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Poker

For over two decades, the RDU Poker group has been meeting monthly to exchange quarters and swap stories. While others sometimes missed a game due to business or personal travel, Bash was a monthly fixture. He wrapped his schedule around the game and rarely missed one.



In the Early Days

We had Doug (the Chairman), the Bashman, Ralph (727), Keith, David, General Lee (just out of the frame in the bottom right), Scottso and Michael (the Good Doctor).







We Played Through Covid

Even with Chuck (the Jokeman) sharing his medical advice. We were able to get together, often outside on a Friday night, to play and hang out.

Even Politics Didn't Slow "The Game"

We suffered through multiple presidents Bush, Obama, Trump, Biden, and Trump again. We held our tongues, most of the time, and played on, because it was about the fellowship.





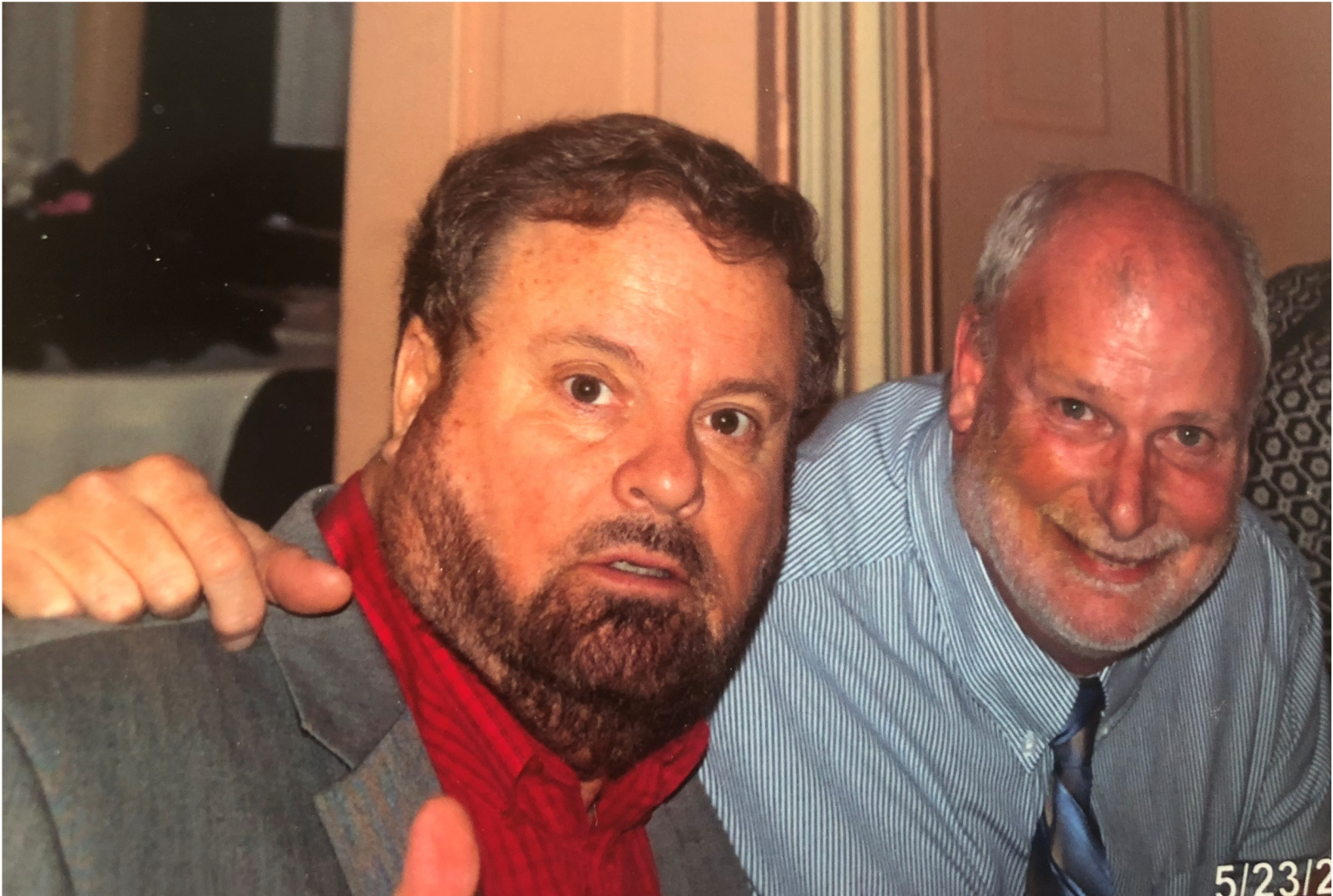
Retirement and Sickness

We celebrated many of life's milestones, here our honorary player Chuck's (the Jokeman) retirement.



We even socialized sometimes outside the game

Here, Bash, the Chairman, and General Lee were grabbing a drink at the bar before another sporting event.



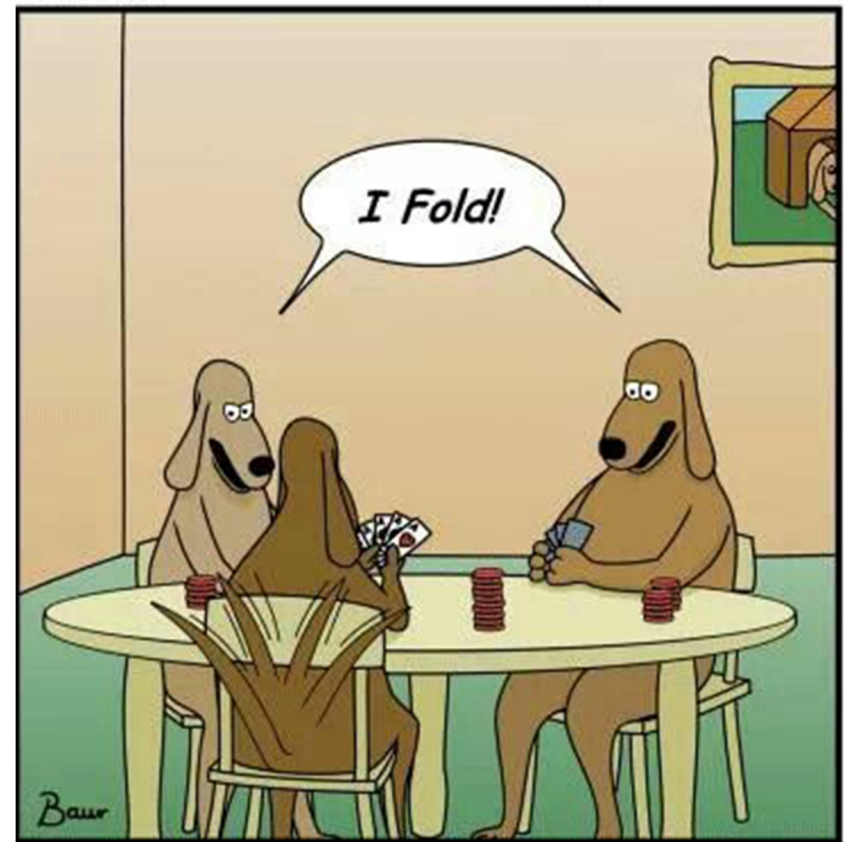
Weddings Included

When General Lee remarried, the whole crew came out to celebrate his good fortune in finding a woman willing to “enjoy his company,” as he, too, was headed into retirement, the first time.



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While 727 had few "Tells" others...

Most notably, the Good Doctor would smile from ear to ear when they filled the straight or boat they were reaching for.



The Good Doctor Moves to the Windy City

So of course the game was held once there as well. Here, the Chairman was taking the photo, so he wasn't in the shot.



Group Shots

These were rare and not well documented. In the bottom right photo, you can see that the Chairman was celebrating his retirement, so we all chipped in and got him a vest and name tag for his new gig.



Very Early Digital Photo

This was likely done with a flip phone, hence the less than stellar quality.



Gargantuan Jacks or Better, Trips to Win, Pot

In the December 2024 game, the Chairman raked in the largest pot in years. We can see 727 congratulating him in the first photo.



The Bashman Brought Variety

Every game,
the Bashman would bring Power Ball tickets, scratchers, roll
s of quarters from the bank, two-dollar bills,
and all manner of things to keep us on our toes and diversify
our ability to win the big one!



3D Printing Even Entered the Game

\$10 Quarter counters were made and shared, and Bash even asked if we could supply one for his friend Ghaly, who owned the local BP station and regularly held his own game. In 2022, we even celebrated with a Christmas ornament.



Bashman Loved Sports

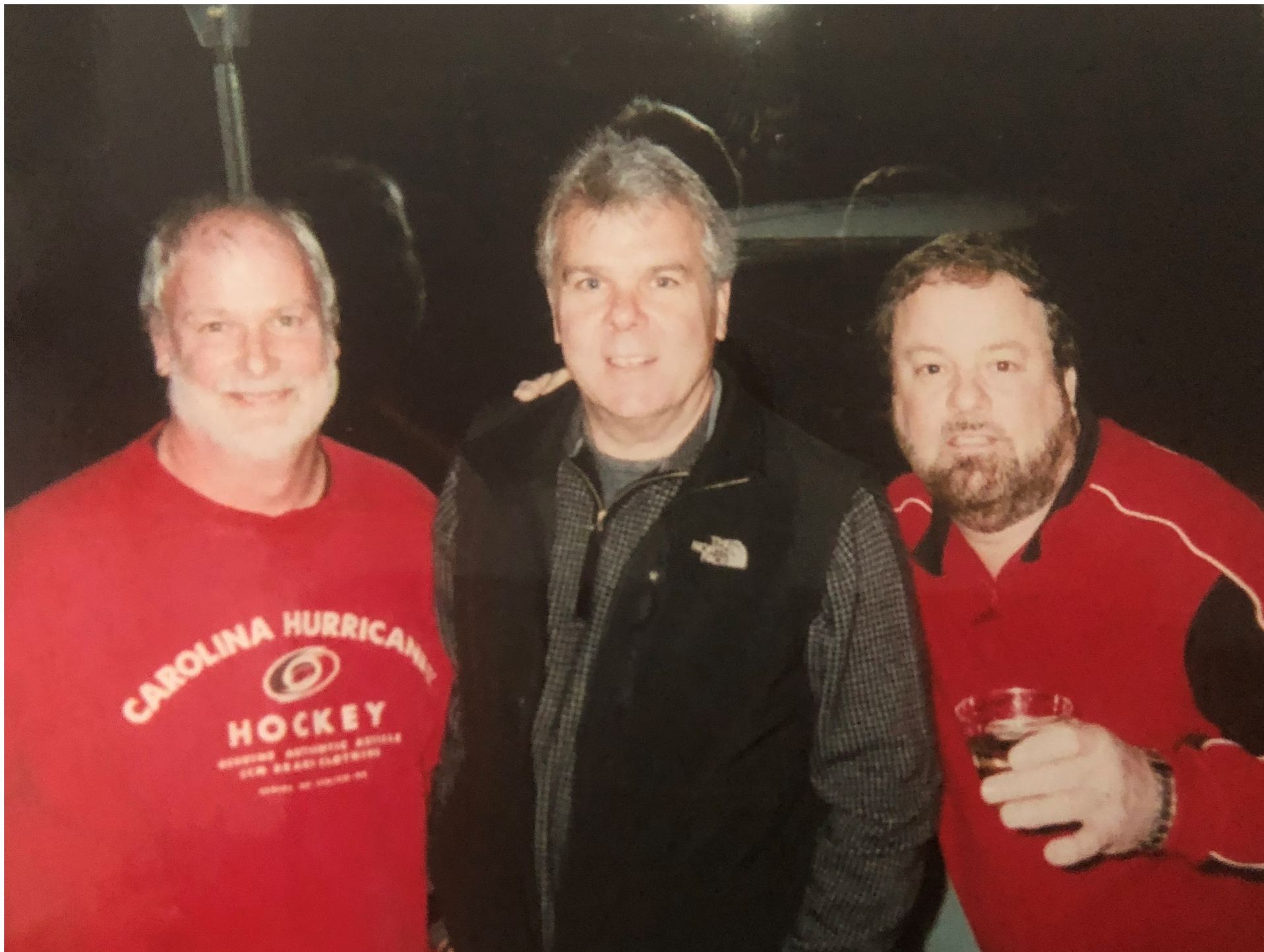
Almost as much as the Chairman loved kissing mascots, like "Wooly the Bull."





Durham Bulls & The Hurricanes

We all tried to make various games over the years with the Bashman.





Post Retirement for The Bashman and The Chairman

As the Chairman wound down his professorship at Meredith, he was seeking a very part-time job in retirement. He settled on creating his own radio program, the "Uncle Dougies Rock n Roll Show," Tuesdays at 2 PM on WCOM.



The Bashman as a Regular Guest DJ

Every month, the Bashman worked the show with Doug. Sharing his love of music and a wealth of stories around the songs they selected.



His Knowledge of Music

Along with his tales of concerts, artists, and where he was when he heard certain songs, he really brought these classics back to life.





The Bashman was at Home Infront of the Mic

In his final act, Bash enjoyed several years riding the mic and improving the experience for those listening to the Uncle Dougie Rock'n Roll Show.



On rare occasions, we made time to meet at Brixx for a bite during the day.



For the past decade or more, Ralph (727)
has hosted the holiday game.