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The Tamahaac Times

The Tamahaac Club

Message from the President

Greetings Fellow
Members,

I know it has been fall for over a month but when I step outside it feels like early September.

Sadly, the tennis, pickleball and croquet seasons are winding down but the summer seasons were a great success.

The Club is in full fall mode however, with the fall walkabout last weekend and the car rally the week before.

The car rally was a great success. This year Rob and Carol Bernacci arranged for the Ferrari Club to join the Tamahaac members for the rally. As a result, there were over 90 people in attendance and the display of exotic cars was incredible. Somehow a TR4 even made it into the line-up.

The fall walkabout, hosted by Hope and Libby Gibson, gave members the opportunity to enjoy our beautiful grounds. This year there is a new trail, bush wacked by Ernie Eberhard. I understand it is challenging and therefore a nice complement to our other trail.

By mid-November the Tammi Trekkers will have completed the second section of their Bruce Trail end to end hike. Since the spring they will have hiked about 240 kilometers from Queenston Heights to Kelso Conservation Area.

Music nights return on November 18 with Emma Rush, one of Canada's preeminent classical guitarists. Then all of the amazing Christmas events will be upon us. There are also many private events scheduled

for the next couple of months. Chris, Marta and Carlos have been very busy fielding enquires and signing up events. Thank you for your hard work, diligence and enthusiasm.

Member and guest feedback tells us that the service and food have never been better. Congratulations to Chris and his team both in the kitchen and dining room for giving us such an amazing dining experience.

The house committee has created some fantastic programming for us and these events are very well attended. I've said this before but it needs to be repeated, the dining experience is stronger than ever and the member attendance has never been higher.

Last year was the club's strongest year in terms of

member attendance at dining events. This year's attendance for the first six months is 20% higher. The club is clearly on the right track in providing what people want.

Club life is great, so please take advantage of it and bring your friends.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Sincerely,

Glenn Taylor
President

From the Desk of the General Manager

Hello Members,

Here we grow again...it is my pleasure to officially announce and welcome our newest member families to the Tamahaac Club. Nicolette and Sanjay Modi joined the Club in August. Suzanne and Chris Cayley joined in September and just recently, Robin and Tim Humphreys. In the typical Tammi way, please extend a hand or invitation to a fine meal when you can and welcome them to the Club.

I was thrilled to review the summer statistics in regards to the dining visits. As President Taylor mentioned in his article, dining visits are at an all-time high. Without a formal survey in place (more on that in a minute) a great way to gauge member satisfaction is through attendance. I would like to say thank you to all of you for your continued support of the Club and also to Chef Bruce and Carlos and their teams, as well as, the House Committee, for creating an experience where members want to come, and to Marta for keeping all of you informed and organizing our reservations.

Also, a special thank you for our Thursday night Tennis and Croquet members for your patience during our new Grab and Go food program. In total we had 93 member visits to the BBQ and sandwich/salad table which I think is a great success. The team did receive some great feedback on ways to improve the service for next year and we are looking forward to starting up again in the spring.

Looking ahead in the calendar, there are a number of great events for you and your families to enjoy for the Christmas season. On Friday November 24th, Santa arrives to kick things off with the lighting of the 60-foot Christmas tree. A light dinner buffet,

mulled wine and smores by the outdoor fire, make this event one of the favourites for all ages. On Wednesday November 29th, come and celebrate St. Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland, with a great dinner buffet and Scotch tasting. Trevor and Lindsey Parry and Steven and Cathie McCarthy will be hosting the evening with the guided help from our newest members, Chris and Suzanne Cayley. This event promises to give last year's successful Robbie Burns night a run for its money. On Sunday December 3rd, Santa returns to hand out presents to the children. With the success of last year's event, we have kept the two seatings of 11 am and 4 pm for the visits. To make a reservation for any of these events or find out more details, please contact Marta at reservations@tamahaac.ca

After a busy Christmas season, January's closing of the Clubhouse will take place from January 1st to the 10th. This will give us a chance to touch up paint, shampoo carpets and repair any equipment etc. before we start up on Thursday January 11th.

The remainder of January also has some exciting events with the return of Robbie Burns night on Wednesday January 24th. This past January's address of the haggis was a real treat to watch and I can't wait to see what Gord Davidson and Peter McNabb have in store for us next year. A week earlier, on Friday January 19th, Tom Jones impersonator, Joe Callura, will be at the Club for an oldies night that you will not want to miss.

Getting back to my earlier point of "surveys", the House Committee has been researching survey options that we can send to the members after a dining experience or to learn about your enjoyment of the Club. This information will be very valuable in helping us improve the members experience and we are aiming to have it launch at the beginning of December.

Lastly, I'm excited to report that we are working on an improvement of our internet speed here at the Club. Unfortunately, with our distance from Filman Road and Wilson Road, it is cost prohibitive to run fiber to the Clubhouse so we needed to wait for a better solution. With the recent improvements and availability of Xplornet/Starlink we now have options. I have heard from many of you that hold business meetings in the boardroom that this was a priority. Stay tuned for further updates.

Thank you for your continued support of the Club and I look forward to seeing you over the Christmas season.

Chris Hugill
General Manager

Club Event Highlights

Cocktails & Croquet & Open Table Dinner

July 5

Wednesday, July 5 was a perfect summer afternoon for croquet and evening for dinner on the verandah for our annual "Cocktails and Croquet" event. Attendance was excellent and many turned out in varied croquet attire, whites, striped jackets, flowing dresses, sun hats, and our Pimm's Table for all. We were delighted to have special guests Mr. and Mrs. Michael Schwenger and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Shea join us and we thank them for their continued support of Tamahaac croquet. We were also very pleased to have our Honorary Referees, Patrick Little and Ross Robinson from the St. Catherines Croquet Club join us again and we thank them for their continued on court advice and camaraderie. Guests from the Hamilton Club also joined us for croquet and dinner and it was a great pleasure to have them join us.

Submitted by Peter McNabb



Breakfast at Wimbledon

July 16

On a beautiful Sunday morning on the day of the Wimbledon Men's singles final about 35 keen tennis fans gathered at the club to watch the match on the big screen in the living room. Everyone dressed in tennis whites enjoyed a breakfast of strawberries and cream complete with fresh made scones and croissants. There were also mimosas and coffee.

It was an exciting game to watch and the champion Djokovic was beaten by the young Spaniard Alcaraz in five very close sets. After the match, we were treated to delicious open face sandwiches and crudités before heading out to the courts for our own Wimbledon wooden racquets tournament. The rules stipulated the mixed double teams must each play one game using wooden racquets. Members found these relics and had fun trying to hit the ball with them. The outcome had winners and runners up who received trophies and prizes there was even a prize for the shot of the day.

Winners: Fred Vermullen (guest) and Margie Douglas // *Runners up:* Pat McKay and Michael Rathbone

Shot of the day: Margie Douglas and Michael Rathbone

Next year we hope to have a rematch after the Women's singles final.

Cheers to all who participated and many thanks to the staff for our delicious treats.

Submitted by Libby Simpson-Gibson



*Watching
Wimbledon*



The final game



*Ernie Eberhard &
Libby Simpson-Gibson*



The fans cheering on



*Paul Jackson sporting a
Wimbledon shirt*



*Nancy Lennard & Glenn
Taylor hand out awards*



*Best shot Margie Douglas
and Michael Rathbone*



*The Champions Michael
Rathbone and Pat McKay*



The group - players and fans

East Coast Lobster Supper

July 21

The lobster supper was a great evening. The food was fabulous and the atmosphere the same. A great job all around.

Submitted by Jane Findlay



Caribbean Night

August 16

The tinkling of steel pans greeted us as we made our way to the club from the parking lot. Beautifully set on the lawn overlooking the escarpment it was an incredible evening, from the music to the homemade ginger beer to Caribbean delicacies - fried plantains, goat curry and frozen lime cheesecakes. Baseball fans were delighted to see Cito Gaston among the guests and he graciously posed for pictures. All in all a summer night to remember. One member said it perfectly when they stated "this is the Tamahaac at its finest".

Submitted by Jennifer Taylor



Outdoor Tree Walk & Lunch

September 7

Chris Deathe from Davey Tree led a walk around the club property the morning of September 7th. About twelve interested members participated. After a brief introduction by Chris Hugill, Mr. Deathe began by explaining that our trees are being tagged and mapped for easy identification. Tim Enticott is heading up this project.

Our forest has lots of walnut trees. We also have a lot of Norway Maples especially in the front yard between the clubhouse and the parking lot. These trees provide great shade. These are very hardy trees, able to tolerate drought and resistant to infestation.

We have a replacement program which was started about 25 years ago by Bill Black and Fred Simpson by planting memorial trees where needed. David Hamber Jr has continued this program. Please contact David for more information.

There is a record of this posted on the sunroom wall in the clubhouse. There is also a map online on the club website. As we continued our walk Chris pointed out trees with various issues. For example, there was one Norway Maple by the tennis courts which was in danger of falling and has since been removed.

Davey Tree is helpful to the club in preserving and identifying trees needing help or removal. Chris prefers to try and save trees. The use of cobra cables for trees in danger is a system that moves with the tree and is not invasive. This system is used when heavy trunks or branches are in danger of splitting.

There are a number of older trees with cables.

Chris pointed out trees where a section had been cut out which often causes further rot. He suggests better to leave the tree to heal itself in this instance. He also showed us a copper beech with silver streaks on the bark has an insect infestation called scale which can be treated.

In terms of watering large, mature trees, it is important to water three metres out from the trunk and use pine mulch to protect roots and allow aeration. If soil around the tree is too compacted the tree will suffer ...roots need air! When mulch starts to decay, it adds important nutrients in the soil.

Planting according to the Carolinian forest guidelines is good however we are on the edge of the zone and some trees may not be as hardy. Oaks are a good choice for this area. As are walnuts, Kentucky Coffee and Hybrid elms. There were questions by the group and lots of discussion. We walked and looked at trees near the club and all felt we had a lot more to learn. The walk was followed by a light lunch and more discussion. A very worthwhile experience! Thank you Chris Deathe.

Submitted by
Libby Simpson-Gibson

Ribfest

September 15

Rib night was a successful evening with a lot of compliments on the food in particular, the beef (dinosaur) ribs. Deputy Sheriff Tom "Rip" Johnson had a great night decked out in his Stetson hat.



Ladies Intro to Shooting Day

September 16

On a beautiful September day, 15 women took part in the Tamahaac's first ever "Introduction to Skeet Shooting". Under the guidance of Master Instructor and Canadian Champion skeet shooter, Jan Kulvey, 8 women bravely fired their first shot! With patience and encouragement everyone had the thrill of hitting a target!! Scary, maybe, but a little bit exhilarating based on the smiles on every face. The slightly more experienced shooters walked away with many tips (and too many things to think about!) for their next round. A delicious lunch was enjoyed by all with much laughter and promises of trying it again!

Submitted by Jennifer Taylor



Family Picnic

September 24

While it was a bit of a cool and blustery day, spirits were not dampened and all enjoyed a great family day. The police cruiser and the 18 hand horse were both a huge draw. Children were allowed to turn on the sirens and the horse could not have been better behaved. What a treat to have him with us. The bouncy castle is always a hit of course, and this year Peter McNabb and Sheena Snively co-hosted the croquet pitch and provided instruction to young and old alike. Looks like we have some young enthusiasts coming our way. All in all it was a great day, great participation and fun was had by all.

Submitted by Linda Bullock



Sergeant Denise Leonard and her horse, McNabb, with the McNabb's & Hope Gibson



Family Picnic (...continued)

September 24

The Croquet section participated in the Kids Picnic Day on September 24. Sheena Snively and Peter McNabb had mini courts set up with both adult and children's sized equipment. It We provided informal croquet instruction for the kids, parents and grandparents that milled about and fun was had by all. A few of us also had pictures taken with MacNab, a mighty and handsome member of the Hamilton Mounted Police Force.

Submitted by Peter McNabb

Croquet Championship & Open Table Dinner

September 27

On a lovely late September afternoon we had our annual croquet tournament with members and guests in croquet attire. Games were adjudicated by our Honourary Referee, Patrick Little. The first semi final matched Hope Gibson and Rick McQuin vs Kate and David, won by the Debenetti's. The other semi final, Jo Walton-Ball and Brian Bloomfield vs. defending champions Jane Findlay and Tom Nederpel. It was a very exciting game that was won by Jo and Brian. The final matched Jo and Brian against the Debenetti's. The play exceptional and the game extended into extra wickets. The championship was ultimately won by the Debenetti's.

We then proceeded into the Living Room for the Pimm's Table and awards presentation. Peter McNabb presented The Croquet Champions trophy to Kate and David Debenetti. Peter congratulated the Debenetti's on their steady play and mentioned some exceptional shots by Kate. Well done.

Patrick Little was thanked for his adjudication of the days games and his continued support. Patrick remarked that he has been a friend of Tamahaac croquet for the past three years and that he continues to be very impressed with our increasing level of proficiency of play, the quality of our Grande court and the spirit in which we all approach the game of croquet.

Peter also has formally thanked Brian Bloomfield for his handmade gift to the Croquet and the Club, a beautiful stained window, that he designed and created in a TAMAHAAC CROQUET motif.

Peter also recognized and thanked Dennis Kuhlmann for everything, much unseen, that he contributes to the Croquet and the Club.

Peter heartily thanked the volunteers, members and staff who have contributed so much to the quality of croquet play and enjoyment this season. Finally, Peter announced a new award that will be awarded annually to the person(s) for Outstanding Contribution to Croquet. Peter asked Rob McGowan to come forward and accept the award in its inaugural year. Very well deserved and thank you Rob.

The presentations were over and we proceeded into the Sunroom for a wonderful Open Table Dinner.

Submitted by Peter McNabb



Shooting

SHOOTING SEASON - MEN

2023 celebrates 100 years of continuous shooting at the Tamahaac. We will be celebrating this with a special shoot on November 25. That celebration will immediately follow our annual shooters dinner on Thursday, November 23. This dinner is open to all Lady and gentlemen shooters of the Tamahaac.

We start the 2023-2024 season with much enthusiasm. We have a great crew of shooters in the hidden section and we have had exceptional weather to start the season. This is brought out many shooters not only on Saturdays, but also for practice shooting on Wednesday And Friday afternoons.

If there are any new members of the Tamahaac, who are interested in investigating the wonderful world of shooting, please contact one of the men's captains.

Submitted by Kevin Piercy & Ross Wigle

Co-Captains

SHOOTING SEASON - WOMEN

Women's shooting has officially started and runs every Wednesday morning from 10am - 1pm. Everyone is happy to be back at it and enjoy a morning surrounded by friends and the great beauty of our club. We welcome anyone to join us, please contact one of the captains and we will get you started!

Submitted by Linda Rawlinson & Jennifer Taylor

Co-Captains



RECAP of Summer Activities

TENNIS

The season has gone very well. Participation for men's ladies and mixed has been very good.

A reminder for the date of the Closing Tennis Dinner is Thursday November 23, 2023.

Submitted by John Hedden

PICKLEBALL

Pickleball in 2023 is drawing to a close after another successful season with a core group turning out regularly on Monday afternoons. This has included a number of new players but the most noticeable feature of this season has been the significant increase in the standard and quality of play. Pickleball is an easy game to learn and thereafter a quick upwards curve in ability so the matches have been competitive and fun.

I saw a report this week saying that Genie Bouchard is joining the professional pickleball circuit and she is relatively young to be transitioning from tennis!

The Multi Barrier system has helped to prevent balls straying over the courts but these would be even more effective if we could add corner pieces to the current barriers. The nets will be dismantled next month but hopefully we can see new players coming out to try pickleball next season and the intention to run some form of tournament at the Tamahaac Club.

Submitted by Michael Rathbone



CROQUET SEASON 2023

We Croqueteers have had another splendid croquet season. Thursday every week throughout the season was again, prime time croquet. Play would commence by 4:30 followed by an informal gathering into the early evening and was always great fun. The Club's 'Grab and Go' light dinner offering was a great success and convenience.

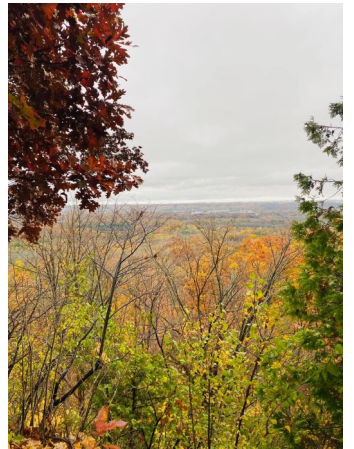
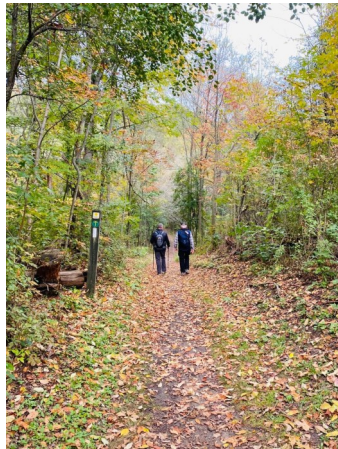
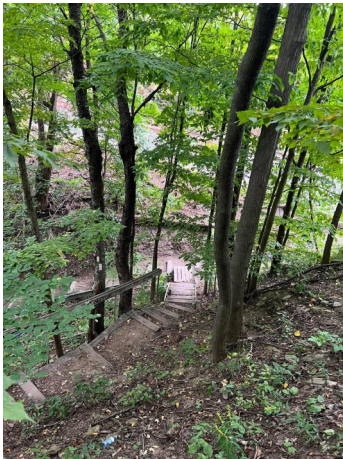
However, before the season commenced, there was work to do. In early May, the Grande court dominated our focus as we watched a pile of soil transform into a glorious, level, specialty grass sodded court surface measuring a height of 3/8" long. The Grande court has become a source of pride and joy for us all. Rob McGowan worked quietly procuring the soil, sod and overseeing all landscaping. Rob's vision and efforts have truly raised the quality of our court and equally our quality of play. Tim Enticott and a dozen or more volunteers watered daily until mid June, then, let the games begin! On June 15, our first croquet was game played on the Grande court and played by four leading ladies, Gail Hassel, Susan Bloomfield, Catherine Palmer and Jane Findlay.

Submitted by Peter McNabb

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



Tammi Trekkers



From the Archives

Another Current Tamahaac Member Involved with Supporting Canada's Military

As an Honorary Colonel in the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) from 2015 to 2020, David Ippolito had a ceremonial role in representing the RCAF at public and community events. His responsibilities included fostering relationships between the RCAF and the public, as well as promoting and supporting the mission and values of the RCAF. Although Honorary Colonels do not have command or operational responsibilities, they serve as advisors and advocates for the RCAF.

During his tenure as Honorary Colonel, Ippolito had the opportunity to work with and support units including the Aerospace and Telecommunications Engineering Support Squadron (ATESS). ATESS is a unit within the RCAF that provides engineering and technical support for the RCAF's aircraft and communication systems. The squadron was established in 1972 as the Aerospace Engineering and Telecommunications Engineering Squadron (AETES) and has undergone several name changes before becoming ATESS (Aerospace and Telecommunications Engineering Support Squadron) in 2014.

ATESS is responsible for a wide range of tasks, including the evaluation and testing of new aerospace equipment and technology, the design and development of aircraft modifications, the maintenance and repair of RCAF aircraft and equipment, and the provision of technical advice and support to RCAF operations. The squadron is made up of approximately 250 personnel, including engineers, technicians, and support staff.

Throughout its history, ATESS has played a critical role in the development, maintenance, and sustainment of the RCAF's aircraft, aerospace systems, and communication networks. During Ippolito's tenure as Honorary Colonel, ATESS continued to support RCAF operations, both at home and abroad. This would have included providing technical support for aircraft deployed to regions like Afghanistan or Iraq, as well as working on new technology and modifications to improve the RCAF's capabilities.

Overall, Ippolito's role as Honorary Colonel was to promote and support the RCAF's mission and values while fostering a strong relationship between the RCAF and the public. ATESS, as a critical unit within the RCAF, has played a significant role in supporting that mission, and Ippolito had the opportunity to work closely with the squadron and its personnel during his time as Honorary Colonel.

Open Table Hosting

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

You may wish to reach out to the membership and invite others to come out for the evening. You may choose to make a welcome speech, a toast, bring the wine for the table/ do a wine tasting, organize a fun game/raffle with prizes, etc... Staff are available to help in this area.

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

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

UPCOMING HOSTS

November 29: Trevor and Lindsey Parry & Steven and Cathie McCarthy

December 13: Hope and Libby Gibson

Lost & Found

Storage for lost and found items is getting full. Next time you are visiting the club, please take a look for any items that could be yours.

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



“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, 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.

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

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?

Don't feel like cooking tonight? Not to worry, we have a very talented team that can prepare a wonderful dinner for takeout.

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.

Animals that have been seen on our property include our beloved wild turkeys that like to pass by the front entrance of the club and also have been seen sneaking past a wedding ceremony in the background, coyotes, foxes, pileated woodpecker, and of course deer and bucks. Tim Enticott took this shot of a big buck at the beginning of the fall season.



Dress Code

Tamahaac members are responsible for ensuring that their guests follow our dress code. We suggest you share this information with your guests along with a reminder of why we have a dress code. Simply put, we believe it 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-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.

Wednesday Nights [June-September]: Smart Casual

Jacket and tie are optional. Collared shirts (tucked in), turtlenecks or sweaters, dress slacks and corduroy trousers are appropriate as are (true) Bermuda Shorts and knee-high socks. Ladies to follow suit in comparable attire.

Pub Nights [September-May]: Smart Casual (Plus Denim)

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

Al Fresco Fridays: Summer Casual

Dress is relaxed. Sportswear, e.g. golf and tennis attire, and capris for women, are acceptable as is denim (not ripped etc.). Jacket & Tie are not required.

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.

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.
