



REMEMBERING  
my friend

“The Rev”

Richard Faust

by Steve “Wellsy” Wells

with contributions from our baseball  
community and my wife, Carly Wells

*This memory book is dedicated to Richard's  
wife, Julia Faust, whom he often told me  
was the love of his life. Richard in turn  
shared his love of baseball with all of us.  
These are some of our stories...*

## I met Richard in 1994.

It was my first Orioles Fantasy Camp. The first night at the lobby of the Harley Sandcastle Hotel, I heard this guy yell out, "Yahoo, we're going to Club Mary's!" I turned and saw an exuberant, fun-loving guy wearing a cowboy hat. He's like, "C'mon! There's a bus waiting outside." I thought to myself, "Why not? It's probably a country dance bar." Boy was I surprised when we entered the strip joint. That was Richard. The center of mayhem, the life of the party, organizer extraordinaire, and our "larger than life" friend in baseball. I played baseball with Richard ever since that first meeting; loved every minute of it. I just want more time with him.

## Wellsy Man & The Rev



# Roy Hobbs November 2011



Throughout the years, I am grateful for the many memories I have of Richard. These first few pictures featured here are from a very memorable tournament at Roy Hobbs in 2011. This was the one-year anniversary of my near-fatal dissection. Richard called me every day during that first year of recovery. What better way to celebrate life than playing baseball with friends like that?

## The Mucky Duck, Captiva Island



We all knew Richard as a constant jokester. When at the Mucky Duck, he paraded the “window seat” to all the patrons there. See the window behind him and Paul? Haha! Everyone gets a window seat at the Mucky Duck! And Richard made sure that everyone knew that.

Dammit, Richard, I miss you.



I look forward to playing ball when we meet again.



# Cooperstown



Some highlights of the many games we played together.

September 2013



# Roy Hobbs 2013



Richard was a solid ball player...





...a teammate you  
could count on.

Always ready to contribute.



A comic, rain or shine.



A great friend.



A driver when you needed one.



Jet Blue Red Sox Field in Ft. Myers, Florida, just one of many baseball fields in the USA that we played on together.

*Richard, your huge and generous spirit lives on in the hearts of so many you touched in this life and will live on in our baseball community, here and beyond.*



*Steve Murfin:*

*“Richard Faust was one of the first people I met when I went to the Baltimore Orioles Fantasy Camp in 1995. He and I have been great friends ever since. We played on the same team in all the local leagues in DC—the Olney Orioles—and we were competitors in Cooperstown. His team, The Choir, won their first Cooperstown tournament championship in 2014. He pulled off a surprise 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party for me in 2005. I loved the guy. You could count on him for a good laugh and, if you needed someone to talk to, he would help you have a good cry.*

*“He spoke to my mother near her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday at Dream Week 2019, a few weeks before he left us. He had her laughing. She knew him as long as I did. She told me that he never changes. We are better off having known him and we will never be complete now that he’s gone.”*



# The Choir



**From:** Richard Faust [<mailto:rfaust88@starpower.net>]

**Sent:** Sunday, September 07, 2014 9:45 PM

**To:** Beakes, John (III); Beakes, John (Sr); Bouyoukas, Steve; Bratten - Bill; Dorfman, Ira; Graffeo, John; Grubbs, Tom; Hatfield, Bill; McGrane, Debbie & Gary

**Cc:** Pavlock, Joe; Freeman, Steve

**Subject:** Rev's Rock & Soul Team - 2014 Coop - General Recap  
Hey Champs (not Chumps) :-)

Here is a general recap of what I remember about our team in this cool tournament at The Coop:

## GAME RESULTS:

Game 1 - We lost by about 8-2 - Then we partied!

Game 2 - We won 8-7 in a last inning win after being down by a score of 7-2 - Then we partied at the Lake Front Hotel Dining Room!

Game 3 - We won by a score of about 8-2 - Then we partied!

Game 4 - We won 9-8 in a walk off Hatfield style win - Then we partied!

Game 5 - We won 7-6 in a walk off Rev style win - Then we partied!

Game 6 - We won 5-4 in another kind of walk off win due to a truly special 8-5 awesome force out with the bases loaded and 2 outs - Then we went home as champions of the Coop Tournament and partied!

Note that our team won 4 of our 5 games by scoring a LOT of runs in the last inning of those 4 games where we were down by a number of runs late in the game.

## INDIVIDUAL THINGS I REMEMBER:

The first and most important thing is that we were truly a team - not individuals - but a true team in every sense of the word - how awesome!!

(Cont'd)...

# The Choir, 2 of 3

## PLAYER SUMMARIES:

Ira Dorfman - Pitched 18 innings and was 5-0 for the series. Ira also hit extremely well all series - and knocked in the winning run in the championship game - and he scored the winning run in the first playoff game. Ira also saved Rev's butt by convincing Rev not to catch the last inning on Thursday due to physical issues - saving the Rev's butt was a good thing! **Ira is officially our team MVP** - Awesome job!!

John Beakes III - He was solid all series in RF - and also gave The Rev a break in each game as catcher. John also smoked the ball and had some great key hits. John also ran for his dad a number of times - and he scored a lot of runs - Excellent job!!

John Beakes, Sr - John was steady all series at second base, making some nice plays to get key outs. He also had some truly key hits in several games. In one special at bat, John Sr was going to bunt is son to 2nd base - but instead he found a way to get hit by the pitch and we had 2 runners on instead of one - Excellent job!!

Steve Bouyoukas - After having some pain issues with his pitching arm in the 2nd game, Steve was really solid at first base all series - and had several key base hits that helped us score runs when the game was still in doubt - Great job!!

Bill Bratten - Bill was outstanding in center field all during the series - and had 2 awesome 8-5 put outs as well as one 8-6 key put out - and one of the 8-5 put outs literally saved out victory in the championship game. Bill also volunteered to pitch some - and kept us close in a couple of games with very solid pitching. Bill was also a **candidate for our team MVP** - Excellent job!!

John Graffeo - was a total stud at shortstop all during the tournament and made some truly great plays. The highlight play was the one where John actually covered home plate after a ball got past our goofy catcher. The goofy catcher pick up the ball and saw John running to cover home and threw the ball to John who made a great snag and then tagged out the runner (Pavlock) at home for the out - what a great play!! John also hit well all series and was definitely a candidate for our team MVP. John did win the tournament **Fielding MVP** award - well deserved!!

Tom Grubbs - was our stud utility player - he filled in at 1B, 2B, 3B, RF and LF - and was awesome everywhere he played. Tom also had several key hits throughout the tournament to help us get to - and then win the championship - Awesome job!!

Bill Hatfield - As we all know, he crushed a spectacular triple that scored the winning run in our final "regular" season game that allowed us to be the #1 seed in the playoffs. Bill also hit well in other games - and was truly a stud in left and center field all series - Excellent job!!

Gary McGrane - was solid all series at third base - and he also played some SS - and he volunteered to help us by pitching about 10 truly excellent innings that kept us in the games. Gary also had several key hits during the series and ran with jack rabbit speed - ok, maybe with bunny rabbit speed :- ) - but he was on base a lot! - Excellent job!!

Richard (The Rev) Faust - caught about 112 innings - ok maybe more like 31 innings - and he had some key hits including one that gave us a walk off win in the the first playoff game. He also was goofy and had hemorrhoids - but we won't need to discuss those details...

THE BOTTOM LINE - WE WON - AND WE PARTIED ALL DURING THE TOURNAMENT - HOORAY!!

Hope to see you all again soon!

The Rev  
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P.S. Feel free to write any thoughts you may have to us all... the plaque listing the 2014 championship by The Choir.

# The Choir, 3 of 3

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Subject: RE: Rev's Rock & Soul Team - 2014 Coop - General Recap

Date: Sun, 7 Sep 2014 23:21:32 -0400

I'd also like to chime in. Thanks, Richard, for your leadership and for my coronation. I think others were as deserving – repeatedly bailing me out of some difficult situations. As both John Graffeo and Bill Hatfield said, this was a complete team effort. While often this expression has become a cliché, in this case it is completely accurate – there was not one person on this team that did not make a significant pitching, hitting or fielding contribution to our success –

While Richard's decision to place the Beakes at the top of the lineup may have originally been a symbolic gesture, it turned out to be a brilliant strategic move – Senior and John III started more than a few rallies for us with their solid hitting. While Senior may have short-armed a few throws, he made some impressive stops at second, did not drop one throw and turned a few double plays. While Steve Bouyoukas injured his arm and couldn't pitch, he contributed some critical hits and played a solid first base. Tom Grubbs hit well throughout the tournament, contributed a critical double and ranged far left at second base to snag a liner and turn it into a double play. Bratten and Graffeo were studs in the field – making some spectacular plays and bailing me out of some difficult situations. Both also hit a few crucial bombs. Hatfield's walk-off triple was probably the biggest hit of the tournament and followed that up with the RBI hit that put us ahead in the championship game. Gary kept our pitching situation in hand – coming in to pitch in some very difficult situations and minimizing the damage. Our manager, of course, gutted it out behind the plate, called a good game and blocked a number of pitches that could have sent the umpire to the infirmary. He also had a number of key hits including the walk-off hit in the first game of the playoffs.

It is always a kick to play on a winning team, but this experience was even better. We had fun together and I was able to make a few new friends.

Hope to see everyone again soon.

Best, Ira

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Begin forwarded message:

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Team:

It was a true pleasure to meet and play ball with all of you in Cooperstown. You are all a great bunch of guys and I can truly say that my baseball family has grown quite a bit after last week. I also want to thank you all for helping me celebrate my first ever championship in organized baseball. Hope to see you all again next year.

Steve



More  
"Murfman"  
Memories



One of Carly's favorite memories: Ringing in the millennium with nothing other than baseball at the home of David and Karen Main, which became an annual "Main Event" for several years to come,

# Cooperstown Banquet

Hi Steve and Carly,  
Thanks so much for putting  
this all together.  
These are photos of Richard  
that I have taken through  
the years. He always  
made sure everyone was  
having a good time,  
on the ball field and  
everywhere else. When  
David and I were first  
dating, "Sev" was the  
first member of our

baseball family to  
welcome me, with a  
big smile, lots of laughter,  
and a hug.  
He is truly missed by  
David, myself and  
countless others.  
Hugs,  
Chae & David



--Contributed by the Vidis

## Baseball in the Wild West



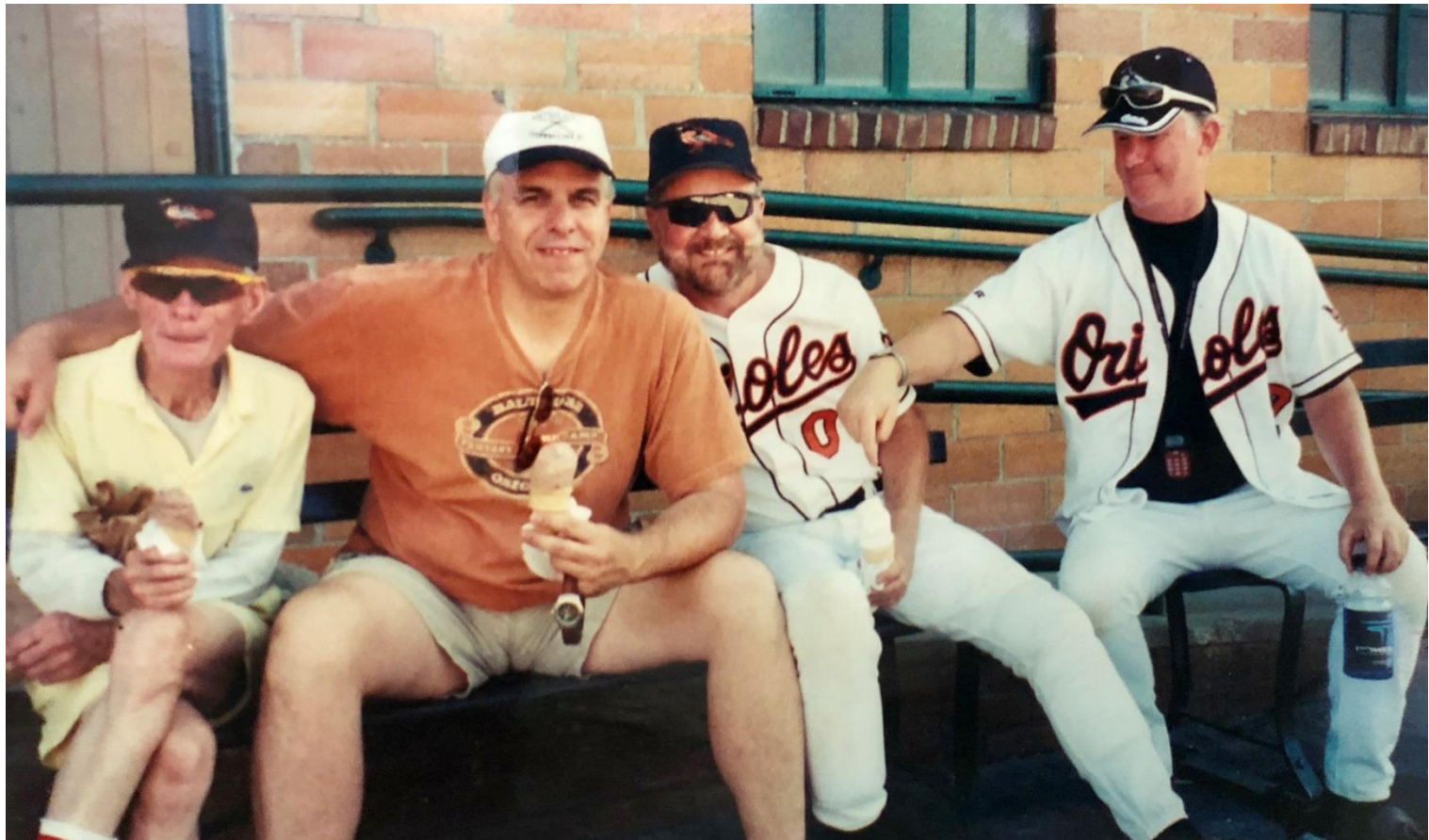
*Richard and David Vidi, Crystal Palace Saloon, Tombstone, AZ  
During a baseball tournament in Tucson --Contributed by the Vidis*

# Doubleday Field

Once Upon a Time

*"I took this in Cooperstown years ago –  
Unk, Steve Freeman, the Rev & Bob Duff."*

*--David Kelpin*



# Doubleday Field

One Last Time



Richard's last game at Cooperstown in August, 2018. --Ira Dorfman



**Camper, Richard Claypoole:** "I first met Rich at last year's Dream Week. I took this picture at our final banquet with some of our other teammates. He was quite a character & a great teammate. When I realized my dream of pitching in Camden Yards last June, he was my catcher. Luckily I was able to spend a half hour one night talking to him at this year's camp. Wish I would have had more time. My sincerest sympathy to his family & friends. I won't forget him."



“Joe Pavlock provided this video taken during Dream Week in January.

“I took two screenshots (pictured) of Richard from the video. Richard knew how to square up the ball to the end.” –Ira Dorfman



## Saying Goodbye



--Contributed by the Vidis

From: **Steve Freeman** <[sfreeman@orioles.com](mailto:sfreeman@orioles.com)>

Date: Fri, Mar 1, 2019 at 2:08 PM

Subject: VETERAN RICHARD FAUST

To:

It is with great sadness we have to let you know that *long-time veteran and member of this year's camp*, and a team member of Mac's Attack, **Richard Faust**, died suddenly on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Rich was a very passionate guy and he loved being a part of the group! He loved the sport of baseball and we know how much he loved being with everyone in Sarasota.

Rich had been coming to the camp since the early 1990s, he truly liked being a part of the camp, and always came out to support the Orioles at Camden Yards throughout the Years.

We will let you know any forthcoming details and his address if you wish to send a note of condolences to his wife, Julia.

Sincerely,



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## Baltimore Orioles Fantasy Camp HALL OF FAME



To honor Campers, Coaches, Administrators and Fans who have dedicated themselves to the mission of the Baltimore Orioles Fantasy Camp and made a positive contribution on and off the field.

**Lenny Johnston**  
2005

**Jack Kelly**  
2006

**Jack Voigt**  
2007

**David Murray**  
2005

**Bob Moore**  
2006

**Joe Pavlock**  
2008

**Carl Vizzi**  
2005

**David Vidi**  
2006

**Steve Murfin**  
2008

**Jeff Carr**  
2006

**Moe Drabowsky**  
2007

**John "Bam Bam" Giles**  
2006

**Richard Faust**  
2007

**Bob "Rocky" Johnson**  
2006

**Steve Geppi**  
2007