



NOTES FROM OUR
PRESIDENT

We all look forward to another wonderful summer at Beachwood.

I hope the cold weather will hold off long enough for us to allow our contractors to give our pool a much needed face lift.

We are having both pool liners replaced, moving the fence back to give us more room, and making the slope on the east side of the pool not as steep. We are also adding some much needed shading around the pool.

Todd Losey has moved to New York, and has found a teaching job there. We all wish him the best! Todd has been a part of Beachwood for many years, his quest for modernizing and improving every part of Beachwood will be greatly missed.

Our new manager is Jim Slaughter. Jim is a current teacher and tennis coach at Brother Rice. He has a wide range of experience. Jim has been a Director at Camp Sancta in Gaylord for the past fourteen years. He has served on many committees and has been on the Board of Directors at U of D.

The assistant manager is Mike Solomich. Mike is a student at Northwood University, pursuing a financial management degree. He was an assistant manager at Forest Hills last year, and we look forward to his positive input

helping Jim manage a new staff at Beachwood.

Jamie Badhorn is taking on the task of heading up our front desk as concierge and will also be helping with social and special events. Jamie is attending MSU and majoring in Kinesiology with emphasis in exercise. You will love her greeting you when you enter BWRA.

The 31st BWRA annual meeting was held November 14, 2007 at the Troy Community Center. At that time, John Rice, and Dave Kozlowski where elected to the Board.

Nancy Kolar and Glenn Ruther were re-elected for an additional 2 year term. Tighe Keating and Don McLean left the board after years of service. Please thank them for volunteering their time and talents to Beachwood.

There was no new business at the annual meeting.

The Board has renewed the Senior Affiliate Status for 2008.

Thanks to the our tireless volunteers, we continue to make Beachwood one of the smoothest running and best looking summer facilities anywhere...

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4/26/08: swim/tennis sign-up at the Troy Community Center.

noon - 2:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE!

5/03/08: Spring Clean-up

8 :00 a.m. - noon

Rain date - May 10

5/21/08 Wine &

cheese new member

welcome at 7:00 p.m.

followed by a Town Hall Meeting

Memorial Weekend:

Beachwood opens for the season!

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Please join us in making this the most memorable summer ever, for our kids, our friends and all that visit us. Please participate and volunteer in whatever capacity your schedule allows.

We appreciate your comments and suggestions.

Glenn Ruther
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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This should be a great summer at BeachWood. We have an energetic new management team and wonderful improvements to our club. This combined with our dedicated membership/families should make for a wonderful summer at BeachWood.

The feedback received on last years Town Meeting has been very positive, so we will be having more Town Meetings throughout the season. This is an excellent way for us to exchange ideas and insure that we are meeting the needs of our membership/families.

We will also be having a New Member Reception to welcome our new members to BeachWood. This will be a great opportunity for new members to learn more about BeachWood, the programs we offer and find our about ways to get involved. The Reception

is open to all members. Please come and help welcome our new members.

BeachWood is one of, if not the, finest Swim and Tennis Clubs around. This is because of the dedicated members/families, staff and board. There are many opportunities for members/families to help keep BeachWood a summer haven for our members/families. We need members to share their thoughts and ideas. If you have ideas or suggestions, that you would like to share, please contact Jim or one of your board members.

John Rice
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SPRING CLEAN UP SATURDAY, MAY 3 8 AM – NOON

Spring Clean Up is Saturday, May 3 from 8 AM – Noon. In the event of severe weather, the back-up date will be May 10 (a light sprinkle is not severe weather). This is a great opportunity for new members and returning members to get to know each other while helping spruce up BeachWood.

This is also great community service opportunity. High School students can earn community service hours for the National Honor Society. Scouts can also use the hours towards their community service requirements.

This is a family event. Parents are welcome to bring their children to help pitch in. Volunteers are not obligated to stay the whole time. Any amount of time would be greatly appreciated.

Tools to bring include: rakes, shovels, gloves, trash bags, lawn/leaf bags, gardening tools, wheel barrels, hedge trimmers, edgers and anything else you can think of to help beautify your club.

Coffee, juice, dounuts and bagels will be served.

If you would like to adopt a flower bed, for the season, please let me know. I think this would be a wonderful way to tap into the talents of many of our members while adding your personal touch to our club.

Contact John Rice
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Beachwood Barracudas2008 Swim Team News

Swim Team Registration –April 26th noon-2:30 pm

Ellen and I are looking forward to another great year of swimming with the Barracudas. As you may know, we had a very successful year last year. Our team grew by about 20% and we finished third in the league, our highest finish in the leagues in many years. Our goal is to continue our climb to the top, while retaining all of the things that makes Beachwood a great place to swim.

This year we will be focusing on three things:

- 1) Teambuilding and competition
- 2) Volunteers and parental support
- 3) FUN!

If you have some ideas of activities or programs that will be helpful in achieving these goals, please let me know. In addition, we will be looking to fill some big jobs this year, including running the concessions stand for both A finals and the regular season meets, so please consider stepping up to help with some of these jobs.

Swim Team Registration –

April 26th 12pm -2:30

Swim team registration will take place on April 26th between 12pm. – 2:30 pm at the Troy Community Center. For your convenience, a pre-registration form can be downloaded from our website at www.beachwoodrec.org. It is also included in this newsletter. Feel free to mail them to me or drop them off during the first days of practice. We welcome all new swimmers from age 4-18 to come join the fun!

A Note on Young Swimmers

All kids who want to swim on the team can come to practice, and our coaches will work with them our arrange to move them to the swim lessons offered by the club. Our only rule is that in order for a child to swim in a meet, the child must be able to swim one length of the pool without stopping. Last year we had 20-25 kid's move from being "lane line grabbers" to competitive swimmers. We really encourage all kids who are interested, to come check out the team, even if they just want to watch a practice or two.

Spring Warm-up and Practice

Due to a number of issues, including difficulties finding reasonable pool times/locations and the difficulty of managing/determining who paid for preseason practice and who did not, there will be no preseason practice with BWRA this year. If you are an experienced swimmer, who wants a "spring tune up" there are several local programs, like BBD and Cranbrook that offer these types of programs.

As you may know, we are getting a new liner for the pool, which is set to be finished by May 15th at the latest. Therefore I anticipate practice starting on May 19th at BWRA, at the latest, However, it is possible that we may start earlier based on the liner project. I will let you know via email, the official start date, as we get closer to mid May.

Coaching Staff

After leading us to a tremendous performance last year, Mike Venos returns as head coach in his 7th season, and is currently filling out his staff. Mike is excited about the new season, and the staff he will have joining him. I will provide more information on the staff later.

Swim Meets

This season's swim meet schedule is on our web site. Unfortunately the NSSL has notified us that Compton Buckingham Swim Club has ceased operations and will not be in our league this summer. We were not scheduled to swim them, so it will have no effect on our schedule. It will be an interesting few years with the NSSL as some of the smaller clubs are really struggling with their membership. We are very lucky that BWRA is in such a strong position.

Speaking of Finals, Beachwood is preparing to host "A" finals for the 16th year in a row!! This meet requires a lot of volunteers! I am looking for input from the club & swim team families on how to better optimize the running of this event. Please drop me a line if you have any new ideas.

Beachwood Drift

Notification of the availability of The Beachwood Drift on the website will be distributed every Monday (or as close as I can get to Monday) during the season via e-mail. The reason we do it this way is because most Internet Service Providers block mass email attachments.

Volunteers

We are always in need of volunteers. . When Ellen or I call you to ask you to help, please consider helping us, and consider the positive role model you will set for your kids by doing something positive for them and the community. Thanks to all those who have helped in the past, your efforts are appreciated. We have the BEST parent involvement and we need your help!!! Please e-mail me at Brian.Perham@comcast.net if you could lend a hand. We could not do it without the support of the entire swim team. A committee chair meeting will be held in May prior to the season starting.

Look forward to seeing you all at the Pool!

Brian Perham

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Swim Team Representative

SOCIAL STATUS

I hope that everyone has had healthy and happy fall and winter season. My family is really looking forward to some warm days at Beachwood. I have learned from being on the board at Beachwood that the Club never really shuts down for winter & fall. There are continuous issues, jobs, bills, repairs, phone calls, letters, plans and meetings every month. Even though we only get to use our Club for a precious few months, it continues to be active while hibernating. This winter, several members and I have undertaken developing an operations manual for Beachwood. We have been meeting weekly at my kitchen table learning more about Federal and State wage laws and pool operator's requirements than I ever wanted to know.

I have read the Michigan Swimming Pool Law and learned about blood-borne pathogens training. We have developed an emergency response plan, employee handbook, employee expectations guide, opening and closing guides and receivables logs. We have tried to centralize and customize operations to better serve Beachwood's members and guests. This is a fluid path so we welcome any feedback or suggestions you may have. We are a humble group whom know that wisdom comes from many sources. Now for the fun stuff...

May 21-Wine, Cheese & a Pavilion Hall Meeting.
Come meet our newest members, staff and board members.

4th of July-It's on a Friday this year a great day for a party but it cannot happen without volunteers. Last year we only had 3! See me at swim & tennis sign-up.

August 16-Movie Night and Pavilion Hall Meeting.
It's a great way to wrap up the season.

Tween party is back and under development.

I hope euchre makes an appearance. I have worn out all my friends and family so I need fresh blood, sweat and ideas.

Nancy Kolar

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

I'm still in the process of filling the 51 opening we had for the 2008 season, but I anticipate the waiting list will be reduced to 100 families. Now would be a great time to tell you friends and family to add their names to the waiting list, as the turn-around is 2-3 years, not the 5 that so many of us experienced.

Thank you to everyone who paid their dues in a timely fashion. This year went much smoother than last year. I'll have to look at the 2009 calendar to determine when next year's due dates will be, but anticipate it being similar to 2008. A notice will appear in the fall newsletter with more exact information.

Remember, if you haven't paid your assessment, the due date for that is May 1, 2008. If you take the option to defer part of the payment, \$110 is due May 1 of each 2008 and 2009.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the membership process, please don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Julie Monroe
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COURTSIDE

As summer is rapidly approaching the Tennis Staff led by 3rd Year Head Pro Paco Trinidad is excited and eager to get the Tennis season under way. This year we have once again tweaked the tennis program to better serve our members. Some of the changes are: The Pee Wee/Little Stokers and Junior Varsity classes have been moved to mornings on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursdays to accommodate swim and tennis participants. A and B Team Practices remain at the same times but are limited to 36 players per class per week. Other changes include: We added an extra week of classes, and matches, as well as a Ladies Friday Morning Doubles League. Beachwood is hosting the Ladies League Finals and B Finals this summer. Beachwood is also hosting two USTA Tournaments this summer Boys 12's and 14's May 16th-18th, and Girls 12's, 14's, 16's and Boys 12's,14's,16's August 4-6th.

This summer's Important Dates to Remember are: Tuesday June 24th, 7:00 p.m. Season Kickoff Party. Monday July 28th 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. B FINALS, Tuesday July 29th 7:00 p.m. End of the Season Party, Friday August 1st Ladies Doubles Finals at Beachwood.

In hosting all of the events we are in dire need of volunteers. We will need Parent volunteers for both USTA Tournaments, B Finals, and the Ladies Doubles League Finals. These volunteers would run a concession stand throughout the day with all of the profits going to the Beachwood Tennis program. If you are interested in volunteering please contact: Tennis Coordinator Eric Sturgis eric.bwratennis@yahoo.com.

Every Monday Night will be Men's Night beginning at 6:00 p.m., drop-in is welcome. Tuesday Morning Ladies Drill with Ogi is from 9:00-10:30 a.m. please contact Ogi for signup. There will also be a 3.5 and above Women's Drill every Tuesday Night except for June 24th with Scott Ransome. Please contact Eric with any questions. Women's Night is every

Wednesday Night at 6:30 p.m. drop-in is welcome. Adult Beginners will be every Thursday night 6:30-8:00 p.m. please contact Eric with any questions or to sign-up. If you are interested in participating in the Friday Morning Women's Doubles League you must be a 3.0 or better please contact Eric.

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Lobbingly yours, Rob Olmstead

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Hello. I'm Dave Kozlowski and this is my first year as facilities director for Beachwood. I would like to give Don McLean, the outgoing facilities director, a big thank you for all the time and effort he provided to Beachwood keeping the club in great condition over the last couple of years. In addition to all the "behind the scenes" activity like vending machine supplies and general maintenance, Don also worked to purchase additional umbrellas, two new grills and anti-slip decking for the bathrooms. Thanks Don for your hard work!

This year we have some improvements planned. New pool liners will be installed in both the main pool and kiddy pool. To help maximize the useful life of our new main pool liner, we

also plan to purchase a cover that will be installed at the end of the season. In addition to the added safety, the cover will help our club save on water usage and extend the life of the new liner. Also, planned changes to the fence system will provide more useable space and increase security. We also plan to increase signage at the club to guide members and guests better, add additional surveillance cameras, and perform electrical work on the pool lighting system. Finally, we are looking into adding larger, permanent shade structures and a kiddy pool water feature. In short, we have a lot of activity going on to keep the club safe, fun and enjoyable for people of all ages.

If you have any ideas on how we might improve the club, please call me. If you know of something that didn't seem to be working properly at the club last year or needed attention, please let me know and I can work on getting it ready for the club opening. From late March until the club opening in May, there will be a lot of activity in getting the club ready for opening. As always, if you can assist in any way, it will be much appreciated.

The spring clean up event is right around the corner. Hope to see everyone there!

I know my family and I are excited to enjoy summer at the pool!!

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