

# FROM THE BULLPEN



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Brethren:

Holiday greetings from *From the Bullpen*.

This brief holiday issue is to remind you of our Winter Meeting set for Saturday, January 21, 1995, at 12950 Eagle Run Drive. Since none of you have indicated otherwise, I assume that all 12 of the HSL owners will be in attendance at the Winter Meeting. Fair assumption? This is your last chance to request a different date.

Fearful that there will not be a baseball season in '95 to center the Hot Stove League around, Brother B.T. has engendered a plan to involve the HSL membership in a golf rotisserie league. Details are sketchy at this point, but B.T. has promised a modest entry fee (\$10), a fair selection process (he plans to pick everyone's team for them), and periodic (daily, weekly or annually, depending on his success in obtaining a computer program) league standings. Since all of us enjoy golf in addition to baseball, and some of us are actually good at the game, it may be a fun alternative if the baseball owners are resolved to break the union in 1995. More information to follow from B.T.

## WE'RE WAITING, POSSUM

Difficult to believe though it may be, I am still patiently waiting for Possum's rebuttal to my Manager of the Decade article (September 1992). Rest assured that as soon as it is received, I will favor each of you with a copy.

## ITCHIE - OUR RISING STAR

And last, but certainly not least, for those of you who did not read the Omaha World Herald business section yesterday, I enclose a copy of the page from the Sunday paper announcing Itchie's promotion from *vice president of sales* to *vice president of client business relations*. In other words, taking prospective clients to strip joints, getting them drunk, and getting them to sign contracts.

Jim Ed rightfully pointed out that Thielen's picture for the World Herald article is a bit dated. Itchie hasn't had that much hair on his head since junior high. Nevertheless, we congratulate Itchie on his promotion, and pay tribute to

him with the enclosed Top Ten List of Reasons for his anointment as the King of Schmooze.

And that should cover us for this issue. Warm holiday wishes to each of you and your families from *From the Bullpen*. See you on January 21.

Skipper