



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT on Jayson Strayhorn

Former Michigan State Spartan All-Big Ten center Jason Strayhorn is a new Active Member of the DSBA. He is in his 6th season as sideline reporter for the Spartan Sports Network. This past Spring he served as the Big Ten Network analyst for the Michigan State Spring game. A native of Indianapolis, Indiana, Strayhorn started 24 consecutive games at center for Coach Nick Saban in 1997-98.

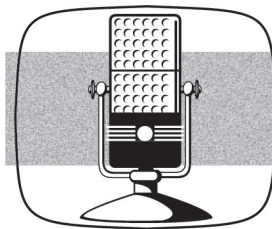
As a senior, he earned first-team All-Big Ten honors from the coaches and media after grading out as a winner (better than 70 percent) in 11 of the 12 games in 1998. The former team captain also received the Up Front Award as the team's outstanding interior lineman in 1998, consistently posting the unit's top grade for pass protection by not allowing a sack the entire season. Strayhorn turned in one of the best performances of his career in MSU's 28-24 victory over top-ranked Ohio State in Columbus in 1998. He was selected Spartan Offensive Player of the Week after grading out 80 percent overall against the Buckeyes, including 89 percent in his pass-blocking assignments.

Strayhorn, who received his bachelor's degree in business management from Michigan State in 1998, does other on air work with "State Champs TV" for Detroit Metro Area high school sports weekly honor roll. He also owns a real estate investment company.

"It's a dream come true to return to the sidelines in this capacity," Strayhorn said in 2006 when named to the MSU football broadcast team. "As a former player, I know that I can provide Spartan fans with special insights from that vantage point. "I'm excited to be working along with George Blaha and Jim Miller on the broadcasts. I've listened to George describe games for a number of years and I can't think of a better broadcaster to learn from than him. During my playing career, I read a lot about Jim in the media guide and I closely followed his NFL career. He enjoyed some outstanding years with the Chicago Bears. As a former center, I have a special bond with quarterbacks, so I look forward to building a strong relationship with Jim as a broadcast partner."



Jayson Strayhorn



# THE SCOREBOARD

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## In Case You Missed Our Recent Event...



The Detroit Sports Broadcasters Association held their 5th annual MSU / U of M BIG GAME Lunch at the Skyline Club. Participating in the Quarterback Confab and cutting the Michigan / MSU cake are former QB's Michael Taylor and Dennis Brown (Michigan) and Jim Miller and Bryan Clark (MSU). Photo courtesy of Jim Hindy.



DSBA Members Jim Brandstatter (left), radio voice of the Michigan Wolverines and George Blaha (right), radio voice of the Michigan State Spartans pose for a photo at the Big Game Lunch.

Our DSBA Big Game Tablegate Media Luncheon was held on October 12, 2011 at the beautiful Skyline Club in Southfield. Featuring a "Quarterback Confab" with four Michigan and Michigan State quarterbacks who have participated in one of college football's greatest rivalries, the Michigan-Michigan State game. More than 40 members, media and guests were on hand to welcome Michigan State's Bryan Clark and Jim Miller and Michigan Wolverines Michael Taylor and Dennis Brown. Clark was starting quarterback for the Spartans in 1979-1981 under Darryl Rogers. He received the Governor of Michigan award as Most Valuable Player in '81 and was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers in 1982, and had a four-year NFL career. Miller was Spartans QB from 1990-93 and a three-year starter for George Perles. He's among MSU's all-time leaders in passing attempts, completions, comple-

tion percentage and yardage. He had a 12-year NFL career and serves as both the Spartans and Chicago Bears radio analyst. Taylor was U-M's QB from 1986-89, leading the Wolverines to a Big Ten championship in 1988 and a win over USC in the Rose Bowl in 1989 under Coach Bo Schembechler. He was the Big Ten's passing efficiency leader for the '88 season. Brown was an all-Big Ten QB in 1968 under Coach Bump Elliott. He led Michigan to a come from behind victory over MSU, handing them their first loss of the season 28-14. He coached for 20 years at four Division I schools, eight at U-M under Schembechler. Sergeant-at-arms Bill Harrington presided over the Tablegate and emcees were DSBA Active Members Jim Brandstatter and George Blaha, who call games for U-M and MSU, respectively. A bounteous gridiron buffet included all-Michigan grown products and beverages. A cake-cutting ceremony featured all four QB's. If you missed this very special DSBA event, mark your calendars for our 5th annual U-M/MSU luncheon next college football season.

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## Schedule of Events

Tuesday, November 8, 2011  
**Red Wings Broadcasters Night at Joe Louis Arena**  
Red Wings vs. Avalanche  
Site: Joe Louis Arena  
Time: 5 pm - Ken Kal & Shannon Hogan Talk  
7:35 pm - Faceoff  
Tickets: \$25 and \$40 (\$5 goes to DSBA Grant Fund)  
Info: Clark Rowenkamp (313) 394-7546 or Clark.Rowenkamp@Hockeytown.com

Friday, December 16, 2011  
**Annual DSBA Christmas Party & Kathy Best "Best of the Best" Award Announcement**  
Site: Sindbad's on the River  
100 St. Clair Avenue, near Jefferson  
Detroit, MI  
Time: 12 Noon  
Cost: To Be Announced  
Lunch: To Be Announced  
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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT on Jim Miller

James Donald Miller (born February 9, 1971 is an Active Member of the DSBA. Born in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, he's a former NFL quarterback, last under contract to the New York Giants. He was drafted in the 6th round of the 1994 NFL Draft by the Pittsburgh Steelers, 178th overall. Miller attended Waterford Kettering High School and graduated in 1989. He started as the Captain's Varsity quarterback his sophomore year and held that position through his senior year. Miller was also a star baseball player. Miller never played an entire game at quarterback with the Pittsburgh Steelers (1994-1996) and never took a snap with the Atlanta Falcons (1997). It was not until 1999, his second year with the Chicago Bears, that Miller earned a starting job. Miller became established as the starter for the Bears' brief playoff run in 2001, their first berth since 1994. With the second-best record in the NFC and tied for the second-best record in the NFL along with the Pittsburgh Steelers at 13-3, the Chicago Bears were awarded a first-round bye. This was due in large part to the Bears top ranked defense as well as the ball control offense Miller led. On January 19, 2002, the Chicago Bears met the Philadelphia Eagles in the NFC Divisional Playoffs with Jim Miller at the

helm. The game was fairly competitive until the final seconds of the first half when Eagles' defensive end Hugh Douglas delivered a hit to Miller that resulted in a separated shoulder. Shane Matthews replaced Jim Miller, who had only thrown 3 completions on 5 pass attempts with an interception in what was to become his lone playoff appearance. Eventually the Chicago Bears succumbed to Philadelphia 33-19.

Miller would lose his starting job in 2002. Miller picked up a Super Bowl ring as the backup quarterback for the 2004 New England Patriots. Before the 2005 season, he signed with the Giants, but was released after receiving an injury settlement. He is now a host for Sirius NFL Radio on Sirius Satellite Radio and Chicago Bears Postgame on Comcast Sports Net in Chicago. In addition, he serves as Color Commentator for Michigan State University Football radio broadcasts and hosts the weekly post-game call in show for MSU football.



Jim Miller

## DSBA MEMBERS ON THE GO

- **Ken Daniels**, DSBA Active Member, has started his 15th season as Detroit Red Wings television play-by-play broadcaster, as seen on Fox Sports Detroit. Ken also handles play-by-play for CCHA games on FSD.
- **Frank Garza**, DSBA Associate Member, was a referee for the fight card at Motor City Casino (Detroit) on October 6th.
- **Dan Grashuck**, DSBA Associate Member, was a ringside judge for the fight card at Motor City Casino on October 6th in Detroit.
- **Ken Kal**, DSBA Active Member, has begun his 17th season as the radio play-by-play voice of the Red Wings, as heard on WXYT-FM 97.1 The Ticket.
- **Budd Lynch**, DSBA Honorary Lifetime Member and Past President, has started his 62nd season with the Red Wings organization. He shares public address announcing duties with John Fossen.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- **Jim Nantz**, lead play-by-play announcer for The NFL on CBS and ASA Board Member, received the Pro Football Hall of Fame's 2011 Pete Rozelle Radio-Television Award, given annually by the Pro Football Hall of Fame recognizes "long-time exceptional contributions to radio and television in professional football." He is the youngest recipient ever of this award. He received the award on August 5th during the Enshrinees Dinner. That event is where the Hall of Fame Class of 2011 - Richard Dent, Marshall Faulk, Chris Hanburger, Les Richter, Ed Sabol, Deion Sanders, and Shannon Sharpe - received their gold Pro Football Hall of Fame jackets. Nantz also was honored by the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame as its youngest recipient of the Curt Gowdy Media Award in 2002. With the Pete Rozelle Radio-Television Award honor, Nantz joins Dick Enberg

## DID YOU KNOW? - CONTINUED

and Curt Gowdy as the only broadcasters to be recognized by both the Pro Football Hall of Fame and the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

- **Mitch Albom**, Detroit Free Press columnist and WJR-AM talk show host, is being inducted into the Michigan Jewish Sports Foundation Hall of Fame on November 7, 2011 at the Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell Road, Southfield. Also inducted are Irving "Pro" Boim, Bruce Seid, Richard Seid and Henry Wineman III. Richard Bernstein is set to receive the 2011 Alvin Foon Humanitarian Award. Mike Stone of WXYT-FM 97.1 The Ticket is emcee. For ticket information, call (248) 592-9323 or visit michiganjewishsports.org.

- **Harry Heilman**, Past DSBA Active Member and former Detroit Tigers player and broadcaster, was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1952.

- **Buck Jerzy**, DSBA Associate Member, attended his first DSBA Meeting in August 1959 at the Detroit Tuller Hotel as guest of Paul Pentecost, Lions radio stats man and Wayne State's information director.

- **Van Patrick**, Past DSBA Active Member, broadcast the Tigers in 1949 with Heilman on WXYZ-AM, and 1952-1959 with partners Dizzy Trout, Mel Ott and George Kell (different years) on stations WKMH-AM and WJBK-AM. Patrick was also voice of the Detroit Lions, Mutual Sports and Monday Night Football in the 1960's and 1970's.

- **Ty Tyson**, DSBA Founder and President in Perpetuity, broadcast the Tigers games from 1927-1942 on WWJ-AM and 1951 with Paul Williams on WXYZ-AM and WJBK-AM.

## BALLOTS & NOMINATIONS

Enclosed in this mailing are the Detroit Tigers DSBA Rookie of the Year ballot and the 2012 Nomination of Officers for DSBA Elections. These forms should be completed and returned by the dates shown. All Honorary, Active and Associate Members may participate in the ballot and nomination processes. Return these to DSBA, PO Box 1222, Warren, MI 48090-1222, e-mail to DSBA1@yahoo.com, or fax to (586) 558-9104. Thank you.

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## Indy Car Racing Returns to Detroit



Mark Reuss, Pres., GM North America, Mayor Dave Bing, Roger Penske CEO, Penske Corp., Randy Bernard, CEO IndyCar and Jim Parker GM.



Team Penske drivers Helio Castroneves, and Will Power.

By Robert Benko

The Detroit Grand Prix will be returning to Detroit, June 1-3, 2012. Detroit Major Dave Bing; Roger Penske, Chairman of Penske Corp.; and Mark Reuss, President of GM North America, made the announcement during remarks at the Renaissance Center on October 12, 2011. The Chevrolet Indy Grand Prix will be held on the 2.1 mile course in Belle Isle Park. The last time the race was held there was in 2008. Because of the downturn in Michigan's economy, the race has been discontinued since 2008.

Mark Reuss said Chevy will re-enter the Indy Car Series with a 2.2 liter twin-turbo, direct-injection V6 racing engine that will develop 550-700hp. The Chevy Indy Grand Prix will be presented by shopautoweek.com and will feature three

other races, the Chevrolet Detroit Sports Car Challenge, Cadillac V-Series Challenge, and the Firestone Indy Light Series.

Detroit Mayor Dave Bing said the last two weeks have been his best in his 2 1/2 years as mayor. With this IndyCar announcement, the Tigers in the playoffs, the Lions starting 5-0, Bing said "it's a great day for Detroit."

Roger Penske, said he was overjoyed to have Chevy back in racing, and the sponsors of the Belle Isle race. Penske is investing \$6 million to improve the track and the park. Roger Penske introduced two of his drivers, Helio Castroneves, who has won twice on Belle Isle, and Will Power who is doing well in the Indy Series. See you at the track.

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## WE GET LETTERS

George,  
I have secured a DVD of the award presentation on Fox Run TV and will mail it to you under separate cover. Let me also take this opportunity to thank you for driving out to Fox Run and personally presenting the Ernie Harwell Lifetime Contribution Award. I was thrilled to receive this award from an organization that has always been special to me. Congratulations for the work that you and recent executive committees have accomplished in breathing new life in a great historic organization and for the continued promotion of sports broadcasting in the Greater Detroit Area. Again, I thank you.  
- John C. Fountain

## A Message from the Treasurer

The DSBA is in a solid financial position for the 2011 fiscal year. Financial statements have been prepared covering the first 3 quarters of 2011. A full year report will be published in the Scoreboard at year end. As of September 30, 2011, the checking account balance was \$7,270.46. The savings account held \$6,039.70 in the form of a CD that matured October 20, 2011.

With Executive Board concurrence, a review of accounting procedures has been initiated in order to assure that no possibility exists for the improper handling of funds. As a CPA, these procedures were initiated by your Treasurer six years ago and continue to be in effect by your current Executive Board.

- All checks are written by the Treasurer ONLY.
- Checks must be supported by invoices that are approved by the Board.
- Ordinary operating expenses are approved by the Executive Director.
- All monies received are and must be deposited on a timely basis, usually within one day of receipt.
- All deposits are and must be supported by a

detailed receipt identifying the source of the funds.

- All luncheon and/or fund raising function deposits are and must be supported by a list of participant names to assure payment and identify those who participate in DSBA activities.
- All funds received from advertising, dues, donations, etc. are and must be supported by a receipt form.
- Checks received from the Executive Director (DSBA P.O. Box) are and must be accompanied by a copy of the check.

Because of the size of the DSBA, the financial activity is not overly complex. Nevertheless, we have undertaken the task of incorporating the financial activity into one of the popular computerized accounting systems. This is expected to be finalized by year end.

- Bill Wischman