



May 2008

USA and Draft Pick

Chris and I have just been to America for 3 weeks. We started in San Diego for a week, then onto Hawai'i and ended up in San Francisco and region before travelling home. We had fantastic weather, great food (huge portions), fantastic vistas, sun setting over Waikiki Beach– glorious. The only bad point was that we didn't go in the football season but we did manage to see a Baseball game in San Diego.

We were in America for Draft Day which was constantly talked about for two weeks before the event. So much so, that we got fed up with it all. We didn't follow it on the TV as we were driving through spectacular forests on the Saturday but caught up with it when we got to our motel. I must admit that I don't follow college football, so I am at a great disadvantage when the draft is about as I have not got a clue who is good or not. Saying that, the news bulletins kept going on about draft picks that have seemed great and have not produced and vice versa. Namely Tom Brady for example who was draft pick 50,000 (hyperbole) but came up trumps.

I've just been on the forum to check out what happened and there is a great post from Hawkshead detailing what we achieved in the draft. Give it a read if you want to get up-to-date.

<http://www.seahawkers.org.uk/phpbb2/viewtopic.php?t=5243>

As well as getting up-to-date with what has been happening with the Seahawks, the forum is always a good place to catch up with other members etc.

No Shaun next season

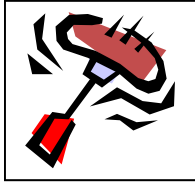
While we were in the states it was announced on Sportscentre that Shaun Alexander was departing from the Seahawks. Nobody in the US was actually surprised, he was waiting to become fit to play before announcing that he was leaving.

Shaun has always been a favourite of mine but even I wasn't surprised either. As I write this I'm not aware that he has gone to a specific team – Chris said that the Bengals were in the mix.

When we were in San Francisco having a look in an NFL shop, they were selling No. 37 shirts for \$40 (about £20).

You are all invited to

The Annual UK Booster Club's



BBQ



August 10th

The venue to be announced nearer the time. We are hoping somewhere in the centre of the UK.

I'm slotting this in now so that you can put this date in your diaries. For all members of the Booster club, the BBQ is **free**. If you would like to bring families and friends that aren't members, then we will be charging £5 a head (adults only). We had a great time last year, and hope to get more people this year. We are still experimenting with the format and are hoping to have activities organised for the day for all.

Please try and make it as it is always good to meet up, and especially talk to like minded people who love the Seahawks.

With the BBQ in mind, please help us to find a location:

We need a central location ie W Midlands, Leicester, Notts etc with the following facilities:

Hall to hold approx 50 - 60 people (preferably with a bar). This hall/clubhouse should have immediate access to playing fields & an area where we can BBQ. Need to have this as far away from Roads as possible as children will be attending. Would like to avoid Cricket Clubs if possible as scheduling is very difficult.

The idea is to have a game of rounders or the like along with other outdoor activities.

BBQ pitches in Woodland would be okay providing there is sufficient shelter for all should it bucket down

Visit to the States this season

Seahawk.blue are organising a weekend of activities centred round a home game in Seattle. After asking people their preferences it looks like the home game against the Rams is going to be the winner. This will be on Spetember 21st. There is an open invitation to all members and a few of us have participated in these events in past years and it has been a blast and well worth going. They organise events for the whole weekend including, a Saturday night drink, tailgate party and tickets to the game. I do know that if you do go then money will be needed up front, so that less stress is put on the organiser for the weekend. Knowing everyone has paid makes life a lot easier. As I write this, I'm still trying to find out more details. It will either be in next months newsletter, or I will send an e-mail round to everyone if necessary. Watch this space. Here is a link to the seahawk blue forum thread for you to keep up-to-date

<http://seahawkblue.com/showthread.php?t=8751>

Facebook

Facebook is a website that hooks you up with friends and family and is great for downloading photos, videos etc. The website to join is www.facebook.com. We have a group that all can join called the UK Seattle Seahawks Fans. It currently has 26 members. Below is a direct link to this group page once you have logged in:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=31556255800>

Don't you just love the grief that comes with trying to get tickets for Wembley

The first sale of general admission tickets for the 2008 International Series game between the New Orleans Saints and San Diego Chargers at Wembley this October has been confirmed for Thursday 29th May.

This general admission sale will be open to people that registered their interest in purchasing tickets for the 2008 International Series game in February. A number of people who registered their interest will be selected randomly and will be sent an email confirming their participation in this sale that will arrive in early May.

The sale will be handled by the NFL's official ticket partner for this event – Ticketmaster. Those people selected to purchase tickets will have to input the Ticketing PIN Code they were assigned with the Registry of Interest – which will be sent as a reminder in the confirmation email – and will then be able to select the tickets they wish to buy.

NFL UK received enough ticket requests to sell out Wembley six or seven times over, so once again tickets for the 2008 International Series game will be extremely hard to get hold of.

The above article is taken from the NFLUK website

And finally.....

Another plug here for people to let me know if they want anything put in this newsletter. Even if people don't want to write stuff, suggestions can help me out tremendously. Good luck with the Wembley tickets.

Love Pops



Go Seahawks !!

