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The Tamahaac Times

The Tamahaac Club

Message from the President

Greetings fellow members,

Time flies! On the one hand it seems like we just ushered in 2023, however, summer is now just around the corner.

At the annual general meeting in June my term as club president will end; ergo, this will be my last contribution to the Tamahaac Times as president. The past two years has gone quickly. I have done my best to serve you well. My term as President has not been without its ups and downs due to the threats associated with guiding the club through the pandemic. As we navigated our way through these choppy waters one thing has remained true. The Tamahaac has remained for many, a beacon of hope and calm during a period of tremendous instability. Like everywhere else, the past two years has been punctuated by lockdowns and re-openings, with all the commensurate worries. However, the uncertainty, while at times nerve-wracking, engendered an esprit de corps amongst many members and cemented in place, the value held in the deep friendships within our Tamahaac family.

Our staff members remained stalwart throughout and I am deeply grateful to them. As always, I want to take this opportunity to thank our hardworking team who look after us so ably.

The entire staff put forth such tremendous effort during difficult times! As members, we are all deeply appreciative.

I also wish to acknowledge each one of our many member volunteers for the countless hours committed to making our club a better place. On behalf of the Board of Governors, thank you.

Speaking of our dedicated staff, many of you may know that Bruce Lea will be retiring in June. To my mind, Bruce is an iconic Tamahaac staff member serving us with dedication and a good-natured charm that belongs to Bruce and Bruce alone. He has been with us through thick and thin. Speaking for myself, among his many other talents, I have always found Bruce to be an exemplary bartender! He knows how to make the perfect cocktail: fill and old-fashioned glass with ice and top it to the rim with Ketel One vodka! No fuss, no muss, no ridiculous measuring! Over the years Bruce has always had my drink of choice waiting for me. I will miss him.

Many new members have been welcomed; sadly, there has also been the loss of some old familiar faces. I would be remiss in not paying a special tribute to our departed friend John Soule, former president, long standing board member, great raconteur, oyster lover extraordinaire, and all-around great guy. The loss of

John will be felt deeply by all of us.

Since the last newsletter, the club has been busy. Parties, special events, Wednesday dinners, Friday pub nights, along with recurring club events like Music Nights, Lunch and Learn Lectures, spring and fall cocktail parties- all have been very well attended. I think we can safely say that the trials and tribulations associated with the pandemic are behind us.

Tennis, pickleball and croquet will be set to go. Croquet has been incredibly popular. Give it a try.

On a serious note, you will know by now that your board will making a townhall presentation to explore costs and benefits of an addition to our clubhouse which will incorporate an elevator, handicapped washroom on the living room floor within the new addition, along with other accessibility and storage features. These presentations will be on May 10 and May 13. All members will be asked to participate in an advisory vote following the townhall. The input of every Tamahaac member is vitally important! **Please attend and cast your vote.**



It has been a privilege to serve you and I thank you for the trust placed in me.

The board of governors has worked tirelessly throughout the period of my presidency, and I am grateful to each board member for the support I have received. I believe the club is in good shape financially but also in terms of morale. Going forward, my successor, Glenn Taylor, ever ready to leap into the fray, will serve you with dedication and good humour.

So, I will say au revoir for now, but not adieu!

David Smith
Club President

From the Desk of the General Manager

Spring is here and I am excited that many you will be returning from your winter getaways. I look forward to you once again, filling the walls with laughter and stories. Along with the beautiful weather, the spring invites you to take your place on the veranda and enjoy a wonderful meal with the company of great friends.

While you were away, things were relatively quiet, aside from several great events such as the Robbie Burns night and the Quebec Carnival, and we did have the excitement of a break-in to our carriage house. Aside from several tools, the big item was the loss of Tim's right hand (not literally) but his beloved Kubota tractor. Thankfully, the insurance covered all of the costs and Tim found himself whole again within a few weeks.



I would like to take a moment to extend a special thank you again to our team of handy members, in particular: Dennis Kuhlmann, Dr. Barry Embree, Dave Hamber Sr. and Mike O'Neil for spending a week in January, attending to some much-needed repairs in our staff areas. The staff are very appreciative.

Looking ahead in the calendar, we have some great events lined up. Firstly, we will have the opportunity to appreciate mom/grandma on Mother's Day, May 14th. If you haven't made reservations yet, please do so, as this event fills up quickly. Sec-

ondly, and being half Polish, I'm really looking forward to Polish Night on May 31st. I'm curious to see if Chef can cook as good as my Babcia. Also in May, on the 27th, is our Spring Family Picnic and we already have 101 guests coming out for the event!

Since January, we have welcomed two new member families to the Club.

Trevor and Lindsey Parry joined us in early January and most recently, we welcomed Steven and Cathie McCarthy to our extended family. Please say hello when you get a chance.

As nice as it was to have the sneak preview of "Summer weather" a few weeks ago, it would appear that it has awoken the ticks earlier than usually. I have had a few comments from members recently that have been out hiking with their dogs that the ticks are out. Please keep your dog on the trail, when possible, and check for ticks before getting into the car on the way home. Please see page 13 for what to look for and how to deal with ticks.

Opening soon! We have been working on other food service options over the winter and are putting the final touches on additional services.

We certainly understand that many members like to bring/cook/burn their own food on the grille when they are enjoying a game of tennis or croquet BUT members will now have other options available to them. We will be preparing light "Grab and Go" items that are readily available for you to enjoy while playing

on the courts, walking on the trails or just sitting on the veranda with friends, enjoying the view.

On another note, if you are meeting with business partners in Ancaster, just let us know! With relatively short notice, we would be thrilled to host your meeting at the Club for lunch.

Also coming in time for cottage season, "cottage packs" are back. Let us know when you are heading up to the cottage and we can prepare BBQ packs of quality cuts to make you look like a star in front of family and friends. If you cannot get away to the cottage, we have you covered there too. Also available this year are "picnic packs" for those staying in town. Picnic packs will have everything you need to head off to the beach, park or enjoying the beautiful grounds of the Tamahaac to enjoy a picnic style meal.

Thank you again for the support and the opportunity to have us look after you and your families. Have a wonderful season; we look forward to welcoming you "home".

Chris Hugill
General Manager

Club Event Highlights

New Years Eve

December 31st

Time to Sparkle New Years Eve 2023 at the Tamahaac

It was a night of twinkling lights and magical glow of stars and sparklers! The pianist played and Tamahaac members dressed in formal flare and glitter enjoying cocktails while raising glasses in a bubbly toast to a Greenwich New Year. All enjoyed a delicious meal of sea scallop, strip loin then a dessert table laden with chocolate and macarons.

The DJ played and lights flashed as the dance floor filled with enthusiastic dancers, laughter and smooth moves!

Sparklers were lit under the stars and waved to celebrate a New Year filled with promise and new possibilities! At midnight the noise makers and dancers counted down to 2023 and danced into the New Year!!

May 2023 be filled with good health, much happiness and new memories with your Tamahaac Friends and Families!!! XO

Submitted by Jodi Harrison



Robbie Burns Night

January 25

The evening was filled with the sound of bagpipes and the sight of numerous clan's tartans. The Haggis, expertly prepared by Chef Bruce, arrived with much fanfare and the famous address was enthusiastically recited by our own Peter McNabb.



Music Trivia Night

January 27

Laughter and music filled the air at this evening enjoyed by all. The competition was stiff as everyone seemed to bring their "A" game, and a ringer or two! At the end of the day a tie break was needed, so Chris Coons and Sheena Snively squared off. Again it wasn't easy as each showed their musical prowess. In the end Sheena prevailed - she remains the champion for a second year in a row!!



Valentine's Day Dinner

February 14

Love was in the air !

Chef Bruce prepared a lovely 4-course dinner for 12 Tamahaac lovebirds. They started off with Oyster Prosecco Granita, followed by Butternut Squash & Halloumi Salad. The main courses featured Miso Glazed Black Cod with Tomato Vinaigrette and Braised Ontario Beef Short Rib & Roasted King Oyster Mushrooms. To finish the evening, guests were served White Chocolate Belgium Mousse for dessert.

Thank you to Jodi Harrison and Joanna McGowan for the decorations and photo booth set up.



Paint & Prosecco Night

February 16

Members and guests came out to enjoy a night of painting! Cornelia Peckart, through the Art Gallery of Hamilton, provided instruction to all who attended and guided everyone through Lawren Harris' painting of The Ice House. Members and guests enjoyed prosecco and a working dinner before grabbing their canvases and paint brushes!



Movie Night Pub Night

March 24

Our first ever movie night was enjoyed by all. After a fast food style dinner, attendees retired to the living room and watched African Queen while continuing to enjoy popcorn and goodies from the well stocked concession stand.



Shooting

SHOOTING SEASON - MEN

The Hit and Miss Shooters: The Men's Shooting Section of the Tamahaac Club are an Intrepid lot.....let me explain.

The Men's shooting section shoots skeet from October 1 through early May every year. We start the year with gorgeous Fall weather and finish as the greening of Spring takes over the best shooting vista in the province. In between, you never know what weather will greet you as you come to shoot every week. This year was no exception – we had days of +28C and crystal clear skies to days of significant sub zero weather where we had to enlist our intrepid members to dig out paths through 18" of snow to be able to wend our way through the shooting field. As I say you never know what you are going to get weatherwise. One thing we do know for certain, however, is that we will get a great experience of collegial camaraderie and darn good fun. Friendly competition abounds and traditional sporting verbal banter between competitors is always at the forefront. The hope for one more broken bird prevails.

So yes we are an intrepid lot....we face all challenges from weather to winds and face them with the anticipation of breaking more "clay" this week than last.

We shoot mixed shooting on Wednesday and Friday afternoons and regularly on Saturday mornings followed by great lunches consumed in the gunroom or shooting house. This year we have had a few new members venture onto the skeet field and to their pleasure (and ours collectively) their games have improved dramatically and they have woven themselves into our weekly fabric seamlessly. Welcome to them. This being said we are always interested in sharing our love of shooting with other members who would like to take a try at the sport. If any member is interested in discussing the benefits of our long standing tradition of skeet shooting at the Tamahaac they are welcome to contact Captain Ross Wigle at Ross.Wigle@NBC.ca and a discussion and tour of the facilities can follow. No experience required – only a desire to try a new sport and meet a great group of gentlemen.

As this missive is being written, the sting of a defeat on the shooting fields of the Caledon Mountain Trout Club is felt by all who competed – we fielded a small enthusiastic group of 7 shooters against their 17 and by the laws of sheer numbers we were at a great disadvantage. But our collective group stood up and shot well and the Tamahaac can be proud of the effort made. Next year we will return and hopefully advance our historic ways and show the Caledonians that the Hit and Missers hit more than miss!

At this time I would like to thank Captain Ron Stewart for helping to organize and lead the Hit and Miss Shooters for the last year – he has done an excellent job and always has a positive impact on our group. We are but 3 weekends away from closing the skeet field for the season but our members are not letting up on their interest as our Club Championship arrives in 2 weeks – may the best man win and remember – on any day the wind can blow and the extra bird break and victory can be yours!!

Ross Wigle – Shooting Captain

*Dr. Kevin Piercey smashing a clay target on
the very snowy morning in February*



SHOOTING SEASON - WOMEN

Our small but mighty group of women shooters have been enjoying the spring weather and improving our game. We've had a few personal best scores and the birds are definitely nervous! We are looking forward to our Club Championship shoot on May 10.

If anyone is interested in shooting, come down and see what it's all about, women only shoots are Wednesday mornings 10 am - 1 pm and we also have the opportunity to join in mixed shooting with the men's group on Wednesday and Friday afternoons.



Upcoming Summer Activities

TENNIS

Court Update

The nets are up and Tennis/Pickleball is available at this time. The courts are in good condition and a few cracks will be repaired by Ancaster Surfaces.

The courts will also be pressure washed This Spring to present a fresh appearance.

Tennis Play

Men's Tuesday, Women's Wednesday and Mixed Thursday will begin the first week of May.

Events

Opening Tennis Dinner: Thursday May 25, 2023

Please confirm with The Club ASAP

Closing Tennis Dinner: TBA

Reminders will be sent out during the season.

Fees and Registration

Fees are \$150 per member which includes family members.

Made payable to:

Tamahaac Tennis Club

c/o Bryan and Hedden Financial

201-3380 South Service Rd

Burlington, Ontario L7N 3J5

or

Etransfer to:

bryanandhedden@gmail.com

Password: Tennis

We will run a tennis roster and schedule of other events after we have confirmed this year's registrants.

On behalf of Your Tennis Pickleball Committee, Nancy Lennard, Michael Rathbone (Pickleball) and Rogers Adams.

We look forward to the new tennis season!

Best Regards to all,

John Hedden

Tennis Captain

PICKLEBALL

The pickleball nets are up and ready to go!

Pickleball will run every Monday afternoon from 5 pm and Michael will be running clinics on Mondays for beginners starting at 4.30 pm so everyone is welcome to come and learn.

Michael Rathbone will be away, but Bob Hill will run the first session of Pickleball on Monday, May 15th starting at 5 pm.

We are looking forward to a great pickleball season and continuing the enthusiasm from the first two seasons.

All the best,
Michael Rathbone

CROQUET

The Piccolo court will be available for instructional and casual play in early May.

Our Thursday's, 4 pm format of casual play followed by a social (BYOB/BBQ) into the evening is the 'perfect' format and will remain intact.

It was suggested that 'retirees' commence Thursday play in advance of 4 pm to allow players coming from work more court availability from 5:30 on.

Peter is planning Kid's Croquet play on selected, available Saturdays in June through August in a play/instruction and picnic format.

Additional play throughout the week is being considered. Please stay tuned!

David Marler stated that he will be emailing out the 2023 Croquet Section Registration Form. If you did not receive this and would like to play, please follow up with David at ddmmarler1@gmail.com.

The 2023 croquet section fees will remain at \$50/person this year.

Special Events

Please mark your calendars for our annual "Croquet and Cocktails" Buffet Dinner on Wednesday, July 5, 2023, 4pm Croquet, followed by dinner 6pm on the verandah.

The Croquet closing dinner will be scheduled in early October.

We generously thank all croquet volunteers for their tireless contributions to the success and enjoyment of the croquet players, and for making these efforts enjoyable activities.

To conclude, we look forward to further input and refinement of scheduling and we look forward to your continued feedback. We have a great opportunity to introduce croquet to more members, to play more croquet, in particular, on weekends, and to continue to raise our overall level of play.

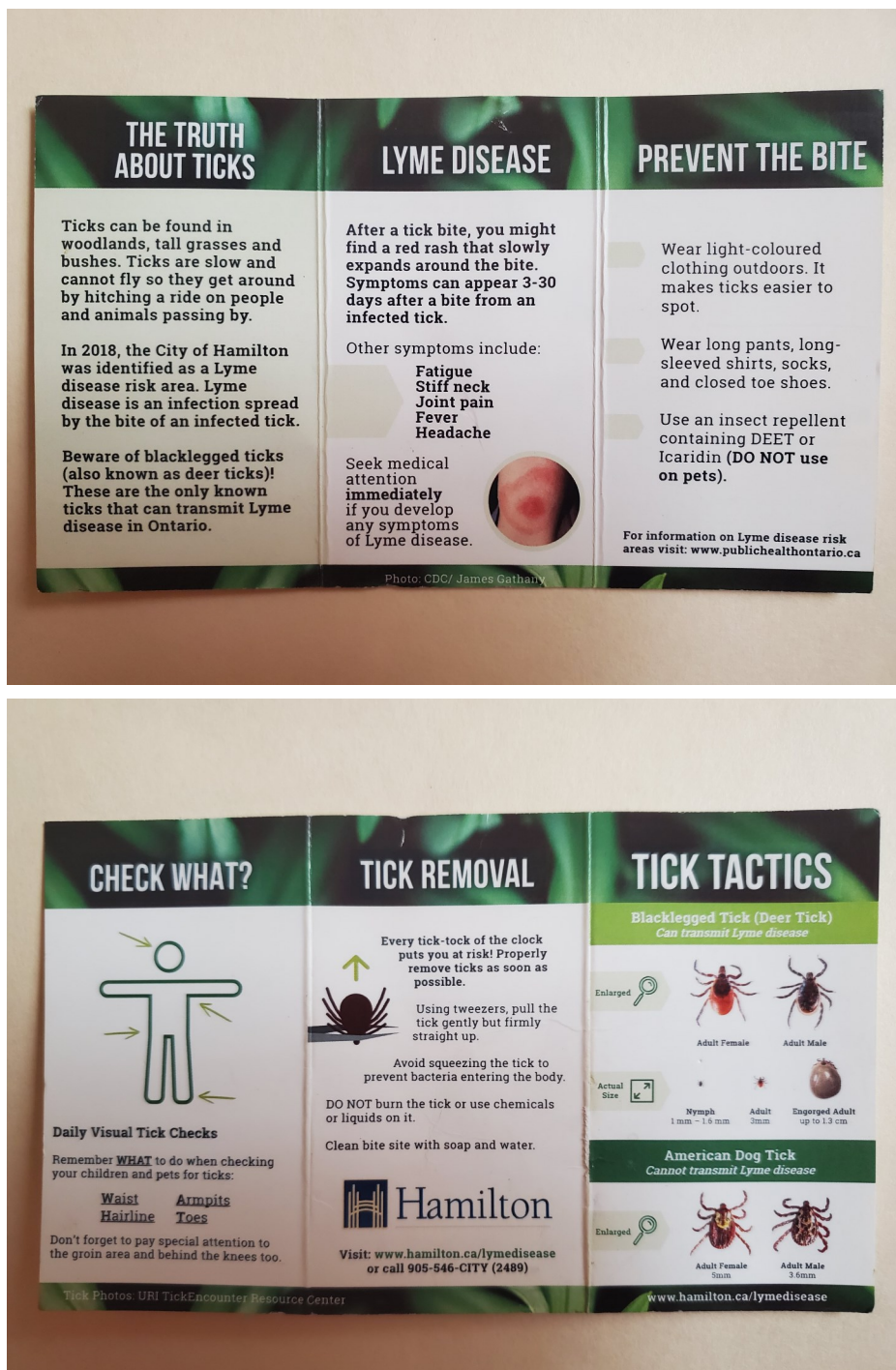
Croquet is around the corner!
Respectfully submitted,
Peter McNabb, Croquet Captain

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.

Ticks Beware

Members have spotted ticks on our walking trails.

Tim has put up 2 “Beware of Tick” signs as a reminder to be tick aware.



The Perfect Lawn

1. Feed 4 times a year.

Yes, you read that right. True, many lawn owners think a single feeding in the spring is enough for a lush lawn. But lawn pros know the truth: that your grass needs to be fertilized several times throughout the year, using the right lawn food for the season.

Feed in early spring with Lawn Food, which will give your lawn a jump-start for fast green-up.

2. Mow at the right time and height.

Another lawn secret the pros know is that when and how you mow can make a huge difference in the look of the lawn. Be sure to set the mower at the highest setting for the type of grass you're growing. For cool-season grasses, that's about 2½ to 3½ inches. By letting the grass grow to its optimum height, you'll encourage it to establish a deeper root system while shading the soil to help discourage weed seeds from sprouting.

It's also important to mow frequently enough that you're never removing more than 1/3 of the grass blade height at a time. Be sure to wait until the grass is dry, though, so you don't end up with wet grass clumps all over the yard. Finally, vary your mowing patterns so that you don't create ruts in the lawn from repeatedly mowing along the same track.

3. Water the lawn properly.

While it may be tempting to give your lawn a quick watering every day, any pro will tell you that a better plan is to water deeply and less frequently. Giving the grass a good long soak is another way to encourage roots to grow deeply into the soil, which strengthens the lawn and helps it survive during times of drought. When the grass has started to look a little grayish and the blades don't bounce back when you walk on them, it's time to water. Run the sprinkler until you can easily push a ¼ inch diameter dowel or plant stake about 12 inches into the ground. You don't want the soil to be so saturated that if you squeeze a handful, it drips, but you do want the soil to be a little sticky.

It's worth noting, too, that grass uses less water in the spring and late fall than during the summer. In the spring you might only need to water once per week, while in the summer you might need to water 3 times per week. Of course, if you receive a long, soaking rain, there's no need to water that day.

4. Use premium grass seed.

There's a saying, "You get what you pay for," and that is certainly true when it comes to grass seed. When you use premium grass seed, you'll know that it will sprout fast, provide even coverage, and stay in place. Lawn pros know that planting a lawn with premium grass seed allows you to start with a thicker lawn so it's easier to keep it looking lush and full.

5. Spot-control weeds.

Another basic pro lawn secret is to stay on top of weed growth. After all, it's a whole lot easier to keep a lawn looking nice by spot-controlling weeds than it is to try to rescue a lawn that has already been overtaken by them. Simply spray weeds like dandelion and broad-leaved plantain, killing them before they have a chance to bloom and spread more weed seeds all over the place. (Don't worry—it won't harm your lawn.) Check the label for your lawn type, and as with any product, be sure to follow directions.



From the Archives

SWINGING DANCERS ATOP the Tamahaac Porch Ledge

The young dancers from left to right were: Joan Van Hee nee Watson, Sheila Ambrose nee Bull, Edie Watson nee Doolittle, Sue Burrell nee Watson, Ginnie Douglass nee Young, Joan McColl.



This early photo from the Luther & Margie Holton estate is of 6 young ladies dancing on top of the brick/cement foundation wall supporting the later (1985) porch roof orchestrated/contracted by Steve Palmer Sr. Looking beyond the dancers is the flagpole and distant views towards Dundas, Westdale, Hamilton and Burlington.

Joan Van Hee was the wife of pilot Archie Van Hee and the mother of pilot Peter Van Hee who resigned from the club recently, as he lives in Vancouver. Rod Douglas had sponsored Peter. Joan Van Hee was also the aunt of Jennifer Watson, one of our current members. The club's Rod Douglas is the son of Ginnie Young who married Rod Douglas Sr. and later married John McColl. Katie Maybee is also a first cousin of Rod Douglas as her mother was Mabel Douglas .

If I have overlooked any other current members related to the above dancers, **please advise**, as this is a learning exercise for all of us.

Wayne Maybee (Archives & History)

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THE TAMAHAAC CLUB

Notes from minutes between April 1931 and May 19367 APRIL 1936
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Apr. 29, 1936. 'Renovation of Drawing Room': A Report was read from Mrs. Wigle representing the Ladies Committee (Mrs. J. V. Young, Mrs. W. I. S. Hendrie, and Mrs. G. W. Wigle) reporting upon the furnishings and renovations of the Drawing Room at a cost not to exceed \$750.

Dec. 19, 1935. Membership approved: Miss Anne M. Hendrie, Mr. Francis Farwell, Mr. T. C. Pinckard. Resignation accepted for Mr. C. E. O. Pook. Col. J. R. Moodie deceased.

May 7th, 1934. Approved by Governors "that the herd of cattle be disposed of at the best figure available. Arrangements made for the milk supply have been quite satisfactory."

Deceased: George Hope, Lady Gibson.

It was resolved that a telephone booth be purchased from The Bell Telephone Company at a cost not exceeding \$12.50.

Oct. 12, 1933. New Horse purchased at a cost of \$65.

May 22, 1933. Resignations accepted of J.D.Moodie, John Alden, James Moodie, F.S.Glassco, Dr. J.T.Rogers, Geo. D.Forbes.

Grounds Committee reported they "intended to purchase more chickens and also continue to keep the cows. Sanatorium did not renew the lease of pasture field for this year." Lunch cost of \$1.25 suggested reduced to \$.75.

May 5th, 1933. Resignation of Mrs. Wilkes as Club Manager and appointment of Miss Henrietta Jenkins at a salary of \$100. per month. Difficult financial times. Dinner reduced from \$2.00 to \$1.50. Number of Club servants reduced.

Nov 5th, 1932. D.P.Brown received a tender from J. Stradwick regarding replacement of terrace veranda. 6" square tile made at Parkersburgh, Virginia was selected. It was a surplus from the Mountain Hospital job. Cost \$600. Steel railroad rails were to be used as joists. Water was leaking into ladies' Toilet Room.

Jan. 1st, 1932. Salaries and wages of Club employees cut by 10%. Considerable expense expected changing from D.P.&T. power to hydro when change ordered.

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Jan. 1st, 1931. Luther Holton joined the Club as a privileged member.

Apr. 23, 1931. Hugh A. Lumsden " "

Apr. 22, 1931. Howard S. Ambrose joined as a shareholder member.

Apr. 23, 1931. Mrs. H. W. Stuart was elected a privileged member but declined.

Apr. 23, 1931. Resignations: C.E.Bull, Earl Spafford, F.W.Yates, Dr. R.Y.Parry.

Apr. 4th, 1931. C.A.Birge, deceased

Apr. 4th 1931. New Loop Road driveway, new gates and signs approved by Governors. Cost of gates- \$1050. Road \$700.

Nov. 2, 1931. Mr. D'Arcy Martin suggested that "Club Evenings" be instituted.

Dec.21, 1930. Governor General (Willingdon) announced his appointment as Viceroy of India. (Congratulatory Club Telegram sent)

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Financial Records of the Tamahaac Club 1943- 1956 from the Club Minutes

The War Years 1943-4-5

The **1943** records show the club had a mortgage of \$7000.00 @ 6% interest and bonds worth \$20,000.00 leaving a deficit on March 31, 1943 of \$2,967.52.

In **1944**, the outstanding mortgage and bonds remained unchanged but the deficit at March 31, 1944 was reduced to \$2,178.09

1945 saw a further reduction of the deficit of \$1,671.27, with the mortgage and bonds remaining at the same levels from 1943.

In the fiscal year of **1946**, again the mortgage and bonds remained the same as in previous years, however, the deficit as of March 31 rose to \$3500.00.

Everything was the same in **1947** including the deficit.

March **1948**, the Board of Governors recommended a fee increase of **40% due** to financial situation of the club. There was an operating loss of \$4500.00 on May 31, 1948.

May 31, **1949**

The board recognized there were insufficient funds to meet the cost of operations of the club. At the AGM, a vote to increase annual fees and a new Board of Management to oversee costs and distribution of expenses will be presented to the membership.

June 15, **1949**

Fees were increased to \$140.00 annual membership and new board nominations were carried out.

November 22, **1949**

Mr. Tyler Riggin resigned his non-resident membership and was accepted.

(Note: Tyler was from the benevolent Riggin Family from the USA. They resided at the Club every summer for decades with golfing friends from USA)

June 15, **1950**

The committee of Management increased fire insurance on the buildings of the club to \$65,000.00.

June 25, **1952**

The club should endeavour to create a surplus to cover future maintenance and capital expenditures.

March 26, **1953**

Issue of a new certificate in favour of Victor Lynch-Staunton to replace Certificate Number 1 issued in the name of the late George S. Staunton.

May 14, **1953**

Argue Martin is authorized to purchase any available **propriety interests** from the *estates of deceased* members at a price not to exceed the sum of **\$125.00 each**.

June 10, **1953**

A study concerning meetings, dinners and banquets held by members for business and commercial purposes was initiated.

November 9, **1953**

Prices for Wednesday night dinners were raised as well as room rentals due to the fall of revenues as a consequence of American members not using the club extensively as in the past. Invitations for public functions would be accepted if a member would sponsor the event and they the sponsoring member would be held responsible to the club for payment of same. Any invitation for such occasions shall have attached "By the courtesy of the Governors of the Tamahaac Club"

February 9, **1954**

A photograph of The Honourable Vincent Massey, Governor General of Canada was framed and hung. The American Ambassador held a dinner for 40 guests at the Club.

November 4, **1954**

Any member planning entertainment at the club shall refrain from having any reference to "*liquor, or cocktails*" in any invitations sent to their guests.

May 17, **1956**

Sale of the south-east property of 1.9 acres to the Department of Highways for \$4200.00 was completed. It was understood the gates would not be moved and the access to the gates would not be changed.

June 13, **1956**

A discussion of the sale of a section of the north-west corner of the property, which was determined to serve no useful purpose for the club, to R.F. Banting Construction would be made and executed at a price not less than **\$1000.00 per acre**. The approved sale included +/- 15 acres of which there is no record of this parcel of land ever being sold.

(Note: a descendant of the Banting family still owns a large track of land to the immediate west of the Tamahaac lands. This person actually owns Stephanie Falls as confirmed in our recent survey work. *(This submission was from Dr. Barry Embree & Wayne Maybee on behalf of the Tamahaac Archival Team.)* 2/12/ 2023

Remembering Norm Embree

NORM EMBREE 1943-2023

He was curious, lively, a witty conversationalist, a creative person, a musician, an outstanding athlete, and someone who cared greatly about his community and family.

I first met Norm at the old Thistle Club where his racquet skills were very evident. Always playing well enough to encourage competition but graciously, never so well that might embarrass.

Norm introduced me to the Tamahaac through tennis and I am sure he was the first to say “if you come here so often, why don’t you join?”

And he scared the hell out of me in my first ride in a Lotus.

In the mid-eighties, I joined the Good Friday Walk, which began in those days, at Norm’s house on Kent. During those years, Norm and I ran family businesses, about which we shared ideas and concerns.

We also served together on the board of the Hamilton Civic Hospital. In both activities, his insights and advice were enormously helpful.

When he and Ruth moved to Salmon arm, we lost regular contact however whenever we spoke, he encouraged a visit.

Always the welcoming host...I wish I had accepted.

Open Table Hosting

OPEN TABLE HOSTING

We are looking for a few more open table hosts for the remainder of 2023.

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 the month.

Lost & Found

Over the winter, we have accumulated hats and gloves, and several beautiful winter coats. Aside, from garments, we have collected reading glasses, wine bottle totes and other miscellaneous items. 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.

“Did You Know....”

The club has made arrangements with the five major banks, allowing members to make online payments to the club. Members who wish to make electronic payments may go online to their bank and follow the links and instructions. To pay online, you can set up Tamahaac Club as a bill payee with your financial institution using the 3-digit member number on your statement.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

If you do not notify the office that you are not coming for your dinner reservation, you will be charged the full price of the advertised events.

Dress Code - May to October

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.
