



THE BALMY BEACH CLUB

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NEWSLETTER



SPRING 2004

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Over the past few months I have had the opportunity to partake in numerous events that have exposed me to many diverse groups who use the club. These events included the Christmas dinner, the children's Christmas party, Superbowl Sunday and St. Patrick's Day - highlighting for me the many roles the club can play in our lives.

At the Annual General Meeting in January I met with another group of people who have had involvement on the executive over the past few years (seven past presidents in attendance) and many members who have an interest in the direction the club is headed. Following are some of the highlights from the speech I made that evening surrounding the focus for the upcoming year.

Goals for 2004 Include:

- **Food Services**

Providing a consistent catering contract and food services for club members. While the pickled eggs and popcorn may qualify as food to some, it is time for an upgrade here. We are

looking to offer improved food service on a daily basis in the very near future. Watch for the new menu items for sale behind the bar.

- **Board of Directors**

Continue to have this board operate in a transparent and open manner. I'd like to remind all members that any member can attend the board meetings and given enough notice, have discussion topics put on the agenda. Upcoming board meeting dates are: April 19, May 10, June 14.

- **Funding for Sections**

Develop a funding formula (for approved sections) which meets the needs of both the main club and the individual sections. I am looking forward to continuing to meet with the sections to achieve solutions to this long-standing issue. Chris Buckley and Michel Perron will be having a section heads meeting on April 14th to discuss the year ahead.

- **Ashbridges Bay Yacht Club Reciprocal Rights**

Formalize the long-standing tradition of reciprocal membership status with the Ashbridges Bay Yacht Club. We have an agreement in principle here that has never been fully expanded to meet the needs of both clubs. Presently, as a BBC member you are able to go to the ABYC, show your membership card, and then enjoy their clubhouse. It makes for a great destination and we have the agreement in place.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 14th Section Heads Meeting
- 23rd Paddling 200 Club Extravaganza Night
- 24th Spring Euchre Tournament and Meatroll
- 30th Friday Night Hockey Banquet

MAY

- 1st Glenn Miller Dance
- 2nd Colts Rugby Registration Day
- 16th Senior Rugby Home Opener
- 24th Lawnbowling Jitney
- 30th Deck Opening Party and BBQ

JUNE

- 4th Malvern Boardwalk Ball
- 5th Malvern 70's Reunion Dance
- 12th Newcomers Comedy and Vegas Show
- 18th Bring on the Summer Dance
- 19th Old Boys Volleyball
- 25th Glenn Miller BBQ and Dance

JULY

- 1st Canada Day BBQ and Party
- 7th Jazz Festival Press Conference
- 10th Rugby Volleyball
- 17th BBCC Regatta Dance
- 21st Ovation to Jazz - East General Hospital Fundraiser
- 22-24th Beaches Jazz Festival

AUGUST

- 2nd Lawnbowling Jitney
- 14th Ladies Masters Lawnbowling Tournament
- 21st Volleyball Section Dance

SEPTEMBER

- 6th Lawnbowling Jitney
- 11th Glenn Miller Dance
- 12th Deck Closing BBQ and Party
- 17th Sunset Dance

CLUB EXECUTIVE

President	James Dann
Secretary	Holly Lipsett
Community Dir.	Tim MacMenamin
Finance Dir.	Paul Lewis
House Dir.	Peter Kurfust
Membership Dir.	Michel Perron
Sports Dir.	Chris Buckley

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT'D.

E-mailed Newsletter?

As I watch my father roll his eyes at the prospect of getting club e-mail (or any e-mail for that matter) I know that for many of us it is a reality that we have embraced. If you are interested in having newsletters/updates sent to you electronically, please send me an e-mail at jdann@toronto.ca with the subject heading: BBC Address Book.

Club Website

We are in the process of approving a service provider for our club website. The main goal of this website would be to provide an increased service level to members. In addition to showcasing the club on-line, we will be able to have event listings for the upcoming seasons and links to any of our existing sites such as padding.

Street News

Thank you to all who have brought to our attention the allegation within the street news. The board is well aware of this situation and has decided the best course of action will be to avoid adding any fuel to this fire. We are taking the high road as the allegations are false, completely free from fact and ridiculous.

Leaf Games

Watch for drink and food specials at the club for each and every Leafs playoff game. Let's make every effort to pack the club and support the Leafs.

I hope that everyone has a great spring and I'll see you at the club.

James Dann

MANAGER'S REPORT

It's over - another Canadian long winter. Bring on the spring and summer!!!

I would like to thank all the members who have supported all the events over the long winter months. The most recent was the "St. Patrick's Party." The music, Irish dancers and food all added to make the day a perfect event. Without the help from the volunteers this day would never have happened. A special thank you goes out to all.

The club's office has had some changes over the winter. Georgette, a long time employee, has resigned. We wish Georgette the best of luck in her new career.

I would like everyone to welcome Kathy Stainton. Kathy has settled down in her new position over the last month. If you have any questions about your membership or any locker inquiries, please feel free to come on down to the office and introduce yourself to Kathy.

The club's annual Deck Opening Party and BBQ is scheduled for Sunday, May 30th. The festivities will begin at 2 p.m. with the christening of the new charcoal BBQ and the sounds of Jeanie Makie & the Bluetones, who will be performing until 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Many of the sections are gearing up for another busy season, coordinating their sporting events and organizing their fundraisers for the summer. Keep your eyes on the club's bulletin board for events that might interest you or even better, clip out the "Upcoming Events" section of this newsletter.

The club once again will partici-

pate in the Beaches Jazz Festival which will take place from July 22 to 24. This will be the 5th year that the club has been involved. Stroll on down to the beach and relax, have something to eat and drink and listen to the great live music on the most beautiful patio in the city - only at Balmy Beach Club.

The club is having the May social membership special again this year in the way of an initiation break. Please feel free to contact the office for more information on this great opportunity and tell your family, friends and neighbours.

The club's membership is strong with many new families joining. Children are always welcome at the club but they must be **directly supervised at all times**. Please adhere to the club's policy regarding children and guests.

- Children under the age of 19 are not allowed in the club after 9 p.m.
- All guests must be signed in by a member and are the responsibility of the member while in the facility. The same guest is allowed two visits per month. This applies to both the upstairs and downstairs.
- A guest fee must be paid for use of the downstairs. This must be paid at the bar before going downstairs.

Any suggestions or concerns, please contact the office, leave me a message at 416-724-3233 or e-mail me at ftbeech@netstream.ca.

Charlene Provan

SQUASH

Action has been hot and, with the influx of many of the rugby crowd, heavy on the squash courts this past winter. It's nice to see many newcomers to the game and the courts seem busier than they have been in recent memory.

The annual Streetcar Series was played in January. The Beach proved once again that not only do we have the cheaper beer, but also finer athletes than Mayfair Lakeshore. After building up a comfortable lead on the smaller home courts during the Friday portion of the competition, the Balmy Beach players proved they could easily make the transition to the international dimensions. The much coveted Streetcar Trophy came home on the Saturday. Thanks to Roger Morito and Brenda Forbes for organizing this event.

The February 12 Minute Tourney proved to be very competitive in spite of some early confusion on the part of the handicappers. Newcomers to the format wrestled with the relativity of time (how can 12 minutes be so long?) as veterans played with patience and wile. In the end, fitness prevailed as Jeff Tomlinson scored a one point victory over Bob Morley in the final match to win the tourney. Jeff was overjoyed with his prize of getting the steak of his choosing.

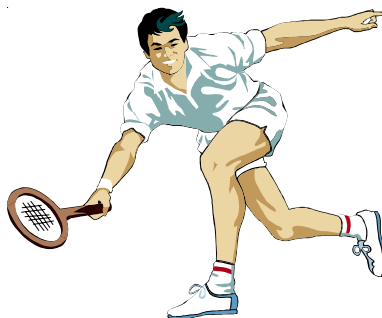
The Team Tournament took place at the end of February. Eight intimate teams of five players competed in the three day event. The tourney was marred by a few injuries (Al Christie - hamstring, Leon Turner - eyelid, Bob Hick - self esteem), but was a resounding success. The championship was won by John May's team of Bob Hick, Brad McBride, Michel

Perron and Bruce Davies as they defeated Bob Morley's team in the final. John accepted the championship in his usual self-deprecating manner.

The consolation was won by Andrew Strudwicke's team of Mike Moon, Doug Underwood, Leon Turner and Sandra Oolup. Players once again took the opportunity to up their collective cholesterol counts by enjoying a steak dinner on the Saturday. Frenchy and Pat Salvatore did their usual great job with the food (although the Quebecois method of starting a barbeque leaves a little to be desired). Special thanks to Charlene for her help with the tournament and prizes. Thanks also to Mike Emo, Chris Buckley, Steve Cook and Renee Patterson of Il Fornello (Danforth) for their prize donations.

Upcoming events on the courts include the annual Rugby Squash Tourney in which no one is safe, the Gibson 12 Minute Tournament, and the Club Championship (slated for the end of April). Keep your eye on the squash board and sign up for these fun events. Players should note: the Club Championship is for all levels.

Squash Executive



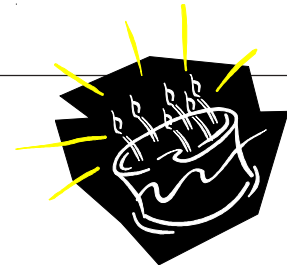
OLD BOYS HOCKEY

As this is being written, the Old Boys are into the playoffs in the Thornhill Elite old timers league. We finished one point out of first place in an eight team league.

Our annual Old Boys' Volleyball Tournament will be held Saturday, June 19th. Notice will be posted in due course.

We have also concluded plans for our bi-annual visit overseas to play hockey in March 2005. We will visit Warsaw, Opole and Krakow, Poland to see historical sites, play hockey and ski. The R&R portion of the trip will be in Crete, Greece.

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The Balmy Beach Club Turns 100 in August 2005

The club is looking to form a committee that will generate ideas and suggestions to make our 100 year celebration a great success.

If you have not already signed up, please leave your name and phone number on Charlene's club voicemail, 416-724-3233.

The first meeting will take place in early May.

CURLING

I just threw out a carefully written diatribe about our Canadian winters, especially the one we are currently enduring, because this day dawned all sunny and bright. Obviously spring must come soon. I don't care if it rains tomorrow. Isn't rain a sign of spring? And I have to confess that I was padding anyway because press fell in such a way that I do not have a great deal to report.

Yes, the Brier is over. I refer of course to the regular season play in the Beach Curling League. After 20 grueling weeks, we have a winner. Yes, Craig Lowry eked out a narrow victory over Ken Sandford. This was our first year with 12 teams. After only one year with 10 teams, we expanded to 12. We had some doubts but it all went off well. At least fairly well. Outgoing Commissioner Quincy said we could do it and we did. Our managing triumvirate of myself, Bob Torrance and Ken Sandford managed to pull it off or at least so far. We still have three weeks of playoffs capped off by our final party on April 7th at the sublime Chez Korak (formerly known as The Alpine).

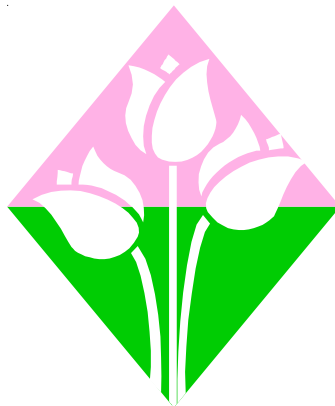
Craig's victory celebrations may be short-lived. The seven teams behind him play off for the overall championship starting on March 24th. The final playoff game goes at 10 a.m. on April 7th for the Quincy Cup. The four teams finishing 9 through 12 will play a three week round robin ending the same day. The skip of the tailenders, Alex Martin, is in seclusion traveling in the USA. At least we think he is. His faithful retainer, Quincy, was interviewed and he is not even sure where *he* is, never mind Al Martin.

Good to see Bob Acton and Gary Frew up and around after some serious surgery. Also good to see Neil Preece sitting down again after some of the same.

Thanks to Dennis, our faithful ice-maker but more important, our bartender. Thanks to all the players for the outstanding attendance. Most of all thanks to our faithful "spares." To name a few, Howard, John, Ron, Russ - thanks so much! We apologize for leaving the ice in a panic that day when we thought the roof was coming down and it was only Russ Dunn's knees creaking. We also apologize to the senior ladies who curled after us one day and especially the one who fainted when Ron offered to show her his aluminum extender. Skeeter Webb wanted to order one until he realized it was an aid for senior curlers.

Oh well, only three more weeks. By the way, no chocolate cake this year.

Bruce Cavanagh



RUGBY

It's that time of year again. Time to brush the dust off your boots and head back out to the training grounds and get fit for another gruelling season.

For the first time in anyone's memory, if that's saying much, the rugby section has done some indoor training throughout the cold winter months to keep in shape and of course, to find an excuse for a Monday beer. I think it will help us prepare for another great season - not the beer, the training!

The Rugby Alumni, led by Tim MacMenamin, held a fundraiser at the club for Mark MacSween and Mark Ihnantowyez. These lads tried out and made the National Under 19 team that headed to South Africa on March 20th for a three week Junior World Cup Competition. Congratulations to them and a special thank you to all of the individual players and alumni that made the effort to give their support that night. I would also like to extend a thank you to Charlene and the club for putting on the food at the event - we were able to raise a substantial amount of money for the boys.

On the field, our first outdoor session is scheduled for early April and we have a pre-season tour to Montreal in late April to prepare us for the regular season. We also play a few pre-season matches with the Crusaders and the defending McCormick Cup champions, Brantford. We then get the regular season started with a match on May 8th in Brampton.

Our first home match is on Sunday, May 16th against Brantford.

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Note: this game has been rescheduled to the Sunday due to a referee clinic on the Saturday. Mark your calendars!

Speaking of calendars, we will be publishing our 2nd annual Rugby Section program. This was a great success last year and we are looking to outdo it this year. Pick one up soon at a newsstand near you. If you or your business wishes to place an ad, please see the main board at the club for more details.

The 37th Annual Rugby Volleyball Tournament has been set for Saturday, July 10th! We are looking to make this event the best one in recent memory. We are calling on all sections, alumni and supporters to come down and join in the festivities, that and some volleyball too! Watch around the club for more details or contact me directly.

Also, please keep your eyes out for news of the rugby section's 50th year celebration coming up in 2005. A committee is being formed and we are looking to have a week long festival, likely in May 2005, to celebrate both the rugby section's 50th and kick off the 100 year celebration for the club.

I continue to represent you on all rugby concerns at the executive level and value your reactions and ideas.

Up the Beach!

Jesse Henkenhaf
President, Rugby Section

JUNIOR RUGBY

Under 12 (touch) and under 14 (contact) rugby will take place again this year at the club. Under 12 players are those born in 1992 or later, while under 14s are born in 1990 or 1991. No experience is necessary.

Practices take place Saturday mornings with the possibility of one other night per week during the month of May. Tournament (for the under 12s) and league play (for the under 14s) begins in June and continues

throughout the summer.

All players from last year will be contacted for start dates and practice times. This year's cost will be \$50 per player and will include a Balmy Beach t-shirt.

Many of our under 12 players from last season are moving up to the next level, but we will still require more players to field a competitive team. If your child or the child of someone you know is interested, please give Doug Underwood a call for more information.

2004 Balmy Beach Junior Rugby Under 12, 14, 16, and 18 Summer Program

Registration Day

Sunday, May 2, 2004

12 - 2 p.m.

at the Balmy Beach Club

- Previous Toronto and Ontario Champions
- Many players with Ontario and Canadian teams
- Top level coaches
- Teams compete in leagues and Cup Championships
- Games against overseas touring teams
- Seven-a-side tournaments
- Tours to the U.K.
- \$130 entrance fee covers registration, insurance, t-shirt, shorts and socks
- \$50 fee for Under 12 and Under 14
- All levels of experience welcome; everyone plays

PADDLING

One of the first signs of spring at the Balmy Beach Club is paddlers on the water down at Ashbridge's Bay... watch for them as you are driving along the Lakeshore. This, of course, is our High Performance group and a few very anxious Masters; the rest of our programs will start in mid to late May when the air and water temperatures have risen a little.

Nine members of our High Performance group traveled to Florida to join the Ontario Team Spring Training Camp this year: Alexandra Potter, Bojana Precic, Chris Mehak, Danielle Arends, Dylan McIntyre, Julia Fremeau, Kevin McIntyre, Liz McKeever and Will Campbell. We are very proud of the efforts of these dedicated athletes who train year round with Head Coach Rob Stott.

We invite you to join us at our 200 Club, which will be held on Friday, April 23rd. Our 200 Club is now a dance format and this year we will be featuring the popular local band "Go Freddy Go." Your 200 Club ticket includes a ticket to the dance (additional dance tickets can be purchased separately). Contact Russ Dunn for details.

We will be holding our Spring Open House and BBQ at Ashbridge's Bay on Saturday, May 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and check out our summer programs. We have something for everyone from 8 year olds to adults. You may want to have a look at our new Dragonboat, a canoe for 22.

We are joining forces with the Beaches Business and Professional Association for the second year to host the BBPA 2nd annual golf tournament in support of Variety Vil-

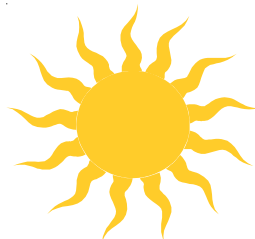
lage. The tournament will be held at Glen Cedars Golf Club on Tuesday, June 15. Call Rick Arends at 416-690-0025 for tickets.

Our coaching lineup is in place for the summer. Rob Stott has assembled a great crew again this year. Ross Bain continues as Assistant Head Coach with Christine Bain moving up the ranks to Bantam Coordinator. Pat Casey will again run our Development Program and Tim Sweeney will head up the Competitive Bantam Group. Mari Bruce Elery and Sara Jones will once again run the Masters Program. Leigh Roworth has taken on a new job this year: she has moved back to the Sports Camp as Camp Director.

This year CCA and CANMAS will be held in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, which is one of the premiere paddling communities in Canada. We will be travelling there with a large contingent of paddlers during the last week of August. In the meantime, we have quite a season ahead of us starting with the London Long Distance Regatta on June 5th right up to the Ontario Championships in North Bay on August 22nd. Included in the schedule is our 99th Home Regatta on July 17th on Toronto Island.

It's going to be a great summer.

Eleanor McIntyre
Commodore



LAWN BOWLING

After a long cold winter with lots of snow, it soon will be time to dust off the bowls and start a new season of lawn bowling. There has been a lot of interest shown by the members of the main club over the winter and I hope this interest carries on into the season.

Come out and try it - we have many willing lawn bowlers who will spend the time to teach you how the game is played. **You'll like it!**

Our Spring Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 25th at 1:00 p.m.

Lawnbowling Executive for 2004

President:
Erin Chambers

Vice President:
Barb Kelly

Past President:
Rick Chambers

Treasurer:
Helen Littlejohn

Secretary:
Eleanor Whitehead

Tournament Director:
Jo Waites

See you on the greens!

Erin Chambers
President

VOLLEYBALL

We are pleased to announce that the long dormant volleyball section of the Balmy Beach Club will be operational in the spring/summer of 2004. Our beautiful setting by the lake provides BBC members with one of the truly great venues for playing volleyball in the entire city. All club members should be aware that their membership entitles them to use the volleyball facilities if they wish.

Volleyball has been a component of the club's sports activities throughout its long history. For generations it has hosted lively, competitive games and provided a space for players to develop and improve their skills. We currently have a small but devoted contingent of members, from teens to seniors, that play on a regular basis. These games are generally ad hoc, pick-up games which have the complete support of the club.

We would like to invite members who have an interest in playing volleyball to come out and get involved. Some of the ideas we would like to implement this year include:

- Set up a house league a couple of evenings a week where teams could play recreational volleyball.
- Try to match teams and players to their level of skill, so that beginners could play with those at a similar stage in their development and likewise for advanced players.
- Have a skills coach available so that beginners or those who have not played for some time can learn the fundamentals of the game.
- Host a fundraiser for the section in the form of a volleyball tournament and dance on August 21, 2004.

For those members already involved in volleyball, we look forward to hearing from you and welcome any feedback or ideas you may want to contribute. For those who have never played volleyball at the BBC, we are inviting you to come out. You will

have an opportunity to socialize with other members, have fun, fresh air and exercise, followed by our traditional beverage and barbeque on the club patio. If you are interested in becoming involved in the volleyball section please fill out the brief form at the bottom of this page and we will inform you of events as they unfold.

Attention Malvern Graduates

Sat. June 5, 2004

Dance and BBQ at the
Balmy Beach Club

Tickets available at
the bar for \$10.



Yes, I am interested in volleyball...

Name _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Skill Level Beginner or rusty
 Intermediate
 Advanced

*Please mail or drop off this form to the club, attention:
Bryan Vaillancourt or Brett Caldwell, Volleyball Section*

BALMY BEACH CLUB POLICES

Refusing Service

Any bartender may refuse service to any patron/member for any of the reasons outlined in the "Smart Serve" program.

If you are refused service and are found consuming alcohol, you will be asked to leave the premises immediately.

If any member of the refused member/patron's party requests service at the bar, it is your duty to inform them that the refused party is not to purchase any alcohol or else all those involved in such a transaction will be asked to leave the premises.

The Balmy Beach Club upholds a zero tolerance policy towards minors consuming alcohol. Any minor seen consuming alcohol will be immediately asked to leave the premises.

If a member/patron is caught consuming alcohol after having been refused service and after having been warned of the consequences, said member must leave. If that member/patron delays departure, then all persons involved with the member/patron will be refused service until the member/patron leaves the facility.

Any boisterous or rude comments to bar staff/management may result in the member/patron being refused service and potential suspension from the club.

GYM RULES

- Wear proper gym attire: including shirts and proper shoes (no open toe shoes).
- Return all weights, dumbbells and plates to their proper places after use.
- No weights on padded equipment; it wrecks the plastic vinyl on the benches.
- Wipe down equipment after use; spray bottles are available.
- Share equipment; when resting between sets let someone else use the equipment.
- When in weight room, no reading, especially during prime time.
- Concerning the T.V. in the weight room: Members on the bikes, stairmaster or rowing machine have first choice of channels.
- Please pick up after yourself; e.g. water bottles, newspapers, plastic glasses, coffee cups etc.

Rules are set up so the gym is a more pleasant place for all members.
Be considerate of your fellow members.