

The Tamahaac Club

Message from the President

Greetings fellow members,

The end of 2022 is in sight. The dawn of 2023 lies just around the corner.

During my remarks at the Annual General Meeting in September 2021, I joked, (at the expense of my friend, and outgoing President Ernie Stapleton) that while he would be known as the 'COVID President', that I was poised to become the 'Party President'. Sadly, this was an ill-founded prediction on my part!

2022 has been a year of ups and downs. On the one hand it has been a year of hope; on the other hand, 2022 has not been without disappointments. At The Tamahaac, like everywhere else, 2022 has been punctuated by lockdowns and re-openings, with all the commensurate worries. The uncertainty has been nerve-racking at times. However, as a friend of mine (who by the way is an inveterate car collector and likes metaphors related to vehicular life) says, "we simply have to drive on". Collectively we have done just that.

We have seen many changes in our midst: the arrival of new members (welcome to all!); sadly, the loss of some old familiar faces; staff changes, some anticipated and others, unanticipated. It has been a year tinged with both hope but also some regrets.

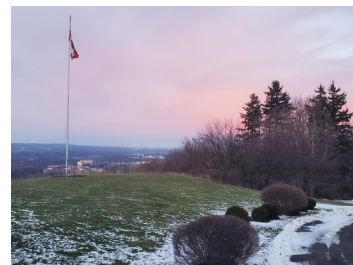
On the side of regret, last September brought the news of Queen Elizabeth's death. The loss of the Monarch was a point of reflection for me. Through primary and middle school, I stood each morning, along with my class, to sing God Save the Queen. I liked the tradition, found comfort in the predictability and always, even as a young boy, saw the Queen as a beacon of stalwart grace, of discipline, and fortitude. I have always admired her capacity for calm. We will miss the Queen. During the past year the staff and the Board of Governors has attempted to abide by that old British axiom, 'Be Calm and Carry On' which the late Queen demonstrated so well throughout her life.

And we have carried on! We had a record number of weddings during the past 6 months. The club has hosted numerous private parties

along with recurring club events like Music Nights, Lunch and Learn Lectures, spring and fall cocktail parties, along with many other special events. There has been record attendance at Wednesday night dinners and Friday pub nights.

So, as I look back, I think it's fair to say that the past year has, overall, been a successful one for our club. We have been able to gather regularly once again for club activities like tennis, pickleball, croquet, and skeet shooting. Bridge has had a renaissance after a long hiatus! We have been able to dine together with friends and fellow members.

During times of uncertainty, we look to our traditions, those familiar guideposts within the landscape of daily life which give us a sense of comfort. With its rich history and traditions, The Tamahaac Club represents an important anchor for all of us. That I feel privileged to be part of our club is an understatement.



As always, I want to take this opportunity to thank our team of hard-working employees. We appreciate the entire staff for the tremendous effort put forth through thick and thin, day in and day out, as they make sure that members are well looked after. I speak for the entire membership in saying to all the staff that we are deeply appreciative. I also wish to acknowledge each one of our many member volunteers for the countless hours committed to making our club a better place. On behalf of the Board of Governors, thank you.

I feel sanguine about the future. One of my favourite events in the club calendar is the annual, not-to-be-missed New Year's Eve party. For the first time since 2019 Brenda and I will celebrate New Year's Eve at the Club! I look forward to raising a glass with many of you and offer a toast to the New Year. Happy New Year and all the best in 2023.

David Smith
Club President

From the Desk of the General Manager

My initial six months have provided many “firsts” for me, and I have enjoyed each and every one of them! The fall “walk-about” and the club family picnic are standouts. It has been a pleasure to see members gather for many of the great events we have had over the last three months.

As we move into the winter months, I hope that you will spend time at the Club, even when no events have been planned. If you haven’t had a chance to walk the trail yet, Tim has marked the trailhead with new markers making it a little easier to find. The trail is spectacular at any time, and winter is no exception. Thank you to Dennis Kuhlmann and Dr. Barry Embree for organizing all of the volunteers who have made walking on the property much more accessible by removing all of the fallen trees.

Over the last three months, we have welcomed four new member families to the Tamahaac club! I want to take this opportunity to welcome David Ryley, Brian Hansell and Lisa DiCesare, Teresa and Robin St. Jean, and Jonathan and Jodi Walton-Ball to the club. I have enjoyed spending time getting to know them, and I know you will, too, once you get a chance.

We have also added a new addition to the “member-in-training program.” Recently joined members William Anderson and Meghan Bulmer have welcomed baby Audrina to the family. Both Audrina and Meghan are doing well. Congratulations on your growing family and we wish you all the best!

I am glad to see that we have had a few more member family and business events at the club on Thursdays and Saturdays. It is great to see the members using the club. Please get in touch with me if there are any thoughts or ideas/constructive remarks, etc., that you would like to see around the club.

My role is to be the point person for all of your needs and communication with the Committees and Board on any long term needs or new ideas for the club.

This winter has a lot of exciting events to offer, and one that I am really looking forward to is the Robbie Burns night on January 25th. The evening promises to be very entertaining, and if you haven’t had a chance to try Haggis, this will be the perfect opportunity. Gentlemen, also consider this your advance notice that

Valentine's dinner will be held at the club on Tuesday, February 14th, so please get your reservations in early. Our very talented Sous Chef, Bruce, promises a night to remember.

As we prepare to turn over the calendar, please remember that the club will be CLOSED from January 1st to the 10th for member services. I look forward to seeing everyone on our first night open, Friday, January 13th.

It has been a pleasure looking after you and your families, and I wish all of you a happy and healthy 2023.

Happy New Year!

Chris Hugill
General Manager

Club Events



TEA TALK

September 15

Katie Cyr of Monarch Tea Co. came to teach about the history, culture, preparation and tastes of tea during this fun and informative afternoon. Members and guests sampled 5 different carefully curated teas, while enjoying a lovely high tea menu prepared by the club.

Katie's enthusiasm for tea showed as she spoke and answered questions, which also brought a special element to the afternoon.



FAMILY PICNIC

September 25

Tamahaac families came out for the day to enjoy face painting, a treasure hunt, fun games and activities outside, along with a kid-friendly picnic lunch buffet. Although the weather wasn't cooperative, there was a wedding the night before, which the club was able to take advantage of for seating and games under the tent.



BRIDGE IS BACK AT THE TAMAHAAC

September 27

Gail Hassel has worked hard and diligently to bring the game of bridge back to the club. We've had great turn outs, as new and advanced players have been gathering for a soup and sandwich lunch followed by the game, every other Tuesday. If you are interested in playing, please contact Gail via email at dghassel2@gmail.com.

CROQUET TOURNAMENT FINALS & OPEN TABLE DINNER

September 28

On September 28th, we concluded our Croquet Tournament. It was a triumphant effort, and in the end, Jane Finlay and Tom Nederpel defeated Peter Dendekker and Hope Gibson in the final game. Congratulations to Jane and Tom. Semi final games matched Susan and Brian Bloomfield against Hope and Peter, and Katie and David Debenetti versus Jane and Tom. Congratulations to all participants.

The Tamahaac Croquet Championship Trophy (designed by Jane and carpentered and fabricated by Dennis Kuhlmann) was celebrated at the Pimm's Table in living room, and was presented to our champions, Jane and Tom, by Peter Dendekker. A lively Open Table buffet dinner followed.

It is worth mentioning that our Tournament final games were adjudicated by our honorary referees, Pat Little and Ross Robinson via the Royal St. Catherine's Croquet Club. In addition to their level refereeing, they also imparted a number of insightful rules of play clarifications, as well as demonstrating some further ambitious skill shots in tight situations. They were most impressed in how we have embraced the game of croquet in spirit, camaraderie and skill. Many thanks to Pat and Ross, and we hope to have them join us again next year. Congratulations and thank you to all croquet section members who have made this croquet season such a success.

Cheers to the Champions!
Kind regards, Peter McNabb



START OF THE SHOOTING SEASON - MEN

Saturday, October 8th was the Hit and Miss Shooters Opening Day and we had a good turnout even though it conflicted with the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

11 shooters were well tuned up after a long summer and braved the blaring sun on stand one to break some clay.

Congratulations to Dan Bourassa who came in first followed by Dennis Kuhlmann and Scott Wooder who tied for second.

A big shout out to Brian Shantz and more appropriately to Grace Shantz who kindly donated 2 beautiful flower table arrangements for Thanksgiving. They were awarded to the top shooters and I'm sure "graced" their Thanksgiving tables in a festive manner.

Ernie Eberhard graciously passed on the white bird and was heard stating afterwards, "Boy I saw the bird come out and thought quickly, wow that's a white bird...that's different....oooh!! I've gotta break it!!...." Ernie normally breaks the birds on command but let this one slip.

Practice mixed shooting has begun as well with a handful of shooters stopping by on both Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

Shooting Captains - Ron Stewart and Ross Wigle

START OF THE SHOOTING SEASON - WOMEN

On Wednesday, October 5th, the Missing Mrs. started off their shooting season. Co-captains, Margie Davidson and Jennifer Taylor lead the group up until the last shoot day of the calendar year on December 7th.

On Wednesday, October 19th the shooters had a special instructor come for a shooting lesson. He was very informative and helpful with tips and advice. The ladies that attended the lesson found it really beneficial and highly enjoyed the afternoon.



TENNIS CLOSING DINNER

October 13

This year's Tennis Closing Dinner was a great success and all had a really wonderful time . A real highlight was presenting Nancy Lennard with the Tennis Championship trophy recognizing the entire ladies tennis section as our club champions for the year! This event is one looked forward to all year by members!

Submitted by John Hedden

CAR RALLY & FALL WALKABOUT

October 16

On Sunday, October 16th, members and families participated in the annual walkabout and lunch at the club. It is an opportunity to explore our beautiful property on a well marked trail which began about 30 years ago led by my father Fred Simpson and his friend Bill Black. Others who helped mark the trail and initiate the event were Lesley Hickey, Gail Hassel and Ginny Soule. I also remember Martin Luxton was a promoter of this event and he and his wife Patricia often participated.

Everyone gathered at the front doors of the club for coffee with a little something in it and enjoyed donuts and other goodies.

When we were ready to head out people chose walking sticks which were made many years ago by Bob Bradford for the walk using sticks he found on the property.

This year we had the company of my niece's golden retriever pup , Jimmy, who was most excited to get moving. Tim Enticott, Hope and I had had an earlier walk to check the trail and Tim had re-marked it and cleared some of the fallen branches.

Tim was there with tractor and trailer to be available should anyone need a ride. Actually some on the way back took a ride just for the fun of it.

The highlight of the walk is the visit to Stephanie Falls which often resembles a brides veil. It did not fail to impress again this year and we took a number of group photos to commemorate the beautiful day. Once back at the club we joined the car rally participants for a delicious lunch with the chef's special chicken pie.

All enjoyed the day and look forward to many more walks at the club.

Submitted by Libby Simpson- Gibson



A big thank you to Jennifer Taylor for the beautiful fall décor at the front entrance



Posing with walking sticks falls in behind



Meghan , Mason and Grandpa Frank found a giant rock



Mike O'Neill and a dapper Ernie Eberhart



Hope and I with My sister Marianne , her husband Mark and niece Alex and friend Mike and Jimmy, the Golden Retriever

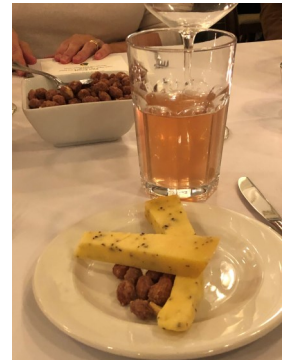


OKTOBERFEST

October 21

Brewmaster, Tej Sandhu, from MERIT Brewing, shared a great story of his family's arrival to Canada and how the brewery was started.

About 40 participants enjoyed the flight of 4 specialty beers paired with different cheeses provided by MERIT Brewing, and accompanied by appetizers from our talented kitchen staff.



FALL COCKTAIL PARTY

November 4

A lovely pairing of oysters and fall cocktails shared with friends. New members were welcomed . A wonderful time was had by all! Cheers!!



MEN'S SHOOTING AWARDS DINNER

November 24

Shooters convened with a great sense of camaraderie and celebration as we celebrated our shooting Champions and Award winners. We had the opportunity to socialize with spouses, friends, guests, new members and potential new members – a great group to be sure.

A good time was had by all and Ron Stewart and Ross Wigle – Co-Captains and acting as MCs for the evening - kept the evening rolling along with all of our worthy winners:

2021 Hit and Miss Trophy and Award Winners

Summer Shoot 2021	Rob Dent
Spring Melt	Rod Douglas
4-gun	Rob Dent - high overall Dan Bourassa - high net
Covid Cup (Also known as Doubles)	Chris Coons
Myler Trophy - Club Championship	Dan Bourassa - top gun Kevin Piercey - high net
Tinsley Trophy - Most Improved	Brian Shantz
McCardle Award	Tom Johnson
Wigle Trophy - High Average for Year	Rob Dent
Captain Jeff Stewart Camaraderie Award	Jeff Stewart

A new award – the Captain Jeff Stewart Camaraderie Award was presented to Ron Stewart by immediate Past Captain Scott Wooder in recognition of Jeff's natural warmth and nature. This award was handcrafted by fellow shooter Dennis Kuhlmann and is truly a work of art. Thank you Dennis.

The camaraderie we feel in the Hit and Miss group is timeless and generated by all but in particular by members like Jeff. This will be a cherished award and will be given as warranted in future.

A report from this year's McCardle award (for great and long term service to the Hit and Miss Shooters) recipient – Tom Johnson, our long standing Treasurer was met with collective appreciation. Tom's report was brief and to the point: "We are in Funds". Thanks Tom for a job well done for many years.

Raffles were held and a number of dinners for 2 for a Wednesday night buffet were won, along with some bottles of wine and a few BOLO ties.

Thank you to Brian Shantz once again for donating a beautiful multi bloomed Orchid and a great seasonal table setting as door prizes – they were well received (see Denis Callaghan and Mike O'Neill's picture).

The dinner of tomato soup, festive salad, beef tenderloin and apple pie for dessert was presented with the usual great service by the Tamahaac staff and was very well received by all. Many thanks to our talented kitchen staff for a time honoured meal in the Tamahaac tradition.



TAMAHAAC CRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

November 25

Our annual tree lighting ceremony has become one of the most popular attended events of the year. It's so wonderful to see all of the Tamahaac families with their children and grandchildren. There is nothing better than a Christmas tree lighting to start the Spirit of Christmas. Chris and his crew put on a night of perfection with fantastic Christmas music, a wonderful casual buffet, Santa on the tractor, and a fun countdown and gift bags for the kids . We all returned to the clubhouse to enjoy the fire pits to roast our S'mores and enjoy a little Baileys with hot coffee .

Submitted by Ann Adams



MUSIC NIGHT WITH DR. RAYMOND GOTTSCHALK

November 26

Dr. Raymond Gottschalk shared his musical talent with members at our last music night with pieces from the baroque, classical and romantic periods. He discussed the medical maladies of the composers he played with a brief discussion of the style of music and some points of interest. It was an unbelievable night.

COCKTAIL CREATIONS

December 1

16 members spent a great afternoon with sommelier, Christophe Reitz, who taught the participants how to make Christmas cocktails. A fun time was had by all.

Next year we will look at making this an evening event. Some members who were interested were not able to attend the afternoon session.

Below is the sample of the menu that was created for the event.



1st Pairing

Bourbon Lemonade

lemon, lime, orange, candied zest, bourbon, lemon juice
served in a highball glass

&

Pulled Pork Hush Puppy

8hr slow cooked pork shoulder, cornmeal fritter, BBQ

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2nd Pairing

Spicy Tequila

Tromba tequila, chili pepper, lime juice
served in a martini glass

&

Shrimp Tostada

marinated shrimp, guacamole, radish, pickled onion, fried tortilla

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3rd Pairing

Gin and Pepper

Romeo gin, pink peppercorn, grapefruit juice
served in a champagne flute

&

Chicken Mousse

rolled + poached chicken farce, apple compote, juniper + tapioca chip

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 4

This year the club incorporated 2 seatings for the Children's Christmas Party due to a high demand of reservations. Each seating had the same format. The wonderful and energetic magician, Chris from Chris Westfall Magic, had the crowds wowed and amazed while also providing many laughs.

Santa and Mrs. Claus joined us and sang Christmas songs, told some riddles, and handed out the gifts to all the children. Thank you Santa and Mrs. Claus (wink) for all of your generous help!



Tamahaac Toy Drive 2022

A huge thank you to the Tamahaac membership for their generous donations of toys to the McMaster Children's Hospital. We collected a large amount of beautiful gifts for the kids. Words cannot describe the happiness on their faces when they become eligible for one of these toys. I know for our Grandson, it became a huge motivator for him to complete a task that was very difficult or to endure a procedure that was extremely painful. The toy always seemed to bring a smile, no matter how difficult the time was. Please accept our sincere gratitude for all of your contributions and remember that they accept toys all year round. Cancer and sickness in children has no calendar and Generosity and Giving to the kids is always embraced!!

Submitted by Ann Adams



2022 / 2023 Shooting Calendar

Men's Calendar					
2022 / 2023					
08-Oct	Opening day	24-Dec	Christmas Eve shoot	11-Mar	Regular Shoot
15-Oct	Regular Shoot	26-Dec	Family Shoot	18-Mar	Spring Melt
22-Oct	Regular Shoot	01-Jan	Family shoot	25-Mar	Regular Shoot
29-Oct	Regular Shoot	07-Jan	Regular Shoot	01-Apr	Regular Shoot
05-Nov	Doubles shoot	14-Jan	Regular Shoot	08-Apr	Regular Shoot
12-Nov	Regular Shoot	21-Jan	Regular Shoot	15-Apr	Regular Shoot
19-Nov	Regular Shoot	28-Jan	Regular Shoot	22-Apr	Four Gun
24-Nov	Awards Dinner	04-Feb	Regular Shoot	29-Apr	Regular Shoot
26-Nov	Regular Shoot	11-Feb	Past Captain Shoot	06-May	Regular Shoot
03-Dec	Regular Shoot	18-Feb	Regular Shoot	13-May	Club Champion-ship
10-Dec	Regular Shoot	25-Feb	Regular Shoot	20-May	Spring Closing
17-Dec	Turkey Shoot	04-Mar	Regular Shoot		

The 2022-2023 shooting season officially opened on Saturday, October 8th, our first “Regular” shoot.

The 2022-2023 season looks to be one of our best with many shooters returning and a number of new members expressing interest in taking up the sport.

If you are a new member and would like to investigate the camaraderie and tradition of skeet shooting at the Tamahaac Club please contact either shooting Captains, Ron Stewart (ronstewart04@gmail.com) or Ross Wigle (ross.wigle@nbc.ca) to discuss a mandatory introductory meeting and discussion of all aspects of shooting at the Tamahaac Club.

Regards,

Ron Stewart + Ross Wigle Hit and Miss Shooters 2022-2023 Co-Captains

Off Limit Area During Shooting Days



Meet Your Sous Chef



Chef Bruce Morris
Culinary Expert

Bruce learned his craft at George Brown College in Toronto and was one of the first apprentices to train at restaurant 360 atop the CN Tower, University Club of Toronto, The Estates of Sunnybrook. Bruce has cooked for such notables as Gordon Lightfoot, Michael J. Fox, Bryan Adams, music producer David Foster. He also catered actress Lauren Holly's wedding. During his stint as executive chef at Bluffer's Park Marina in Toronto, a delegation of chefs from the Eiffel Tower made a point of stopping in for lunch with Bruce.

Bruce is also excited about offering custom, gourmet cooking classes and says it's the perfect recipe for a fun team building activity, providing the ideal circumstances for team members to relax and forget the personal relationships that are an essential ingredient of great teams.

Winter Baking

Hazelnut Shortbread Cookies

Two traditional winter seasonal ingredients—nuts and citrus—are used in this classic butter cookie. The combination is fragrant, nutty, and all around delicious.

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups hazelnuts (about 6 ounces), toasted, skins removed
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting
- 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 10 tablespoons (1 1/4 sticks) unsalted butter, melted and cooled
- 1 1/2 teaspoons finely grated orange zest
- 1/4 teaspoon coarse salt
- 2 tablespoons sanding sugar



Directions

Step 1

Preheat oven to 350 degrees with racks in upper and lower thirds. Process nuts in a food processor until finely chopped, about 20 seconds (do not overprocess). Transfer nuts to a large bowl; add flour, granulated sugar, butter, zest, and salt. Mix with hands until dough just comes together and forms a ball.

Step 2

Halve dough; shape each into a disk. Transfer to a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. With lightly floured hands, shape 1 disk into a 7-inch round, and score to mark 12 equal wedges (do not cut through). Sprinkle with 1 tablespoon sanding sugar. Repeat with remaining disk and sanding sugar.

Step 3

Bake, rotating halfway through, until golden brown, 15 to 20 minutes. While shortbread is warm, cut wedges to separate completely. Let wedges cool slightly on sheets, then transfer to a rack to cool completely.

From the Archives

Some First Nation Commemorations to Historical Canadian/American First Nations' Leaders



These framed, hand-coloured lithographs, circa 1816 to 1836 pay tribute to only, eight of the famous indigenous leaders who lead their respective nations against the Americans during the American “Indian Wars” and the War of 1812, between England and the United States of America. The cabinetry to house these art pieces was made circa 1989 by local master carpenter, Frank Leathley at the request of club member Stephen Palmer, Sr. The eight pieces were donated to the Club by the “Riggin” Family of Michigan, USA who lived at the club, almost every summer from 1924 to 2000. The Riggins and their annual 8-24 summer American guests, played golf at the Hamilton Golf Club. The generations of Riggins were all long term, non-resident members of the Tamahaac Club spanning about 76 years.

In 1816, Thomas McKenney was appointed by the US War Department to supervise government relations with America’s Indigenous people. His office championed the supporting of the memory of the Indigenous Nations. The Tamahaac too, in early days supported the same First Nations memory, as several First Nations had been allies of the British/later Canada in the War of 1812 against the Americans. McKenney hired painters, with the support of President Munroe, like Charles Bird King, who oil-painted some 143 indigenous leaders and other painters like George Catlin/Ezra Ames and Peter Rindisbacher from Canada’s Red River Colony.

Charles Bird King never went west but painted First Nations' delegates who visited Washington, as guests of the American government, like the Chippewa, the Ottawa, the Pottawatomie, the Shawnee, and the Six Nations, around the Great Lakes at a time when borders were hardly recognized by the First Nations. At this time the chiefs were, both at the height of and the descent of their notoriety and McKenney and Bird King, realized the decline of the First Nations was imminent, for many were facing starvation and European diseases. McKenney and President Munroe wanted to capture this fleeting, moment of First Nations' history on canvass. McKenney wished the history, to be preserved, via oil paintings etc. Therefore, the chiefs and others were invited to Washington wearing their considered best status attire, when Charles Bird King and other artists painted them. Reportedly, the remembering of the First Nations culture was the prime purpose of the visits to Washington, but at the same time it was considered as a deterrent to any more wars, assuming, the size and wealth of Washington, D.C. would impress upon the visiting First Nation Leaders, just how powerful the Americans were and any further First Nations unrest would prove readily extinguishable.

These painters completed pieces that depicted chiefs like Thayendanege (a Mohawk, from the Six Nations, later named Joseph Brant) who delivered decisive, winning counter-battles for the British during the War of 1812 and Tecumseh (a Shawnee) who tried to unify the First Nations against the Americans and thereby provide a buffer for the British, between British Canada and the United States.



(Joseph Brant (Thayendanege) to the left and Tecumseh to the right)

Over 200 of these original paintings had been on display at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. during this post "First Nations Wars" era. Luckily, McKenney had been smuggling paintings out-of and back- into the Smithsonian, after being copied by Henry Inman, because in 1865; the Smithsonian's First Nations oil paintings were reportedly, razed by fire, save for about five of the original oil paintings.

McKenney later engaged James Hall, a lawyer to help him compile three volumes of hand-painted lithographic work titled "The History of the Indian Tribes from North America" (issued in 1837-44) from the Inman copies showing the paintings of each First Nations personage depicted in McKenney's and Hall's earlier compiled lithographic work. We have viewed a long- term club member's rare collection of these original bound lithographic volumes. The Tamahaac has always honoured the First Nations, as vital British/Canadian allies, and as those who inhabited Canada for centuries. Our first Tamahaac Club President, George Lynch-Staunton respectfully donated to the Club in 1914-15, his commissioned; English made, stained glass window depicting an untitled, First Nations' leader.

(Submitted by Wayne Maybee and the Tamahaac Club's archival committee on October 12, 2022)



***Ben Young** (age
92) August 4, 2022*

On August 4, 2022, I sat down with Ben Young, age 92, at his country home “The Keep” to discuss some of his memories of the Tamahaac Club over the years. Sadly, Ben is no longer a Tamahaac member; I felt it is important to relay memories of long-standing membership for archival purposes.

I asked Ben to relate some of his memories of the Tammy and of his life to date. Most readers are aware of the long history the Young’s have had with Hamilton and Ancaster.

I started the conversation with Ben by asking him when he first remembers attending the Tamahaac Club. Ben responded without hesitation.

“It was in 1935-36, I was 5 or 6, when my mother (Nee, Holton) took me to the Tammy. Ben fondly recalled a staff member named Walter, who ran Club functions”. Walter presumably lived at the Club, on the second or third floor, as he waited on tables and interfaced with the members during the term Mrs. Baldwin was the Club Manager. Walter reportedly was very thin, tall, prim and proper, but not capable/accustomed to looking after children according to Ben. The same day Peter Hendrie, Ben’s childhood friend and first cousin was at the Club with his mother, the sister of Ben’s mother. (The two boys later went on to Hillfield and RMC, Royal Military College together).

On this one day, the boys were allowed to play within the Club at-will under Walter’s supervision. Ben and Peter ended up crawling under a dark area in the basement and came out entirely covered in dirt etc. Walter took on the job of cleaning up the boys. Ben mentioned that he recalled at the same time, the presence of a large telescope which was available for members and guests, to view distant points of interest from the Tammy’s famous hilltop position. He said members and guests often directed the telescope towards the old post-office clock in Dundas.

Ben remembers well one particular funny incident at the Tammy. It occurred during a wedding reception for Nancy Gilmour (sister of our former club archivist, Mary S. Gilmour) and Douglas Keen’s marriage. Well into the festivities, one of Doug’s ushers, impatient for a refill, decided to open a bottle of champagne he retrieved and in the process shook the bottle. As soon as he removed the wire cork retainer, the cork exploded out of the bottle, hit the ceiling and caromed down to make a perfect splash landing in the champagne glass of Mr. Wood (90+ years) just as he was raising it for a sip. Shock, consternation, amusement followed. Fortunately no heart attacks.

In the earlier decades of the club's opening, the Tamahaac Club was called upon, six days a week, by members and sponsored guests to hold weddings, private meetings, parties, party dances, and family celebrations etc., calling cards and dance cards, along with formal dances were common at the Club.

Ben explained that in September 1939, Canada entered into World War 11 in support of England. Canada had a neglected army and was unprepared for war and was only familiar with out-dated leadership skills, weapons and tactics from World War 1. Canada had to re-arm and learn modern war techniques. The task to re-arm Canada's army was given to the Royal Canadian Ordinance Corp under new civilian leadership headed by Victor Sifton. Ben recalls three other local men who were at RMC with his father and who played major WW11 Canadian roles; Harry Crerar who went on to be the General in charge of the First Canadian Army, Col. Gibson Sr. (member of parliament and cabinet minister) and Ken Stuart who became Chief of Staff for the Canadian Army. Circa, 1940, Ben's father, J. V. Young, (James Vernon Young) from his WW1 rank of lieutenant was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General later to become Major General when Victor Sifton retired and Ben's father had the assignment of managing the day to day operations of the Ordinance Corp during War 11 and by necessity took an apartment in Ottawa and the Ancaster home was closed.

At age 11, Ben left home to receive further education for about 13 years. Ben's education and career beyond Ancaster is roughly summed-up as follows:

1941 – Ben goes to Lakefield Preparatory School for 3 years.

1944 – Ben attends Upper Canada College in Toronto for 3 years and graduates from Grade 13 at age 17, missing graduation at 16 by only 4 days.

1947 – Ben attends U of T studying (Commerce and Finance)

1948 – RMC reopened after WW11 and Ben was in the first class after the war.

1952 – Ben graduated from RMC in Mechanical Engineering.

1952 – Ben went to Harvard Business School and in the summer of 1953; he drove around Europe with a Harvard classmate exploring remnants of the war including pill boxes and walking Normandy beaches. Doug Young was killed in Normandy on "D" Day. Ben graduated from Harvard in 1954.

1954-56 - Ben spent 2 years in Hamilton. In 1954 Ben was working for a Canadian company called Durisol who made an advanced building material also called Durisol from waste wood chips and cement.

The product was suited for roof decks and for highway road side barriers as it offered both sound proofing and strength. Durisol ran into business challenges as it was difficult to gain, sound, fire, structure and insulation certification and therefore the product was not readily accepted by architects.

1957 – 1962 – Ben moved to Montreal for 6 +/- years. While in Montreal he worked for Sisco Mines (silver and copper miners) Sisco Mines were later bought out by Consolidated Zinc Corporation, an English firm who later sold out to Rio Tinto Mines Corporation. Ben was married while in Montreal.

Also in 1962, Ben moved to Hamilton and joined the Hamilton Group Ltd. in the equipment leasing business.

1965 – He moved to Ancaster on Sulphur Springs Road. Brothers, David, Bill and Ben Young all lived on Sulphur Springs Road.

I asked Ben about his membership in clubs. Ben had belonged to the Hamilton Golf Club as a junior member and when he moved to Montreal he joined the Royal Montreal Golf Club. Ben moved back to Hamilton and he rejoined the Hamilton Golf Club, The Hamilton Club (downtown) and the Tamahaac Club in Ancaster.

Ben is no longer a member of the Tamahaac Club but remains a member of the Hamilton Golf Club.

I asked Ben if he has a recap of the Young Family's History in Canada.

Ben said he does not have a historical accounting of the Young family. He noted that Anne Young Lindsey, Toronto, a current member of the Tamahaac and a descendant of the Young family has been compiling data on the Young family. He also cited Rick Lucas, Toronto, as a person currently compiling historical data on the Young family history, as he too, like Anne Lindsey is a Young descendant.

Ben said that the web page site for the "Friends of Auchmar" notes some very good Young family historical data.

Thank you for sharing a few Tammy memories Ben and a brief recollection of your various experiences and the way the Tamahaac Club was an important part of your life.

Wayne Maybee

(Tamahaac Archival Committee)

Baby Announcement

A big Tamahaac congratulations to new members, Will Anderson and Meghan Bulmer, on the arrival of their baby girl, Audrina Florence. She was born on Monday, December 19th, weighing in at 9.7 lbs. We understand that mom and baby are doing well. We are sure that big brother Mason is helping already and loving his baby sister. Congratulations on becoming a family of 4! Enjoy this special time.



Fun with Words

Congratulations to Patrick "Eagle Eye" Richards who wasted no time in identifying the hidden typos in the summer edition of the Tammy Times. For his efforts, Patrick and Audrey were awarded with a nice bottle of red wine.

“Did You Know....”

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.

The clubhouse grounds are available throughout the day for a walk with the dog, snowshoeing or cross-country skiing. Lunch is available by making reservations in advance.

The clubhouse is available for corporate or family events, even during the day. If you have an event or special occasion you would like to host, please contact Carlos or Marta at events@tamahaac.ca or reservations@tamahaac.ca.

We have six beautifully appointed guest rooms available for you or your out-of-town guests. Why battle with traffic and costly accommodations in the city when the Tamahaac Club has the perfect “stay-cation” option? Contact the office to make a room booking or to enquire about availability.

Don't feel like cooking tonight? Not to worry, we have a very talented cooking team that can prepare a wonderful dinner for takeout. Contact reservations@tamahaac.ca or call 905-648-4424 to place your order.

Shooting has started up again as of October, and for safety reasons, the area behind the clubhouse is closed while the shooting is taking place (see “Shooters” map).

Anyone can host an “Open Table.” To be a host, contact Marta at reservation@tamahaac.ca, and she will get you organized.

Dress Code as of October 1st - Jacket and Tie for the gentleman and comparable dressy attire for women (unless otherwise stated) and smart casual, plus denim, on pub nights. Further details can be found on the back page of the newsletter.

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.

Dress Code - October to May

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-May]: Jacket & Tie

Wednesday buffets from the beginning of October through May are jacket & tie for men and comparable dressy attire for women unless otherwise stated in the monthly calendar.

Club Cocktail Parties, New Year's Eve

Jacket & tie for men and comparable dressy attire for women. Some members will dress more formally (e.g. a tuxedo) but this is optional.

Christmas Dinners: Jacket & Tie

Jacket & 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.

Duplicate Bridge [Tuesday evenings]:

Jacket required and tie is optional for men.

Lunch & Lectures: Jacket [October-May]

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

Music Evenings

Jacket & 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.

SMART PHONES

Please place cell/smart phones in silent mode and do not use them to make or receive calls in public areas.
