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The Tamahaac Times

The Tamahaac Club

Message from the President

Hello Members,

Spring is finally here. I'm sure most of you will agree it is more than welcome.

The past winter was the type of winter I remember from my childhood: prolonged cold temperatures, lots of snow, and a few big storms. In January, Jennifer and I attended a music night but due to a late afternoon snow and ice storm, it took us an hour and half to get to the Club for dinner, a drive that is normally 10 minutes!

Now the forsythia are in bloom, the tennis nets are up and the courts are being enjoyed. It won't be long until the croquet pitch is also filled with players.

It seems that each of my messages over the past almost two years have provided an update on the Club's lift/accessible washroom addition. Well, I am hopeful this is the last update. After weeks of waiting for the Technical Safety Standards Association (TSSA) to arrange to inspect the lift, that inspection is happening as I write this message. Once we receive the inspection certificate, I will be off to City Hall to provide all of the inspection certificates to the building department. The final permit should be issued shortly after that visit. Stay tuned for the ribbon cutting ceremony details!

This is my last message as President as my two-year term will end at the Annual General Meeting in June. In some ways the time has flown by and in others (yes, you guessed it, the bureaucratic necessities of the lift addition) it felt somewhat like that drive to

the Club in January when I wondered if it would ever end.

As I reflect over the past two years, I am struck by how invested our members are in the Club and how so many give so much. I want to take this time to recognize and thank the many who make our Club so special.

The House Committee (Jennifer Taylor, Carol Bernacci, Ursula Blair, Suzanne Cayley, Jane Findlay and Jodi Harrison) continue to do an amazing job with the Club's programming, preparation of the Club for the various events and working with management to ensure smooth running of the various events.

It's almost time for Mother's Day brunch so make sure to book your tables. The warm weather also brings some of my favourite evenings at the Club - Friday night al frescos, where we dine in the open air overlooking the city and beyond. Watch for the monthly "Coming Events" calendar and weekly emails so you don't miss out.

The Membership Committee (Hope Gibson, Bob Crockford, Pat McKay, Peter McNabb, Rick McQuin and Libby Simpson-Gibson) work diligently to support the recruitment of new members and successfully integrate new members into Club life.

Our membership committee held an open house on Wednesday April 16 just before the "Spring in Paris" buffet. The purpose was to meet and greet prospective members who have expressed interest in Club membership. It was a lovely

evening and thanks to all who put it together.

Membership in our Club continues to grow by one new member, on average, each month and we want to continue to expand to keep the Club vibrant into the future. Attending an event with a guest is the best way of letting friends and family get to know us. If you invite someone to the Club who expresses an interest in learning more about it, please provide Chris Hugill their contact details and he can set up an appointment for a tour and answer any questions they may have.

Soon the Tamahaac gardens will be resplendent in lush greenery and colour. Libby Simpson-Gibson and a talented group of green-thumbs look after these extensive outdoor gardens and it's quite a job! They also add to the beauty of our Clubhouse each season with outdoor urns that are filled with beautiful displays. Thank you, Libby, for leading this wonderful group.

I also want to thank Barry Embree and his crew for all the maintenance and repair work that keeps our Clubhouse looking great. As with any old building there always seems to be something that needs fixing.

As you are aware, our Club has many activities. Thank you to Gail Hassel for running the bi-weekly Bridge program, Nancy Lennard for running the bi-weekly Mahjong program, Men's Shooting captains Ross Wigle and Jonathan Walton-Ball, Women's Shooting captain

Linda Rawlinson, Croquet captain Peter McNabb, and Racquet Sports captains John Hedden, Roger Adams, Michael Rathbone and Nancy Lennard.

Tennis, pickleball and croquet will soon be starting their seasons and shooting will pause for the summer. Bridge and mahjong run all year long. If you are interested in any of these activities, the office can easily provide you the appropriate contact information. There is room for everyone.

Along with all of those mentioned above, there are numerous others who give from volunteering for an afternoon when the call goes out, to hosting an open table, to coming up with a new idea. Thank you to all everyone, we are blessed to have your help and you make the Club what it is.

The Board of Governors who provide strategic direction and governance of the Club have worked tirelessly throughout my entire term. Thank you to each of you for the support I have received, I have enjoyed working with each of you.

Lastly, but certainly not least thank you to the Club's management team lead by Chris Hugill. Chris has put together an amazing team who run the day-to-day operations of our Club. No matter what is happening behind the scenes, we are greeted with a beautiful Clubhouse, delicious food and impeccable service.

I say goodbye for now, and I look forward to sharing a glass of wine and toasting our good fortune.

Warm Regards,

Glenn Taylor
President

From the Desk of the General Manager

Hello Members,

As we step into the warmer months, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all our newest members; Diane Cranston, David Walton-Ball and Pheroze Jeejeebhoy and all of the family—thank you for joining our wonderful community. To our long-term members, thank you for your continued support throughout the winter season. Your enthusiasm and participation are what make the Club such a vibrant and special place year-round.

We've got some exciting events ahead this season! Mark your calendars for our Summer Family Picnic on May 31st, always a hit with members of all ages and our upcoming Mediterranean Night on May 21st, where we'll bring the tastes and atmosphere of the coast right to our Club. Both promise great food, fun, and fellowship. If you're bringing guests or family who might hesitate to let you cover the tab, we now have a portable credit card machine available—just ask, and we'll be happy to assist.

In outdoor news, I'm pleased to share that Tim and I recently spent some time clearing up the trail down to the falls. It's in great shape and definitely worth a visit, especially if you have a four-legged friend who'd enjoy the adventure! Tim is also in the process of refreshing the trail markers to make sure you don't lose your way.



Thank you to everyone who has supported our take-out dinner program. It continues to be a success, and we truly appreciate your orders. If you'd like to place one, simply contact the office or email Marta at reservations@tamahaac.ca. We're also excited to be introducing a few new additions to the Club in the coming months, "a lite lunch" during the week and back by popular demand, the Thursday "Grab and Go" option—perfect for a quick and tasty meal on the move.

Lastly, I'd like to take a moment to wish Carlos Leite, our Events and Catering Manager, all the very best in his future endeavors. Carlos has officially resigned from the Club after being away for a few months, and we thank him for his past service.

A heartfelt thank you as well to Chef Shawn and Marta, who stepped in over the last two months during his absence and have done a tremendous job keeping the administrative side of things running smoothly.

Wishing you all a wonderful season ahead. See you at the Club!

Sincerely,

Chris Hugill
General Manager

Club Event Highlights

Music Night with Valerie Tryon

January 18

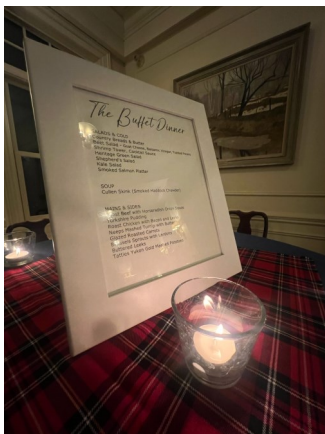
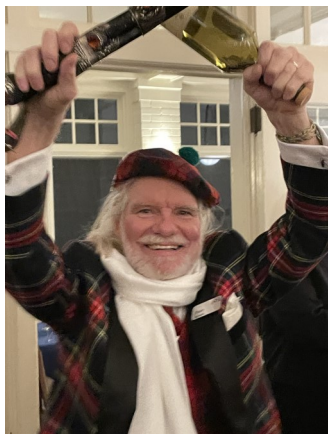
Once again internationally renowned concert pianist Valerie Tryon joined us at the Tamahaac for a concert which could only be described as amazing from start to finish. Valerie gave our Heintzman grand quite a workout playing a potpourri including everything from Debussy, Chopin, Gershwin and of course, Liszt. Rumour has it that throughout the 20th century Valerie was regarded as the foremost interpreter of Liszt on the concert stage and she certainly did not disappoint! Her playing was spellbinding. If you don't believe me check out her many albums on Spotify where she plays all the great composers with a finesse rarely seen in the piano playing world.

Of particular note, Valerie just celebrated her 90th birthday; now that is something to aspire to. We are fortunate to have her as a good friend to the Tamahaac.



Robbie Burns January 22

The evening was filled with the sounds of bagpipes and the sight of numerous clans' tartans. The Haggis, expertly prepared by Chef Shawn, arrived with much fanfare and the famous address was enthusiastically recited by our own Peter McNabb.



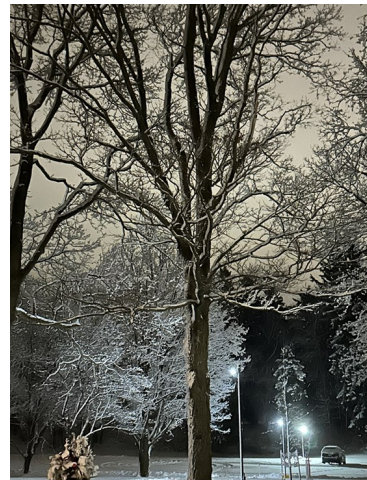
Dale Luarca Pub Night

January 31

On a cold and wintry night, 12 brave souls were treated to a musical evening with cover artist, Dale Luarca.

As luck would have it, winter struck without warning just as 50 members headed out to enjoy a fun filled evening at the Club. Ancaster was covered in glistening ice, and traffic was gridlocked not only on every road in the village, but also on all roads leading to it. Those wise enough to check the radio, called in assuming the evening was off. Those almost as wise, turned back after peaking out the door. Others gave it a valiant try, sitting on Wilson Street for twice as long as it takes to get to the Club before giving up. Others persevered, arriving after an hour and a half of navigating jack-knifed buses and tipped wheelchairs.

Upon the last arrival, dinner was served close to 8 pm and the group was delighted that Dale made it in all the way from Mississauga! Nothing starts a party quite like a little adversity and the small but mighty group had a roaring time filled with good food, laughter and dancing.



Name that Tune Pub Night

February 28

Laughter and music filled the air at this evening enjoyed by all. Teams tested their memories and popular music knowledge as Lee played tantalizingly short clips of music from over the years. The competition was stiff as everyone seemed to bring their "A" game, and a ringer or two!!



St. Patrick's Pub Night

March 14

Over 70 members and guests enjoyed a great evening of traditional Irish food and music. It started with a wee dram of Irish whiskey to set the mood, followed by Chef Shawn's perfectly executed menu featuring roasted Irish salmon, classic Shepherd's pie, carved lamb and shamrock mini shakes! The fun continued with the band, "Fire When Ready" who made a return appearance to the delight of all.



Lunch & Lecture with Adam Mayers

March 20

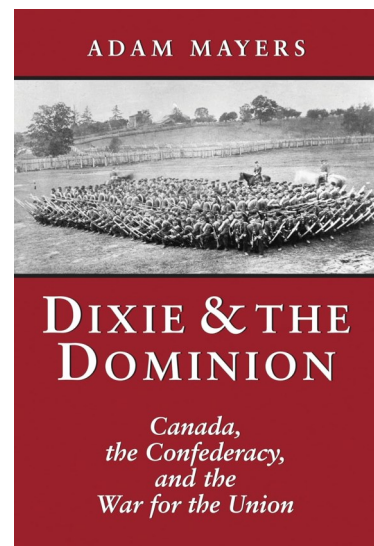
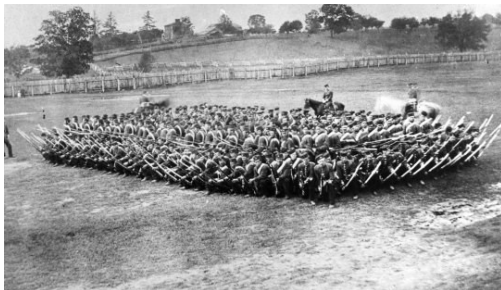
In an interesting and informative afternoon we were reminded that the rumblings coming from our neighbour to the south have been heard and overcome before.

Author and journalist Adam Mayers discussed his book, *Dixie & the Dominion*. The book looked at how the US Civil War, North America's most bloody and costly conflict was an experience that shaped the future of both Canada and the United States. It was fascinating to hear how the Confederate States sent spies and saboteurs to Canada. The threat to our security gave rise to an unlikely coalition of liberal reformers and conservative stalwarts that created the Dominion of Canada.

It was a delightful afternoon and Adam left us with a sense of positivity from lessons in our history.



Milloy's Wharf at the foot of Toronto's Yonge Street, circa 1860.



Dixie & The Dominion looks at how the U.S. Civil War, North America's most bloody and costly conflict, was a shared experience that shaped the futures of Canada and the United States.

Shooting

SHOOTING SEASON - MEN

Surely as snow follows the initial chills of autumn so do the often balmy days of Spring. This is where we find ourselves today with only a few shooting weeks left in our 2024-2025 season.

With each shooting season old friends return to the shooting field and newer shooters arrive to test their mettle on the shooting field. This year has been no exception in that we have had quite a few new shooters come out and try our great sport. As they become more comfortable we hope to see them out more often next year.

Following our winter shoots and Family day in December, we have had many great days of shooting and always enjoying the unique camaraderie that comes with bonding with your friends on the shooting field.

We competed for the SPRING MELT trophy in March with shooting Co-Captain Ross Wigle winning this year's competition.

We were triumphant in our first leg of the annual Caledon Mountain Trout Club vs. Tamahaac interclub shoot. This interclub shoot goes back many decades and almost always the Tamahaac comes out ahead when we compete at our field. The challenge is upon our return to CMTC as they shoot Trap, Tower and River Skeet – all games with which we have limited experience. As such we will need our best shooters onboard when we return June 7th. It is often a close match but the sting of losing last year by only 1 bird still smarts. Wish us well and we will report in the next Tammy Times how we fared.

Pictures that follow on the next page include Caledon at Tamahaac, Spring Melt victor, various shooting poses, etc.

A special thank you to our staff – Tim, Chef Shawn, Daniel, Joe, Marta and especially Manager Chris Hugill for the excellent service they provide that allows us to enjoy our great club without any hiccups.

On an individual note – Co-Captain Jonathan Walton-Ball – has become an excellent shooter – one of the best in my memory. We had the pleasure of witnessing Jonathan shooting a straight 100 this year. As a reminder shooting 25 is very difficult. 50 is unusual. 75 is exceptional. 100 – well let's just say that the celestial clouds roll in.....

Here's an image generated by ChatGPT based on my description of Jonathan's first 100 at the Tamahaac.



Congratulations Jonathan Walton-Ball on your first 100 at the Tamahaac.

As a reminder – if any Tamahaac member wants to investigate shooting they should contact either Captain: Ross.Wigle@nbc.ca or Jonathan.WaltonBall@nbpdc.com



Ross Wigle receiving the Spring Melt Trophy from last year's winner, Rod Douglas.



Caledon vs. Tamahaac maintain the traditions!!



Captains JWB and Wigle await the start of the first leg of our interclub. Still smiling and hopeful.



Great corned beef smoking away in the smoker while we shot!!!



Upcoming Summer Activities

RACQUETS SECTION - TENNIS & PICKLEBALL

The nets are up and our season is fast approaching!

We are now requesting all members of our Club interested in joining our section to enroll for the 2025 season. This will be a particularly exciting year as our beloved tennis courts (where else do you get such a beautiful setting to play in) are being resurfaced!! The proposed dates for this are tentatively the last 2 weeks of July depending on the weather.

We are also lucky to offer Ladies Wednesday morning tennis clinics with pro Frances Critchley. Like other years, when she is not competing for Canada on the international seniors pro tennis circuit, she will be available for private or semi private lessons exclusively for our members.

Significant dates to remember and mark in your calendars:

Opening Racquets Dinner - May 15

Breakfast at Wimbledon - July 13

Closing Racquets Dinner - October 9

Scheduled activities include:

Monday nights 5 pm - Pickleball

Tuesday nights 5 pm - Men's tennis social and BYO barbecue

Wednesday mornings 9 am - Ladies tennis and coffee

Thursday nights 5 pm - Mixed double tennis social and BYO barbecue

We are excited to grow our section this year so we would love to have all the tennis/pickleball players and their families come out and enjoy these beautiful courts whether or not you can attend the organized sessions. For anyone interested in learning pickleball, Michael Rathbone will be available on Mondays starting on May 19.

The family fee this year is \$200. If you are interested please email jhedden@bryanandhedden.com.

Hope to see you soon on the courts!

Your 2025 Tennis/ Pickleball Captains,

John Heddon

Roger Adams

Nancy Lennard

Michael Rathbone



CROQUET SEASON 2025

Welcome to the 2025 Croquet Season! 

You will have received Ross Wigle's "100 Day Countdown" and "50 Day Countown" email so you know Croquet is around the corner. Subject to the weather, we may be playing within the month.

We play casual croquet every Thursday, 4pm and stay on for a picnic and BYOB social into the evening. We also offer League Croquet, and Events throughout the season. For ad hoc play, the equipment is available to all Club Members to arrange their own games with members, or family and friends, weekdays and weekends.

We extend a very warm welcome to all of our newest members to also attend our "Croquet Opening and New Members Night" Thursday, May 29. We are planning our Thursday croquet format, croquet commencing from 4 pm and merging with BYOB/ BYOF picnic into the sunset. On the side, the Croquet Section will also host hamburgers on the grill and salads. For those who have not played croquet, this is your chance to try your hand at the game, and the evening will be an excellent opportunity to meet and mingle with Club members. Plan to join us.

The Croquet Section provides all the croquet equipment for play on our two courts, the Grande and Piccolo, and we offer regular instruction, rules of play and etiquette of the game of croquet. Plan to join the fun.

For club members wishing to join the 2025 Croquet Section, please contact our treasurer, David Marler, for a 2025 Registration Form (ddmmarler1@gmail.com), and submit a completed form to him by email or mail. Payment of Croquet Section dues, at \$50 per person, can be paid by cheque or Interac e-transfer, payable to Croquet Club c/o Tamahaac Club or mailed to: 3-15 Inglewood Drive, Hamilton, ON L8P 2T2 or e-transferred to: ddmmarler1@gmail.com.

We also remind you of our annual "Cocktails and Croquet", this year on Wednesday, June 25. It is a summer casual evening offering our traditional complimentary Pimm's Table for all members and guests. Our international croquet player guests and Tamahaac Honorary Referees, Patrick Little and Ross Robinson, will again be joining us for play, and expert instruction and dinner. 4 pm Croquet, 6 pm Open Table Buffet on the verandah.

Before we know it, it will be opening day for croquet! Don't miss out. Sign up today! 2025 promises to be our best season yet.

Join the fun, Get involved!
Peter McNabb



Croquet is a perfect Club and family sport that can be played by all ages, can be played casually or competitively, and is also an entertaining spectator sport.



"I feel left out... I don't have a name... I don't have a name tag..."

Please help our mascot get a name! Submit your suggestions in the naming contest to Ross Wigle at ross.wigle@nbc.ca. The contest closes May 28th and the prize winner announced at our opening event, Thursday, May 29th.



Tamahaac Gardens

Spring Has Sprung

Daffodils are blooming all around the property some in the woods, the gardens and even greeting everyone outside our gates. This new addition was planted last fall thanks to the Bloomfield's (no irony there).

Try as I might the urns by the front doors are there to welcome members to Easter with spring flowers. Sadly the humans were upstaged by the deer who devoured our pansies this year an ongoing challenge for gardeners in the country.

Once again planting day is fast approaching. With flowers ordered and volunteers in place we look forward to May 22nd. One new face at the Tamahaac is our new part time gardener, Jared Vermeire. You may see him working in the gardens. Please say hello.

Happy gardening,
Libby Simpson Gibson



Open Table Hosting

Be a part of our popular open table evenings. These evenings are scheduled at a minimum of once per month and are designed to allow members to mingle without having to organize a table.

Hosting an open table, either just with your spouse or together with another couple, can be as involved as you would like it to be. There are no specific guidelines other than welcoming fellow members, guests and potential members, and joining them at a table for dinner.

You may wish to reach out to the membership and invite others to come out for the evening.

You may choose to make a welcome speech, a toast, bring the wine for the table/ do a wine tasting, organize a fun game/raffle with prizes, etc... Staff are available to help in this area.

The Club will pay up to \$40 for a giveaway (as an example, a floral centrepiece) at the open table. TBD by hosts.

If you are interested in hosting an open table night, please let Marta know at reservations@tamahaac.ca

Open table nights are always the first Wednesday of every month.

UPCOMING HOSTS

May 7: Nelson & Monica Bradshaw and Steve & Stephanie Kulakowsky

June 4: Hope Gibson & Libby Simpson-Gibson

June 25: Croquet Section - Cocktails & Croquet Open Table Buffet

July 2: Suzanne & Chris Cayley

Lost & Found

Our storage for lost and found is located in the dresser that is sitting in the front foyer. If items are found, they will be placed there and next time you are at the Club, please take a look for any of your lost items.

Name Tags

The wearing of name tags is voluntary but there will be events throughout the year where it is indicated on the advertisement "Name Tags are requested". The feedback on the name tag program has been very positive and many members have reached out and commented on how much more comfortable they feel coming to the Club after they have been away for a bit. Name tags are located down the hallway to the left of the front foyer (past the Gunroom).

“Did You Know....”



The Clubhouse is available for corporate, weddings or family events. Please contact Marta at reservations@tamahaac.ca or call 905-648-4424.

Don't feel like cooking for a special occasion at home? Not to worry, we have a very talented team that can prepare a wonderful catered event for takeout (subject to Clubhouse business volumes).

Contact Marta at reservations@tamahaac.ca or call 905-648-4424 for overnight room inquiries/bookings, takeout orders, and hosting open tables, as well as, dinner and member event reservations.

The Clubhouse grounds are available year round for a walk with the dog, on our beautiful walking trails. Find your way to the falls for some spectacular photos. For the more adventuresome members, a green trail has been cut which links to the Bruce Trail. The original yellow and orange trails have been re-marked down towards the falls.

Pickleball racquets and balls are stored in the bottom drawer of the dresser in the front foyer. Members are welcome to borrow these for use. We kindly ask the items are returned to the same spot.

If you do not notify the office that you are not coming for your dinner reservation, you will be charged the full price of the advertised events.

The Club has made arrangements with the five major banks, allowing members to make online payments to the Club. Members who wish to make electronic payments may go online to their bank and follow the links and instructions. To pay online, you can set up Tamahaac Club as a bill payee with your financial institution using the 3-digit member number on your statement.

Dress Code

Purpose

Tamahaac members are responsible for ensuring their guests are notified of, and adhere to, the dress code. It is suggested that invitations to guests from a function host include this dress code which is available in pdf format. We believe the dress code sets our Club apart and is an outward display of respect for each other and our traditions.

Rule of Thumb

Unless otherwise stated in the Social Events calendar (and as outlined below), apparel for all events is jacket & tie for men and comparable dressy attire for women. For all events, if in doubt, dress up, not down.

Wednesday Nights [October-April]: Jacket & Tie

Wednesday dinners are jacket and tie for men and comparable dressy attire for women unless otherwise stated in the social events calendar.

Wednesday Nights [May-September]: Smart Casual

Jacket and tie are optional. Collared shirts (tucked in) and dress slacks are appropriate. Knee length dress shorts are also acceptable. Ladies to follow suit.

Pub Nights [October-April]: Smart Casual (Plus Denim)

Jacket and tie are optional. Collared shirts (tucked in), sweaters, dress slacks, corduroy trousers and denim (not ripped, torn, frayed or bleached) are appropriate. Ladies to follow suit.

Al Fresco Fridays: [May-September] Summer Casual

Dress is relaxed. Sportswear (i.e. golf and tennis attire) is acceptable as is denim (not ripped, torn, frayed or bleached).

Club Cocktail Parties

Jacket (tie optional) for men and comparable dressy attire for women.

Christmas Dinners: Jacket & Tie

Jacket and tie for men and comparable dressy attire for women, except Christmas pub night when smart casual plus denim is appropriate.

Men's Christmas Pub Lunch

Jacket required and tie is optional.

Lunch & Lectures: Jacket [October-April]

Jacket for men (tie optional), comparable dressy attire for women except from May through September when Smart Casual applies.

Music Evenings

Jacket and tie for men, comparable dressy attire for women.

Children's Attire

The Club's dress code applies to children ages 12 and older. Younger children should dress conservatively.

CELL PHONES

Members and guests shall place their cell phones in silent mode and refrain from using in member public areas.
