



A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hard to believe I am writing this to you already, seems like it was May a few weeks ago and we were gearing up for another great summer at Beachwood. I think we had an outstanding summer both in the operations of the club, and the levels of participation and fun had by young and all. The weather was certainly interesting, as it always is in Michigan, but we made the best of it.

As you all know, Beachwood depends heavily on our Board of Directors and committee heads to achieve all that we do in any given summer. Board members give untold hours of their time for their specific responsibilities. Rather than thank them each individually, I would like to say that we have a great board of dedicated Beachwood members that make things happen year after year. If you get a chance to thank a board member, please do so. In addition, our staff led by Jim Slaughter and Mike Solomich did a great job this year and the staff responded with professionalism. We are working through staffing next year and will let the membership know our plans in the spring.

I want to state emphatically that Beachwood is in excellent financial condition. We are making very sound financial decisions and spending money where necessary. In addition, the club has a waiting list of 150 plus families, which will keep us full as we make our way through these undeniably challenging economic times. However, I want to point out that in these challenging times we must step up our volunteerism in support of the club.

Our swim and tennis programs are amazing values and our social functions are fun, but they can only remain that way if all members of the club volunteer where possible. Speaking frankly, I have noticed two disturbing trends in my years on the board. 1) The same 20-30 families are the ones who do all the work that is required 2) There is a distinct swim vs. tennis flavor to the interaction of the membership when it comes to volunteering. There is no separate budget for swim and tennis, there is only a budget for Beachwood. The money raised by the various events that happen at Beachwood go directly to club general fund to defray all costs associated with running Beachwood, including the staff, operations budget, tennis staff and swim staff. In addition, this lack of involvement manifests itself with a potentially dwindling schedule of parties. If no one offers to help with the 4th of July party, there won't be a 4th of July party. I know we are all busy, and volunteering is not always an easy or comfortable thing to do. I can tell you as a former swim committee chair that more help is better than less help, and no one will be turned away.

We have made fantastic improvements to Beachwood over the last few years and I truly believe that our swim club

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT (continued)

is the finest in the metropolitan Detroit area. The investments made in pool and grounds improvements have paid off in a much more open and usable club. We had many busy days this summer, and the club never seemed overly crowded. The board discussed the fact that we have more space for chairs these days, and plan to purchase additional lounge chairs for next summer. We also discussed and will implement longer opening hours on summer weekends so we can enjoy our short summers even longer, and later.

Over the next few years we are going to need to look at the following expenditures/projects

1. Resurfacing/repairing the tennis courts
2. Adjusting the positions of lights on the tennis courts
3. Roof repairs to the pavilion and club house
4. Various main pool and kiddy pool repairs
5. New grills and kitchen stuff.

In addition, there are discussions about adding facilities to the club where possible such as tennis shelter, a basketball court, four square court, play structures, etc....If you have opinions concerning these topics please come to the board meetings and express your opinions.

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 membership rules, 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 our Website, and come to our annual meeting!

Brian Perham

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**ANNUAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 11, 2009
TROY COMMUNITY CENTER
ROOM 402**

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thanks to our members and staff for making this a wonderful summer at Beachwood. Jim, and his staff, did a great job. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped with the Spring Clean-Up and throughout the year cleaning up the landscaping around the club. We had a great turnout, at the Spring Clean-Up, and worked on some areas of the club that hadn't seen attention for many years.

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 strong 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 another USTA event tremendous successes. Your board will make sure we are considered for these and other events again in the future.

As in the past, communication is key in helping us remain a vibrant club. We made a number of improvements to our website (www.beachwoodrec.org), and it became an up to date source for information and the primary means for communicating with our members away from the club. The staff continued to compile emails 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. Please plan to attend our Annual Meeting, on November 11 to let us know what you think. Thank you for allowing me to serve on your board.

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MEMBERSHIP

As we settle comfortably into fall it's hard to remember the sunny summer days at the pool. For the 2009 season we welcomed 43 new families to Beachwood. I hope your first year lived up to the expectations you had when you submitted your application a few years back. Both the swim and tennis teams had successful seasons and some new fun social activities were added to compliment the old favorites. If you were able to participate in any of these I'm confident you had a good time.

Even after adding so many new members, our wait list is still very healthy and stands at about 150. Remember to have interested friends and families submit their applications soon. The turnaround for an invitation of membership is likely to be 2 – 3 years, not the 5 years so many of us experienced.

On a business note, dues statements for the 2010 season are scheduled to be mailed February 1, 2010 and will be due Monday, March 1, 2010. Mark your calendars now to avoid putting your membership in jeopardy.

If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail me. Otherwise, we'll see you in the spring!

Julie Monroe, Membership
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SOCIAL STATUS

First, I would like to send a BIG "Thank you" to all of the members who either chaired or helped at the events this summer. The weather didn't always cooperate, but we had a blast at Slot Car Night and Rib Fest 2009. We had a really great turn out for Movie Night and Moonlight Swim. We sold out of all food, snacks and even the glow sticks. This event will definitely be back next year.

I am sad to be putting away the "Pink Flamingos" for the winter, but looking forward to their return in 2010. We are already thinking of new ideas, like an adult social night at Goodnight Gracie over the winter. We can't wait until May. Look for an email invitation to come. It has been my pleasure to serve as the social coordinator, and I am excited to put together some great events next year. Thanks for a great summer of fun.

Teri Brune

TENNIS THE COURT REPORTER

Another great summer has ached right by, leaving us with wonderful memories of grilling, swimming, and of course the pursuit of the elusive optic yellow ball. I am happy to report that we made great strides in the tennis arena. This season there were over 180 participants in the junior tennis program. The A-team finished as co-champs in the regular season as well as the A-finals tournament. Congratulations to all participants! This summer the tennis staff implemented and ran a U.S.T.A. tournament, and introduced more adult tennis clinics and activities including Cardio-Tennis. These new programs are designed to better service you, the membership, so please make a point to try different tennis activities next summer. The tennis banquet was a smashing success and I would like to thank the moms who gave so much of their valuable time and talent to coordinate this event.

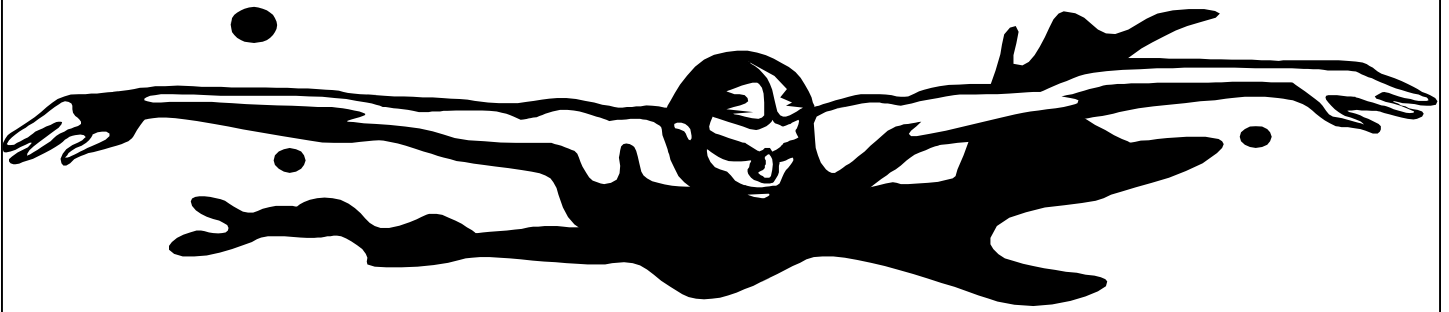
Coming off one of the most successful seasons in Beachwood history I encourage tennis enthusiasts to play winter tennis. There are many clubs with good affordable instructional tennis classes that are close to your home. As many of you know the Beachwood tennis courts are ready for a major renovation and I am currently getting quotes in order to explore our options. The tennis lights are scheduled to be repaired and the court rollers have been replaced. Two nets will be left up all winter for those of you diehards that refuse to let a little cold weather get in the way of your tennis.

I look forward to seeing you next summer; our tennis staff will be ready with new programs and high expectations. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at (248) 840-3222 (cell) or email me at olmstead.rob@gmail.com.

Lobbingly Yours,

Rob Olmstead

SWIMMING



Beachwood Barracudas

Greetings, Barracuda Swimmers and Parents:

We hope that you had a terrific swim season, and a restful remainder to the Beachwood summer. We also hope that you swimmers have joined one of the many fine winter swimming programs in the area—it will make you active over the winter, and make you and the Barracudas a better team for 2010!!

The 2009 Barracuda season was terrific in a variety of ways. Our 5th place NSSL finish is consistent with recent years, and a testament to the excellence of our coaching staff, the dedication of our swimmers, and the support of our parents. While every year we strive for the highest league placing we can achieve, our primary goal for our swimmers is that they practice and compete hard to swim their best, have fun, and adopt sportsmanship and that the team is more important than the individual.

In that way, the 2009 Barracuda season was a huge success! Coach Venos reminded us at our end-of-year banquet that the vast majority of our swimmers had best times at their Championship meet. In addition, we cheered for each other, celebrated great swims (whether scoring or not) and had fun doing it.

It doesn't stop with the swimmers: This is also a huge thank-you to all the parent volunteers that make our program the envy of the league. A special thanks to all the swim committee and finals chairs, whose tireless work made the adage "Many hands make light work" so apt for our program.

Thanks goes to the general membership for understanding that the swim team needs the pool for competitions from time to time, including the A-Finals weekend. We know it's an imposition, but our swimmers swim better at A-Finals with a "home-pool" advantage, and the revenue from A-Finals supports the entire club in general—not solely the swim team.

We had success in other ways, too. We started a new tradition of a charity fund-raiser this year, and your swimmers raised over \$800 for Special Days Camp, a charity that helps kids with cancer attend camp during the summer. We had a terrific Buddy Program and our A- and B-Finals sign program supported all the swimmers.

Merri Lee and I are honored to be your Swim Team Representatives, and appreciate all the support and volunteerism. **But** we can always use more help; more hands will make the work even lighter, so be on the lookout for our call to fill volunteer spots for next year. And, please feel free to drop us an email at kmhjones@wowway.com with your ideas and suggestions. Stay safe, and Go Barracudas in 2010!!

OPERATIONS

The Beachwood season has come and gone. Although the weather didn't quite cooperate, it was still a beautiful summer at the club.

Beachwood looked great right from opening day and stood tall through the major events of the season.

We had a great staff orientation meeting to kick-off the year and our management team, hourly operations staff and members all benefited from the service training.

I was quite busy prior to the club opening assisting our club management with hiring the staff for the season. We had a some great additions to the staff this year and I am pleased to say our superstar performers will be back next year. I worked closely with our operations team to ensure our club was safe and staffed appropriately. Payroll and controllable expenses were consistently forecasted and monitored. Process improvements were made in sales reporting, petty cash control and expense tracking.

We have an enthusiastic , committed board at Beachwood. All board members were focused on creating a memorable summer for you and your family.

All the best this upcoming holiday season

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MAINTENANCE

It has been a fast-paced year and I can't believe summer is gone. I hope everyone is enjoying the fall season! We accomplished a lot this past year at Beachwood; I want to let you know about some items we need to address in the near future.

In addition to all of the "visible" investments we have made in the club recently (the pool liner, the shade sails, the increase in usable area with the new fence line), there are some "behind the scene" items that still require attention. First, we will be replacing the sand in the main pool filter system before the pools opens next summer. The filter media has reached the end of its useful life. Second, the pavilion roof shingles will be replaced this fall. In the next two years or so, the main building/bathhouse roof system will require attention as well; both the shingles and the skylights will require attention. Third, the baby pool heater will need to be replaced. We had the service company out a couple of times this past summer to address inconsistent temperatures; the heater is on its last legs and we can no longer afford to invest money in replacement parts. Lastly, the main pool drain grates at the bottom of the deep end require replacement to comply with a new federal law.

I hope you spent a good portion of your leisure time this summer enjoying our club. I know my family and I did. I am amazed each year at how quickly the summer goes by, and I hope you take full advantage of your membership.

If you have any ideas on how we might improve the club, please call me or some other board member you might know 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 communicate it and we can work on a plan to fix the problem.

Take care, and hope to see you around!
Dave Kozlowski