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The Tamahaac Times

The Tamahaac Club

Message from the President

Greetings fellow members. Fall is upon us. My favourite time of year. Paradoxically, I have always seen fall as a time of renewal; I suppose, harkening back to school days where September represented a new beginning. I look forward to autumn at the Tamahaac: its many traditions; seeing friends who have been away at the cottage for the summer; crackling fires in the living room fireplace. In a nutshell, there is so much to anticipate.

Croquet mallets, pickleball paddles, and tennis racquets will soon be put away for the season. There have been great turnouts for these sports during summer months. A special thanks goes out to everyone who has assisted in launching the inaugural season of Tamahaac pickleball and croquet!

The club has hosted weddings most weekends this summer. Staff has worked tirelessly to make these events special for brides, grooms, and their families. To the staff, thank you for your commitment and service.

Reflecting on the one-year anniversary of my term as President, I realize it has not been an easy time for our club. Each of you, along with our dedicated staff have contributed toward maintaining the club as a haven during difficult times. While there is still uncertainty ahead because of ups and downs associated with the pandemic, I feel sanguine about the future.

I recall our first fall at the Club so many years ago. Brenda

and I eagerly looked forward to the fall walkabout-and were not disappointed. It was a beautiful, sunny, but crisp fall day. Libby Simpson, whose father Fred started this tradition many years before curated the walk. She and Hope, ever Tamahaac enthusiasts, discussed club history, along with various points of interest as we walked through trails. Back at the clubhouse we had a lovely lunch amongst friends and knew we had found a new extended family.

On that note, keeping the traditions of our club alive for the generations which follow is front of mind. We must continue to welcome new members. At the beginning of the millennium, we had 200 members. We now have 151 member families. Our goal is to get back to the 200-member mark. I ask that each of you consider how you can assist with this. Bob Hill has stepped down as Membership Chair; thank you, Bob, for your dedication and hard work. Hope Gibson takes on this role and, along with our new General Manager, Chris Huggill has many ideas about how to attract new members so that the club remains socially vibrant and financially sound for the next generation.

On the theme of keeping an eye on the future, as custodians of the Club's beautiful Carolinian forest we undertake an active tree planting program each fall. Commemorative trees are planted in the fall to ensure that they face favourable growing conditions going forward.

Many weeks ago, your Board made a motion to remove the COVID surcharge. During the summer months, turnout to club events and dinners has been good. Better attendance at club events translates into improved economy of scale financially. Sadly, we must re-evaluate our food costs considering inflation. If you see a modest increase in costs of dinners and pub nights, know that we do our best to give you good value for money spent.

The Board has also been hard at work examining the question of re-visiting our logo.

We have a proud and distinct heritage, having been enthusiastically founded by a group of 10 member proprietors in 1912. These visionaries chose the Tamahaac name and accompanying logo in tribute to Indigenous hunting guides and those First Nations that first occupied the land upon which our club now sits.

In recent times, Canadians are being asked to review their policies and practices in light of ongoing efforts to promote truth and reconciliation.

After considerable debate, informed by a clear understanding of the original intentions of our founders, as well as the respectful recognition that many Canadians do not condone cultural appropriation, the Board has decided to remove the Indian head from our logo on all stationary and to relocate the artwork found in the lobby and the sunroom to a less prominent place in the club. By doing so we are taking a positive step forward



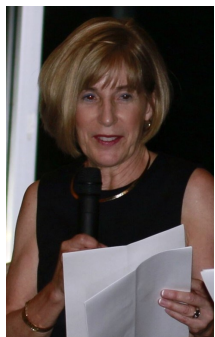
for truth and reconciliation and eliminating the potential for culturally sensitive guests to take offense over something that at its heart is a tribute not a slight. At the same time, we are maintaining our name, the beautiful stained-glass window on the second floor and our deep appreciation for the efforts made by our founders and their Indigenous guides.

There are some great things happening this fall, so please watch for Marta's messages. Gail Hassel, with the support of Diny and Barry Tyler have re-launched Tamahaac Bridge! A music night will be held on November 26th. Raymond Gottschalk, sleep doctor by day, concert pianist by night will show us his best. There can be no doubt that Raymond is a brilliant pianist; our Heintzman grand will get a good workout in his hands. As well, your House Committee is planning a dance party on Saturday November 19th featuring a live band called The Free Agents. What a way to celebrate autumn and kick off the Christmas season.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Warm regards,
David Smith

Club Events



LUNCH & LECTURE - Author Series

June 2 - Bonnie Lendrum

On June 2, following a delicious luncheon salad on the verandah, we spent a lovely afternoon with authors Bonnie Lendrum and Janet Turpin-Myers. The focus of the afternoon was Bonnie's novel, **Autumn's Grace**, a touching and honest novel exploring a family's end of life journey. Bonnie and Janet both spoke of their writing process and some personal events that inspired their writing. Filled with much laughter and a few tears, it was a delightful afternoon.

WINE TASTING

June 10

Members and guests enjoyed a delightful 5 course tasting menu complete with wine pairings by an award winning sommelier. The food was as beautiful to look at as it was to eat! Perfect size portions ensured each course was fully appreciated. Wines were chosen by Jose Luis Fernandez, who was interesting and informative as he guided us through each course. "Food was spectacular" "The wines were really good" "I loved that it was something different" these some of the comments heard on an evening that is sure to be seen again.

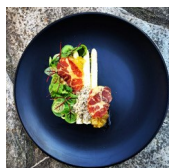
The Passed Hors D'oeuvre

Tapioca and Spinach Chip
goats cheese custard, fermented asparagus
Champagne Soutiran 1er Cru



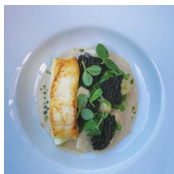
The Appetizer

White Asparagus
crispy house-made coppa, shaved black truffle, maché,
apple + fennel relish, preserved lemon vinaigrette
Gaia, Assyrtiko, Santorini, Greece



The Fish Course

Halibut
morel mushroom, pea, potato gnocchi, tarragon vin blanc
Domaine Bachelier Chablis 1er Cru Les Fourneaux



The Beef Course

60-day dry-aged Canada Prime Striploin
fingerling potato, roasted heirloom carrots + beets,
ramps, veal jus
Fincas de Gazuza, Rioja Tinto



The Dessert

Sous-vide Rhubarb
caramelized white chocolate ganache,
sable cookie, crème anglaise
Moscato d'Asti, Piemonte, Batasiolo



SALMON STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

June 22

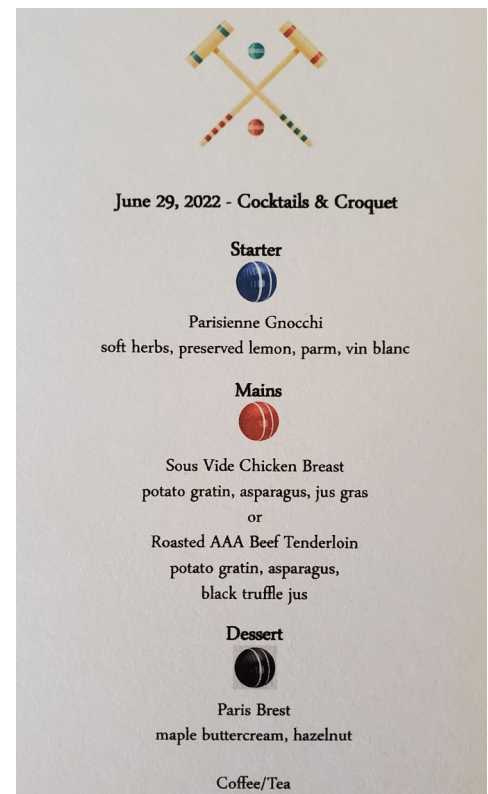
After two long pandemic filled years, the Club's Annual Meeting and Strawberry & Salmon Social returned in full force! There was a buzz in the air as 150 members and guests filled the clubhouse and mingled on the lawns during the warm summer evening. Tables under the tent were beautifully set featuring salmon colored linens and luscious floral arrangements. Chef James outdid himself with a delicious buffet featuring candied salmon, beef tenderloin and a fantastic strawberry shortcake. A highlight of the Tamahaac social calendar, everyone agreed, it was good to be back!



COCKTAILS & CROQUET & OPEN TABLE DINNER

June 27

We had a very entertaining "Cocktails and Croquet" event on Wednesday, June 29, with excellent attendance and croquet attire, striped jackets, flowing dresses, sun hats and parasols. We were delighted to have special guests Mr. and Mrs. Michael Schwenger and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Shea join us. The afternoon commenced with enthusiastic croquet and our Pimm's Table, followed by a lovely Open Table dinner on a beautiful evening on the verandah.



CANADA DAY BBQ

July 1

Our Canada Day celebration BBQ had an excellent turnout. Lawn games were enjoyed, as well as, roasting marshmallows over fire pits.

Burgers, salads, and pecan pie were the highlights of the BBQ menu the evening.

The late night patty continued with sparklers on the lawn after viewing beautiful fireworks over the escarpment.



SURF & TURF

July 13

The Club's Surf and Turf dinner had many great reviews! Our sailor themed décor (styled by Marta) elevated the dining experience. From alternating red and navy blue napkins with anchor ribbon to custom menu cards to beautifully arranged flower arrangements, all tied the theme together, paired with the fabulous beef tenderloin and lobster tail plated main course executed by Chef James.



NOCHE DE VERANO - A SPANISH EVENING UNDER THE STARS

August 17

And what an evening it was! From festive red and black lace decorations, to delightful sangria cocktails, to Chef James' amazing seafood forward Spanish buffet and the house-made churros, it definitely was a feast! Guitarist Johannes Linstead and his band entertained with rhythms so infectious dancing was happening to and from the dessert buffet before an all out dance party broke out in the living room. Ole!



MARITIME CHURCH LOBSTER SUPPER

August 26

The Maritime Church Supper was such fun! East coast music was playing and communal tables were designed to bring out a true east coast church supper atmosphere. Marta did an excellent job recreating an east coast vibe with lemons in vases, kraft paper/newspaper, simple yellow daisy arrangements, loose wedge wood blue napkins held by mason jar rings, and "how to eat a lobster" print outs. Members and guests enjoyed a traditional lobster dinner with a 1.5 lb lobster, and family style platters of potato salad, coleslaw and corn on the cob. Followed by a delicious lemon curd pastry made in house.



SUMMER ACTIVITIES SECTIONS

TENNIS

'For the tennis section we report a very fun summer season with great weather for tennis !! All of the regular tennis events have been well attended this season .

A few more minor repairs have been made to the courts and the overall condition of the courts remain good .

A reminder that the closing Tennis dinner is scheduled for Thursday Oct.13th . We look forward to seeing all tennis members join in for this popular event

Thanks,
John Hedden

This year was a tremendous success for the ladies tennis section. We had record turnouts and very enthusiastic participation by many Tamahaac members . In large part this was due to the amazing tennis clinics that Frances Critchley provided every other week throughout the summer. The tennis gods were smiling on us that she was available and happy to give her special brand of coaching.

Thank you to all for a wonderful fun season!
Nancy Lennard



PICKELBALL

Pickleball entered its second season at the Tamahaac Club in excellent shape with two new courts with newly painted lines & proper pickleball nets. Monday is the designated day for pickleball and the response from the membership has been really encouraging with an excellent turnout for most Mondays and the arrival of a number of new players. I believe everyone has enjoyed the fast and intense nature of the games as a cross between tennis, badminton and table tennis and skill levels have improved dramatically. Hopefully, the weather will allow us to extend the season into the (late?) fall but we hope to see even more members try the fastest growing sport in North America.

Many thanks,
Michael Rathbone

WHAT IS pickleball?

Pickleball is a paddle sport played either indoors or outdoors between two teams of one or two players. The game combines elements of tennis and badminton but differs in that it has a non-volley zone. The rules and structure of the game favor players of all ages and skill levels.

Number of players:

2-4

Suitable for

Combines elements of

tennis and badminton

Can be played

Indoors

or outdoors

ALL AGES AND SKILL LEVELS

EQUIPMENT

A pickleball is similar to a whiffle ball with holes in it. Balls must be a single color to meet specifications.

Paddles are smaller than a tennis racket but larger than a ping-pong paddle.

Nets are typically a slightly modified tennis net.

HOW TO PLAY:

As with tennis, the goal of the game is for the server to strike the ball over the net onto the opponent's side. The game can be played with singles or doubles teams. An overview of the rules for singles play is included below.

A serve must be made from the right hand service square (A) to (C). Servers must alternate positions with each serve between (B) to (A).

The receiver can return the serve anywhere on the server's court in an effort to make the server fault, in which case the receiver will become the server.

WHO'S AT FAULT?

A fault can occur when:

- The ball touches down out of bounds;
- The ball hits the net, a pole, or a person;
- or the ball bounces twice before being hit.

If the receiver faults first, the server gets a point and the sides switch. Only the server can score points.

NON-VOLLEY ZONE

SERVER SIDE

RECEIVER SIDE

The first person to reach

11 POINTS WINS.

(with a two-point lead or more)

service WITH A SMILE

To correctly serve a pickleball, the following qualifications must be met:

- ☒ The serve must be done underhand.
- ☒ The paddle must be below the waist.
- ☒ The serve should be made diagonally crosscourt.
- ☒ The ball should be hit into the air without being bounced.
- ☒ The ball must clear the 7-foot non-volley zone.
- ☒ The ball must bounce in-bounds on the receiver's side.

SOURCES: PICKLEBALL.COM, U.S.A. PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

SUMMER ACTIVITIES SECTIONS

CROQUET

It has been a wonderful croquet season. Since May, we have enjoyed near perfect weather for consecutive Thursday croquet followed by a very pleasant social into the evening. Skill levels have improved significantly, our volunteer support is outstanding, camaraderie is growing and the Grande and Piccolo courts continue to improve under Tim's watchful eyes.

Mid Summer Jane Findlay and Tom Nederpel organized our first croquet tournament. Commencing in early August, tournament games were scheduled along side casual play every Thursday evening.

The Croquet Tournament finals culminated on Wednesday, September 28 followed by an Open Table Dinner.

Congratulations and thank you to all croquet section members who have made this croquet season such a success.

Casual croquet will continue to be played Thursday nights at 4PM. Due to weather, plan to organize your own games including set up and take down of the equipment.

Kind regards,

Peter McNabb





FALL 2022 GARDEN REPORT

Fall, leaves, fall; flowers away;
Lengthen night and shorten day
Every leaf speaks bliss to me
Fluttering from the autumn tree.

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On November 15, 2022 the annuals will be gone, the perennials cut back and the gardens prepared for winter.

It always goes so fast and we have our photos and memories to sustain us till next spring.

It has been a good year for gardening and the Tamahaac Gardens performed admirably as can be seen in the photos.

We had our new garden care company Green Collar. They have been a great help edging weeding and keeping the gardens tidy.

As usual, Tim Enticott, our Grounds Keeper, had been the man on the spot .

He even discovered why there were strange sounds coming from a hanging basket when he found the baby birds in a nest of flowers. He saw the parents feeding the family. As they soon flew the coop we decided to let them be and the flowers continued to flourish. Isn't nature amazing?

Thanks too to all the members who have taken an interest and lets hope we can plant more daffodils in the woods before the snow flies.

Please let me know if you are interested in helping.

Have a sunny fall

Enjoy the colours

Submitted by

Libby Simpson Gibson

Gardens and Grounds

Libbysimpson@bell.net



From the desk of the General Manager

As the spectacular autumn weather ushers in another season of skeet shooting and dining; I feel so grateful to be afforded the privilege of working at such a magnificent property. I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that the Club is open during the day. I can't think of a better place to get away from the daily stresses of life and sit with a cup of coffee, just read a book, bring out some friends for lunch, or walk through the trails. If you do decide to join us for lunch, we ask that you notify us in advance that you are coming by making a reservation.

I would like to take a moment to officially welcome our newest members to the Club, Liz Shied, John & Barbara Dollak, Ronald & Ann Reid, Jim & Deanna Files, Matt Ashley and Ennia Gentile, and William Anderson and Meghan Bulmer. We are thrilled to welcome each of you into our Tamahaac family.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our long-time staff members Bruce Lea and Juvy Betonio for their services over the years. Dinner service and the Club has looked a little different recently without them!

I am pleased with the current financial health of the club, but I am keeping my focus on our future. As you would have read in the President's report, the Club is aiming to return to the pre-pandemic count of 200 member families. I am thrilled to share with you that the Membership Committee is working on the final touches of a new membership brochure. Each of you should receive a membership brochure /package in the mail in the next few weeks. These packages are designed to remind you of all of the great things that the Tamahaac Club has to offer. I hope that you will feel inspired to share these packages with your friends. I am also very excited to get out into our business community over the next few weeks, to share our Club offerings for corporate and social opportunities.

Looking ahead to the Fall, there are a lot of exciting events and projects for the Tamahaac Club. Please come and enjoy the Fall walkabout and car rally scheduled for October 16th. If you are looking to enjoy some amazing music, then put November 28th in your calendar to enjoy music night with Dr. Gottschalk!

We are all proud of our property and we want to ensure that the grounds continue to be cared for. Many of you may remember the large tree limb that came down this summer, in front of the Clubhouse. As a steward of the property, the health of trees is very important to me along with the safety of everyone. I am currently working with a local arborist in having an assessment done on one of the Clubs most important assets and I hope a long term plan will be finalized and presented to the Board in the next several weeks.

Thank you all for making this summer spectacular! With so many great events planned in the club and our collective commitment to the club, I am certain that the autumn will be even better. I hope to see everyone in the dining room next month and invite you to say hello when you are here.

Fun with words....

Somewhere hidden in the Summer edition of the Tamahaac Times, are 5 misspelt words. Find these 5 words and you could win a bottle of wine.

To enter, send the list of 5 words, and the page you found the error on to manager@tamahaac.ca. The deadline for submitting your entry is Wednesday, October 12th at 5pm and the draw will be held at 6pm. The lucky member will be contacted right afterwards.

Good luck!!

Meet the Senior Staff

Chris Hugill - General Manager



Originally from Toronto, I moved to B.C. in 1995 for, what I told my mother, was a 6 month leave while I visited with my brother, who was attending UBC. That Summer, I moved to Whistler and quickly realized that the “6-month visit” might be extended, I never thought it would be extended by 27 years. While in Whistler, I learnt a lot about the hospitality industry and in doing so, caught the attention of the General Manager, who took me from Whistler to Richmond B.C to open up a Hilton property. After 15 years in hotels, I moved into the Private Club arena. Over the next 20 years a whole new set of skills were learned as I spent time at Quilchena Golf & C.C., The Vancouver Golf Club, and most recently Beach Grove Golf Club.

I have been married for 20 years to my beautiful wife Lorraine and we have three amazing children, Carter, Zachary and Emmerson. In my free time I love to mountain bike, downhill ski and coach baseball. My next big adventure is to take Lorraine to Spain or Italy, and my favorite food is Italian.

Tim Enticott - Head Groundskeeper

I was raised in Kitchener but have spent the last 30 years in Hamilton.

I have two grown kids that I am very proud of.

I enjoy hiking, fishing and camping. Love to travel and see live music with my girlfriend.

I hope to be able to explore as much of the world as possible.



Diane Cranston - Bookkeeper



From the time I attended my first event at the Club I have been impressed with its charm. So, it didn't take much convincing to accept a “temporary” assignment as the Club's bookkeeper in the Spring of 2020. I have enjoyed it so much I haven't left. My duties are primarily bookkeeping and maintaining members' accounts but I will always assist in any way I can. You will find me here every Tuesday and depending on the work load - an extra half or full day as required. My email is accounting@tamahaac.ca or call and select extension 15.

Like many of you, we are members of the “sandwich generation”. And while it has been gratifying to help the four generations of our extended family, it sometimes feels a little overwhelming. On those occasions, my husband usually suggests that we move out of the country and not tell anyone. In our remaining free time, we enjoy travelling and catching up with old friends and neighbors.

Marta Bagchus - Membership and Events Coordinator

I joined the team at the Tamahaac Club in March 2022 after spending a few years at home raising my two kids.

Since graduating from Ryerson University in 2006 in the Hospitality and Tourism program, I have worked in the catering and event planning field. I believe I have a talent for menu planning and event design and a genuine ability to elevate member experiences, providing a high level of member care. I am really excited to be working with the house and membership committees and being an integral part of the new member process.

I am a fan of country music and Seinfeld, and I have been told I'm a talented painter; I also enjoy a day at the beach.

Please feel free to stop by my office if there is anything you need to make your time at the Tamahaac better.



James Bourdeau - Executive Chef

I have been in the industry for 20 years, starting out washing dishes at age 14. Through the years I have worked all over Burlington, Kitchener, and the Hamilton area learning from the areas most talented chefs. My biggest passion and favorite thing to make is charcuterie, I have been making charcuterie for the past 10 years, fine tuning my recipes and procedures. My favorite style of food to eat is Southern Comfort; ribs, pulled pork, brisket, collards, corn bread, etc.

I spend my time out of the kitchen with my two children, Nikolas (9) and Alexis (4). We love to fish, ride scooters and go on hikes discovering new areas we haven't been before.

I have been lucky enough to be the Chef at the Tamahaac club for the last two years. You can find me here Tuesday, Thursday + Friday 12pm-8pm and Wednesdays and Fridays 12pm-10pm.



Carlos Leite - Catering and Events Manager



I have been at the club for one and a half years as Catering and Events Manager.

I have been in the hospitality industry for over 25 years specializing in weddings and corporate functions working in hotels, convention centers and clubs.

I am very passionate about what I do and aim to please every member and guest, no matter what it takes.

I love food and beverage, especially pizza and Portuguese food. My hobbies are watching movies, playing sports, working out in my spare time, and enjoying quality time with my family.

Men's Shooting & Schedule

The 2022-2023 shooting season officially opened on Saturday, September 24th with a practice shoot followed by our first "Regular" shoot on Saturday October 8th.

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

Women's Shooting & Schedule

We are pleased to announce opening day for the women's shooting section is Wednesday October 5! Festivities will begin at 10 am at the shooting hut.

We are happy to welcome new or newly interested members to join us, however, as the safety of each individual and the Club as a whole is our priority we kindly ask anyone new to shooting to email either of the co-captains in advance so we can set aside appropriate time to review safety protocols and introduce you to skeet shooting at the Tamahaac.

The women's shoots generally run on Wednesday mornings from 10am -1pm, but we are also fortunate to be able to share some shooting time with the men's section on Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

We are looking forward to getting back together with our shooting friends, so clean your barrels and let's try for some 25s!

Your co-captains,

Margie Davidson margiedavidson@icloud.com Jennifer Taylor jrt618@icloud.com

Off Limit Area for guests while shooting is taking place



"The clay one! You're meant to shoot the clay pigeon!"

While the shooting range is active, a Red flag will be raised on the shooting flag pole. For our newest members, this flag pole is located on the driveway by the Croquet pitch and tennis court.

When the flag is raised, the grounds behind the Clubhouse is off limits.



“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 tennis, a walk, or even sitting on the veranda with a good book and cup of tea. 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 get in touch with 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 book 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 starts up again in October, and for safety reasons, the area behind the Clubhouse is closed while 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. For our newest members, an open table is an opportunity to meet other members that might be dining alone or as a couple and make a larger table.
- Dress Code changes 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

Cooking with Chef James

Elevate your potatoes!!

Any potato will work for this recipe (I recommend staying away from russets due to its thicker skin and starchier inside) my all time favourite potato, especially for this method is Fingerling potatoes.

This method will add a whole new flavour and texture to your finished product.

2LBS fingerling potato

¼ cup butter (or any preferred fat-duck fat, olive oil etc.)

5 garlic cloves

6 sprigs of thyme

1 TBS whole black peppercorn

2 bay leaves

2 TBS salt

Water to cover

Place all of this ingredients in a pot and slowly bring up the heat to a gentle simmer, if you boil the potatoes too rapidly it will greatly effect the overall texture of the finished product.

Simmer for 20-30 minutes until just fork tender, you still want to have a small amount of resistance

Strain the potatoes and let cool on a rack on the counter, the residual heat will finish the cooking process

From there, the rest is up to you!

You can leave them whole or crush them, season with olive oil, salt + pepper and roast at 425F for 15-20

You can deep fry at 375F for 5-8 minutes

You can turn those into mashed potato/colcannon

Peel the skin (or leave on) and toss in butter with salt (my favorite)

Why have an Archive?

I recently saw a humorous/satirical cartoon wherein a family of a father, wife and daughter are sitting around a table, presumably during dinnertime, discussing the day. The assumption was the wife was discussing an event that they all took part in and in conclusion, the father rubbing his chin stated, 'That's strange. I remember it differently, in a way that aligns with my worldview and casts me in a positive light.'

This attitude is so pervasive in our world today. There has always been a modicum of this in our world experience but it seems, to me, to be more egregious today.

Homo Sapiens, the wonderful sentient beings that we are, are masters of storytelling. This has been well documented in the anthropological record of man. As a corollary to this attribute is that we are quite good liars, giving some little white fibs to save face or embellish for interests sake and some downright nasty lies to justify or distort history for heinous reasons.

The panoply of distortions are legion from the rather innocuous to the disastrous. The latter would be our response to vaccines, Putin's war with Ukraine and of course Donald Trump's attempt to 'bend' history. For the former, I cannot help but think of the reason for Wednesday night dinners as an example of a wee lie that can either be construed as cheeky at best, the truth, or elitist at worst.

Which brings me to the reason I am writing this missive. All of the members of the Archives beseech you to actively take part in telling the Tamahaac's story. Recording the historical facts is one aspect for the Archival Record. We believe the bare bones are documented, but we are missing what Simon Schama described as the 'binding thread' or stories that hold the facts together. Given the demographics of the membership, it behooves each and every one of us to search our 'own Rolodex and be the storytellers that we are born to be and contribute to the Archives. Our varnished and unvarnished remembrances will then make up the rich historical tapestry of our beloved Tamahaac Club.

Respectively submitted

Barry Embree (Team Archive)

2022, Honorary Colonel of the RHLI (Tamahaac member Don Cranston)



We asked Tamahaac member, Don Cranston, to provide us with some of his thoughts regarding the bonds between the Tamahaac Club and our Canadian Military Services over the years. Many of our members over the years have served in the various forces in all the recent wars. Below is Don's submission pertaining to the RHLI's.

"In 2015, I had the honour of being appointed the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry (Wentworth Regiment), also known as the RHLI and "Rileys". In 2018, I was appointed Honorary Colonel of The Regiment. The RHLI is one of Canada's oldest, and famous, regiments in the Canadian Army. Founded in 1862, the Rileys have fought in every major conflict in which Canada has engaged: from the Boer War to Afghanistan. Our regimental motto "Semper Paratus" (Always Ready) has been proven of the past 150-plus years.

Honorary Colonels are the head of the Regimental Family, which includes not only the active soldiers, but also the various volunteer groups attached, such as the Museum Committee, Veterans Association, and Soldier Appreciation Committee (which assists our young soldiers with education bursaries and employment assistance). The Honoraries are also the guardians of the regimental traditions and history. It is a busy appointment, but an important and satisfying one.

The Tamahaac Club has had many connections to The Regiment since its founding. Sir John Gibson, **one** the Club's founders, was a famous soldier in the RHLI, having fought in its first battle at Ridgeway in 1866, and winning several shooting competitions, including Bisley in England.

Sir John was also the first Honorary Colonel in the Canadian Army, when he started that appointment in 1907 for the 13th Regiment (the name for the RHLI at the time). It was when Sir John was Commanding Officer and leading the unit on an exercise outside of Ancaster that he came upon the Tamahaac's current site and noted that it would be a fine location for such a club.

Given the world situation, the RHLI's tempo has been high for the past years. Several Rileys were actively engaged in civic operations with the COVID-19 assistance in the health care system. Several of the soldiers have been deployed overseas in the Canadian Army presence in Latvia and elsewhere around the world. We are both an infantry battalion with an Influence Activities Company, to assist in Civil-Military support in countries such as Latvia.

One of the greatest pleasures is being with the Rileys in the field when visiting during various Exercises, although my aging is fully recognised when trying to keep up with these young men and women. I am known as the Regimental Grandfather, asking the soldiers how training is going, how their work lives outside the Regiment are faring, and whether any assistance is required. These young Canadians make us all proud.

Another pleasure of the appointment has been meeting our late Colonel-in-Chief, HRH The Prince Philip. The Duke of Edinburgh took his role seriously, and we had to update him on several occasions when we visited in Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle and Balmoral. The amazing thing was how well the Colonel-in-Chief knew the goings on of The Regiment, and of the history of Canada.

Lastly, the appointment has made me further appreciate the strength and resilience of Canada's young men and women. With leaders such as those in the RHLI, Canada's future is bright".

How The Tamahaac's Operational Model Has Been Scaled– back since 1912-14!

It was on March 14, **1912** the Club was issued its Letters Patent under the Ontario Companies Act, incorporating the Tamahaac Club. The Letters Patent were recorded on March 19th as Number 87. The first 12 members were also the Club Governors at the time. In 1914 the then working Board consisted of 12 members, as it does today. We have current members who are descendants of the original founders. A lawyer, George Lynch –Staunton, originally, from Grey-Bruce County had been instrumental in buying and financing the purchase of the Tamahaac acreage, of about 80 acres and the construction of the purpose-built Clubhouse.

Some Salient Club Events in 1913-14

March **1913**, the first recorded Club meeting was held, April 1913, arrangements were made with the Brantford and Hamilton Electric Company to construct a railway siding/stop near the club's driveway entrance. June 1913, the entrance gates, formerly belonging to "Inglewood" were purchased. October 1913, the matter of starting club shooting was approved by the Board. November 1913, the Club Crest was to appear on all china, crockery and stationery. It was noted by John Hendrie that "the shooting box was not yet painted and nothing had been done on the skating rink".

January **1914**, George Lynch-Staunton, the first club president showed the design for the stained glass window he was presenting to the Club. This window honoring and depicting a First Nation's profile was created by Paul Woodruffe, Campden Close, England. February 1914, construction of the water tank and tower were completed. Filling of the ice house was underway. April 1914, the formal opening of the Club was scheduled for May 1914. A telephone booth was rented and installed at the Clubhouse for the occasion. May 1914, the Grounds Committee arranged for a tennis ground area to be graded for two tennis courts. Also a bowling green and three greens for court golf. A general plan for the grounds, including a survey of walkways, roads, and a space for sports was completed by Mr. Sharp of the E.D. Smith Company. (In 1976, E.L.G. Smith was the President of the Club) June 1914, the subject of lighting for the driveway was brought up. Paul J. Myler, an American, and the President of Westinghouse Electric, and the second president of the club, suggested the simplest and most economical plan would be to have large boulders painted white and properly placed along the driveway. It was decided that twelve garden seats be placed along each side of the driveway.

October 1914, preparation of ground for tennis and lawn bowling was underway. A water spring was scraped and water was cribbed up. During the summer, **Club Night was to be Saturday**. It was suggested that a horse and trap (2 wheel carriage) be acquired for transportation from the Club to the station stop near the club gates. Paul Myler was to arrange for the horse and trap purchase. A dinner was to be held, on December 22 in honour of John S. Hendrie, the recently appointed Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

*(The forgoing data was taken from 1) the **Club Minutes** 2) **The Celebration 2000 Millennium Booklet** and 3) the Club's 2012 publication of the "**First One Hundred Years**".)*

In early days, the club had live-in and full time staff, there were breakfasts, dinners, luncheons and teas being offered from 8:30 AM to 12:30 AM, six days a week. Monday was a holiday for the staff. The family names below cover most of the members who were actively, introducing guests to the club with the concerted effort of growing/building a viable membership, whilst sufficiently capitalizing the Club. *(The next significant attempt to recapitalize the Club was not until 1977 when a large residential subdivision was considered, south of the clubhouse, but not implemented by the Board. The purpose of selling residential building lots was to raise money and recapitalize.)*

39 Legible Member Names found in the 1914 Registry Guest Book, as often Bringing-out Non-member Guests to Grow the Club's Membership.

There were several names that were not legible, in the 1914 guest registry book but not many. **We note the following members below were primarily, responsible for bringing out, non-member guests and getting the club fully subscribed, utilized and capitalized in the first year of operation.**

Baker, Bankus, Beasely, Bristol, Cahill, Chisholm, Cockshutt, Counsell, Dalley, Gates, Gibson, Glassco, Harris, Hawkins, Hendrie, Hobson, Hope, Howell, Innes, Kittson, Leggat, Lynch-Staunton, (first president) Malloch, Martin, Merrick, Mewburn, Moodie, Morris, Myler, (second president) Olmstead, Phin, Scott, Southam, Spratt, Thomson, Whitton, Young, Wilcox and Wood. *(These initial members, amongst others, capitalized the Club).* Only a small percentage of these surnames are found on today's membership roster.

In 1913-14, the then substantial "capitalization" of the Club was achieved by: the above 39 members and others paying \$1,000 each for membership plus the selling of about \$30,000 in \$500 bonds. Some bonds were later traded for \$1,000 memberships. It is estimated the Club raised about \$70,000 in 1913-14 dollars. In perspective to today, the new, purpose-built club house in 1913-14 dollars cost \$28,000 +/- to construct.

We observed from the registry book records that it was common place for members to bring-out/entertain, 2 to 12 non-member guests, six days a week, at any given time. With this "can do" spirit, the membership grew quickly, after 1914, even facing the disruption of the First World War. We noted, at one time, the second President Paul Myler brought out 24 non-member guests for a single dinner, thereby introducing them to the club, presumably, mostly as prospective members.

The current Visitors Registry Book is now on the small desk on your left as you enter the front foyer-entrance. On a voluntary base, similar to the original founding members, please fill in the names of any non-member guests you bring to the club.

Submitted by the (Historical/Archival Committee: (Wayne Maybee, Ernest Eberhard, Nell Farmer-Spicer, Dr. David Wismer & Dr. Barry Embree)

Interview with Frank Leathley, Age 92, at the Tamahaac Culb Tuesday, March 31, 2022

Frank Leathley contacted me via Diane Cranston (Tamahaac Accounting), who graciously showed him around the Club a few weeks ago. Frank came up to the club a few weeks ago, to see how his *historical*, fine cabinetry/display projects were holding-out at the Tammy.

Amongst his projects were the two, wall display cabinets in the main foyer, a wood carving of our club crest, custom made radiator covers, and the mounting of former metal tree plaques commemorating visits by distinguished guests during the club's formative years. (See to the Immediate right of the storm porch entering the foyer)

Diane gave me his phone number and I made contact with him and he said (being a cabinetry perfectionist) even at 92, he was dismayed at the shoddy workmanship by someone to screw the cabinet tight, to the right side entrance of the foyer where the tennis racquet donated by Dr. Ray Kearns of the Mohawk Tennis Club was housed. Stephen Palmer told me that an early, wooden, tennis racquet donated by Dr. Ray Kearns had been stolen by guests breaking into the cabinet and the lock/escutcheon was broken.

I had spoken to Stephen Palmer about Frank contacting us, as I knew Stephen had him do some of the cabinetry/fine carpentry projects at the Tammy over the years, as well as making a desk for his daughter, Lisa.

Frank and I agreed to meet on the porch of the Tammy on May 31, 2022 to discuss his past involvement with the Tamahaac. We met at precisely 10 am., May 31, 2022 with precision and we helped ourselves to a coffee and some home-made muffins I had taken to the club. Sitting on the porch, I asked him about his work history and his assignments at the Tamahaac.



Frank Leathley before his Repairs



Frank Leathley after his Repairs

Salient Points

- 1) Frank, a trained/apprenticed cabinet worker came from England to Canada in 1958.
- 2) That year, in 1958, he started working for Nels Crockford at Valley City Mfg., Dundas, and later for Nels' son (Robert (Bob) Crockford) a current member of the Tamahaac. The firm specialized in making fine wooden furniture and wooden pieces for churches, laboratories, schools, universities, hospitals and custom orders. Frank retired from Valley City Mfg, in

Interview with Frank Leathley, continued

3) Frank said former Tammy member, Bill Tinsley, father of George and John Tinsley first introduced him to the Tammy. He made custom, gun stocks and modifications for some of the Tamahaac shooters. Later he did some work for the Bill Black family, also Tamahaac members. Stephen Palmer had him make the foyer display cabinets circa, his presidency as did Dr. Gordon Davidson.

4) I assisted Frank as he professionally dipped into his bag of tools and parts to repair the cabinet.

5) After the repairs, I placed a recently donated tennis racquet in the cabinet, also donated by Dr. Ray Kearns via Peter, the tennis pro at the Dundas Tennis Club. This racquet is a Wilson, wooden racquet produced in honor of Jack Kramer, the USA professional tennis player, circa 1947-1950. It replaces the first racquet stolen from the Club and coincidentally, donated some time ago by Dr. Ray Kearns.

I asked Frank what we owed him for his help and he said "Absolutely nothing is owed".

Note: Frank asked *if we might be accepting new members* and I said we were, subject to an introduction to our offered services and amenities, and a brief explanation of the Club's values and history. He stated his granddaughter and her partner, who live in Ancaster had expressed an interest to him in the club and its shooting venues. I gave Frank my home number and email to have his granddaughter and her partner contact me and I would then steer them directly to the Membership Committee for a tour. It would be timely and fitting if Bob Crockford * (Frank's last boss) who sits on the Tamahaac's Membership Committee gives them an introductory tour to see if membership fits their life style and social needs.

Cheers,

Wayne Maybee (on behalf of the Archival Committee Team)

***Note: as of August 17/22, Hope Gibson, the current membership chair is working with Frank's membership referral.**

Tamahaac Club 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.

Wenesday 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.