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The Tamahaac Times

The Tamahaac Club

Message from the President

Greetings fellow Members,

The Club's summer activities are in full swing and I've never seen the Club as busy. Along with our own activities we've hosted Golf Canada, have a full calendar of weddings along with several company and private picnics.

It's wonderful to see the camaraderie on the tennis, pickleball and croquet courts and so many members enjoying the Club and its facilities.

Did you know it was in 1914 the grounds were graded for installation of two tennis courts meaning tennis, like shooting, has been a club activity for 100 years. Now that's something to celebrate.

In 1914 a bowling green and three greens for golf were also installed. While these activities are no longer officially a part of our facilities there is an intrepid group of men from the Tamahaac who hit the links of local golf courses through the summer and fall keeping the spirit alive.

The Tamahaac Trekkers have completed their spring hiking program and have now hiked the Bruce Trail all the way from Queenston Heights to north of Caledon.

I speak for myself when I say I'm happy to have a break in the summer, but I am looking forward to hiking again in the fall.

The lift/accessible washroom addition is moving along according to schedule with the foundation complete. At times it may look like there is not much activity at the construction site, but this was expected. To obtain the most cost-effective price for construction it was agreed that our contractor, Husky Construction, would build during gaps in their schedule. In a previous communication I indicated a completion date of around the end of October. Construction is moving along well to meeting that target. We are appreciative of the steps our contractor has taken to be as unobtrusive as possible and keep the site tidy to allow the Club to operate without interruption and to keep to a minimum any impact on the members' enjoyment of club grounds.

Many of our newer members may not know but the lift/accessible washroom addition has been "in the works" for at least 8 years. I remember attending a town hall meeting when Bob McMurrich was president where the board presented a design and plan for the lift to the members.

With design changes, Covid and a subsequent reworking of the plan to create the most cost effective and best option it wasn't until last summer, after a positive vote from the membership, we were able to move forward. Since last summer we completed the engineering drawings and after months of delay obtained the building permit in late May. Construction began a week later.

There was an official groundbreaking ceremony in June and true to Tamahaac tradition participants brought their own shovels. No waste of club resources to acquire chrome shovels for this group.



*G. Taylor, D. Smith,
D. Hamber Sr., R. Douglas,
B. McMurrich, J. Masterson,
H. Gibson*

For the many involved over the years, it's hard to believe that in a few short months the project will be complete, and we can turn our attention to other capital projects to improve our Club.

I would like to remind everyone to review the Club's dress code, a copy of which is provided in this newsletter. The Club's dress code is relaxed for the summer months to "Smart Casual" attire (collared, tucked in shirts with slacks or knee length shorts for men and comparable attire for women) for Wednesday events and "Summer Casual" attire for Friday al frescos. The Club's dress code is just one of the things that sets us apart positively from other clubs and is a time-honoured tradition. Please remember that if in doubt dress up, not down and please let your guests know our dress code.

In early June, the Club introduced name tags, and this has been extremely well received. Use of the name tags is encouraged and guidance as to when the Club requests members wear their name tags is provided in the weekly upcoming events email. I have heard from many members, both new and not so new, and they are very appreciative of this initiative.

There are still many weeks left to enjoy all the warm weather activities and I look forward to seeing you at the Club this summer.

Glenn Taylor
President

From the Desk of the General Manager

Hello Members,

The summer season is in full swing and although the weather has been a little more wet than I expected, it certainly has not deterred the membership from staying active at the Club. It has been great to sit in my office and hear the distinctive “pop” from the Pickleball courts on Monday nights and the sudden “cheer” that emits from either the Croquet pitch or Tennis court on Thursday nights. Either way, it is the sound of members having fun!

As we welcome our **newest members** to our extended family, **Lisa Hannaford & Jim Stacey, Dennis & Jackie Hewko and Sandra & Jim McAughey** to the Club, summer activities are a great way to reach out and welcome them.

If you are not taking part in any activity, we also have our ever popular Open and Club tables that are perfect opportunities to meet new friends or just catch up with another Club member over a delicious meal.

I have had a few members recently ask me about the difference between the two; Open tables are the first Wednesday of the month, always a buffet, and are hosted by a member family. On that note, the Club is always welcoming new members to host an Open table and if you wish to do so, please contact Marta at reservations@tamahaac.ca. If you are hesitant to host because you might be a little nervous, partner up with another family and be co-hosts. As the host of an Open table, your responsibilities are just like at

home, you can reach out to members and invite them to dinner and just have fun. Some hosts like to play dinner games or have fun with a wine/beer tasting but there are no guidelines, the Club staff are here to help with that.

With the Club table, the Club acts as the hosts for all the other dinners and it is the Club that builds a larger table of members who are looking for company for dinner but are not sure who to invite.

As member attendance has been at an all-time high over the last 24 months, seating space has been at a premium at some Club events. One such event, or shall I say event(s) has been the entire Christmas season. As such, we will be opening the Christmas season reservations line on Tuesday September 3rd at 9 am. Reservations will be made on a first come first serve basis. We encourage reservations to be made by email to reservations@tamahaac.ca

Please make note of the following dates to aid you in your planning for this festive season. Specific details on the following events will follow in the fall.

Friday, November 29th – Christmas tree lighting

Sunday, December 1st – Children’s Christmas Party – 2 seatings, 11 am and 5 pm

Thursday December 5 - Ladies Christmas Luncheon

Friday, December 6th – Men’s Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 11th – Member and Guest Christmas Buffet dinner

Friday, December 13th – Christmas Carol singing Pub night

Sunday, December 15th - Christmas Brunch

Wednesday December 18th - Member and Guest Christmas Buffet dinner

Friday, December 20th - Member and Family Christmas Buffet dinner

Tuesday, December 31st – New Years Eve dinner

Aside from the regular Club Christmas events, please take advantage of the Club’s culinary and service team at our spectacular festive venue for your Company Christmas Party. Our Christmas buffet would be a wonderful offering for your staff during the holidays. If your office is on the smaller size, we are also looking at putting together a Company Christmas events can also be booked through reservations@tamahaac.ca, starting on Tuesday September 3rd, 2024, at 9 am.

Thank you for supporting your Club and have a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,
Chris Hugill
General Manager

Club Event Highlights

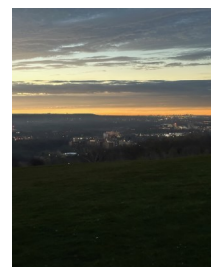
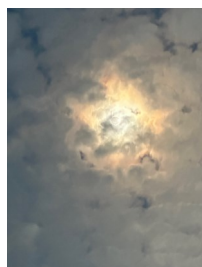
Solar Eclipse

April 8

The solar eclipse of April 8, 2024 was a total solar eclipse visible across a band covering parts of North America, including Ancaster. Many members made their way to the Club armed with their eclipse glasses to watch the phenomenon. It was a surreal experience as the sun disappeared, darkness and a chill fell over us at 2 in the afternoon. The crowd quieted and many acknowledged it seemed almost spiritual as they watched the spectacular site as the moon passed in front of the sun. Many members noted the 360 degrees sunset at full totality from our vantage point.



*The "diamond ring" visible
just after the point of
totality*



Spring Cocktail Party

April 12

The spring and fall cocktail parties are anticipated annual events where new members are welcomed and cocktails and conversation are sparkling. This year's Spring Cocktail Party was no different as guests sipped signature cocktails and noshed on delectable hors d'oeuvres and tasty bites at food stations. Fresh oysters returned to rave reviews and Dave, our faithful pianist played lovely music during the reception.

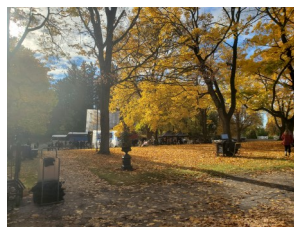
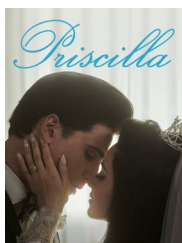


Movie Night

April 19

Members enjoyed a screening of Sofia Coppola's film "Priscilla". Significant parts of which were filmed at the Club in fall 2022. Attendees enjoyed typical Graceland fare of hotdogs and retro salads then retired to the living room to watch the film in comfort. Traditional concession stand movie snacks were available and fully enjoyed.

Although the film and the understanding gained of Priscilla's life were sobering, much fun was had calling out "Tammi!!" when familiar sites were spotted.



Did you spot these scenes?

Fly Fishing Afternoon

April 25

On a fine day in April, several members and guests enjoyed a sunny day down at the shooting range learning all about fly-fishing. Attendees actually tied two flies – a Woolly Bugger wet fly and a Griffith's Gnat dry fly under the direction of expert fly-tyer Brenda Clark. Members were then out on the range practicing and learning casting techniques with casting instructor Rick Crawford from the Hamilton Area Fly Fishers and Tyers. All left excited and ready to try their new skills out on local waterways!



Music Night

May 11

The evening of May 11 brought us another fantastic concert at the Tamahaac Club. We began the evening with a delicious meal prepared by Chef Bruce before moving into the living room where we were treated to a piano duo with one piano, four hands, featuring Jeanette Korovina and Olga Tchemiak. These two gifted, classically trained musicians gave our Heintzman grand piano a real workout! Jeanette is a graduate of the Tchaikovsky Conservatory in Kiev and Olga is a graduate of the Mussorgsky School of Music for the Gifted in Moscow. Olga, who makes her return to the Tamahaac, along with her colleague Jeanette entertained listeners with 'Dances across the musical spectrum' spanning two centuries. The music was lively and engaging which led to a well-deserved standing ovation at the end of the concert.

David Smith



Jeanette Korovina



Olga Tchemiak

Planting Day

May 24

The Tamahaac Gardens are in transition.

After twenty plus years a number of plantings need replacing. This year we also had the plague of the boxwoods which meant the removal of nine shrubs. Some have been replaced with new shrubs and the long beds have two new Viburnums kindly donated by the Hambers' Sr.

Thank you to the helpers of the shrub removal: David Marler, Dennis Kuhlmann, Barry Embree, David Hamber Sr. and Brian Bloomfield as pictured here.



Plants have also been donated from members' gardens, thank you to the Edwards. Gail Hassel has once again wintered over the Dahlias and planted them in the parking lot garden and the carriage house bed. In the perennial beds one Weigelia has been replaced, several plants have been split and moved and Gail donated more Hellebores for one that we lost.

The perennial group has been busy meeting and planning all winter. Many thanks to the perennial garden steering committee led by Brian Bloomfield. They mapped out the beds in three seasons in order to plan the changes to the beds.

The stone wall in front of the parking lot garden is also in transition. Volunteer Wall restorers Barry Embree and David Hamber Sr. are planning to tackle this in August.

Many thanks to all the volunteers, many who enjoyed the al fresco lunch on the veranda after planting this years annuals on planting day May 24.

Thanks go out to:

Don and Linda Edwards

Carol and Barry Embree

Gail Hassel

Tom Hickey

Brian Bloomfield

Jane Hamber

Liz Scheid

Ginny Soule

Rod and Margie Douglas

Hope Gibson

Ellie Rees and David Marler could not be with us on the 24th but are important members of the team and donated a water barrel to the club.

As always appreciation goes to Tim Enticott for his constant attention to our watering system and help with all matters of the grounds, especially the heavy ones.

Please let me know if you are interested in the green side of things. Volunteers are welcome.

Submitted by Libby Simpson-Gibson

Garden and Grounds Committee



Spring Family Picnic

May 25

Mother nature couldn't dampen the spirits of all who attended the Spring Family Picnic as everyone moved indoors. Our special guests, the little creatures from Little Ray's Nature Centre of Hamilton, entertained everyone with a fun, interactive and educational presentation. Families got to meet the following amazing reptiles and small mammals; Ball Python (snake), Blue Tongued Skink (lizard), Crested Gecko (lizard), Red Foot (turtle), Hedgehog, Armadillo, Ferret (name was Slinky), and Chinchilla.

Face painting has become a main activity at our picnics and this never disappoints! If you thought it was Peter Parker behind the Spider Man mask, it was actually Brian Hansell in disguise all along :)



Annual General Meeting

June 19

The Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) took place on June 19 and those in attendance received a detailed accounting from the Board of Governors, the respective Chairs of the Membership, Grounds and House Committees and Captains of each section including shooting, tennis, croquet and bridge. New board members were voted in and retiring members acknowledged.

We are indeed privileged to have so many who are passionate about the Tamahaac Club and give so much of their time to ensure a vibrant and sustainable club life.

The following committees are in place for the 2024-2025 year...

The Board of Governors

Glenn Taylor, President
Scott Wooder, Vice-President
Pat McKay, Treasurer
Rives Dalley Barbour, Secretary
David Smith, Past President
Hope Gibson
David Howell
Rob McGowan
Rick McQuin
Brian Shantz

Management Committee

Glenn Taylor
Scott Wooder
Pat McKay

House Committee

Jennifer Taylor
Jodi Harrison
Jane Findlay
Carol Bernacci
Ursula Blair
Suzanne Cayley

Past Presidents

Gord Davidson
Gerry Dent
Rod Douglas
David Hamber Jr.
Ian Hendrie
Tom Hickey
Bob Hill
Bob McMurrich
Stephen Palmer
David Smith
Ernie Stapleton
Dan Sullivan

Membership Committee

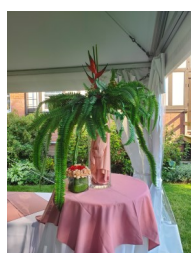
Hope Gibson
Libby Simpson-Gibson
Bob Crockford
Pat McKay
Peter McNabb
Rick McQuin

Strawberry Salmon Social

June 19

The Salmon & Strawberry Social following the AGM is known as the social event of the year. It didn't disappoint as over 150 members and guests filled the clubhouse and mingled on the lawns during the very warm summer evening.

Tables under the tent overlooking the escarpment were beautifully set featuring salmon coloured linens and luscious floral arrangements. Chef Bruce outdid himself with a delicious buffet featuring whole poached salmon, perfectly cooked grilled salmon and beef tenderloin. The dessert buffet with strawberries galore and a beautiful carved ice bowl filled with strawberry gelato was a fitting ending for a wonderful night.



Spanish Al Fresco Night

June 28

What an evening it was! 118 members and guests enjoyed a delightful evening with festive décor, thirst quenching sangria cocktails and Chef Bruce's delicious Spanish buffet and house-made churros. The overcast sky and cooler evening didn't dampen anyone's spirits as guitarist Johannes Linstead and his band entertained with incredible music and infectious rhythms. After dinner most took refuge under the heaters on the verandah or settled into cozy groupings in the living room where laughter and chatter continued until the wee hours.



Shooting

SHOOTING SEASON - WOMEN

We had a very successful shooting season, the highlight was Margie Davidson shooting a 25! The first women's 25 in a very long time and the only one the current members have experienced! The bell was joyfully rung and then in keeping with tradition, all present had the opportunity to shoot Margie's hat.



Margie's "25"



Attempting to shoot the hat!



Shooting Margie's hat...attempt #2!



The bell finally rang!

Our Club Championship was held on May 8 with Margie taking the day with the score for High Gun (highest raw score) In another first, a "shoot-out" was needed to break a tie for High Handicap (raw score plus handicap). Jennifer Taylor, Julia Piercey and Linda Rawlinson went to the tie break and Jennifer emerged the winner after a very close round.

Linda Rawlinson continues to impress and build her skills as she won Most Improved for the second year in a row.

Shooting is on hiatus for the summer but will resume in the fall. There is a wonderful camaraderie in the shoot house and we encourage anyone who might be interested to contact the Captain for next year, Linda Rawlinson, at linda@hollyoaks.ca. Everyone is welcome, no experience or equipment is needed to begin.



SHOOTING SEASON - MEN

The Hit and Miss shooters rounded out their 100th year of continuous shooting on the Tamahaac grounds with great success. The highlights of our Spring shooting – other than the continued excellent camaraderie – are the Spring Melt shoot – won by Rod Douglas, the Club Championship – won by Kevin Piercey with Scott Wooder as runner up and high net and of course our traditional annual home and away competition with our friends at Caledon Mountain Trout Club.

Although we won the first leg of the Caledon/Tamahaac interclub we unfortunately feel only 3 birds short of winning in 2024. Revenge will be sweet in 2025!!

Lunch after each shooting Saturday is a great tradition and the shooters would like to thank the excellent service from our staff and especially the fare from Chef Bruce.

Tim Enticott must also be mentioned as we thoroughly appreciate his attention to always having the shooting field, birds and house ready for us on an ongoing basis. Thank you as always Tim.

2024 was a great year where we initiated a few new shooters and had more shooting on Wednesday and Friday afternoons than in any year before. I am sure we will continue this progression in 2025 and I for one can't wait until early October when we can get back to the field and "break some clay".

Respectfully submitted by:

Ross Wigle - Shooting Captain Ross.Wigle@NBC.ca

Kevin Piercey – Shooting Captain KPierce@McMaster.ca



*Rod Douglas winning the
Spring Melt Shoot*



*David Hamber Sr. at the Strawberry
Salmon proudly wearing his
"First 25" pin as awarded by his
fellow shooters*



*Ernie Eberhard taking out 1
Low during the Caledon at
Tamahaac shoot 2024*



*Club Champion 2024 Kevin Piercey
with Groundskeeper Tim Enticott*



*Enjoying a great lunch on
the Caledon verandah 2024*

Summer Activities

TENNIS

Ladies Tennis is enjoying another great season and turnout.

We are forever thankful that Frances Critchley is still excited to come to the Tamahaac and help improve all our games!

Nancy Lennard
Ladies Tennis Captain



Tennis is off to a great start this season with the courts being used well.

Our regular weekly tennis events - Men's Tuesday afternoons, Ladies Wednesday mornings and our mixed Thursday evenings are off and running well.

We are always eager to welcome new members to our tennis section especially all of our new club members. Please come out and join us! We would like to welcome you!
If you would like more information please feel free to contact me (905) 541-1293.

We thank everyone who attended our opening Tennis BBQ which was a big success and lots of fun had by all .

John Hedden
Men's Tennis Captain

CROQUET

The 2024 Croquet Season is off to a wonderful start. Last year's Grande court landscaping has taken magnificently, and the Piccolo court's surface continues to improve. Our sprinkler system, installed last fall, works perfectly. Thanks to Rob McGowan and Tim, we had an early spring prep of the Grande and Piccolo courts and began play May 2 on a crisp Thursday afternoon, and we haven't stopped since.

Croquet membership is expanding and active. Thursday night croquet and social continues to be the central weekly event.

On June 26th members and guests attended our 4th annual 'Cocktails and Croquet' on a weather threatening summer evening; flowing dresses, summer hats and gentlemen in jackets. We were convincingly rained out for croquet play, no matter, we had our complimentary Pimm's Table in the Dining Room which was hosted by Ellie Rees, Suzanne Cayley and Deb McQuin. A superb Open Table buffet followed in the Sunroom.

League Croquet has commenced organized and scored by Deb McQuin and Jane Findlay. You still have time to register for play if you contact Deb or Jane. Our Open Table Championship dinner will be Wednesday, October 9, so please mark your calendars.

We continue to improve our play and to enhance our equipment. We have added four superior competition Oakley mallets accompanied by 4 secondary colour balls. Thanks to Lisa DiCesare, for painting a proper secondary colour stake for play.

All Club members and their families and guests are welcome to participate. The equipment and courts are available at any time outside of Section play and Club hours. Croquet instruction is available every Thursday or upon request. We extend a special invitation to new members to join us.

Many thanks to the Tamahaac Club staff for their ongoing and meticulous court maintenance, event set up and so much more. And a big thank you to all our many croquet volunteers who pitch in to make a great experience even better.

Enjoy your croquet, 
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

Pickleball at the Tamahaac Club is continuing very well since the start of the season!

We have a solid core of players from last season with the hope of building on the enthusiasm from past seasons. Newcomers are more than welcome and I am happy to give lessons as it is an easy game to learn. Mondays from 5 pm are our designated time but informal games can be set up outside the organized evenings for tennis.

We are members of the tennis section and the annual subscription should be paid as directed. Pickleball continues to grow in North America and we can look forward to another enjoyable and lively season at the Tamahaac Club.

Michael Rathbone

Tammi Trekkers

TAMMI TREKKERS

Congratulations to the Tammi Trekkers who completed the Toronto Section of the Bruce Trail! From trilliums in full bloom, snowy owls, Limestone kilns, to bridges and rocky crevices. Navigating streams, beautiful forests and 450 million year old badlands, the group ventured into a third of the Caledon Hills section of BT. With a final celebration at the Caledon Mountain Trout Club the Tammi Trekkers are planning the next fall season. Happy Trekking !



“Did You Know....”



We have welcomed our newest member of the team, **Martha Watson**, as our bookkeeper. Martha replaces Diane Cranston who has happily retired to look after her newest grandbabies. Martha is in the Club generally on Tuesdays and Thursdays. When calling the Club, it can now be tricky to know who you are speaking with, “is it **Marta** or **Martha**” - the good news is both are fantastic at taking care of you. Please say hello when you get a chance.

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.

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.
