

The Tamahaac Times

The Tamahaac Club

Message from the President

Hello Members,

Our Club was very active over the summer season with many members enjoying croquet, the tennis and pickle ball courts as well as great dining events including a Caribbean night and a Maritime lobster dinner both with live music, a country night with what I hear was some pretty fine line dancing and the ever-popular family picnic. The Club's newest activity, mahjong, has been enthusiastically embraced by members. A second training session was set up and completed and now regular play has commenced. Bridge also continues to be enjoyed.

Special events add a great deal to our Club, however, some of my favourite evenings are the simple Friday evening al fresco where we dine on the lawn and enjoy the most amazing view of Hamilton, the lake and Toronto as the sun sets. They always remind me how lucky we are.

The warm sunny weather in September extended our summer activities but now it is on to fall activities as our shooting sections have commenced their fall programs.

The scaffolding was removed from the elevator/accessible washroom addition and when you look at the Club it looks like this addition has been there since the building was built.

The elevator is being installed as I write this and we hope to have the addition completed around the end of November at which time we will need to wait for the Technical Standards Safety Authority (TSSA) inspection before the lift is certified to operate. The Board is as anxious as you are for this project to be completed. As I mentioned in my last letter our contractor has been a pleasure to work with and all our events have proceeded smoothly.

I want to thank Rob McGowan for all his attention to the project. Rob has been on site many days a week and has ensured any construction issues that pop up are handled as efficiently as possible. The project would not have proceeded as well as it has without his efforts. Thank you, Rob!

In my September letter updating you on the construction I explained our need for additional donations and introduced the

plaque program to recognize our generous members. The Board has been humbled by the response. Thank you so much to all who have made a donation to the addition project either in your own name or in memory of a family member. The program will continue to run until the end of November so if anyone would like to donate, please contact the office before November 30. As I mentioned in an earlier letter all donations will be applied to the addition project.

I would also like to thank Barry Embree and David Hamber Sr. for their hard work rebuilding the dry laid stone wall edging the flower garden by the parking lot. This project has taken countless hours for which a simple thank you doesn't seem enough. The workmanship was remarkable, and the wall also looks like it has always been there.

The Board of Governors has continued to refine and update the Club's strategic plan which was first completed in 2017. The purpose of this plan is to provide the board with a roadmap to lead the Club well into the

future. A capital improvement committee has been struck and several strategic initiatives developed to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of our cherished Club.

We see the Club's culture as central to any decision making for future changes and believe all suggested improvements should be vetted against the cultural lens. This will ensure our valued traditions will be maintained and the membership experience will only be enhanced.

Several new members have joined the Club over the last few months and, as is our tradition, we welcome them at the Club's semi-annual cocktail party on November 8. I hope you will attend the event, meet our newest members and enjoy a wonderful evening with your Tamahaac family.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club soon. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns you can call me at 905-928-3340 or email me at glenntay59@icloud.com.

Glenn Taylor
President

From the Desk of the General Manager

Hello Members,

We had four wonderful new families join the Club this summer. I would like to welcome Don Davidson and Greg Gregoriou, Steve and Stephanie Kulakowsky, John and Heather Sibley, and most recently, Colin and Deanne Day to the Tamahaac family. In regular Tammi fashion, please introduce yourselves when you can to allow them to feel at home.

Just as the arrival of the fall colours stopped me in my tracks, the end of Chef Bruce's time at the Club did the same. I'm very happy to report we had such a strong culinary team waiting in the wings which allowed us to not miss a beat.

Shawn Rocchi, the Club's Sous Chef, has taken over the command of the kitchen in the interim to give me time to go through resumes to ensure we have the strongest team possible to continue to exceed your expectations. In truth, Shawn and his team have been preparing your meals for the last 9 or so months, and the feedback during this period has been very positive. One of Shawn's many positive attributes is his entrepreneurial spirit; he has already started to put plans together for implementing the Club's take out program. This was a popular offering in days past, and I know a few

members that are excited for its return.

Please stay tuned for further details.

With the transition in the kitchen, I have temporarily moved into the Chef office, and have been assisting with the ordering, invoicing, and inventory of product.

Although the sticker shock has long worn off on the cost of goods, my eyes have been opened to the current ordering practices of our suppliers, and how they are conducting their business, especially after COVID. Long gone is the ability for a customer (the Club) to pick up the phone and modify an order on short notice. As suppliers no longer stock their shelves with as much inventory as they used to, many typical items are now special orders, requiring a weeks' notice.

We place our food orders on Wednesday, for the following Wednesday, and because our club accepts dinner reservations up to 24 hours prior to the event, we may be left in a situation where we do not have enough food OR too much. Having said that, I would like to remind members to make dinner reservations as early as possible, when possible, especially for

Wednesday a la carte nights and themed nights.

As the weather continues to cool and we head into November, we are all starting to think about Christmas. If you still need to book your Christmas or New Years Eve reservation, please do so as soon as possible, as these events are starting to fill up rather quickly.

Additionally, if you have a small business, you may want to look at our December 4th Wednesday night Buffet.

This is a great opportunity to bring your colleagues and share the evening with others to make one large Christmas party. If you have any questions, please reach out to Marta for further details at reservations@tamahaac.ca.

Happy Fall Season!

Sincerely,

Chris Hugill
General Manager

Club Event Highlights

Cocktails & Croquet Open Table Dinner

June 26

Wednesday, June 26 was a perfect summer afternoon for croquet and evening for dinner on the verandah for our annual "Cocktails and Croquet" event. Attendance was excellent and many turned out with their guests in varied croquet attire, whites, striped jackets, flowing dresses, sun hats, and our PIMM's Table for all was available.

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Breakfast at Wimbledon

July 14

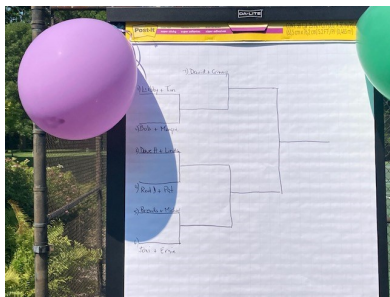
It was another successful Breakfast at Wimbledon event! The food was great and the game was exciting. We enjoyed lunch outside in the shade and we almost got our final game in before the rain.

The trophy was presented to the 4 finalists: Bob Hill, Ernie Eberhard, Margie Douglas (missing from the photo Joni, a friend of Ginny Soule).

Thanks to all for your help with the preparations. Thanks to Ernie too; we made a great team!!

Looking forward to the event again next year!!!!

Libby Simpson-Gibson



Caribbean Night

July 24

Back by popular demand, Caribbean night was once again filled with the tinkling of steel pans and savoury delights of the islands. Suzette Vidal is a true artist and it was a pleasure to spend an evening under the stars listening to her beautiful tunes. The wonderful Tamahaac kitchen outdid themselves, and hit just the right note by ending with homemade rum and raisin ice cream! Another evening to remember.



👤 vs. 🧑 Challenge Trophy - Croquet

September 5

September 5th was a warm and sunny evening. There was an excellent turnout with players on the court and many spectators enjoying picnic style viewing of the games.

The evening was advertised as a 👤 vs. 🧑 Challenge Tournament, including a random partner draw from two hats to establish teams. 18 teams were selected and registered, 8 Ladies and 10 Gents, and we played a single knockout format. Organized chaos, multiple games were played simultaneously, experience and inexperience randomly blended together. The 20 plus games were completed to narrow the field to the final 👤 TEAM Kate Debenetti and Linda Edwards versus final 🧑 TEAM Ross Wagle and Peter McNabb. The game was well contested and came down to the final point, won narrowly, 4-3, by the Gents.

Thank you to Chris Cayley for his excellent wood working skills in crafting a new mallet stand for all to use.

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Country BBQ Pub Night

September 6

Country music, line dancing, bourbon and smokey BBQ!! What an evening it was. The décor was superb, the Kentucky bourbon hit the spot and the food was incredible. Ribs, cornbread, fried chicken, brisket....more than one groan was heard as guests commented that they couldn't get enough of the delicious food. Luckily our dance instructors were ready to help burn a few calories. The living room was rocking with almost everyone trying their hand (or feet) at the dances. By the sound of the boots on the floor and the smiles on the faces it was a resounding success.





Lunch & Lecture - Melodie Schaffer

September 12

Melodie shared her fascinating story of embarking on a third career later in life and her incredible journey of sailing 35,000 miles around the world. Melodie's adventure as she raced in the Globe 40 inaugural around the world race was unbelievable. As the only Canadian boat and the only female skipper she faced many obstacles. From pirates to shredded sails it was a truly remarkable story keeping us on the edge of our seats. After a series of particular difficult days, Melodie told the race director that if she made it to the end she would wear her shredded sail as a dress to the banquet. Well, guess what, the sail was toast, but the dress earned a toast as Melodie kept her promise and wore it proudly! A really great afternoon with a wonderful speaker and story, we wish Melodie all the best of luck as she plans to enter the race for a second time in 2025.

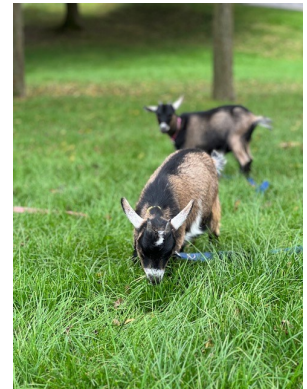


Fall Family Picnic

September 22

On a beautiful fall afternoon, more than 90 members and families spent the afternoon enjoying the wonderful Tamahaac grounds. As always the face-painter was busy and this year a very creative balloon artist entertained and made the most incredible animals, characters and just about anything else you could think of out of balloons.

Children enjoyed a scavenger hunt and pumpkin painting (thank you to Suzanne Cayley for organizing the pumpkins and providing creative inspiration). A great deal of fun was also had rolling on the grass with the adorable bunnies and running with the goats brought to us courtesy of Triple C farms. Peter McNabb once again hosted willing participants on the croquet pitch, always on the lookout for his next protégé. Great fun was had by all!





Croquet Championship & Open Table Dinner

October 9

On a sunny and brisk October afternoon we had our annual championship tournament with members and guests many in croquet attire supported by our PIMM's Table. We were also very pleased to have our Honorary Referees, Patrick Little and Ross Robinson from the St. Catherines Croquet Club join us.

The semi final match ups were Suzanne and Chris Cayley versus Gloria Pizio and Ross Wigle, followed by Jo and Jonathan Walton-Ball versus Deb and Rick McQuin.

The semi-finals were very competitive and some exceptional shots were made. The Cayleys and Pizio/Wigle advanced to the championship game.

The spectators moved to the perimeter of the court. The lead was exchanged, Pizio/ Wigle were in the lead 3-2 playing the 6th wicket. Suzanne stepped up from 25' on a broad angle and with an improbable stroke sent the ball cleanly through the wicket. 3-3! Applause and amazement. The winner would now be determined by the first team to hit the stake.

Ross' turn, stepped up, with his ball on the far side of the 6th wicket, took the position, stepped back and asked a question of Ross and Pat, resumed the position, and stroked a direct hit. 4-3, Gloria and Ross, the Winners, the Champions!

We proceeded into the Living Room for the award presentations. Peter McNabb immediately presented The Croquet Champions trophy to Gloria and Ross. Peter congratulated them both on their steady play and timely exceptional shots. Well done.

Patrick Little and Ross Robinson were thanked for their adjudication of our championship playoffs and their continued support. Patrick stated that he has been a friend of Tamahaac croquet for all four years of our croquet existence and that he continues to be very impressed with our increasing level of play, the quality of our Grande Court and the spirit in which we all approach the game of croquet. Ross Robinson also remarked that Suzanne's 6th wicket direct hit was exceptional and that of the ranked croquet crowd he plays with, "not one of them would have attempted the shot." High praise.

Peter also recognized and thanked a few others for their many unseen contributions; Rob McGowan and Dennis Kuhlmann for everything they contribute to the Croquet heavy lifting, and to the Club, and also thanked Ellie Rees, our PIMMs CEO and David Marler, our Treasurer.

Our final award was the presentation of the Most Outstanding Contribution to Croquet 2024. Peter asked Deb and Rick McQuin to come forward to accept the award. Deb was our Convenor this year managing all league scheduling and reporting as well as organizing our two tournaments. Rick was riding the Grande mower every week this season to ensure the court presentation was always perfect. Thank you both very much, well deserved.

Peter heartily thanked the Club Staff, Chris, Carlos, Marta and Tim for their efforts that have contributed so much to our croquet enjoyment this season. The presentations were over and we proceeded into the Sunroom for a wonderful Open Table Dinner.

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Tamahaac Gardens

Summer Gardens

What a glorious summer it has been for our gardens. Much has been accomplished.

One area in particular is the dry stone wall in front of the perennial bed in the parking lot. Thanks to Barry Embree and David Hamber Sr. who did a fantastic job on the first garden you see coming in the driveway; looks beautiful. Not only the wall but the bountiful red dahlias put in and cared for by Gail Hassel are still putting on a great show!

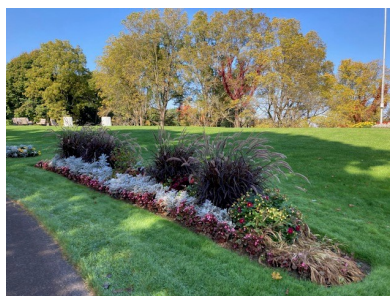
The beds around the Clubhouse are full of colour. Many thanks to our many volunteers for keeping them neat and weed free. Soon it will be time to put the gardens to bed for another year.

Once again we will be adding to our daffodils up the grove way for our springtime show.

We sadly say goodbye to summer and our gardens for another year.

Respectfully submitted,

Libby Simpson Gibson



Shooting

SHOOTING SEASON - WOMEN

The Ladies shooting season got off to a splendid start with an emphasis on encouraging new shooters, improving techniques, friendships and having some fun.

Please contact Linda Rawlinson (Ladies Captain) 905 520 6761 if you would like to join us.



SHOOTING SEASON - MEN

Beautiful fall weather provided a great experience for the start of our shooting season. We are so fortunate at the Tamahaac to shoot in such a beautiful setting!!

Our Hit and Miss shooters are oiling out the summer's rust and a great shooting season begins.

The first practice Saturday in October (Opening Day Shoot) is not only for shaking off the rust but stepping right into competition....we compete for the Summer Shoot Trophy. The winner for 2024 was Robin St. Jean who had been shooting particularly well over the summer and ended up scoring 21/22. Dennis Kuhlmann followed very closely with back to back 21's.

We will continue to have shooting both Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Regular starting times for both Wednesday and Friday will be maintained at 1:00 pm and finishing by 3:30 pm. Jonathan Walton-Ball has updated the handicaps based on the end of last season. This season the handicaps will be adjusted on a rolling last 5 scores basis in keeping with NSSA standards.

Annual Shooter's Dinner

Thursday, November 14th. Both Men's and Ladies Shooters and spouses are welcome.

Come out for our annual dinner and congratulate the winners of our various annual shooting events and general awards.



The early season "die-hards"



*Ross and JWB welcoming
new shooter Dave Ryley*



*New member/ shooter Steve
Kulakowsky taking some
instruction from JWB
and Chris Cayley*



*Kuhlmann, Hamber
Sr, Cayley and St.
Jean facing a blinding
One High shot with
brilliant colours behind.*



*Flower arrangement
winners – the highest in
each of the 3 squads were:
Kuhlmann, Wooder and
Jonathan Walton-Ball*

Summer Activities

TENNIS

The Ladies Tennis section had another great season. Wednesday morning clinics with Frances Critchley continues to be extremely popular. I think the addition of a coffee time after tennis has been well received and we have enjoyed the chance to chat and get to know each other better. The end of the season luncheon on the verandah was again well attended and a big success. Frances has agreed to hopefully return next year. Thank you to everyone who came out and a special thank you to Sally Palmer for your continued inspiration and leadership.

Nancy Lennard
Ladies Tennis Captain



The tennis section is having a great 2024 season . The ladies Wednesday morning , Tuesday Men's and Mixed Thursday evenings were all enjoyed by our tennis membership . In September we opened our courts up for a short time to the members of The Ancaster Tennis Club as their courts were being resurfaced. We are hopeful some of their members may show interest in becoming members of our Club in the future . The tennis committee will be meeting in the fall to review the season and the court conditions.

John Hedden
Men's Tennis Captain

CROQUET

We Croqueteers have had another splendid croquet season. Thursday every week throughout the season was again, prime time croquet. Play would commence by mid afternoon followed by an informal, picnic style, gathering into the early evening and was always great fun.

In addition to regular play, we now have four events/tournaments throughout the season; Cocktails and Croquet, the Male Female Challenge Tournament, Fall Kids Picnic Day, and our Croquet Championship Dinner. The Grande Court has become a source of pride and joy for us all. So many volunteers have contributed to our successful season; court maintenance and our weekly set up routine, as well as others randomly appearing with little snacks and surprises to be shared during the evening. Sincere thanks to all volunteers, donors, and our Club staff who all make our great croquet experience even better.

Submitted by 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.



PICKLEBALL

As we enter November, the 2024 pickleball season is finished after its fourth season at the Tamahaac Club with a core of participants who have come out on Monday afternoons to play. We had fourteen players on October 7th so there was still good interest in playing well into the fall. The nets are starting to show their age and were bought at an economical price four years ago so there is some need to replace them for next season. The intention will be to hold a clinic at the beginning of next season to introduce pickleball to any members who are interested in playing what continues to be an easy sport to learn and fun to play.

Michael Rathbone



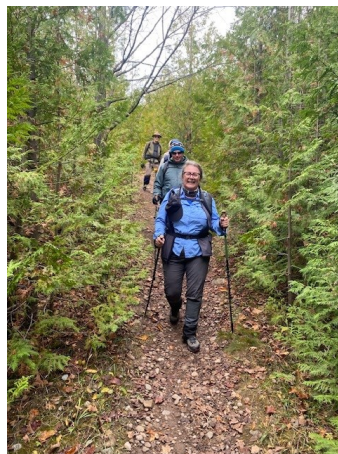
Tammi Trekkers

THE NEXT SECTION

Tammi Trekkers are blazing a trail towards Collingwood. This past weekend they trekked Dufferin Hi Lands Section of the Bruce Trail.

A beautiful variety of maple and cedar forests with a colourful fall tapestry!

Happy Trekking 🐾



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 centerpiece) 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

November 6: Deb & Rick McQuin

December 11: Glenn and Jennifer Taylor

Lost & Found

Storage for lost and found items is getting full. Next time you are visiting the Club, please take a look for any items that could be yours. These Items are stored in the chest of drawers inside the main foyer.

Aside, from garments, we have collected reading glasses, wine bottle totes and other miscellaneous items.



Name Tags

Recently added to the Club are name tags for all the members. 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 Carlos at events@tamahaac.ca or call 905-648-4424.

The Clubhouse grounds are available throughout the day 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, recently a new 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.

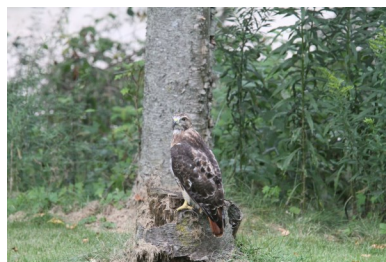
Don't feel like cooking for a special occasion at home? Not to worry, we have a very talented team that can prepare a wonderful catered event for takeout (subject to Clubhouse business volumes).

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.

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.

We have some beautiful wildlife around the grounds of the Tamahaac Club.



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.
