



Just A Reminder

November 12, 2008

Our annual fall members meeting will be at the Troy Community Center, at 7:00 p.m. Please come to the meeting and share your thoughts, ideas or any concerns that you may have about Beachwood. Your input is very important to the club. We will be voting on five new Beachwood Board positions at this meeting.

Email Addresses

Beachwood is going electronic with all correspondence, except for the dues statements. Please help us by sending your email address to John Rice at jrice44@wowway.com

Annual dues statements will go out on February 1, 2009

To find out what's going on at Beachwood please check the website at:
www.beachwoodrec.org

A note from our President

This season at Beachwood was hopefully enjoyed by all. The Michigan weather seemed to be kind to us this year, bringing many warm days, and pleasant evenings.

I want to thank all those who helped make it a grand season. Special thanks to our tireless new staff, life guards and all the members who gave of their time and talents making this one of the best summers' ever.

Jim Slaughter and Mike Solomich hit the ground (or water) running.

Jim brought professionalism to the club that was much needed. Jim's experience as a teacher and tennis coach at Brother Rice came in extremely handy. Jim's leadership and management skills helped keep Beachwood a class A facility.

Mike was instrumental in fixing and applying elbow grease to keep the wheels and pumps running smoothly.

Although Mike was serving an apprenticeship for Merrill Lynch, he was never far from the club, always checking and adjusting equipment. I honestly think he spent more time at Beachwood than at home.

There were many improvements made to the club this year. Grading the east hill, adding new fencing front and back, expanding the deck area, and changing out our pool liners, and adding a water feature to the baby pool were accomplished just before we opened. Along with outside contractors, many

helpful hands came from our members. Thank you to all those involved, and especially thanks to my wife Sheri for all of your patience and understanding.

I'd like to encourage all members to attend the Annual Membership Meeting this November. There are still issues that have been discussed at recent board meetings that require membership input.

Anyone interested in running for a position on the board should contact any board member or me. While board members are not paid for the long hours they serve or the expenses they incur, they do receive a waiver of guest fees during the season they serve and a waiver of membership dues for the season following completion of a year's service. The waiver of membership dues expires this November, and if it is not approved to be added to our by-laws, it will not be available for next year.

We had an incredible season, thanks to everyone for their continued support and encouragement. Have a great fall and winter. See you next spring! Please continue to watch the great changes in our Website, and come to our annual meeting!

Glenn Ruther
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Vice President's Report

Thanks to our members and staff for making this a wonderful summer at Beachwood. Jim, and his staff, did a very nice job, and the improvements to the club look great. Beachwood remains one of the premier Swim and Tennis Clubs around. The feedback that we received from visitors, from other clubs, is testament to this (along with our growing waiting list). The dedication of our membership/families never ceases to amaze me.

Congratulations to everyone who helped make A Swim Finals, B Tennis Finals, and our first ever USTA event tremendous successes. Your board will make sure we are considered for these and other events again in the future.

The feedback received at the Town Hall Meeting was very positive. The Town Hall Meetings are a great way for us to exchange ideas and insure that we are meeting the needs of our membership/families. Communication is key in helping us remain a vibrant club.

We have put a lot of thought into our website (www.beachwoodrec.org), and moving forward, this will be the primary means for communicating with our members away from the club. The staff has been compiling e-mails to create a mailing list for notifying members of

news/postings on the website. If we do not have your e-mail address, or if your e-mail address changes, please notify **me** so **I** can update our list. Also, please visit the website, throughout the winter, for updates related to Beachwood.

Beachwood's success is based on the dedication of our members/families, staff and board. There are many opportunities for members/families to help keep Beachwood a summer haven for all of us. We need your involvement, thoughts and ideas. Again, please plan to attend our Annual Meeting, on November 12 to let us know what you think.

Thank you for allowing me to serve on your board.

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Membership Report

As of this writing, the wait list for membership to Beachwood stands at a very healthy 150+ families. Typically this results in a three to four year wait before an invitation to join is extended. This list is a bit shorter than in recent years due to the increase in the number of members to 425 two years ago. This was a significant reduction to our wait list. I continue to get applications for membership on a regular basis. Now is the time to tell your friends and relatives that are

interested in a Beachwood membership to submit their applications to keep Beachwood's membership strong. Applications can be obtained on the club's website, www.beachwoodrec.org.

This season we welcomed 51 new families to our club. I hope you enjoyed your first of many years of membership. We also had a very successful August Affiliate membership. From all reports, these members were very anxious to experience all that Beachwood has to offer.

Member's dues statements will be mailed February 1, 2009. The anticipated due date for current members is March 2, 2009. After that date, a late fee will be charged. This billing will also include the amount, if any, that remains unpaid of the \$200 assessment you were billed in 2008.

If you have any questions or concerns about your membership, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Facilities Report

Hi everyone, I'm Dave Kozlowski and I am the facilities director here at Beachwood. It has been a fast-paced year and I can't believe summer is gone. I hope you are enjoying your fall so far! We accomplished a lot this past year at Beachwood and I want to highlight our past efforts and let you know about additional things we have planned for next year.

First off, I think most everyone would agree that the colorful shade sails ("Coolaros") we installed this past spring were a good addition and provided some desirable shade areas on our pool deck. I wanted to give a big thank you to all the club members who volunteered their help with this project during the summer. I especially want to thank Fritz Klingler for his assistance- he provided support the entire way from design concept to installation during the spring and removal for winter months--without his help things would not have gone as well. Thanks Fritz! Our club has received numerous compliments from Beachwood members as well as visitors on the shade sails.

In addition, we've received positive feedback on the other major improvements we invested in over this past year. The pool liners, kiddy pool water feature, off season facility access system, fence system and security cameras all help to keep our club a safe, fun and enjoyable place

for our members to relax with their families and guests. I hope you spent a good portion of your leisure time enjoying our club with your family. I know I did.

Another investment we made for the club this year is a mesh pool cover; it will be installed after the pool is shut down for the winter. The cover will help us save on annual costs related to opening our pool and provide some added safety. It will help us prevent falling leaves and other natural debris from collecting and decomposing in our pool over the winter, which will help save on our water bill when we open next spring. In addition, the cover will provide additional security; we won't have to worry about anyone falling into the pool during the winter months. The cover is not cheap but it provides us some insurance. Our club was able to reduce costs of the original bid by approximately 33% by shopping around. In addition, the cover comes with a 12-year warranty and will more than pay for itself over that time period.

Also for next year, we are going to install two more shade sails over the kiddy pool deck as the board has received comments from multiple parents asking for more shade over the kiddy pool. We also plan to make permanent the white canopy shade tents located between the tennis courts and volleyball court area. The structures have been generously donated to our pool club.

If you have any ideas on how we might improve the club, please

call me or another board member with your thoughts. If you know of something that didn't seem to be working properly at the club last year and might need attention, please let me know and I can begin working on a plan to get ready for the club opening. As always, if you can assist in any way, it will be much appreciated.

Thanks and see you around the neighborhood!
Dave 248-703-7181



Swim Team News

Greetings Barracudas:

Hope everyone had safe and prosperous remainder of the summer after the conclusion of the swim season. Seems hard to believe it is over again and we have another long wait until we can get back at it at Beachwood. I hope you all agree that we had another successful year. It has truly been my honor to be involved with the swim team at BWRA. It is a well-oiled machine that only needs someone minding the steering wheel. I hope you appreciated the way I tried to steer the program.

The season ended with Beachwood finishing 5th in the league, but the place we finish isn't as important as the individual success that ALL of our swimmers achieved, by dropping time, becoming better swimmers, & most of all having a lot of fun with the new friendships that were made. As Mike mentioned at the banquet, we had something like 95% best swims at the last meet of the year, which is from a coaching and development perspective exactly what you want to have happen. Look out for BWRA next year!!

As you all know the swim program is very large undertaking and without the help of our countless parent volunteers there is no way to have had such a successful season. **THANK YOU** to all the

volunteers who helped us.
GREAT JOB!

For all of the members that are unaware of what the swim team is all about, other than closing the pool 3 nights of the year for our meets & taking away the hottest weekend of the year to run the A finals meet, **Thank You** for allowing us to do so. For the 4th year in a row the Swim program was run under a balanced budget and in fact helped fund other programs offered at BWRA Without the A final s @ our club every year we could not continue to contribute to the upgrading of our club, as well as keeping the high level of coaching we are so fortunate to have.

Next year, **Kyle and Merri Lee Jones** will be taking on the roll of Swim Team Representatives and they will be working during the off season to plan for next year, so keep an eye on your E-mail box for information on the coming season and the many volunteer opportunities that we need to fill for next year. Have a great off-season; we hope that as many swimmers as possible stay wet all winter long! If any body needs information on how to keep your competitive edge this winter feel free to contact me Brian.perham@comcast.net
Thanks!



Courtside

Like a Roger Federer passing shot, another summer has zipped on by. In over 15 years I can't remember a Beachwood summer as great as this one. We had record participation in the tennis program this year. The improvements to the club were amazing with lots of action on the tennis courts. Men's night averaged 12- 16 participants on Monday nights. While the Ladies night was usually 16 players or more (great job Laurie Sanback!). The junior tennis teams and classes exceeded 185 players with the A-Team earning a co-championship in the dual match season and Runner-up in the A finals Tournament! The B-team finished 3rd in both the regular season; as well as the B-finals tournament.

Congratulations to all who participated in the summer teams and programs.

As most of you know I have the attention span of a gnat and this prohibits me from leaving the program alone. I feel the program can be even better with some simple changes, and here are some ideas. Next year I propose the tennis team hosts a catered banquet with a slide show and an awards ceremony, similar to the wonderful evening the swim program puts on. We will require much needed volunteers with creative ideas, and a budget to work from; all contributions are welcome no matter how big or small.

In an on going effort to be fiscally responsible we have to recruit your help with the high cost of tennis balls. I have

fielded numerous questions from avid tennis playing members as to why they can't use the tennis balls from the pro office. Unfortunately, each tennis ball costs approximately 80 cents. On any given day there has been up to 100 tennis balls on the hill behind the fence, left on the courts over night, or even thrown in the pool. We currently spend over \$1,700 on tennis balls each summer. After seeing the staggering cost of tennis balls I hope you will join me in picking up tennis balls that are left on the courts as well as teaching the kids not to throw them in the pool or take them home. I thank you in advance for helping keep membership dues down by assisting in this endeavor.

In conclusion of our wonderful summer of fun in the sun, fall is upon us and winter is vastly approaching. However, this does not mean tennis has to stop. If you wish to continue to play tennis in the winter, you could take some lessons, join a league, or simply rent an indoor court and hit with a friend. Keep working on your game because next summer will be here before you know it! Have a wonderful fall and winter and will see you next spring.

Lobbingly Yours, Rob Olmstead



The Social Scene

I know how the winners of the Academy Awards must feel when they accept their awards. The music is playing and they are desperately trying to remember to thank everyone who helped them achieve their award. It was a great summer at Beachwood and I have so many people to thank.

Way back in January, my Wednesday lunch group started compiling the first operations manual for Beachwood. We researched and read exciting blockbusters such as, "The Michigan Pool Operators Guidelines." Thank you to this group!!!!

We started the season with WINE & CHEESE to welcome our new members and show off the improvements to our current members. Thank you to the Beachwood Board for their help. I hope this becomes an annual event.

Our Fourth of July party would not have happened without: Dave Basile, Anne & John Rice, Peggy & Stuart Best, Roebly Ledford, Anna Mixon, Karen Wischmeyer, Margie Hessen, Beth McIntyre, Michelle Blevins, Karen James, Kathy Forgrave, Anne Hailer, Kathy & Tim Fryhoff, Sheri & Glenn Ruther, Ellen & Brian Perham and Quinn Kolar. Thank you to tennis staffer, Eric Sturgis for skipping our regatta.

A former Beachwood tradition returned with the Adult Slot Car Party. Thank you to Erica & Rob Olmsted and Ellen & Brian Perham for hosting such a wonderful party.

Laurie Sanback & Kristen Labadie Means started hosting a kid party when their children were young. For 8 years these two have provided Beachwood kids with a party. Their children are getting older and they are now hosting the Tween Party. 100 tweens, their parents and I thank you for the good times!! Euchre Night would not be possible without Cathy & Lee Gearig and Maureen & Steve Olson. They started Euchre night 3 years ago. Thank you so much for hosting this event! Movie Night was dry this year. Thank you Sheri Ruther, Ann Percy, Marci Solomich and Kolar Family!

I wish to thank our staff for such a wonderful summer. Thank you to Manager, Jim Slaughter and Assistant Manager, Mike Solomich and the rest of the Beachwood team. They worked very hard this year. As members you only generally see them during regular hours. It is all that behind the scenes and after hours work that often gets unappreciated. There is always a pump malfunction, deck to be power washed, bathroom to be cleaned, late night social event to clean up after or early morning group who needs to be let into Beachwood.

I apologize if I have forgotten to thank anyone. I am grateful for everyone's help.

I was elected to another 2 -year term last year. It was my intention to stay an extra year to help facilitate many improvements to Beachwood. I will be stepping down this November, which will leave an opening on the Beachwood

Board for a social chair. Please contact me if you are interested in this position.

I think the band has started playing and it's time to go to commercial. Thank you and everyone have a healthy, prosperous and happy year!

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