment. It was this battle tested toughness that allowed last year's team to drive the field in less than 2 minutes for the winning score. We can only hope this year's squad will exhibit that same toughness and drive and there's no reason to believe that they won't.

Some have accused Mike Tomlin of running "Camp Cupcake" out at St. Vincent's this summer. Those folks don't have the word Coach in front of their name so that means nothing. This team has put itself in a great position to repeat with 20 returning starters, upgrades in the special teams and drafting for depth.

Of course, this means nothing right now as all 32 teams are tied for first. As you read this, there is someone in Detroit and probably even someone in Cleveland who is thinking that this is "their" year. That's fine. Let them live the dream. It's results that count and we all know who's done it more than any other.

Stairway to Seven...Sounds good to me. The climb begins in just a few days and I can't wait for the ride!



<http://www.psfcom.net/>

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**4800+**

**OFFICIAL PSFCOM  
LOCATIONS**

**BAMBOO BERNIES BAR & GRILL**  
8359 BALT. & ANNAP. BLVD  
PASADENA, MD. 21122 (410) 647-6100  
<http://www.bambooberniesusa.com/>

**MANGO MANNY'S**  
8712 LOCH RAVEN BLVD.  
TOWSON, MD. 21286 (410) 825-9800  
<http://www.mangomannys.net/>

**906 EAST ST.**  
**FREDERICK MD. 21701**  
(301) 694-0066  
<http://www.myspace.com/krugsplace>

**BAREFOOT BERNIE'S**  
901 DUAL HIGHWAY  
HAGERSTOWN, MD. 21740 (301) 797-4424  
<http://www.barefootberniesusa.com/>

**NO PLACE**  
311 LOVE POINT RD.  
STEVENSVILLE, MD. 21666  
(410) 490-5716  
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Stevensville-MD/NO-PLACE-TAVERN/82803463187>

**DCv2.0 NITE CLUB**  
980 HOSPITALITY WAY  
ABERDEEN MD. 21001 (410) 273-6300  
<http://www.diamondniteclub.com/>

# BAR HAPPENINGS

**No Place** - Our little bit of Pittsburgh on the Eastern Shore will be at it once again with a tailgate party on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, the Detroit game! Also a Bengal roast when the Steelers take on the Cincinnati Pigs! (Did I get something backwards there?) Well anyway, something meaty will be roasting on the original Terrible Grill which lives on in retirement at No Place! And on Dec. 20th they will hold a Bull & Oyster roast for the Steelers and Green Bay Packers game! So let's head down towards the ocean Hon!

**Bamboo Bernies** - Bamboo Bernies down in Pasadena will once again be raffling off two tickets and a limo ride to the Sunday November 29th game at M&T Bank Stadium when our World Champion Steelers take on the Raisins courtesy of Coors Lite & Bamboo Bernie's! You can get your raffle tickets at Bamboo Bernie's on game day, the cost is \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. Also a tailgate party will be held at Bamboo Bernies for the Oct. 11th game against the Detroit Lions starting at 10:00 A.M.

**Barefoot Bernies** - Up in the foot hills of Western Maryland Barefoot Bernies will once again have a full schedule of events planned for the year! The gang will be having a tailgate party for the Oct. 11th game when the Steelers play the Detroit Lions starting at 11 A.M. Also, they will have tailgate parties for the Monday night game against the Denver Broncos and Sunday Nov 22nd when the Steelers travel to Kansas City! So don't let it be said that you can't get enough to eat in this club!

Also, Tony could use some serious help with the club as he will be stepping down after the season and we will need someone to step up and take over the starting QB job! So if you can help please see Tony and let him know!

**DCv2.0 Night Club** - Our Harford location up in Aberdeen in getting ready to rock in their 3rd. season with the PSFCOM! Ed and the group have been doing a fine job of rounding up all the Steelers fans in Harford County! So if ya' live up north head over to DCv2.0 in the Clarion Hotel and join the fun!

**Krug's Place** - Krug's located in the town of Frederick will be at it once again this season! Terry Oliver and crew will have the place ready for the opening game!

**Mango Manny's** - Our newest location in Towson will be a rockin' place to be this year! Located inside the Ramada Inn on Loch Steelers Blvd., the former gang from the Loft will be cheering on our beloved Black and Gold on game days! This should be a nice upgrade from the Loft with more seating and a great food menu to boot! We will have a new rookie crew running the offense up there but I'm very confident they can carry on the Jack Staley and gang traditions! So come on up and lend a hand to Judith and crew! Also, I wonder who is going to be the first one in the pool after the Steelers win! LOL

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## PSFCOM EMAIL GROUP CHANGES

Are you sick and tired of having hundreds of emails flooding your inbox and then asking yourself how do I get out of this email group? If so, we got a solution for you!

Starting in September the only emails you will get will be related to Steelers Football and PSFCOM club happenings. The only people who will be posting and sending out emails will be the PSFCOM managers. They will let you know what is going on that week at any of the various club locations! This was originally the way it was suppose to be used but it obviously got a little out of hand!

If members want to discuss the latest game or sale tickets or any other comments they can be posted on the message board for whoever wants to read and comment on them! These changes are intended to decrease the volume of emails in everybody mailbox while offering a more efficient way to exchange comments/ideas and respond to them.

So if you got something you want to discuss go to the PSFCOM forum at:

[http://psfcom\\_forum.forumcity.com](http://psfcom_forum.forumcity.com)

Just register for a free account. Then you can create or reply to any forum entry.

If you already a member of the PSFCOM email group, you will receive the emails from the PSFCOM managers. You can get your email address added to our email group by signing up for a free Yahoo account and joining the group at:

[http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/psfcom\\_email](http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/psfcom_email)

Hopefully these changes will encourage as many members to join the email group as possible. An added benefit would allow us to get PSFCOM news out to almost all the members in a more timely and cost-efficient manner.

# WTF!

## NO TRIP TO THE 'BURGH?

For the past 17 years this Club has made an annual trip to Pittsburgh to cheer on our Black & Gold! But due to the economic times that we are facing we have unfortunately decided to forgo this year's trip.

As you may guess, it takes an awful lot of money to do this trip like prepaying for tickets, money down for the Saturday night party, reserving the Ryder truck, etc.

It also takes a lot of work from numerous volunteers to get this job done and it's usually the same people year after year! The truth is that this group of volunteers is getting smaller & smaller! Hopefully, we can get back on track next year and continue having fun while the Steelers win Championships!

# CLUB NOTES

Here's a handy list of the PSFCOM events already scheduled in the upcoming Steelers 77th season. Go Steelers!

- 10/11 Tailgate at No Place
- 10/11 Tailgate at Bamboo Bernies
- 10/11 Tailgate at Barefoot Bernies
- 11/1 **CLUB MEETING AT MANGO MANNY'S - 1PM**
- 11/9 Tailgate at Barefoot Bernies
- 11/22 Tailgate at Barefoot Bernies
- 11/29 Raffle for Limo and Tix at Bamboo Bernies
- 12/20 Bull and Oyster Roast at No Place

**IN MEMORIAM:** PSFCOM and Pittsburgh lost a great supporter, Jim O'Leary, member #397. He was an avid Steelers-Penguins-Pirates fan. And best of all, he gave Ravens fans a lot of hell!

**STAY INFORMED:** Join the official PSFCOM e-mail group at

[http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/psfcob\\_email](http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/psfcob_email)

Ideas for articles and news for the notes can be submitted to Bob and Leslie White by email at [fanofsteel@comcast.net](mailto:fanofsteel@comcast.net)

## CLUB MEETING

The PSFCOM will have a meeting that is open to all members of the club! We will be discussing ways to make this club better and to keep it going strong! We need club members to step up and help out! So if you care about what's happening in the PSFCOM then come to the meeting and participate!

Where: Mango Manny's

When: Sunday November 1st. (Bye Week)

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 PM

## OFFICIAL 2009 PSFCOM LOCATIONS



# MEMBERSHIP (OR T-SHIRT, IF NEEDED) FORM

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name* *Address*

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\_\_\_\_\_ *E-mail*

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name* *Address*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Phone*

\_\_\_\_\_ *E-mail*

Shirt size - Med. \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ X-large \_\_\_\_\_ 2X-large \_\_\_\_\_ 3X-large \_\_\_\_\_

For each shirt(s) to be mailed add \$5.00 for handling.

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$25.00 per membership \$17 for t-shirt only)

Checks Payable to: Pittsburgh Steelers Fan Club

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3704 Century Avenue  
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